

# Harford County Municipal Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 128

P.O. Box 1185  
Aberdeen, Maryland 21001

Associate Membership for the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #128 is a civilian affiliate of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Associate membership should consist of friends, family members of law enforcement officers to include law abiding citizens of Harford County, MD. The membership should also consist of responsible and respected business persons located within Harford County, MD.

Individuals who seek Associate membership with should be willing to devote a portion of their time and efforts toward assisting with the various social functions we have throughout the calendar year. Individuals who seek Associate membership, and agree to assist with a social function will be provided with a free ticket to that particular event (your entry will be free).

According to the *"Harford County Municipal Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #128 Constitution and Bylaws"...*

## **Constitution Article II - Membership**

### Section 7:

- b.) The Associate Membership of FOP Lodge #128 shall be comprised of reputable and responsible citizens as approved by the Board of Directors of FOP Lodge #128. Associate members shall be nominated and elected according to the procedures as set forth in the Bylaws. Retired Law Enforcement Officers from other bonafide law enforcement agencies from within Maryland and from other states are eligible provided they are not an active member in another lodge already.

## **Bylaws**

### **Section 1 - Membership**

#### (C)Associate Membership

Candidates meeting constitutional qualifications may have their name submitted by any Active Member

of the Lodge for nomination and consideration as an Associate Member. The name shall be submitted to the Membership Committee who shall investigate the person to ascertain and insure compliance with the criteria set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of FOP Lodge #128. Upon completion of the investigation by the Membership

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Committee, a favorable recommendation shall be forwarded to the Lodge President. A vote shall then be conducted on the acceptance of the candidate requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Active Members present at the next regular meeting. If accepted, the candidate's name shall be placed on the Associate Membership

Roster and recorded into the Book of Records by the Lodge Secretary. At the next regular meeting of the Lodge, the Lodge Secretary will then read from the Roster all names added to the Roster since the last meeting of the Lodge.

If any member objects to any name submitted, they will state the reason for their objection. There will then be a general discussion of the objection after which there will be a vote of the Membership in attendance. A two-thirds majority will be required to overrule the objection, at which time the person shall become an Associate Member of the Lodge. If the objection is sustained, the name shall be stricken from the Roster. If no Active Member objects, the person shall then become an Associate Member of FOP Lodge #128. If not accepted by the Membership Committee, the person's name and the objection shall be stated by the Membership Committee at the next regular meeting of the Lodge. After discussion, a two-thirds majority vote of the Membership in attendance shall be required to overrule the Committee recommendation.

1. An Associate Member of the Lodge MAY:
  - a. Attend, by Lodge invitation, any social function of the Lodge.
  - b. Display any official emblem, sticker, or decal, which designates him or her as an Associate Member of the Lodge.
2. An Associate Member of the Lodge MAY NOT:
  - a. Attend Lodge meetings unless requested to do so by the current Lodge President, and with the approval of the Board of Directors.
  - b. Vote on any Lodge matters.
  - c. Give opinions as to the workings of or daily operations of the Lodge unless specifically requested to do so by the Lodge President.
3. Donations to the Lodge by Associate Members shall be a minimum of \$25.00 per year unless otherwise specified and prescribed for in these Bylaws.
4. No person whose name has been submitted for membership but not approved by the Membership Committee may receive or display any official emblem, sticker, or decal which designates him/her as an Associate Member of FOP Lodge #128.
5. Any "Full-Time Employed" members of the Police Departments of the cities of Aberdeen, Bel Air, and Havre De Grace, who are otherwise not eligible for Active Membership in FOP Lodge #128, may become an Associate Member of FOP Lodge #128. The yearly amount of their donations, are to be determined by the General Membership by a majority vote taken at the regular November meetings of each calendar year.

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The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #128 Associate Membership is a non-partisan organization, without regard to race, creed, color, or religious beliefs.

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #128 Associate Membership interests revolve around law enforcement and the men and women that have dedicated their lives to the protection of ours. Associate members shall actively support legislation, charitable causes, and all law enforcement efforts on a local, state, and national level.

Applications will be completed by the prospected applicant and will be sent via mail to the Lodge's P.O. Box. Upon receiving the application the Board of Directors shall determine the validity of the applicant. After this process is completed this individual's application will be presented to the general membership for review. Upon being accepted or denied by the Lodge a letter will be sent to the applicant for further instructions. This letter will provide details to the applicant outlining payment details for membership or a letter of rejection. Individuals who are accepted into the Lodge as an Associate Member will receive a card detailing their affiliation to the Lodge as an Associate Member and an Associate Member decal.

Individual's membership within the Lodge can be terminated at anytime if said member is engaged in any form of criminal activity or questionable character traits.

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## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FIRST NAME:	MI:	LAST NAME:
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)		HOME TELEPHONE #:
DRIVER'S LICENSE #:		STATE:
HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS:		WORK E-MAIL ADDRESS:

EMPLOYER:		
EMPLOYER ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:

### **NOTICE:**

By filling out and submitting this application for Associate Membership with the Harford County Municipal Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #128, you are hereby consenting, authorizing, and granting permission to allow a board member, whom is a sworn law enforcement officer, to conduct a criminal background and driver's license check.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, filled out the above application for Associate Membership. I have read the "Notice" above and hereby grant permission to a sworn law enforcement officer to conduct a criminal background and driver's license check as it is related to this application process.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please complete this form and mail to:  
F.O.P. LODGE #128  
P.O. BOX 1185  
ABERDEEN, MARYLAND 21001**

### FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED:	RECEIVED BY:
ACCEPTED & DATE:	DENIED & DATE:
PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE:	SECRETARY SIGNATURE:

ASSOCIATE MEMBER ID#:  
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