

How Does a Man Become A Mason?

We do not now, and never have solicited members. You will not be invited to Freemasonry. For those men who have decided that they would like to become one of us, the requirements to be eligible to become a mason are simple:

1. What are the requirements for becoming a Mason?

A You must be a man. (NOTE: There are other branches of Masonry that accept men and women, young men, and girls.)

B You must be over the age of 18.

C You must believe in the existence of a living god. (Note: No atheists)

D You must be of good report and properly vouched for. (Note: We will be happy to meet with you and discuss this.)

E You must reside in the state of Colorado.

F You must submit an application and pay the required fees. (\$100 for degrees, yearly dues listed on membership page)

G You must ask to join. (2B1ASK1)

2. Can minorities be Masons?

Any person who meets the requirements listed in question (1) of this section is eligible, regardless of race or color. We welcome men of all faiths, colors, or ethnicities.

3. I have a physical disability. Can I be a Mason?

The answer is almost certainly yes, provided you can attend Lodge and meet the non-physical criteria in question (1) of this section. Paraplegics have been made Masons, as have the blind, the deaf, and others with a variety of physical handicaps. Minor modifications may need to be done to the rituals (e.g., employing sign language, modifying points where the candidate stands if the candidate is in a wheelchair, etc.) but most Lodges are able to accommodate candidates. In medieval times, the requirement to have a sound body free of physical defect was a serious one, since the work of stonemasonry was physically difficult. Some Grand Lodges did carry this requirement into symbolic (i.e., non-operative) Masonry. However, in recent times this has all but been eliminated. Talk to your local Lodge if you have any questions.

4. Can atheists be a Mason?

No. The only religious requirement is that candidates believe in a Supreme Being. If you can in good faith profess such a belief, you are eligible to be a Mason. No atheists will ever knowingly be made a Mason. There are Christian (Catholic, Protestant, Mormon), Jewish, Buddhist, and Muslim Masons. It would be tedious and pointless to go into a religion-by-religion (and then denomination-by-denomination) discussion. The key points to remember are the requirement of belief in a Supreme Being and the fact that Masonry is a fraternity, not a religion.

5. Do Masons accept Catholics?

Catholicism is only mentioned specifically because it has generated a lot of traffic in the past on the Masonic newsgroups. There is no prohibition in any Grand Lodge jurisdiction against Catholics being made Masons. Yes you are welcome.

6. Do I have to be invited?

Don't wait to be invited...you'll grow old waiting. Masons are prohibited from actively recruiting or asking non-Masons to join the fraternity, to insure that candidates come of their own free will. As with many things Masonic, there are some exceptions to this rule. Some Grand Lodges allow solicitation, provided it is low-key and with the strict provision that no pressure be applied. Still, you don't *need* to be invited in any jurisdiction, and if you're interested, act and ask!

7. OK, I'm interested-- how do I proceed?

If you know a Mason, ask him about membership. He will be glad to tell you all about the Craft and the local lodge, and give you a petition if you wish to join.

If you do not know a Mason, drop an email to us and one of the officers will call you.

Typically, the process is as follows:

(A) The applicant fills out a petition. The petition asks for two sponsors, though if you meet and talk with the officers, they can usually find sponsors or act as sponsors themselves if you do not know anyone in the lodge.

(B) The petition is read at the lodge during the next business meeting, which for us is the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. A committee is formed to investigate the candidate (see C below).

(C) The committee meets with the candidate to answer questions, ascertain that he meets the criteria for membership, and find out a little about him. This is not a "grilling session", but rather a friendly and casual chat to make certain that the candidate has been properly informed about Masonry and that was not improperly solicited.

(D) The committee reports back to the lodge during the next business meeting and the candidate is voted on (30 days after the petition is received). If accepted, someone from the lodge (often the Secretary) contacts the candidate and informs him that he has been accepted and schedules a date for the Entered Apprentice degree.