



APPLICATION FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP

What is Continuing membership?

The purpose of continuing membership is to allow the members of the organisation to remain in good standing when they may or may not be able to continue meeting in our assemblies.

1. Where a financial member of a Constituent Lodge has been nominated by his Lodge as being unable to continue active membership by reason of age, infirmity or other reason approved by the Board and has been exempted by the Lodge from the payment of subscriptions, he may be granted continuing member status and the Lodge will be exempted from the payment of Grand Lodge fees in respect of the member. It is the organisation's way of respectfully giving back to the members and ensuring their status remains in order to enjoy the benefits of Freemasonry as well as the honour of the Grand Lodge above with a sprig of Acacia.
2. It is for financial members of a Constituent Lodge which has surrendered its Warrant have continuing member status for a maximum period of 6 months within which time they must join another Lodge or a Clearance Certificate will be issued.
3. It is important to note that holding continuing member status does not affect the good standing of a brother nor his rights and obligations as a member of Grand Lodge

In 2022, in accordance with Regulation 57, the process for continuing membership was reviewed and all other processes were repealed. Universally reviewed and accepted by all three of the boards of management under the "Five degrees of Freemasonry", The new process allows for streamlining day to day operations and timely responses for those applicants that are in need of continuing membership.

The new procedure as follows:

1. Lodge/Chapter will meet and discuss the member's situation at an executive meeting.
2. A designated member from the Lodge/Chapter will complete the form on behalf of the member.
3. The completed form will be submitted to reception@santfreemasons.org.au care of the Grand Secretary/Grand Scribe.
4. The Grand Secretary/Grand Scribe will forward the documents to the three Grand Almoners/Chaplains who are invested under their Grand Lodges retrospectively.
5. Grand Almoners/Chaplains together will review the applications as a group and make a consensus to the outcome of approval or no approval.
6. The process is reported back to the Grand Secretary/Grand Scribe to review and advise the Lodge/Chapter and brother accordingly.

Important Note: If a member is approved under the new process "Continuing Member" Status then they will be marked as a continuing member from all three orders.

DETAILS OF LODGE/CHAPTER

Lodge/Chapter Name:		Date:	
Lodge/Chapter Contact:		Phone No:	
Email:		Lodge/Chapter Almoner name:	
Full name of Brother		Phone Number	
Address		Email	
Age of Brother		Grand Lodge Number	
Family/Carer Contact Person		Phone Number	
Provide a detailed reason as to why the member should receive continuing membership.			

MANDATORY CRITERIA

Circle one

- Is the brother able to attend Lodge/Chapter Y N
- Has the Lodge granted the brother exemption of Lodge/Chapter fees? Y N
- Have the following Orders been contacted and informed as required of this Application for Continuing Membership and if so have they granted the brother exemption of fees?
 - Mariners Lodge Y N N/A
 - Mark Master Masons Lodge Y N N/A
 - Royal Arch Chapter Y N N/A
 - Craft Y N N/A

If Yes, please provide the names of the Orders the brother belongs to

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The Mark and Royal Ark Council/ Royal Chapter/ Craft has approved the application for continuing membership for Brother..... for Mark and Mariner (delete as necessary).

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Is the brother able to manage his own affairs? Y N
- If No, has Power of Attorney been granted? Y N
- Does the brother have the support of his family for his ongoing Masonic Activities? Y N
- Does the brother suffer from ill health? Y N
- Has the Lodge Almoner had contact with the brother? Y N

If Yes please provide brief health details

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Please submit this form with any supporting information to the Grand Secretary.

Approved by the Executive of the Lodge on:

Worshipful Master (signed)Name:.....

Almoner (signed).....Name:.....

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(Vote - For / Against)

Grand Almoner Craft | Grand Almoner Mark | Grand Almoner Chapter

Approved or Declined

Grand Secretary/Scribe

Grand Almoner.....

Date...../...../.....

Fact Sheet

Examples that can be considered as continuing membership include:

1. A brother that is unable to attend Lodge/Chapter and more than likely may never return to harmony due to illness, medical reasons, fragility or other reasons approved by the Board.
2. A brother who is a financial member of a Constituent Lodge which has surrendered its Warrant has continuing member status for a maximum period of 6 months, within which time he MUST join another Lodge or a Clearance Certificate will be issued.
3. It is important to note that holding continuing member status does not affect the good standing of a brother nor his rights and obligations as a member of the Grand Lodge.

Continuing membership is to be considered a privilege, not a right. Examples that would not be approved for continuing membership without extraordinary circumstances include:

1. A brother who cannot pay his dues because of financial hardship.
(Lodge to refer to its management committee)
2. A brother that wants to take a break from Freemasonry.
(Should seek a clearance)
3. A brother who is helping out in a lodge/chapter, and they wish to reduce his fees.
(Refer to Honorary Membership)
4. A brother who has exceeded his six-month period for continuing membership.
(Should seek a clearance)