



APPLICATION FOR DEMIT



Mississippi, 20

To the officers and members of _____ Lodge No. ____ F. & A. M.

Brethren:

The undersigned, a member in good standing of said Lodge and not indebted to the Lodge, applies for a Demit.

(Must be signed in full in person.)

READ SECTION 23 AND REFLECT BEFORE SIGNING

Section 23. It is the duty of every Master Mason in good standing to belong to some regular Lodge, and members of Lodges should not cease to be such except for the purpose of changing their membership to another Lodge; and when a demit is obtained, the brother receiving it should, with all convenient speed, apply for membership in another Lodge, unless upon due reflection he should have conscientious scruples against doing so.

Any member of a Lodge who has paid all indebtedness to it or had the same remitted, and against whom no charge or complaint has been made, which has not been investigated shall, on application in writing, made at one Stated Communication, at the next Stated Communication be entitled as of right to a demit, unless at the time when said application is heard by the Lodge, some member shall present, in writing, charges against him; in which event action upon such application shall be postponed until such charges are investigated in the mode prescribed by the Rules Relating to Masonic Discipline. If, upon investigation, such charges are not sustained, the application shall be granted and no further charges shall be entertained unless they shall embrace some matter unknown at the time when such charges are investigated.

No vote of acquiescence shall be taken by the Lodge on an application for a demit, unless it shall relate to the question of indebtedness or charges, but the same shall be entered upon the minutes as a part of the proceedings, as being unobjected to or as the facts may be.

A demit is simply a dismissal from membership, and is no further a certificate of character than that there are no charges against the applicant nor indebtedness undischarged.

A certificate shall be given each member so dismissed as soon as convenient thereafter, but membership shall cease instantly, regardless of when the certificate shall be given, and in the event of the loss or destruction of such certificate a duplicate may be issued, on a satisfactory showing to the Lodge of such loss or destruction.