

PETITION FOR INITIATION

To the Worshipful Master,
Officers and Brethren of: *(lodge name and number)* Welsford Lodge No. 26

On the Register of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, A. F. & A. M. held at Windsor NS

I, the undersigned
Given Names in Full Surname

residing at

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Apt. No. Street No. Street Name

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City Province Postal Code Telephone No.

Cell Phone: E-Mail:

born on the ... day of 19 in

and my occupation being that of

do declare that, unbiased by the improper solicitation of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary or unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry; that I am prompted by a favourable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire for knowledge; that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order; that I have resided within the Province of Nova Scotia for a full twelve months immediately prior to the date hereof; and that I have not applied to or been rejected by this or any lodge except as follows:

..... Welsford No. 26 Windsor, NS
Date of Application Name and Number of Lodge Location of Lodge

and I sincerely believe in a Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe.

Witness my hand at NS

this day of A.D., 20

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Signature (Name in Full) Witness (a Master Mason)

Recommended by: *(See Note Below)* Investigating Committee:

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Note: If petitioner has resided in the Jurisdiction of the lodge for twelve months or more, the petition must be recommended by at least two members of the lodge. If the petitioner has NOT resided in the Jurisdiction of the lodge for twelve months immediately prior to the date of petition or resides outside the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, he must be recommended by at least six members of the lodge in good standing

STATEMENT RESPECTING FREEMASONRY

The following STATEMENT authorized by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, is to be carefully read, and assented to (*by signing of Petition*) by each petitioner for admission to the Craft, in this jurisdiction.

TO THE PROSPECTIVE PETITIONER:

Having expressed the desire to become a Freemason you should thoroughly consider the step you propose to take. The exact nature of the institution being unknown to you, we deem it advisable that you should be informed on certain points, a knowledge of which may affect your decision to apply for membership.

The great, permanent, unchanging basic principles to which the candidate for Freemasonry must unreservedly subscribe and solemnly and sincerely promise to maintain are:

Belief in the One Living and True God, the Great Architect of the Universe and Father of all men; children of one Father, and as such, brothers.

Belief in the Immortality of the Soul, and resurrection to a future existence; and acceptance of the Volume of the Sacred Law as the Great Light and infallible guide in the Masonic way of life.

Freemasonry has in all ages required that men should come to its doors entirely of their own free will: not as the result of solicitation, nor influenced merely by curiosity; but actuated by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a sincere desire to obtain the knowledge imparted to its members, enabling them to be of greater service to mankind.

It should be clearly understood that Freemasonry offers no inducement of material gain or personal preferment. Admission must not be sought from mercenary or other unworthy motives. The aim of Masonry is to make its votaries wiser, better, and consequently happier.

Although the practice of Charity is a fundamental virtue inculcated by Masonry, this is not an organized benefit society in the usually accepted sense of that term. We do not contribute to its funds to entitle us to draw therefrom such benefits as sick pay, death benefits, burial expenses, etc., nor to make provision for those whom we may leave behind us.

No doubt you have been already advised respecting the amount of the entrance fee and annual dues, required by the Lodge. In addition you may, at times, be called upon to contribute to the support of the relief work involved.

With these considerations in mind, be sure before presenting your petition — that, if you are accepted, the proper discharge of your financial obligations to Masonry does not, and will not likely, entail or impose any hardship on yourself or those dependent upon you.

Physical, mental and moral fitness are essential qualifications requisite for acceptance into Freemasonry.

Observance of Loyalty and Obedience to constituted authority — Civil, National, and Fraternal — are strictly enjoined upon all members of the Masonic Fraternity.

The Masonic institution, its teaching, membership and activities, in no manner presumes to question or interfere with a man's religious convictions, as concerning his denominational allegiance nor with his political party preferences.

We believe that in this brief summary we have imparted sufficient information to enable you to conclude that the Brotherhood you seek to join, is not contrary to the principles which mark a man of upright heart and mind; and has in it nothing inconsistent with one's civil, moral, or religious duties.

If, after careful perusal and study of same, you can truthfully and sincerely declare that you are in full accord by belief, profession, practice, and intent, with all herein expressed or implied, you may signify your assent by completing and signing the Petition herewith, in the presence of a qualified witness, after which regular procedure will be followed.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Nova Scotia

QUESTIONNAIRE

(Answer all questions in your own handwriting)

How long have you resided here?

Place or places of previous residence within past five years :

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Give names, addresses and occupations of at least three references:

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Give names of any Masonic acquaintances:

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Name and address of your present employer, if applicable:

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Marital Situation? Single Separated Divorced Widowed Married

Spouses Name

Are you a member of any other fraternal society? Yes No

If yes give particulars:

Referring to the Statement Respecting Freemasonry, have you read it carefully?

Do you understand it fully?

Do you fully realize the solemnity and importance of the step you propose to take?

Are you satisfied that you can qualify as a worthy Brother in the Masonic Fraternity?

(Signature)

For Lodge use only:

Date Approved/Rejected:

Date Initiated:

Date Passed:

Date Raised: