



FAQ's Masonic Homes

- What is the Masonic Homes?**
- The Masonic Homes are licensed Residential Community for Seniors, age 60 and older (RCFE/CCRC). We have two campuses, one in Union City and one in Covina
 - Our Union City campus provides Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing and Short-term Rehabilitation
 - Our Covina Campus provides Independent Living and Assisted Living
- Who is eligible to apply to the Masonic Homes?**
- A CA Master Mason in good standing with all lodges for the past 5 consecutive years with his spouse and the widow of such mason
 - In some instances the mother of such mason
- How do I make a referral to the Masonic Homes?**
- Call Masonic Assistance at **888-466-3642**.
 - When calling to make a referral for someone other than yourself, it is important to have that person's permission to make the referral. The best process is to have the person needing assistance make the call, or be with you when you call. This enables the person interested in the Masonic Home to be involved with the process from the start
 - In-depth intake calls can take anywhere from 30-60 minutes, Masonic Assistance will inquire about finances, health, current housing, benefits and overall living conditions
- What amenities and services are available at the Masonic Homes?**
- Both campuses offer a wide range of services including activities, dining services, housekeeping, transportation, wellness centers, medical support, volunteering, educational programs, etc.
 - Both campuses also have a Masonic Lodge on site
- Can I move in immediately into the Masonic Homes?**
- There is an extensive two phase application process that must be completed prior to moving into the Masonic Homes. This includes full disclosure of financial, medical, and other personal matters, that require thorough documentation prior to approval
 - There are two parts to the MASONIC HOMES application process which allows the MASONIC HOMES to best determine if this option is possible and can best meet the needs and desires of the applicant.
 - Once the application is complete and formally approved, there is a waiting list which will vary. Wait list is depending upon the applicants care needs and the specific departments availability
 - There is no way to expedite the waiting list for any applicant
- Can I come to the Masonic Home Union City immediately for my short term rehabilitation in the Skilled Nursing department?**
- Yes, the Masonic Home in Union City accepts payments by Medicare and some other contracted insurance for approved short term rehabilitation (based on availability)
 - Medical/Medicaid is accepted for Masons, their wives, their widows and their mothers only
 - Currently, we do not accept Kaiser Health Plans for short term rehabilitation
 - Discharge from one facility to another would require the medical providers written orders

What are the financial options for the Masonic Homes?

- Applicants can apply to the Masonic Homes under the Assignment of Assets option (75/25). With this option, 75% of income and assets are assigned to the Masonic Home, the applicant keeps 25% of their assets and Income. There is no criteria which needs to be met regarding the amount of income or assets an applicant must possess, you will not be turned away due to lack of assets
 - For the Assignment of Assets option, applicant(s) must not have unsecured debt in the amount of \$2,000. If the applicant's unsecured debt exceeds these thresholds, then the debt must be eliminated prior to moving into the Masonic Homes. This can be done by way of bankruptcy or seeking support from family, friends or lodge to pay down the debt (applicants who need support provided by the Masonic Homes, but do not qualify based on their debt, may be referred to the Masonic Senior Outreach Services for support)
- Applicants can also apply to the Masonic Homes under the Fee for Service (FFS) option
 - With this option, the applicant's income and assets must meet established criteria
 - FFS is a monthly rate and there are two options for the fee for service, one is to place a deposit and reduce the monthly rent, or to pay the regular monthly amount without a deposit
 - There is no debt criteria with this option

What if a spouse needs a different level of care?

- Married couples applying to the Masonic Homes can both move into the community and have different levels of care.
- Depending upon the campus and their level of care, this may mean the couple could live in separate buildings if the care cannot be provided in one location
- If only one spouse is applying to the Masonic Homes for long term residential or Skilled Nursing, they must apply under the Fee for Service (FFS) option, thus meeting the FFS criteria, otherwise the one spouse could not apply

What things may render someone ineligible to apply to the Masonic Homes?

- If the applicants have gifted any of their assets or income in the past 3 years, prior to application will make them ineligible to apply for the Masonic Homes
- There are some health, medical and mental health conditions which may prevent an applicant from moving into the Masonic Homes. These conditions may be based on licensing regulations as well as the Masonic Homes ability to safely meet the care needs of the applicant

What are other important things to know about living at the Masonic Homes?

- Residents are not allowed to have pets, unless they are licensed service animals or certified emotional animals providing service for a disability
- Residents may be able to keep their cars, if they meet the financial criteria of the application process. Vehicles are considered an asset and are evaluated during the assignment of assets, residents must be able to purchase their vehicles back with their 25%
- Residents can leave the campus and visit with family and friends