

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION

(Dimit Must Be Attached)

Bradenton, Florida, this ____ day of _____, _____. To the Master, Wardens, and Members of Manatee Lodge No. 31, F&AM:

The undersigned, formerly a member of _____ Lodge No. ____ located in _____, _____ as shown by the attached Dimit, respectfully petitions for affiliation. Should this petition be granted, he will cheerfully conform to all the rules, regulations, and By-Laws of Manatee Lodge, and to the ancient usages of the Craft.

(The Petitioner will answer each of the following questions fully - print or type, except for signature:)

Do you believe in the existence of one ever-living and true God? _____

What is your full name? _____

Where do you reside? _____, City _____, State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

How long resided there? _____ How long resided in Florida? _____ E-mail _____

Where resided in the past 5 years? _____

What is your present occupation? _____ How long? _____

What is your business address? _____ Phone _____

By whom, and where employed in the past 5 years? _____

Where were you born? City _____, State _____ Date of birth? _____ Age? _____

Have you ever before applied for affiliation with a Masonic Lodge? ____ If yes, state what Lodge and when: _____

Have you ever been rejected by any Lodge? ____ If yes, what Lodge and when? _____

PETITIONER MUST READ THE FOLLOWING:

To be eligible for resident, non-resident or other relief programs, a Florida Mason must have been a member in good standing of a Florida Lodge for not less than 10 years, the last 3 years whereof must have been continuous at the time application is made and he would not be eligible for such relief if he had already attained the age of seventy (70) years at the time application is made.

REFERENCES

Each petitioner is required to furnish in the space provided below, the names of three (3) persons (preferably Masons, local) as references that have known him for a period of five years or more.

	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY, STATE	PHONE
(1)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(3)	_____	_____	_____	_____

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend the above petitioner, based upon our belief that he is of good moral character, temperate, and industrious. (Should be different than references give above)

Signatures of Members of Manatee Lodge to which this petition is directed

_____ (Print Name)
_____ (Print Name)

I hereby certify on my honor that all these answers are true and correct, and that I have read, understood, and agree with all statements made on this application form. **APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE** _____
(Please sign your full name in ink)

REQUIRES BACKGROUND CHECK (Form GL-601A)

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BY DIMIT OF:

_____ To Manatee Lodge #31, A&AM

Fee of \$ _____ paid _____ (date)
_____ (Secretary)

Received by the Lodge _____ (date)

Referred to Brothers:

Date Balloted upon _____ Result _____

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

We have diligently inquired into the character and qualifications of the petitioner and are satisfied that he (circle one):
IS or **IS NOT** a fit person.

Therefore recommend: (circle one):

Acceptance
Rejection
Acceptance
Rejection
Acceptance
Rejection

(Committee)

APPLICANT BACKGROUND WAIVER*

Name: _____, _____
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Suffix)

Current Address: _____
(Street) (Apt/Suite)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Social Security No: _____ - _____ - _____ **

I hereby authorize Manatee Lodge No. 31, F&AM, (Lodge) to which I have submitted a Petition for the Three Degrees of Freemasonry, for Dual Membership, of for Affiliation, to contact any company or individual they deem appropriate to investigate my background, criminal and civil court history, character, and qualifications. I further consent to their review of any and all information obtained as a result of this investigation. I understand that any matter deemed inappropriate by the Lodge, as having possible adverse effects on the Lodge, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida (Grand Lodge), or Freemasonry as a whole is justification for the rejection of my Petition. I hereby waive my right to bring any cause of action against the Lodge, the Grand Lodge, or their respective Officers or Members, for defamation, invasion of privacy, of for any other reason arising from their investigation and rejection of my Petition.

I agree that if my Petition is accepted, I will abide by all the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Lodge and the Grand Lodge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____, 20____

I acknowledge receipt of the original criminal background investigation obtained by Manatee Lodge this _____ day of _____, 20____, and acknowledge that my Social Security number has been redacted.

Signature: _____

*** The current cost of this report is \$15.00; payment must be made a part of the Petition and is non-refundable.** The report will be delivered to the petitioner at the conclusion of the investigation. Petitioner will sign for the report on the original Petition, located on the back below the References.

** Note to Secretary: Upon execution of the receipt portion of this form by the Petitioner, you are to redact (delete the first five numbers) of the Petitioner's Social Security number.