

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 _____
Name Address

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)

Name Address

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 it's 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
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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____

