

We the undersigned Master Masons professing the Jewish religion, respectfully petition your M.W.L., to remove certain disabilities, which debar us from uniting with you on the grand Level of universal fellowship.

We beg leave to premise by candidly stating the tenets of Judaism on certain points, which we trust will not be misconstrued, as disrespectfully intended to any one's religious opinions, but as matters of fact, necessary to elucidate the object in view, — It is no doubt well known to you that from their earliest period, the Jews were instructed, that their prayers should be addressed to the Most High, and the Most High alone, also, that they disbelieve in christianity, and consequently ^{can} not acquiesce to the saintship or holiness of its first promulgators, — Yet, we were told that these points of belief & disbelief, did not disqualify us from being Masons, — we were assured that there was nothing in the institution incompatible with our civil, moral, or religious opinions, — that Masonry was intended to unite men of every country, sect and opinion be they what they may — If so — No expression should be permitted in its prayers, lectures, or ceremonies, that would conflict with any one's religious opinions, provided he has Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity with all men — The term Christian Lodge & Jewish Lodge, or any other sectarian Lodge, appears to your petitioners contradiction, and inconsistent — for we were taught to believe, that Masonry signifies a Universal Brotherhood, that makes no distinction between Credo's, A Masonic Lodge should be a Temple, wherein the Jew, Christian, and Mahomedan, where Solomon of Israel & Hiram of Tyre might consecrationsly unite in adoring the Great Architect of the universe, We therefore ^{humbly} entreat you to instruct your Lodges, to permit only such prayers as are in accordance with ancient usages of the

by reviewing the custom of dedicating Lodges to King Solomon, and to
alter such other portions as are inconsistent with our religious belief,

~~And~~ in order to justify your M. W. Lodge in granting our petition,
we beg to assure you that since 1813 when the Grand Lodges of
Ancient York & England coalesced, under the title of the "United
Grand Lodge of England" - the same practice was adopted there,
and in consequence some of their best informed & active Masons,
are found among brethren professing Judaism,

Finally, we fervently pray to the Most High
for the prosperity of the Craft, that the practice of its members
shall accord with their professions, that He may inspire your council
with wisdom & justice, that under your auspices the institution
shall increase in harmony & usefulness, so that it may conduce
to His glory and welfare of the human race, so mote it be

Jacob Norton Solters,
1851.