



Residential masonry comprises over 80% of the masonry industry yet, prior to 2004, there was no organization which represented us. The Residential Masonry Contractors Association (www.residentialmasonrycontractors.com) has been successfully operating in Washington State as a non-profit entity, and we invite you to join our national organization. Our Mission Statement reads as follows:

To promote the masonry industry through proper training of our work force, and to promote the ethical treatment of both our colleagues and our employees. To educate the design community of not only the beauty of masonry, but also its superiority and versatility over other building products. To carry our industry forward with professionalism and pride.

We currently have 15 contractor member firms and 6 associate (supplier) member firms, with membership more than doubling since 2005. We hold quarterly meetings, publish a quarterly newsletter, and conduct both worker training programs and certification classes for contractor owners. **We market our “Specify Certified masonry contractor firms” to architects, developers, and building owners, and we will provide you with brochures to hand out to your clients.**

A national residential masonry contractor’s organization would offer all of us many advantages and benefits for the nominal annual membership fee of \$250. Here are but a few:

1. Accreditations for existing training programs nationwide, including worker training and certification programs for masonry contractor owners. We have determined the criteria necessary to ascertain if existing programs would meet or exceed our certification standards. For those who do not currently have a training program or a certification program in place, you will benefit from our “teach the teacher” curriculum. Achieving Certification tells your clients that you have gone the extra mile to learn all you can about your industry. You become the standard bearer for excellence in masonry.
2. Set quality industry standards for all residential masonry workmanship. These are highly marketable to the end user.
3. Access to information and details which set specific goals and standards for building envelope and/or water infiltration systems. We currently have a CD-rom (designed specifically for the Pacific Northwest) which includes details for these important issues which will be included in your membership packet if requested.
4. The ability to determine and establish “quality standards” for residential work including brick, block, stone, veneers, structural brick, and fireplaces. **Together we can perpetuate masonry’s good name.**
5. One voice and representation at national meetings, such as the Masonry Codes and Standards (MACS), the Brick Institute of America (BIA), Western States Clay Products (WSCP), and American Standards of Testing and Manufacturing (ASTM) and the State Alliances.
6. Annual meetings at which we can gather, network, and vocalize issues which are important and relevant to all of us. We propose to hold our **first annual meeting** in Las Vegas next January, in association with the World of Masonry/World of Concrete tradeshow. Hotel and

travel expenses would be incurred by individual members. On our website, you will find a **World of Masonry link** which, when clicked, will enter the registration area for WOM. Registration is FREE into the expo through our website. Take advantage of this great offer to join our organization, meet us at Booth C3508, and get your registration fees as a complement of RMCA.

- a. Collectively, we are stronger than as individual firms when dealing with such diverse issues as bonding and insurance, workman's compensation, and safety programs. All of these issues and more will be addressed at our national meeting. Members will be encouraged to submit 'agenda items' before the meeting.
 - b. At the annual meeting, we will elect representatives to the national meetings. Our current Board of Directors will remain in office until mid-2007.
7. A one-year subscription to *Masonry Construction* magazine which will feature a 500-word article in each publication, again addressing specific residential masonry issues and projects. Members are encouraged to provide topics, subjects, photos, and/or articles for inclusion in this industry publication
 8. A national newsletter which would include articles and pictures of masonry-related information, issues, and projects from across the country.
 9. RMCA logo (shown below) indicating "Residential Masonry Contractor Member" for use on letterhead, business cards, invoices, faxes, plus window clings for trucks and stickers for hard hats. In addition, hats and logo t-shirts will be sent to each new member. Additionally, you can proudly achieve, wear and display the Certification logo once you have completed the Certification or Accreditation program. **All membership cards will be numbered and dated.**

We hope you will join our group soon; membership in this organization will validate your pride in the masonry profession. Attached is a membership application, which needs to be filled out, returned with a check for \$250 (annual fee), and mailed to:

RMCA
P O Box 901
Monroe WA 98272

On our membership application, we have the capability to take credit cards as well, in case that would be more convenient for you.

We know you will have questions, and we encourage you to visit our website:

www.residentialmasonrycontractors.com

or call our Executive Director, Barbara Headrick, at 206-742-4242.

We look forward to hearing back from you. Let's make "**One Voice**" a reality for all residential masonry contractors across the country. "We may not have it all together, but together we can have it all."

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RMCA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Cell/Mobile: _____ e-mail: _____

Were you referred to our association by a current RMCA member?
Y ___ N ___ If so, by whom? _____

Do you have a website that you would like us to link to from our home page? Y
___ N ___ URL: _____

Contractor (\$250) _____ Associate (\$2000) _____

Mail checks to:
RMCA,
PO Box 901, Monroe WA 98272
Or

Please charge our credit card (**fax to 360-794-4150**)

Card No. _____

Exp. Date: _____ Name on card: _____

We will be attending RMCA Annual Meeting at the World of Masonry Trade Expo, January 24, 2007 (go to www.residentialmasonrycontractors.com for free registration for the show)

Y _____ No _____ Number of attendees: _____