



Application for Degrees

This page to be completed by members of the lodge.

Lodge name and no. East San Diego Masonic Lodge #561

Statements in **bold** are to be read in lodge. For more information please refer to the applicant information center at freemason.org/applicant.

Statement by the recommenders

As a Master Mason in good standing of the lodge named above, I recommend the man below to receive the degrees of Freemasonry.

Mr. _____ His age is _____ / _____
(Legal first middle last name) (Age) (Birthdate)

His occupation is _____
(Occupation)

He resides at _____
(Current home address)

I understand that recommending a man to be made a Mason is my personal pledge of Masonic honor that the applicant possesses the character necessary to become a member of our fraternity. In recommending him to participate in our privileges, I vouch for the applicant's intentions and character. I believe that, if elected, he will reflect honor on our ancient institution. I will be involved in his studies and degree progress, and will support his regular attendance at lodge.

He is recommended by:

Name _____ Member No. _____ Signature _____
(First/MI/Last)

Name _____ Member No. _____ Signature _____
(First/MI/Last)

He refers to the following two individuals as personal references.
(References need not be Masons or of the male gender.)

1) Name _____ Relationship _____
(First/Last)

Phone _____ Email _____

2) Name _____ Relationship _____
(First/Last)

Phone _____ Email _____

These pages to be completed by the applicant.

Residence history

How long have you lived at your current residence: _____ years _____ months

Previous address (if less than 10 years at current residence):

(Number/Street/Apt/City/ST/Zip)

List other states in which you have resided: _____

Contact information

(Home phone)

(Cell phone)

(Work phone)

(Home fax)

(Work fax)

(Email address)

Which is your preferred phone to reach you? _____

Do you accept text messages? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Below you are asked to provide information about your family, your employment history, and any Masonic affiliation which you might have, which will help us to better know you. This information has no bearing on your qualifications for membership. Additional explanation is available at freemason.org/applicant.

Family information

Freemasons take on serious obligations to care for and provide relief to fellow Masons, their wives, widows, and orphans if necessary. Should you become a Freemason, it is important that we have some basic information about your family members.

☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Partnered ☐ Widowed

Spouse/Partner name _____

Birth date _____ Anniversary date _____

Minor children? ☐ Yes ☐ No Number of minor children _____

Gender(s) _____ Age(s) _____

Employment history (List the most recent first.)

1) Employer _____ City _____ State _____

Position _____ Dates _____
(From/To)

2) Employer _____ City _____ State _____

Position _____ Dates _____
(From/To)

Masonic affiliations

Have you ever presented an application to a Masonic lodge? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when and to what lodge or lodges? _____

(lodge name, no., and city)

Have you ever been rejected by a Masonic lodge? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when and by what lodge? _____

(lodge name, no., and city)

Is/was your father or grandfather a Mason? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is/was your father-in-law a Mason? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Were you a member of DeMolay? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Criminal history

A man who has pled guilty or no contest to or who has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude is not eligible to apply for membership in Freemasonry. Crimes other than those of moral turpitude do not automatically exclude a person from eligibility for membership, but it is important that the lodge be made aware of any criminal background of an applicant.

Have you ever been arrested, taken into custody, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or been convicted of, a criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, state fully all of the facts below, including date and place, the court or other public body disposing of the same, the sentence or other disposition made, and other pertinent facts. Attach separate sheet if necessary. (Go to freemason.org/applicant for more information on the definition of a minor traffic violation. If you are not sure if the traffic violation is minor, please list it below.)

Fees and contributions:

The following fees and contributions are required to be paid before this application can be received by the lodge. For more information, please go to freemason.org/applicant.

Fees:

Degree fee	\$ <u>76</u>
Application fee*	\$ 30
Background check**	\$ 15

Contributions:

Masonic Homes of California	\$ 25
George Washington Masonic Memorial	\$ 15
California Masonic Memorial Temple	\$ 9

Total	\$ <u>170</u>
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*Nonrefundable if application accepted

**Nonrefundable

Statement by the applicant

I respectfully represent that, unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by motives of financial or material gain, I freely and voluntarily make this application to receive the degrees of Freemasonry; that I am prompted to solicit this privilege by a desire for knowledge and personal growth, and a sincere wish to be of service to humanity; and that I promise, if found worthy, to conform to all the ancient usages and regulations of the fraternity. I understand the application qualifications and swear that (check those that apply):

- ☐ I am a man at least 18 years of age
- ☐ I believe in a Supreme Being and a future existence
- ☐ I have resided in California for at least twelve months or qualify under the United States uniformed services exception*
- ☐ I have never pled guilty or no contest to or been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude*

**See explanation at freemason.org/applicant.*

I authorize any member of the lodge, Grand Lodge, or any person requested to do so by the lodge to make any investigation and background check into my personal history and character, including civil and criminal records. I understand that this procedure may entail contacting persons either known or unknown to me. I authorize all persons and entities contacted for such purposes to divulge requested information. I unconditionally and voluntarily waive, release, and discharge any and all claims, causes of action, liabilities or damages which I may have now or in the future against the lodge, lodge members, recommenders, Grand Lodge, and outside investigative services arising or resulting directly or indirectly from this application and the background investigation, and indemnify and hold harmless all such parties from any claims, causes of actions, liabilities, or damages that may be available to me under current or future laws.

- ☐ I have read the information for applicants at freemason.org/applicant.

Name _____
(First/MI/Last)

Signature _____ Date _____