



The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana
PETITION FOR DEGREES IN MASONRY
 (Lodge Secretaries Order From Service Committee)



To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of _____ Lodge No. _____

Having read the statement on the reverse of this petition, I respectfully represent that unbiased by the solicitation of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry. I am prompted to solicit this privilege by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to be serviceable to my fellow creatures, to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry. I promise, if I am elected, that I will yield obedience to the ancient customs and laws of the fraternity. I pledge on my honor that no unworthy motive, selfish consideration, persuasion or influence has induced me to make this application.

1. Do you believe in God? _____ 2. Are you a citizen of the United States? _____
3. What is your full name? (Please Print) _____
4. What is the date of your birth? _____ Birthplace? _____
5. Are you Married? ____ If so Wife's Name: _____ Single? ____ Widower? ____ Divorced? ____
6. What is your residence address? _____ Zip Code _____ Phone No.: () _____ Cell No. () _____
 Email address: _____
7. Where have you resided during the past five years? (Give dates and locations)

8. What is your occupation? _____ Name of Employer? _____
9. What is your business address? _____ Phone No.: () _____
10. By whom and where have you been employed during the past five years?

11. Do you speak, read and write the English Language? _____
12. Do you have any infirmities, disabilities or physical defects? ____ If "yes" explain _____

13. Have you ever been given a citation, arrested and/or been a defendant in a criminal case? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, make full disclosure as to the place, date, nature of the offense and the disposition of the case. _____

14. Have you ever applied to any Lodge of Masons? _____ If "Yes" state name, number, location of Lodge and date:

15. Have you ever been rejected by any Lodge of Masons? _____ If "Yes" state name, number, location of Lodge and date: _____

16. Give names, addresses and phone numbers of three references who personally know you _____

17. Military Service (if applicable): ____ Active ____ Reserve ____ Retired; ID #or DD214 (Discharge Honorable or Other): _____
18. Will this present a hardship to you or your family? ____ Yes ____ No

I declare on my honor that the above answers are true and I hereby authorize the Lodge to conduct a full investigation of my moral and financial standing.

Signature _____ Mailing Address _____

We declare on our honor as Master Masons that we know, or we have received Masonic information, relative to the above named petitioner, and we recommend him as qualified for membership in the Lodge.

Bro. _____ Bro. _____

Referred _____ Elected _____ Rejected _____

Record	Elected	Degree Conferred	Examination
E.A. _____	_____	_____	_____
F.C. _____	_____	_____	_____
M.M. _____	_____	_____	_____

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INFORMATION FOR PETITIONER

The Lodge Member providing the petition form shall review these instructions with the petitioner who shall read carefully before completing the petition:

1. The fee for the first or Entered Apprentice Degree is \$ _____ (ALL INCLUSIVE) with a \$5.00 donation going to the Masonic Charities and a \$5.00 donation going to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia. The fee for the Second or Fellowcraft Degree is \$ _____ and the fee for the Third or Master Mason Degree is \$ _____ (ALL INCLUSIVE) with \$5.00 going to the Grand Lodge Special Purposes Fund.
NON-REFUNDABLE FEE for Background Check Approval: \$ _____.
2. The annual dues of the Lodge are \$ _____ payable each year in advance (**which includes Grand Lodge per capita**).
3. Petitioning for the Degrees of Masonry is a matter requiring very serious consideration. Since you have expressed a desire to do so, it is advisable that certain information be given to you which may affect your decision to apply.
4. In all ages Freemasonry has insisted that each man must come to its door unsolicited, entirely of his own free will and accord and without any hope of material gain or selfish personal aggrandizement.
5. Freemasonry has for its foundation the vital basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Therefore, no atheist can be a Mason.
6. Patriotism and undivided loyalty to one's country are essential qualifications of a Freemason. Freemasonry abhors Communism and a Communist is ineligible to apply. Should any Mason become a member of the Communist Party, he will be expelled.
7. Freemasonry is not in any way an insurance society nor does it pay benefits in case of sickness or death. You should so advise your family.
8. A universal custom requires that through oral instruction, certain of the Degree work must be memorized after each Degree and before being advanced to the next Degree.
9. Each petitioner must be recommended for admission to the Lodge by two members in good standing, of the lodge to which he is applying.
10. An investigation committee composed of three members of the Lodge is appointed to determine the moral qualifications and eligibility of each petitioner, and to report to the Lodge. You will be contacted by the Committee members in the near future.
11. This petition is made with full awareness that any information about petitioner from any legal source may be obtained.

PROGRESSION NOTES: (To be filled out by Lodge Secretary)

Sundry Forms

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY OF THE LODGE

I hereby certify that notice of the reception of this petition was given on _____ to all Lodges within a radius of 25 miles of the residence of the applicant, and that a Criminal Background check was obtained from _____ on the _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Secretary

***Report of the Investigating Committee**

We the undersigned members of the Investigation Committee declare on our honor as Master Masons, that we have made strict inquiry into the truth of all matters contained in this petition, have investigated the moral character and qualifications of the petitioner, have jointly considered his eligibility and beg to report to the Lodge as follows:

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

_____ FAVORABLE	_____ UNFAVORABLE
Signature	Name
_____	_____
_____	_____