

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 Zip

Phone _____ Email _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Citizen of what country _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____
Name Address

Length of Employment _____ Are you Single? Married? Divorced? Widowed?

If married, wife's married 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? _____ If yes, state offense and particulars _____

Are you now, or have 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, preferable Masons)

<small>Name</small>	<small>Address</small>

Do you believe in the Supreme Being? _____ Have you read the attached statement concerning the aims and purposes of Freemasonry? _____ Do you subscribe to the basic principles started 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? _____ Do you expect any financial benefit from Freemasonry? _____ Will the expenses of the required fees be a hardship to your family? _____

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT Concerning Freemasonry

This statement is to be read by the petitioner before he signs this petition.

You have expressed a desire to become a Freemason. We want you to know the exact nature of our institution because such knowledge might influence your decision to apply for membership.

Freemasonry strives to remind each man of the duties he owes to his God, his neighbor, his family and himself. It has as its foundation the basic principles, the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of all mankind, and immortality of the soul. Yet Freemasonry does not presume to tell anyone what he ought to believe in matters pertaining to religion and while it anticipates that each person will participate in civic activities it is not involved with politics.

Admission to membership in Freemasonry must be free from any mercenary motives. While members are encouraged to support charitable works to the best of their ability, Masonry is not a mutual benefit society and membership does not guarantee assistance to any Mason.

Masonry has always insisted that those who apply for membership do so of their own free will. It does not countenance membership drives and those who do apply out of simple curiosity are generally disappointed. It expects applicants to have a favorable impression of Masonry and be willing to accept the high standards of morality which prevail among Masons.

If you are accepted for membership, you will be expected to meet the financial obligations to your Lodge which are set forth in the by-laws. These include fees for the degrees, annual dues to your Lodge, and any assessments. We trust that you are aware of these costs and that they are not an un-due burden to you and your family.

After reading this statement and after completing the petition, please detach this statement at the perforation and retain it for future reference.