

Cherubim Lodge No. 237

Free and Accepted Masons – Prince Hall Affiliated
Dallas, Texas

Masonic Initiation Fees, Process, and Historical Foundation

Introduction

Becoming a Mason through **Prince Hall Freemasonry** is both an honor and a responsibility. It represents a commitment to moral excellence, brotherly love, community service, and the preservation of a rich historical legacy rooted in freedom, justice, and equality.

The **\$500.00 initiation fee** reflects the actual costs associated with background screening, administrative processing, instructional materials, Masonic degrees, and required Grand Lodge assessments. This document explains the **fees**, the **initiation process**, and the **historical foundations** of Prince Hall Freemasonry, the Grand Lodge of Texas (Jurisdiction No. 11), and Cherubim Lodge No. 237.

Induction into Prince Hall Freemasonry

Induction into Prince Hall Freemasonry is a ceremonial and educational journey conducted through the **three symbolic degrees** of Masonry:

1. Entered Apprentice
2. Fellow Craft
3. Master Mason

During these degrees, a candidate is formally introduced to the moral teachings, symbols, obligations, and responsibilities of Freemasonry. Prince Hall Masonry traces its lineage to **African Lodge No. 459**, chartered by the **Grand Lodge of England**, making it a regular and recognized branch of Freemasonry worldwide.

Candidates are inducted under solemn obligation, taught to uphold the principles of **Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth**, and welcomed into a lifelong brotherhood dedicated to service and self-improvement.

Why the Total Initiation Fee Is \$500.00

Candidate Books, Supplies, and Regalia

Rituals Book	\$20.00
Constitution	\$15.00
Funeral Book	\$5.00
Degree Books	\$5.00
Monitor	\$15.00
Apron	\$15.00
Gloves	\$10.00
Diploma	\$5.00
Total Materials Cost	\$90.00

Degree Work and Instruction

Entered Apprentice Degree	\$100.00
Fellow Craft Degree	\$100.00
Master Mason Degree	\$100.00
Total Degree Fees	\$300.00

Administrative and Grand Lodge Costs

Background Check	\$25.00
Petition Processing	\$20.00
Grand Lodge Fees	\$85.00
Total Administrative Costs:	\$130.00

Total Initiation Fee-\$520.00

All funds are used exclusively for Masonic purposes.

Masonic Initiation Process – Step by Step

Step 1: Background Check

- Complete the Background Check Form
- Submit **\$25.00**

Approval moves the candidate to Step 2.

Step 2: Lodge Petition and Investigation

- Submit Lodge Petition
- Submit **\$20.00 petition fee**

The Investigation Committee will meet with you and report to the lodge.

Acceptance is determined by lodge ballot.

If not accepted, the lodge may recommend postponement. You may petition again after **six (6) months**.

Step 3: Initiation Date and Final Fees

The Lodge Secretary will notify you of your initiation date.

- Report at the designated time
- Pay the remaining **\$480.00**

Important:

Under the laws of the **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas**, initiation **cannot proceed unless all fees are paid in full**.