

# 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 for men only, 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 one who is not a man or who is an atheist can become or remain 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 truthfully, completely and candidly, 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, WARDENS AND BRETHEREN**  
**OF \_\_\_\_\_ LODGE No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma**

Because of my knowledge of the Masonic Fraternity and its purposes, as explained on the front of the Petition; because I believe that each man has a responsibility for personal development; and because I want to join with other men who believe in the same things and are willing to help and support each other, I am hereby Petitioning to be received into the Membership and Brotherhood of the Masonic Fraternity and this 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.

**NOTE: If, due to space limitations, you cannot truthfully, completely and candidly answer any question in this Petition, you are to supplement the Petition with additional sheets as necessary, noting each Question to which any additional information pertains.**

1. FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Last First Middle
2. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
3. Born in (City) \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_
4. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip
5. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip
6. Years at Present Address \_\_\_\_\_
7. If less than 3 years, give addresses for past 3 years  
Dates From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip
8. Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
9. E-mail (Personal) \_\_\_\_\_
10. E-mail (Business) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Name, Number & Location of any Lodge Previously Petitioned, noting whether you were accepted or rejected \_\_\_\_\_
12. Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip
14. If less than 3 years at present employer, list previous employers past 3 years:  
Dates From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

15. Give names and locations of all Fraternal Societies, DeMolay Chapters and other organizations to which you now or previously belong:

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16. List Hobbies or Special Interests \_\_\_\_\_

17. Highest level of Education \_\_\_\_\_

18. If Married, Wife's Name and Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

19. Names and Dates of Birth of Children \_\_\_\_\_

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20. If not born in the United States, give Date of Naturalization \_\_\_\_\_

21a. Have you, as an adult, been convicted of, pleaded guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) to, or received any sentence (including a deferred sentence, probation, or incarceration) for the commission of a felony or the equivalent thereof? \_\_\_\_\_

21b. If the answer to Question 21a. is anything other than an unqualified "No", explain fully the circumstances on one or more separate sheets.

22. Have any problems identified in Question 21a. or 21b. been fully resolved? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

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**QUALIFYING QUESTIONS**  
**THE ANSWERS TO THESE ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT**

23a. Are you a male at least 18 years of age? \_\_\_\_\_

23b. Do you understand and agree that Freemasonry is a Fraternity for men only, and that no one who petitions a Lodge for membership, or who has been initiated into Freemasonry, is permitted to have undergone any sex/gender reassignments procedures, including one or more medical, psychological, or other treatments or procedures, including testing, surgery, or therapy, and must not presently self-identify as female, nor have done so in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Do you firmly believe in the existence of the one true and living God, and in the immortality of the soul?

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Please note that if you are elected, the Lodge will provide you with 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.

25. Do you support any movement or organization whose purpose is to overthrow or change the government 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? \_\_\_\_\_

26. Do you support and will you defend the Constitution of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

27. Are you directly or indirectly engaged in the illegal manufacture or sale of amphetamines, barbiturates or other stimulant, depressant or hallucinatory drugs? \_\_\_\_\_

28. Are you directly or indirectly engaged in the illegal manufacture, transportation or sale of intoxicating liquor? \_\_\_\_\_

29. Do you know of any physical or moral reasons which should prevent your becoming a Mason? \_\_\_\_\_

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