

## OFFICIAL OKLAHOMA Petition for Degrees

Dear Friend:

There are a few important things you should know and consider before petitioning to join the Masonic Fraternity.

☐ Freemasonry is a Fraternity, which teaches ethics and morality. Although it is not in any sense a religion nor a substitute for religion, we do require that men who join believe in God, in the immortality of the soul, and in the brotherhood of man. No atheist can become a Mason.

☐ Although we require that a member believe in God, we never try to tell a man how he should conceive of God, what faith he should practice, or what worship he should follow. Those are questions of individual conscience, and the member must find those answers within his own faith and House of Worship.

☐ Freemasonry distinguishes between patriotism and partisanship. While patriotism is encouraged as an essential virtue both within and without the Lodge, no partisan or political discussion is allowed within the Lodge.

☐ The essential purpose of Freemasonry is the further development of the individual Mason as an honest, ethical, moral, sincere, caring and charitable man, learning more about his own potential as a human being and developing his intellectual and spiritual character. A man should never enter the Fraternity in the hope of making business connections or for any other sort of professional or monetary gain. If he does, he will be disappointed, for they will not be found there. What he will find is a group of like-minded men, who are willing to treat him as a Brother and share in a deep and rewarding fellowship with him. He will find true friends and life-long companions.

☐ We expect men who petition for the Degrees (Membership) to be good men, but not to be perfect. We know that all men have limitations and weaknesses. Our questions are: does he care about others; does he feel a responsibility to improve himself and to make the lives of others better as best he can; is he willing to be open and honest with us and with himself?

We're glad that you are interested in the Masonic Fraternity, and we're willing to share it with you. Inside this Petition you will find several questions. They are not asked out of idle curiosity. When we accept a man as a Brother, we make a sincere promise to him that we will trust him completely and will treat his needs and his interests just as if they were our own. This petition, and the visit some Lodge Brothers will make with you will begin a process of sharing information which is vital if both you and we are to be comfortable in the relationship.

### THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A FREEMASON

You have already taken the first step in becoming a Freemason by asking for a Petition for the Degrees. Filling out this petition and giving it to a Mason to be taken to the Lodge is the second step.

When the Lodge receives the Petition, the Worshipful Master will appoint a committee to visit with you and your family. They will report to the Lodge, and the Lodge will vote on the Petition. If the vote is affirmative, the Lodge will contact you to set a date for the first Degree--the Entered Apprentice. A Degree is a ritual in the form of a play. The Degrees are serious and beautiful. They contain nothing whatever of "horse play". After you receive the first degree, you will be assigned to a teacher, who can help you become proficient in the material in that Degree. When that is finished, you take the second Degree (Fellow Craft) and then the third (Master Mason). At that point, you are a full member of the Fraternity.



# PETITION FOR DEGREES

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER (President), WARDENS (Vice-Presidents), AND BRETHREN OF  
\_\_\_\_\_  
LODGE No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma

Because of what I know of the Masonic Fraternity and its purposes, explained on the front of the Petition; because I believe that each Man has a responsibility for this own self-development; and because I want to join with other men who believe in the same things and who are willing to help and support each other, I am hereby Petitioning to be received into the Membership and Brotherhood of the Lodge. If I am elected to Membership, I promise to follow the rules of the Fraternity. On my honor, the following information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

1. FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT Last First Middle
2. My Social Security Number is \_\_\_\_\_
3. I was born at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Year
4. I live at \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_
5. Mail should be sent to me at \_\_\_\_\_
6. I have lived at my current address for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
7. If the answer to #6 is less than 3 years, please give last two addresses (or whatever is necessary to cover at least 3 years)  
City State Address  
From \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_
8. Have you ever petitioned any Lodge for the Degree of Masonry? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you have Petitioned another Lodge, please give the name, number (if known) and location of the Lodge and state whether you were accepted or rejected \_\_\_\_\_
9. My present occupation is \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_
10. The name and address of my present employer is \_\_\_\_\_
11. If you have worked for your present employer for less than 3 years, please list the employers below which would cover the last 3 year period.  
Employer Address  
From \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_
12. Please give the names and locations of all Fraternal Societies, DeMolay Chapters, and other organizations to which you belong or have belonged.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Are you married or single? \_\_\_\_\_ If married, please give the name and (if different than your own) the address of your wife. \_\_\_\_\_



14. List the names and ages of your children:

\_\_\_\_\_

15. If not born in the United States, are you a naturalized citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

16. Other than for minor traffic offenses, have you ever been arrested? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please give particulars \_\_\_\_\_

Has the problem been resolved? \_\_\_\_\_

— QUALIFYING QUESTIONS —

THE ANSWERS TO THESE ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT

17. Are you a male of lawful age (at least 19)? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Do you firmly believe in the existence of the one true and Living God and in the Immortality of the Soul? \_\_\_\_\_ Please note: If you are elected to Membership, the Lodge will provide a Holy Bible containing the Old and New Testaments which will be open on the altar as you take the Degrees. If your Faith honors a different Sacred Book, please bring a copy of the Book with you when you come to take the Degrees.
19. Do you support any movement or organization whose purpose is to overthrow or change the government or laws of the United States by violent or illegal means, rather than by use of the means of change written into the constitution and laws of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Do you support and will you defend the Constitution and Government of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Are you directly or indirectly engaged in the illegal manufacture or sale of amphetamines, barbiturates or other stimulant, depressant or hallucinatory drugs? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Are you directly or indirectly engaged in the illegal manufacture, transportation or sale of intoxicating liquor? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Do you know of any physical, legal or moral reason which should prevent your becoming a Freemason? \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 of the amount submitted with your petition becomes a contribution in your name to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma. If you are not elected to receive the Degrees, the money will be returned to you. Below is shown the Fee schedule for the Lodge you are Petitioning.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed)

First

Middle

Surname

For the Degrees \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Masonic Charity Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 15.00

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ with Petition

Payable \$ \_\_\_\_\_ when Initiated

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ when Passed

**REFERENCES, Preferably Masons**  
**PRINT OR TYPE LEGIBLY**  
**Names and addresses to be given by the petitioner**

Name _____	Address _____	Telephone No. _____
Name _____	Address _____	Telephone No. _____
Name _____	Address _____	Telephone No. _____
Name _____	Address _____	Telephone No. _____
Name _____	Address _____	Telephone No. _____

**Recommended by (2) two members of this Lodge:**

We hereby certify that we are acquainted with Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
and do hereby recommend him as a worthy candidate for the Degrees of Freemasonry.

I have known Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member

I have known Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member

**Ballot Due**

**For the Use of the Secretary**

**Petition of**

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Degrees of Masonry**

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Oklahoma

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Referred to a Committee consisting of:

Committee reported \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Elected \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Rejected \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

**Degrees Conferred**

E. A. \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Examined \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

F. C. \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Examined \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

M. M. \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Examined \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_