

# SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC BODIES VALLEY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

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## APPLICATION FOR DEGREES

TO: THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ST. CLAIR LODGE OF PERFECTION (4°-14°), CAHOKIA COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM (15°-16°), JOHN M. PEARSON CHAPTER OF THE ROSE CROIX (17°-18°) AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSISTORY (19°-32°), SITTING AS THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC BODIES IN THE VALLEY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

I, the undersigned, respectfully desire to become a member of the four (4) Co-Ordinate Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies of the Valley of Southern Illinois named above.

On my honor, I hereby CERTIFY that the following information about me is, and my answers to the following questions are, true and correct:

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK)

A. Full Legal Name (No Initials): \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST

MIDDLE (No Initials)

LAST

B. Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

D. Place of Birth: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

E. Place of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

F. Telephone Number Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

G. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

H. Have you, at any previous time, petitioned for any Scottish Rite Degrees in this or any other Valley? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If Yes, to which Valley \_\_\_\_\_, in what year \_\_\_\_\_ and were you elected to receive the Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

I. Raised a Master Mason (3°) in the year of \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_ A.F. & A.M. in the

City of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_

J. Presently a Master Mason (3°) in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_ A.F. & A.M. in the

City of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_

K. Are you presently on Active Duty with the Armed Forces of the United States of America? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what is your present legal

voting address? \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

L. Did you serve in the Military? Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge Date \_\_\_\_\_ Discharge type \_\_\_\_\_

In making and signing this application, I promise as a Master Mason, should I be elected and become a member of your Honorable Bodies, I subscribe to the Oath of Fealty set forth on the REVERSE side hereof.

Date of this Application \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of Applicant*

(PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION)

Are you a current or former member of the Order of DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

List of Elective Masonic Offices held: \_\_\_\_\_

**OATH OF FEALTY TO WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS SUBSCRIBED BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION**

I, the undersigned, do hereby promise on my word of honor, and swear true faith, allegiance and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, sitting at its Grand East in the town of Lexington, Massachusetts, of which the Illustrious John W. McNaughton, 33° is the Sovereign Grand Commander, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees. That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite; will hold illegal and spurious every other Body that may be established within its Jurisdiction, claiming to be a Supreme Council to which said Supreme Council has not extended due recognition as such; and every other Body of said Rite within the same Jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council, or from a Supreme Council recognized by it, and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member; and I will dispense justice to my brethren according to the laws of equity and honor. And should I violate this, my solemn vow and pledge, I consent to be expelled from the Scottish Rite Masonry, and all rights therein and in any Body of the Rite, and to be denounced to every Body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the world as a traitor and forsworn. And may God aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen

**INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS**

1. The Initiation Fee is determined by the Executive Board. A deposit of at least \$50.00 must be paid before this Application is acted upon and must accompany this Application. The balance must be paid in full on or before the first day of the Reunion before the Applicant receives any Degrees.
2. The Applicant must present himself for initiation at a Reunion within two (2) years of his election or he must request and be granted an extension. If he fails, \$25.00 of his deposit shall be retained by the VALLEY OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS and the balance shall be refunded to him.
3. The Annual Dues, including the Supreme Council And IL. Council of Deliberation Assessments, are due and payable on August 1st of each year (dues period runs from August 1st to July 31st).
4. DEADLINES FOR FILING APPLICATION FOR DEGREES WITH SECRETARY OF SCOTTISH RITE BODIES;
  - A. The general deadline for filing with the Scottish Rite Secretary is fourteen (14) days prior to the first day of the Reunion
  - B. However, if the Applicant belongs to an Illinois Masonic Lodge and if the following certificate is dated, signed and sealed by the Secretary of such Lodge, the deadline for filing is three (3) days prior to the first day of the Reunion.

Each of the undersigned, a member in good standing of the Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies of the Valley of Southern Illinois, Certifies that he has read the above and foregoing Application, believes the statements made therein by the Applicant to be true and correct, personally knows the Applicant, personally knows the Applicant to be a Freemason in good standing and believes the Applicant to possess sufficient mental, moral and spiritual capacity and attributes to practice and hold high the ideals of the Scottish Rite and does hereby RECOMMEND the Applicant for membership.

PLEASE PRINT

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY OF MASONIC LODGE**

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ is a member in good standing of this Lodge.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ City where Lodge is located \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois

Lodge Seal

**FOR USE OF THE SCOTTISH RITE SECRETARY**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Elected: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Balance of Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Rejected \_\_\_\_\_