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

1716 Broad Ripple Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220-2338

Instructions for Membership Transfer Petition package (for out-of-state Brothers)

What to do:

You (the petitioner) fill out all of **Form 16** and return it to Broad Ripple Lodge for presentation. **Form 16** must be accompanied by your check or money order in the amount of **\$10.00**. 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 15**. Because your Lodge is 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 15** to Broad Ripple Lodge #643 and we will transmit them to your foreign jurisdiction Lodge via our Grand Secretary.

You should also send your Lodge a copy of **Form 17A** for their convenience in reporting your Masonic credentials back to Broad Ripple Lodge.

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 to Affiliate by Transfer

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of

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

THE PETITION of the subscriber, _____,
Petitioner's Name

respectfully represents that he is a Master Mason and at this time a member in good standing of

_____ Lodge No. _____, F. & A. M., located at
_____, a certificate of which (or receipt for dues) accompanies

(City, State, Zip Code)

this, his petition. Being desirous of transferring his membership to your Lodge, he now prays to be admitted a member thereof, if found worthy.

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

Residence address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Occupation _____

Name of firm _____

Location of business _____
Street City State Zip Code

Character of business _____

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 _____

Notice in writing of his intention to file this petition was given to _____ Lodge No. _____

on _____
Month Day Year

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

(Both petition and questionnaire should be filled out in detail and signed by petitioner in his own handwriting)

1. Name _____
Usual Signature

2. Age _____

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

5. Father's Name _____

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

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

8. Are any of your brothers Masons? _____

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

10. Are you married? _____

11. If so, date _____
and place of marriage _____
and spouse's name _____

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

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

14. List places of emolument for last 10 years

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

16. If so, give particulars _____

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

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

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

20. If so, give details _____

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

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 Transfer Membership

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

_____ 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 said Lodge, desire and intend to transfer my membership therein to:

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

City State Zip Code

On receipt of notice from said Lodge of my election therein, please forward my demit to its Secretary.

Date: _____

Signature

Print Name in Full

Members Address

City, State, Zip Code

Certificate of Good Standing

(To be utilized with Form 16)

(A separate Certificate is required for each Lodge to which the Brother belongs)

Hall of _____ Lodge No. _____

_____, _____
City State

THIS CERTIFIES THAT Brother

Names in full

Street or P.O. Box

City, State, Zip Code

who has given notice of his intention to petition for Membership in

_____ Lodge No. _____, F & AM/AF & AM, located at

(City, State)

is/was a Master Mason in good standing in _____

Lodge No. _____, _____, and is free from charges.
(City, State)

(LODGE SEAL)

Date _____, Secretary

This Certificate Expires on _____

GRAND SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

Grand Lodge _____ of _____

This is to certify that _____ Lodge No. _____, is a legally constituted Lodge under
the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____

Grand Secretary

(GRAND LODGE SEAL)

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

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