

An Invitation



The American Lodge of Research

*The Grand Lodge of
Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of New York*

**Petition for Corresponding
Membership in
The American Lodge of Research**

Brother _____

Address _____

(city)

(state)

(zip)

A Member in good standing of

_____ **Lodge, No.** _____

Located at _____

(city)

(state)

**respectfully petitions for Corresponding Member-
ship in The American Lodge of Research.**

Birth Date _____

Date Raised _____

Occupation _____

Research Interests _____

**Send \$25.50 (Initiation fee and first year's dues) with
this petition to:**

The Secretary

The American Lodge of Research

Masonic Hall — Box 210

71 West 23rd Street

New York, New York 10010

WHAT IS A LODGE OF RESEARCH?

A lodge of research is a group of Freemasons interested in the entertainment, inspiration and information to be found in an application of the principles of scholarship and historical investigation to the study of the origins and history of the oldest fraternity in the world.

IS THIS A NEW IDEA?

No. The English lodge of research, Quatuor Coronati No. 2076, London, was organized in the 1800's. Many other Grand Lodges in the United States and throughout the world have chartered research lodges more recently. The research lodge of Missouri was chartered May 1, 1941, and its charter was signed by Harry S. Truman as Grand Master. He was later, in 1950, to serve as Master of the Missouri Lodge of Research while serving as President of the United States.

THE AMERICAN LODGE OF RESEARCH

The oldest research lodge in the United States, and the one most closely following the principles and practices of the original in England, is The American Lodge of Research, New York. It was organized in 1931 with the Grand Master at the time as Worshipful Master, and has been continuously active and productive, especially in its chosen field of Masonic history in the Western hemisphere.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN?

Any Master Mason of a regularly constituted Lodge under the Grand Lodge of New York or any of the Grand Lodges throughout the world in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New York.

DOES THE LODGE CONFER DEGREES?

No. The American Lodge of Research differs from all other Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York not only in this respect but in several others.

The American Lodge of Research carries no number. The right of any New York Mason to belong to any number of lodges in the state, or to a Lodge in New York, and one in any other jurisdiction permitting dual membership is not affected by membership, corresponding or active, in The American Lodge of Research. The jurisdiction is coextensive with that of the Grand Lodge.

WHEN DOES THE LODGE MEET?

The plan of holding three Stated Communications each year has been followed with additional Special Communications held at frequent intervals as the occasion requires.

WHERE DOES THE LODGE MEET?

From 1931 to 1953, all meetings of the Lodge were held in New York City, and all Stated Communications must be held there. As the membership of the Lodge throughout the state grew, the wisdom of holding some of the meetings in various parts of the state became increasingly apparent. Since 1953, The American Lodge of Research has met in many locations throughout the state, usually as the guest of a Lodge, and frequently with a program planned to recognize the Masonic history and significance of the host Lodge. Meetings have been held outside New York State upon the invitation of other recognized Grand Lodges.

HOW IS THE LODGE FUNDED?

The income of the Lodge comes entirely from fees and dues; no endowment funds have been established to date.

This income is used for the publication of Lodge notices, updating and maintaining the mailing list, postage, Lodge subscriptions and memberships in other Masonic research organizations, and the publication of the annual volume known as the *The Transactions of the American Lodge of Research*.

WHAT ARE THE TRANSACTIONS?

The Transactions of The American Lodge of Research consist of the minutes of each meeting of the Lodge, the business and operating reports, and the published results of historical research.

It is impossible to list all of the historical contents. Among the most widely recognized items therein are "Origins of the Grand Lodge of New York", by Howard Nash; the list (2,459) of Revolutionary Officers, who were Masons, the Frederick B. Robinson work, "Modern Historical Research and Its Application to Freemasonry"; "Freemasonry and the Grangers" by Richard H. Brown; "American Union Lodge" by James R. Case.

"A Masonic Guide for the Empire State" by Richard W. Brown, "200 Years of Freemasonry in New York" by Allan Boudreau; "Masonic Trails of Early New York" by Wilmer E. Bresee; and, "An Historical Account of Freemasonry on Staten Island, N.Y., 1742-1981" by Alexander A. Bleimann; Volume XV, Number 3, of the Transactions includes the Compiled Table of Contents of the Transactions, 1932-1982, by Ronald M. Goldwyn.

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