

APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of _____ Lodge No. _____

located at _____, Illinois.

I am a member of this lodge, I have paid my current dues and all charges, I represent that I am now and have been a Mason in good standing for _____ years, and I hereby apply for Life Membership in this lodge under Code 271, I also herewith tender my Life Membership fee in the amount of \$ _____, payable to the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Illinois.

I have carefully read this application, and I understand the following terms and conditions of Life Membership.

(1) Once this application and fee have been accepted, the fee cannot be refunded, except in accordance with subparagraph D of Code 271, Examples, by way of illustration and not of limitation, of circumstances, under which no part of the Life Membership fee shall be refundable are; (a) When the Life Member dies, the Grand Lodge share shall remain for the benefit of the Grand Lodge and the lodge share shall remain for the benefit of the lodge of which he was last a member; (b) if the Life Member is suspended or expelled, the Grand Lodge share shall remain for the benefit of the Grand Lodge and the lodge share shall remain for the benefit of the lodge from which he was suspended or expelled; (c) if the Life Member takes a dimit or certificate of withdrawal from the lodge in which he holds Life Membership, the Grand Lodge share shall remain for the benefit of the Grand Lodge and the lodge share shall remain for the benefit of the lodge from which he has taken the dimit or certificate of withdrawal, until he affiliates with a new lodge, in which case such share shall be transferred to the name and for the benefit of such new lodge; (d) if a lodge is dissolved, both the Grand Lodge share and the lodge share shall remain for the benefit of the Grand Lodge, until the Life Member affiliates with a new lodge, in which case the lodge share shall be transferred to the name and for the benefit of such new lodge.

(2) A Life Membership and the lodge share of a Life Membership fee can be transferred to another Illinois constituent lodge in the manner provided by the Code, but such other lodge may require the transferring Life Member to pay a sum less than or equal to the difference between the lodge share for Life Membership in such other lodge and the lodge share of the transferred Life Membership fee.

(3) Neither a Life Membership nor any part of a Life Membership fee can be transferred to any lodge or Grand Lodge outside of Illinois.

(4) Even though a brother becomes a Life Member, he may lose his good standing in Masonry; (a) if he is suspended for some cause other than the nonpayment of dues or is expelled by his lodge; or (b) if he is or becomes a plural member and is suspended for some cause other than the nonpayment of dues or is expelled from his other lodge; or (c) if he remains unaffiliated for more than one year after taking a dimit from this lodge or after taking certificates of withdrawal from each of his plural lodges or after this lodge is dissolved.

Full Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address, City, State & Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Bus Phone: _____ Dated: _____

LODGE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the above mentioned lodge. This application for Life Membership, along with the above fee, was received by me on the _____ day of _____, _____, and as of such date Brother _____

was and is a member in good standing of this lodge, and has paid his current dues and all charges. As of such date, our brother has been a Mason in good standing for _____ years and the applicable lodge dues are \$ _____ per year, of which the Grand Lodge per capita dues under Code 435 are **\$ 10.00** per year.

Accordingly, the applicant's Life Membership fee is: (Check the one that Applies)

* fifty years less the number of years in good standing

1. (**maximum**) 15 x current lodge dues of \$ _____ per year, = \$ _____

2. ***(minimum)** _____ x current lodge dues of \$ _____ per year, = \$ _____

The breakdown of the Life Membership fee is as follows:

Lodge Trust Fund : _____ (years above) x lodge dues (minus per capita) \$ _____ per year, = \$ _____

Grand Lodge Per Capita: _____ (years above) x current per capita charge of \$ **10.00** per year, = \$ _____

** total should equal No. 1 or 2 from above

** Total Life Membeship Fees Submitted, = \$ _____

Given under my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, _____
Secretary _____

Lodge No. _____, Illinois

Once this application has been completed it should be printed and mailed along with full payment of life membership to:
Grand Secretary, 2866 Via Verde, Springfield, Illinois 62703.