

Because it is our principles that set us apart, we adhere to these standards:

- ☒ During the Degree work, we concentrate on the candidate and endeavor to put him at ease. When speaking to him, we fasten our eyes on his. While the ritual may be familiar to us, we believe it to be a message of great importance and profound inspiration to the candidate. Since he is hearing the words for the first time, we aspire to make his Masonic experience a truly memorable event in his life.
- ☒ We speak at a measured pace and take the time to finish each word, giving the proper pronunciation its full value. We deliberately enunciate and avoid speaking in a monotone. We project and modulate our voices so that all present may understand the ritual clearly including those with hearing difficulties.
- ☒ We refrain from engaging in any conversation that may detract from the dignity of the ritual, make the candidate feel uncomfortable, or break the concentration of those who are focused on performing the Degree work.
- ☒ We exude earnestness, maintain decorum, and comport ourselves in a dignified and gentlemanly manner both in the lodge room and in our daily lives. Out of respect for the Craft and our lodge, we make an effort to dress appropriately for all Stated and Special Meetings. In observance of the importance and solemnity of the Standard Work, officers are expected to wear dark business suits and, when conferring the Third Degree, tuxedos.
- ☒ We strive to improve with the goal of attaining and exemplifying proficiency in the Standard Work. We never practice on a candidate.

Instructions for visiting Oriental Lodge No. 33

If you are a regular Mason, we invite you to join us for Masonic work and fellowship. To attend our meetings, you must be a member in good standing of a lodge recognized by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois. If you are unsure if your lodge qualifies, please contact our Secretary for verification in advance of your visit.

When you visit, please bring a current dues card. If you do not have written credentials, be prepared to undergo an investigation to prove you are a Mason. Our tradition is to dress in business attire (coat and tie); however, we do not enforce a dress code, we merely suggest one.

A catered fellowship dinner is served in the Temple at 6:00 p.m. Dinner donation is \$10 for members and \$5 for visiting brethren. Petitioners and non-Masons may dine as our guests by arrangement with our Secretary.

The Jefferson Park Masonic Temple is located at 5418 W. Gale Street off Milwaukee, two blocks west of the CTA Blue Line Jefferson Park station and two blocks south of the Metra Union Pacific NW Line Jefferson Park station. Limited, complimentary parking is available after 6:00 p.m. in the municipal lot directly west of the Temple.

Please refrain from parking in the TCF Bank, Gale Street Inn or McDonald's lots or on residential streets posted for local permits, and do not block other vehicles or parking lot entrances as we wish to be a good neighbor.

We hope you take the time to visit with us—welcome!



What you should know about the oldest Masonic Lodge in Chicago



Jefferson Park Masonic Temple

**5418 W. Gale Street
Chicago, IL 60630**



**Mailing Address:
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www.oriental33.org



**Stated Meetings
2nd Tuesdays
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.**

One for All and All for One

Why join Chicago's oldest Masonic Lodge?

 **Enthusiastic New Members** - Many good men seeking meaningful fellowship reside in, or are moving back into, the City of Chicago.

- ☒ We offer successful professionals seeking to join relevant organizations with high standards a unique, life-long journey of self-improvement.
- ☒ Each candidate is encouraged to take his degrees in the traditional manner over a period of several months instead of at a one-day class or festival.
- ☒ Most Master Masons choose to take the optional Third Degree Proficiency Exam as a personal demonstration of their commitment to excellence.

 **Active, Proficient Officers** - We benefit from some of the state's most skilled leadership.

- ☒ Our officers can confer Degrees unassisted and several members are commissioned instructors.
- ☒ Many of our brethren have chaired, or served on, a number of important Grand Lodge Committees.

 **Quality Social Activities** - We try to maintain balance in our fraternal and family pursuits.

- ☒ Prior to meetings, we host a catered fellowship dinner for brethren and prospective candidates.
- ☒ After our meetings, we usually gather to enjoy a light snack at the lodge or share a libation at one of Chicago's many fine, upscale establishments.
- ☒ As a group, we often attend Masonic conventions, community festivals, sporting events and fund raisers.



 **Philanthropic Causes** - We have a wealth of resources but never forget we are part of a community that includes the less fortunate.

- ☒ Our lodge has sponsored residents of the Illinois Masonic Children's Home at La Grange and buys Christmas gifts for needy students at local schools.
- ☒ We underwrite the cost of high school teams that compete in the statewide Masonic Academic Bowl.
- ☒ We are proud to support a wide variety of national Masonic charitable institutions and youth groups.

 **Frequent Masonic Visitors** - Brethren from around the country and abroad visit us often.

- ☒ Our visitors hail from lodges across North America, the U.K., Europe, South America, Africa and Asia.
- ☒ Brethren who visit us frequently often choose to affiliate with Oriental Lodge as plural members.

 **Affiliated Organizations** - Our members enjoy serving in the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, Shrine and Masonic research societies.

- ☒ Oriental's brethren are active in the historic Old Chicago York Rite Bodies: La Fayette Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons (1844); Chicago Council No. 4, Cryptic Masons (1855); and St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Knights Templar (1870).
- ☒ We serve as officers in the Scottish Rite Bodies and as cast members in the Scottish Rite Degrees.
- ☒ We are active in the Illinois Lodge of Research and Albertus Magnus, the first commandery of research.

 **A Rich, Unique History** - Our remarkable fraternal legacy spans almost two centuries.

- ☒ Chartered October 9th, 1845, Oriental was founded just eight years after Chicago, and our early members include several City founders and business pioneers.
- ☒ We were the first lodge in Illinois on the World Wide Web, are the only lodge incorporated by an Act of the Illinois State Legislature in 1867, and we have rare artifacts predating the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.
- ☒ One of our most noted honorary members is Bro. David Kalakaua, the last reigning monarch of Hawaii who signed the historic free trade Reciprocity Treaty with the United States and visited Oriental Lodge during his goodwill tour of America in 1875.



You can help continue the tradition of one of the world's premier lodges. For more information or to obtain a membership application, please join us for dinner on 2nd Tuesdays at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple or visit us online at www.oriental33.org.

To contact the lodge member who provided this brochure:

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