

# AN OPEN LETTER TO ANY OF INTEREST IN FREEMASONRY

The aim of this letter is to advise you informally of some background about our Order.

We are anxious that you gain an understanding of the nature of Freemasonry and what would be required of you should you proceed with an application to join our fraternity and in due time become a member.

The Masonic Order insists that every man who applies does so freely and voluntarily, as the improper solicitation of members is strictly forbidden.

We require that those who apply do so because of a favourable opinion they have formed of our Order and its members, and not out of mere curiosity or to attain social or financial betterment.

The Masonic Order is founded on high ideals and sound moral principles.

It believes in the Fatherhood of God and the Brother of man, and the Immortality of the soul. It demands belief in a Supreme Being and accepts men of all religious creeds. An atheist CAN NOT become a member.

The discussion of religious or political topics within the Lodge is forbidden, and masonry does not interfere with a member's religion or politics as such, yet constantly strives to develop the best qualities of a man.

Strict adherence to the Moral Law of our country are required.

We wish you to know NOW that Masonry is not a service club, nor a benefit society, although many members may belong to such associations. We have no direct benefits such as some organizations may offer, but assistance may be given to any member who through misfortune, circumstances, or chance, may find himself in a distressful position.

There are several degrees in Masonry, each with certain vows attached to it, but these vows are NOT inconsistent with your civil, moral, religious, or family duties.

If you are admitted to our fraternity you will have certain financial obligations, the extent of which you can ascertain from any member. In addition you will be expected to commit to memory certain parts of our ritual, and of course, we expect that you will attend as many meetings as possible.

The application for admission to the Lodge will contain some questions which must be answered fully and truthfully.

When your application is received, a committee will make careful inquiries about you in the community at large, and will meet you and your family. After their report is received in Lodge, the Lodge members will decide if it is desirable that you join our Fraternity, and that decisions will be relayed to you.

Be assured that anything contained in your application or that may be revealed in the investigation, will be privileged information and will remain confidential.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please feel free to email or contact the Lodge by mail.