



# THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

## LETTER OF INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ AF&AM, GRA.

Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ :

As you have expressed a desire to become a Freemason, we presume you are willing to consider thoroughly the step you propose to take. The exact nature of the Masonic Order is unknown to you now and we deem it advisable, before you sign an application form, to inform you about certain features and phases of the institution. Please read and consider this letter carefully. You will then have a better understanding of the duties of a member and what is required of him.

Freemasonry has, in all ages, insisted that men should come to its doors of their own free will and accord. We expect those who apply to have a favourable opinion of the Order and not to be attracted by curiosity.

The Masonic Fraternity is an organization founded on high ideals and sound moral principles. The membership consists of men of good character drawn from many classes and creeds. Its teachings are based on a belief in God, the immortality of the soul and the brotherhood of man. An atheist cannot be a member.

We believe in God and welcome men of all creeds. We endeavour to teach a man the duties he owes to God, his country, his family, his neighbour and himself. Masonry does not interfere with religion or politics but strives after light and truth, endeavouring always to bring out the highest and noblest qualities of men. We do not permit any political discussion in our Lodges and we demand of each member true obedience to the laws of the country in which he resides.

Freemasonry is not a service club, nor is it a benefit society, valuable as these bodies are. We have no provision for sick pay or any other benefit. Our help is always extended to those who, through unforeseen circumstances and through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

There are three degrees in Craft Masonry. The first is the Entered Apprentice, the second the Fellowcraft and the third the Master Mason. Each degree requires a vow of secrecy which does not in any way conflict with your duty to God, to humanity or to the country in which you reside. If you become a member and receive the three degrees, you will be expected to attend as many meetings of your Lodge as you can.

Your admission to the Craft will entail certain financial obligations which you should be able to discharge without detriment to yourself or those dependent on you. In addition to the fees payable on your entrance there will be annual dues for the support of the lodge. These amounts you can ascertain from the member to whom you have spoken. In addition, members may be called upon, from time to time, for voluntary contributions towards various charities connected with Masonry.

The petition form contains questions which must be answered fully and truthfully. When the lodge receives your completed petition a committee of members will make close enquiries about you. After receiving the committee's report, the members will decide whether it is wise for you to join the Fraternity at this time and you will be advised of their decision.

We trust that you will consider these statements in the same spirit of honesty and friendship in which they have been presented to you. Should there be some other points on which you desire information, please apply to the undersigned.

Yours truly,

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above letter and I wish to receive a petition form in order to apply for membership.

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(Signature of applicant) Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(Petitions for Initiation should not be given out until this form has been signed by the petitioner and returned to the Secretary)**