

Section 10.090 Petition for Degrees of Masonry

PETITION FOR DEGREES OF MASONRY

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of _____
Lodge No. _____, F. & A. M of the State of Nevada.:

The undersigned, being a firm believer in the existence of a Supreme Being, respectfully represents that, unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry; that he is 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 his fellow creatures; and that he promises, if found worthy, to conform to all the ancient usages and regulations of the Fraternity.

1. What is your full name? _____ Age _____
2. When were you born? _____
3. Where were you born? _____
4. Where do you reside? _____
Street City State Zip
5. Contact Information: Telephone Numbers: Home (____) ____-____, Work (____) ____-____, Cell (____) ____-____; E-Mail Address _____.
6. State explicitly your business occupation for the past ten years and where conducted: _____

_____.
7. Have you resided in the State of Nevada for the 12 months last past, and in the jurisdiction of _____ Lodge No. ____ for more than 6 months? _____.
8. Where have you resided the 10 years last past? If in more than one place, state the particular years in each place: _____

_____.
9. Have you ever presented a petition to any Masonic Lodge? _____.
If so, when and to what Lodge (s)? _____

_____.
10. Are you in sound bodily health? _____.
11. Do you know of any physical, legal or moral reasons which would prevent you from becoming a Freemason? _____
_____.
12. State any physical deformity or defect: _____
_____.

I submit the following names as character references (need not be members of the Fraternity):

1. _____ Residence Address _____
2. _____ ResidenceAddress _____

I promise that I will not petition for or receive any degree or be initiated in any body, order or organization, the prerequisite of membership wherein is that a person be a Master Mason, unless I have a certificate of evidence of having proved my proficiency in the Lecture of the Third Degree per Section 4.540 of the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Nevada.

I declare upon my honor that I have read the foregoing petition and declaration to the petitioner; that the statements therein are true.

Signature: _____
(Sign, giving name in full)

Date: _____, 20_____

Recommendations:

1. I am a member of the above named Lodge. I have personally known the petitioner approximately _____ years. From my knowledge of him, I have strong reasons to believe that if elected he will reflect honor on our ancient institution.

Signed _____ Printed Full Name _____

2. I am a member of the above named Lodge. I have personally known the petitioner approximately _____ years. From my knowledge of him, I have strong reasons to believe that if elected he will reflect honor on our ancient institution.

Signed _____ Printed Full Name _____

DECLARATION TO PETITIONER

Having expressed a desire to become a Freemason, we presume you are willing to consider thoroughly the steps you propose to take. The exact nature of our Institution being unknown to you, we deem it advisable that you should be informed on certain points, the knowledge of which may affect your decision to apply for membership.

Freemasonry interferes neither with religion nor politics, but has for its foundation, the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. No atheist can be a Freemason. Freemasonry strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, his neighbor and himself. It inculcates the practice of virtue, and makes extensive use of symbolism in its teachings.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that Freemasonry is not to be entered in hope of personal gain or advancement only. Admission thereto must not be sought from mercenary or other unworthy motives. Any one so actuated will be utterly disappointed. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a brotherly feeling among men to help whomsoever he can.

Freemasonry is not a benefit society. This fact cannot be too strongly emphasized. We do not subscribe so much a year to entitle us to draw sick pay or other benefits, or to make provisions for those who survive us. There are excellent societies founded for this purpose. No man should enter the ranks of Freemasonry in hopes or expectation that he will derive any financial benefit from it. Masonic charity is directed toward those who, from unforeseen circumstances and through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

Loyalty to one's country is an essential qualification in Freemasonry and only those are acceptable who cheerfully render obedience to every lawful authority. Disloyalty in any form is abhorrent to a Freemason, and is regarded as a serious Masonic offense.

Freemasonry has in all ages insisted that men should come to its doors entirely of their own free will and not as the result of solicitation, or from feelings of curiosity, but simply from a favorable opinion of the institution, and a desire to be ranked among its members. **2008**

We think it advisable to inform you that your admission to our Craft will entail certain financial obligations which you should be able to discharge without detriment to yourself or those dependent upon you. In addition to the fees payable on your entrance, there will be an annual subscription for the support of your Lodge, and from time to time you may be called upon to contribute for the relief work connected with the Craft.

We have no authority at the present time to give you further information regarding the brotherhood you propose to join, but we have imparted sufficient information to enable you to conclude that Freemasonry is not contrary to the principles which mark a man of upright heart and mind, and has in it nothing inconsistent with one's civil, moral or religious duties.

I have read the foregoing.

Petitioner Sign

Petitioner Printed Full Name

(Petitioner will sign, but NOT detach)

(Form 10.090)
(Amended 2008)