



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



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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.: (____) _____

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. a. What is your Social Security No.? _____ b. What is your Drivers License No.? _____

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. _____	_____	_____	_____

The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana
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 \$ _____ plus \$5.00 as a donation to the Masonic Charities which must accompany this petition and \$5.00 for donation 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 \$ _____ plus \$5.00 Grand Lodge Special Purposes Fund.

2. The annual dues of the Lodge are \$ _____ payable each year in advance; or a member may become a Perpetual Member and as such shall owe no further dues to the Lodge of which he is a member, and shall be issued a dues card denoting that his dues have been paid in perpetuity, by making the payments specified in the Perpetual Membership Law.
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.

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

APPLICANT BACKGROUND WAIVER

Name:

First Middle Last

Current Address:

Street Apt./Suite

City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Month Day Year

Social Security No.: _____ - _____ - _____ **

I hereby authorize the Masonic Lodge (Lodge) to which I have submitted a Petition for the Three Degrees of Freemasonry, for Dual Membership or for Affiliation, to contact any company or individual they deem appropriate to investigate my background, criminal and civil court history, character and qualifications. I further consent to their review of any and all information obtained as a result of this investigation. I understand that any matter deemed inappropriate by the Lodge as having possible adverse effects on the Lodge, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Louisiana (Grand Lodge) or Freemasonry as a whole is justification for rejection of my Petition. I hereby waive my right to bring any cause of action against the Lodge, Grand Lodge, their Officers or Members for defamation, invasion of privacy or for any other reason arising from their investigation and rejection of my Petition.

I agree that if my Petition is accepted, I will abide by all of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Lodge and Grand Lodge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ 20 _____

I acknowledge receipt of the original criminal background investigation obtained by the Lodge this _____ day of _____, _____ and acknowledge that my social security number has been redacted.

Signature: _____

* The current cost of this report is \$15.00; payment must be made a part of the petition and is not refundable. The report will be delivered to the petitioner at the conclusion of the investigation. Petitioner will sign for the report on the original petition, located on the back below the References.

** Note to Secretary: Upon execution of the receipt portion of this form by the Petitioner, you are to redact (delete the first five numbers) of the Petitioner's Social Security Number.