



Broad Ripple Lodge No. 643, F. & A. M.

**1716 Broad Ripple Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220-2338**

Instructions for Plural Membership Petition package

What to do:

You (the petitioner) fill out all of **Form 16P** and return them to Broad Ripple Lodge for presentation. **Form 16P** must be accompanied by your check or money order in the amount of **\$30.00**. (A small \$5.00 portion of this fee is transmitted to the Grand Secretary after you are elected to plural membership.) Your check or money order will not be cashed until you are elected. If your petitioning fee is not received with your petition, your petition will be held until the fee is received.

You must also fill out **Form 15P** and send it to your own Lodge. If you belong to more than one Lodge, you must send a filled-out copy of **Form 15P** to each Lodge to which you belong. If one or more of your Lodges are in foreign jurisdictions (that is, not chartered under the Grand Lodge of Indiana F. & A.M., but chartered under a Grand Jurisdiction that is in amity with our Grand Lodge), please return the **Form 15P** for those Lodges to Broad Ripple Lodge #643 and we will transmit them to your foreign jurisdiction Lodge(s) via our Grand Secretary.

Submit the background check authorization at:

<https://www.indianafreemasons.com/verification-background-check>

1. Scroll down to the link that says Background Verification Site
2. Click Apply Now
3. Select MEMBERSHIP (\$14.45) and click Continue
4. Fill out the form, agree, and click Continue
5. Finish page 2 of the form, and for Location - specify **Broad Ripple**

The verification process will NOT work properly on a cell phone or tablet for security reasons. Please use a computer when filling out your information.

Please note -- the petitioning fee does not include Lodge Dues!

In addition to the petitioning fee, you will have to pay Lodge dues -- but not until after you have been elected to become a member of the Lodge. Broad Ripple Lodge's annual dues as of January 1, 2024, are \$180. Pro-rata dues are calculated starting on the first day of the month you are elected:

Broad Ripple Lodge Pro-Rata Dues Schedule as of 2025					
Elected in	Dues are	Elected in	Elected are	Elected in	Dues are
January	\$185	May	\$117	September	\$49
February	\$168	June	\$100	October	\$32
March	\$151	July	\$83	November	\$15
April	\$134	August	\$66	December	\$0

However -- keep in mind that dues for the next year are due on December 31st of this year. So if you are elected in December, don't let the zero dues fool you, because you will owe a full year's on the last day of this year.

Thank you for your interest in Broad Ripple Lodge. We hope to read your petition soon!



Jacob C. Mann, P.M., Secretary

Petition for Plural Membership

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

_____ Lodge No. _____, F. & A. M.

_____, Indiana

THE PETITION of the subscriber respectfully represents that he is a Master Mason in good standing in

_____ Lodge No. _____, _____

(City, State, Zip Code)

_____ Lodge No. _____, _____

(City, State, Zip Code)

_____ Lodge No. _____, _____

(City, State, Zip Code)

and hereby petitions for plural membership in _____ Lodge No. _____

If found worthy, he pledges himself to a cheerful compliance with the by-laws of _____
Lodge No. _____ and to the usages and customs of the Fraternity.

The subscriber acknowledges that, if elected, he shall be entitled to all the rights, and subject to all the obligations, of each Lodge in which he holds membership, except that he shall not hold the office of Worshipful Master or Warden in more than one Lodge at the same time. He acknowledges further that involuntary loss of membership in one Lodge shall have a like effect in the others.

He was born on _____ at _____
(Month, Day, Year) (City, State, Zip Code)

Residence address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Occupation _____

I understand I must have a Background Check for this petition to be fully processed. Yes _____ or, I will not submit to a Background Check _____

A certificate of Membership (Form 17A) containing information about the Petitioner's Masonic History, including dates of degrees and other pertinent data is attached hereto or may be found on the Lodge Portal.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signed: _____
All Names in Full

Print Names in Full

Recommended by Brothers

Have known petitioner for _____ years Have known petitioner for _____ years

Referred to the following committee:

Disposition

Presented _____

Elected _____

Rejected _____

Petitioner's Questionnaire

(Petition and questionnaire to be filled out in detail and signed by petitioner in his own handwriting)

1. Name _____
Usual Signature

14. List places of employment for last 10 years.

2. Age _____

3. Phone _____ Residence _____
4. Phone _____ Business _____

15. Have you ever been denied membership in, or withdrawn your petition to or been suspended or expelled from any fraternal organization? _____

5. Father's Name _____

16. If so, give particulars _____

6. Is (or was) your father a Mason? _____

17. Give names and complete addresses of three business or professional references other than those who signed this petition _____

7. If so, in what Lodge is (or was) his membership?

8. Are any of your brothers Masons? _____

18. Have you ever served in the armed forces? _____

9. If so, give their names, addresses and names and locations of their Lodges _____

19. Why are you petitioning this Lodge for plural membership? _____

10. Are you married? _____

11. If so, date _____

20. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense (minor traffic violations excepted) in a court of competent jurisdiction? _____

and place of marriage _____

and spouse's name _____

21. If so, give details _____

12. Where did you last vote in an election, either local, state or national?
On _____ at _____

22. Do you have any physical impairment? _____
Details _____

13. Give complete addresses of where you have lived the past 10 years _____

23. Certificate(s) of membership in _____
_____ Lodge No. _____
_____ Lodge No. _____
_____ Lodge No. _____

MASONIC HISTORY

Received degrees in _____ Lodge No. _____, F. & A. M., _____
Location

E.A. _____

Suspended _____

F.C. _____

Expelled _____

M.M. _____

Restored _____

Rejected _____

Demitted _____

Notice of Intention to Petition for Plural Membership

(A separate Notice of Intention is required for each Lodge to which the Brother belongs)

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of (original Lodge)

_____ Lodge No. _____, F. & A. M./A.F.& A. M.

City, State, Zip Code

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, a Master Mason and member of

_____ Lodge No. _____, _____
City, State, Zip Code

_____ Lodge No. _____, _____
City, State, Zip Code

_____ Lodge No. _____, _____
City, State, Zip Code

desire and intend to petition for Plural Membership in

_____ Lodge No. _____, F. & A. M.

_____, Indiana

On receipt of this notice, please forward Certificate of Membership (Form 17A) to the Secretary of

_____ Lodge No. _____, F. & A. M.

** See note below

Signature of Member

Print names in full

Date: _____

Members Address

City, State, Zip Code

** If Notice of Intention to Petition for Plural Membership is for member of Jurisdiction other than Indiana, a Certified copy of Form 17A must be requested through the office of the Grand Secretary.