

# PETITION FOR THE DEGREES OF MASONRY

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge,  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Free and Accepted Masons, at \_\_\_\_\_ Washington or Alaska.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED BY  
 THE PETITIONER.

The undersigned ( Print name in full ) \_\_\_\_\_  

First Name
Middle Name
Last Name

unbiased, and uninfluenced by mercenary or improper motive, but prompted by a favorable opinion of your ancient and honorable institution and desire for knowledge, freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry, and respectfully prays that he may be admitted and become a member of your Lodge, promising a cheerful conformity to the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity.

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_  

Street
City
State
Zipcode

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen of which Country \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Are you Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_

If Married, Wife's First and maiden name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Name and addresses of three next-of-kin \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Discharge (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the state of Washington or Alaska? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at the present address? \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of , or pleaded guilty to a felony charge? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, state offense and particulars \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now, or have you been, a member of an organization engaged in subversive activities? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, state circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for petitioning this Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

References: ( Three men in your community who know you well, preferably Masons )


NameAddress

Do you believe in a Supreme Being? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you read the attached statement concerning the aims and purposes of Freemasonry? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you subscribe to the basic principles stated therein? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you understand that Freemasonry is a Fraternal Society and is not an insurance or burial organization and that, in the event of indigency, illness, accident or death, you or your family would not be entitled to any relief funds from Freemasonry, other than that which might be extended gratuitously? \_\_\_\_\_ Does your family understand this? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you expect any financial benefit from Freemasonry? \_\_\_\_\_ Will the expense of the required fees be a hardship to your family? \_\_\_\_\_

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
 Concerning Freemasonry  
 This Statement must be read  
 before Signing Petition**

Having expressed a desire to become a Freemason, we presume you have thoroughly considered the step you propose to take. The exact nature of our Institution being unknown to you, we consider it advisable that you should be informed on certain points, the knowledge of which might affect your decision to apply for membership.

Freemasonry strives to teach a man the duties he owes to God, his neighbor and himself. It has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and requires a belief in the immortality of the Soul. It interferes neither with religion nor politics. Admission to the Institution must not be sought from mercenary or other unworthy motives, nor from hope of personal gain or advancement. Anyone so actuated will be disappointed, and in all friendship we warn you.

Freemasonry is not a benefit society. We do not subscribe so much a year to entitle us to draw financial relief; or to make provision for those we leave behind, or to admit us to the Masonic Retirement Center. It's charity is intended for those who, through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

Freemasonry has in all ages insisted that men shall come to it's door entirely of their own free-will; not as a result of solicitation, not from feelings of curiosity, but from a favorable opinion of the Institution and a desire to be ranked among it's members.

We think it is advisable to inform you that should you be admitted, it will entail certain financial obligations, which you should be able to afford without detriment to yourself or those dependent on you. In addition to the fees payable with your petition, there will be an annual subscription for the support of your Lodge, as provided by the By-Laws of that Lodge.

We trust you will consider these statements in the same spirit of honesty and friendship in which they have been presented. It is of the utmost importance to you as well as to Freemasonry that the motives and ideals governing your daily life be in substantial accord therewith.

*After reading the foregoing statement and answering all questions in the petition and signing it, detach this statement at the perforated line and retain in your possession.*

What motive prompted your making this petition? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for the degrees of Masonry previously? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, state when and to what Lodge?

Are you a former member of DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give particulars including offices held \_\_\_\_\_

UPON MY HONOR I DECLARE THE FORGOING STATEMENTS TO BE TRUE

Dated at: \_\_\_\_\_

This \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign name in full

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

We, Master Masons and members of the Lodge named herein, do solemnly declare that each of us know the applicant and from our personal knowledge of him, each of us has reason to believe that, if elected to membership, he will be a credit to our institution.

( 1 ) \_\_\_\_\_

( 2 ) \_\_\_\_\_

( 3 ) \_\_\_\_\_

( Signatures )

**MEMORANDUM**

**INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Date Committee Appointed \_\_\_\_\_

Date Committee Reported \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRETARY'S ACTION**

Date Petitioner Informed of Ballot \_\_\_\_\_

Date Member's Ledger Created \_\_\_\_\_

Date Apron Presented \_\_\_\_\_

Date Monitor Presented \_\_\_\_\_

If petition was rejected

Date of Refund of Fees \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number of Refund \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Refund \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
**PETITION**  
**FOR DEGREES OF MASONRY**

From \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street location

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Fee ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund Contribution ..... \$ 20.00

Charity Fund Contribution ..... \$ 20.00

Washington Memorial Contribution ... \$ 5.00

Scholarship Endowment Contribution... \$5.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Brothers for Investigation

DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee

Received \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Reported \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Balloted \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Initiated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Raised \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Signed By Laws \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

3rd Degree Prof. \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

