



APPLICATION FOR DEGREES (revised 8-6-2022)



(Type or print legibly)

I ("Applicant") hereby apply for membership in HAWAIIAN LODGE, FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII (the "Lodge"). I fully understand everything in this application, and I declare, upon my honor, that all my statements and responses herein are true and correct. I authorize the Lodge to conduct a thorough investigation of this application, which may include my personal, financial and criminal background. The Lodge may hire or appoint others (including third parties) to conduct the investigation. I agree that this application and the results of the investigation may be disclosed to the Lodge, although it is understood and agreed that all information pertaining to this application will be considered confidential and shall be used solely for purposes of this application.

- 1. Name (last, first, middle): _____ Today's date: _____
 - 2. Birth date: _____ Age (at last birthday): _____ Birthplace: _____
 - 3. Wife's name: _____ Children/ages: _____
 - 4. Current residence (not P.O. Box): _____
 - 5. Prior residences past 15 years (place, years): _____
 - 6. Phone: (res) _____ (wk) _____ (cell) _____ Email _____
 - 7. Occupation (what is your current job): _____ Employer (name/address): _____
- Job/employer (prior 10 years): _____

Please answer following 5 questions in your own handwriting:

- a. Will you have been a Hawaii resident or a member of the U.S. military attached to a facility located in or a vessel homeported in Hawaii for at least six (6) full months immediately before the Lodge receives this application, ? _____
- b. Prior Masonic applications (when, where, outcome)? _____
- c. Do you believe in the Supreme Being (your concept of God, regardless of your religion) and an afterlife? _____
- d. Do you have any physical or mental impairment which would prevent you from learning and practicing the principles of Freemasonry or which would create a burden on the Lodge? _____ (If yes, explain on separate sheet of paper.)
- e. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, without being pardoned or having the conviction vacated? _____ (If yes, explain on separate sheet of paper.)

Applicant's signature: _____ SSN (to be redacted after processing): _____

RECOMMENDERS. Upon our honor as Masons, we declare that we: (a) are Lodge members in good standing; (b) personally know the Applicant; and (c) have made careful investigation or inquiry to ascertain if he is worthy. In our opinion, we have strong reasons to believe the Applicant is of good moral character and possesses the positive qualifications which will ultimately bring honor to the fraternity, and we therefore recommend him for membership.

Recommender #1: (Sign) _____ (Print) _____ Date: _____

Residence address: _____ Phone: (r) _____ (c) _____

Business address: _____ Phone: _____

Recommender #2: (Sign) _____ (Print) _____ Date: _____

Residence address: _____ Phone: (r) _____ (c) _____

Business address: _____ Phone: _____

Reference #1: (Print) _____ Relationship: _____ Date: _____

Residence address: _____ Phone: (r) _____ (c) _____

Business address: _____ Phone: _____

Reference #2: (Print) _____ Relationship: _____ Date: _____

Residence address: _____ Phone: (r) _____ (c) _____

Business address: _____ Phone: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP
(Applicant may keep this page for reference)

Freemasonry has always insisted that men come to its doors entirely of their own free will, without being solicited for membership. You should submit your application only if you completely understand and agree with all the information in this application.

There is nothing mysterious or exotic about our organization. It is an ancient fraternity which began in Europe during the Middle Ages. It promotes ideals that are entirely consistent with what we believe are a man's civil, moral and religious duties. Although we have confidential signs and passwords by which we are able to recognize each other, we are not a secret society.

Masonry does not support any particular religion or political position. It is based on the great principles of belief in the Supreme Being (a person's God) and the brotherhood of Man. We believe that we owe to God, our neighbors, and ourselves a duty to practice virtue in our daily lives. We use the "working tools" of a stonemason and other symbols to demonstrate these principles.

Freemasonry "makes good men better". You must not be motivated to join for unworthy purposes. You should not enter our ranks hoping or expecting that you will derive any financial or material benefit. You should not join merely because you are curious. You should have a favorable opinion of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a charitable disposition. The aim of our Order is to cultivate brotherly friendship, and a willingness to assist our members, their families and the community around us. We also promote truth, honesty, fair dealing, and equality among all men. Finally, good citizenship is an essential quality of Masonic character, and we accept only those who cheerfully obey every lawful authority. You cannot be admitted if you have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude.

Your admission to our Craft will entail certain financial obligations which you must be able to discharge without detriment to yourself or your family. Furthermore, you are presumed to be self-sufficient and cannot expect financial support from the Lodge. From time to time you may also be asked if you are willing to make a purely *voluntary* contribution for Masonic charity work. The application fee to join the Lodge is \$200.00, which is refundable if your application is not approved, plus a non-refundable fee of \$25 for a background check (total = **\$225.00**). Our current annual dues are \$65.00, plus an annual "per capita tax" assessed by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii (\$38 in 2022, \$40 in 2023).

If your application is approved by the Lodge, you will be *initiated* an Entered Apprentice Mason. After demonstrating your "proficiency" as an "EA", you will be *passed* to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and after demonstrating your proficiency in that Degree, you will be *raised* to the "sublime" Degree of Master Mason, thereby becoming a full-fledged member of the Lodge. If you are unable to present yourself for all three Degrees within three years after initiation, your fees may be forfeited.

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**MASONIC RECORD IN HAWAIIAN LODGE, F&AM
OF**

(Print or Type Name)

Date of application: _____

Date Raised: _____

Recommender #1: _____

Lodge: _____

Recommender #2: _____

Presiding officer: _____

Date signed Lodge By-laws: _____

Date Initiated: _____

Lodge: _____

Presiding officer: _____

Date of Master Mason proficiency: _____

_____ Long-form _____ Short form

Date of Entered Apprentice proficiency: _____

Examiner: _____

Examiner: _____

Certificate of MM proficiency dated: _____

Date Passed: _____

Lodge: _____

Presiding officer: _____

Notes: _____

Date of Fellow Craft proficiency: _____

Examiner: _____
