

**OFFICIAL WYOMING**

# **Petition for Degrees**

## **To the Petitioner**

As you have expressed a desire to become a Freemason, you should consider thoroughly the step you propose to take. The exact nature of the Institution being unknown to you, we consider it advisable that you should be informed on certain points, which may affect your decision to apply for membership.

Freemasonry has, in all ages, insisted that men shall come to its doors of their own free will, not as the result of solicitations, not from feelings of curiosity, but from a favorable opinion of the Institution and a desire to be ranked among its members.

Freemasonry is a system of morality based on the belief of the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the brotherhood of man; therefore, no atheist can be a Mason. It strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, his country, his family, his neighbor, and himself. It interferes with neither religion nor politics.

Loyalty to one's country is an essential qualification in Freemasonry. Disloyalty in any form is abhorrent to the teachings of the Fraternity and is regarded as a serious Masonic offense. Freemasonry is not contrary to the beliefs of any man of upright heart and mind, and has in it nothing that is inconsistent with his civic, moral, or religious duties.

Freemasonry is not to be sought in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Anyone so motivated will be disappointed. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a brotherly feeling among men and to help whomsoever he can. Freemasonry does not provide sick or death benefits. It is not an insurance order. Masonic charity is intended for those who, from unforeseen circumstances, and through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

After reading the above, if you desire to petition for the Degrees of Freemasonry, you may fill out the following petition and submit it to the Lodge. (It is not necessary to read this to the Lodge when receiving the petition.)

## **TO THE LODGE:**

Effective September 1, 1991, no Lodge in Wyoming shall receive a petition for the Degrees of Freemasonry unless it is submitted in this form.

This petition must be retained as a permanent record of your Lodge.

# PETITION FOR DEGREES

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE No. \_\_\_\_\_, A.F. & A.M. of WYOMING

I respectfully represent that, unbiased by improper solicitation of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, that I freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry; that 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; I promise, if found worthy, to conform to all the Ancient usages, customs and regulations of the Fraternity.

1. Print or typewrite name in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do not use initial) (First) (Middle) (Last)

2. Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

3. Place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State Zip Phone

4. Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Box/Street City/Town State Zip

5. What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Who is your present employer? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you served in the military? \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

8. What hobbies do you enjoy? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What special skills do you possess? (Cooking, Musical, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Residence and Occupation last 10 years. (If different than #3 & #5)

Residence (Street, City & State)	From	To	Occupation/Employer
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11. Have you resided in the jurisdiction of this Lodge for six months? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you ever presented an application to any Masonic Lodge? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when and to what Lodge(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Have you ever been rejected by any Masonic Lodge? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when and by what Lodge(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Do you believe in the existence of one everlasting and true God? \_\_\_\_\_



15. Have you ever been arrested for a felony, pleaded guilty, or nolo contendere, or been convicted of a felony?

16. If your answer to question No. 15 is "yes," state fully all the facts, including date and place, the court or other public body which disposed of the same, and the sentence or other disposition made, and all other facts pertaining thereto which may shed light thereon. (Attach separate sheet if necessary.)

17. Give names and locations of all fraternal societies, DeMolay Chapters, and other organizations to which you belong or have belonged:

18. Are you married/single? If married, (Wife's name.)

Minor Children: Name/Age

19. Are you capable of supporting yourself and those dependent upon you? If not, please explain.

20. Do you know of any physical, legal, financial, or moral reason which would prevent you from becoming a Freemason?

21. Do you understand that if you do not complete your three degrees of Masonry within a time limit as defined in the Wyoming Masonic Code, your fees and contributions attached to this application are liable for forfeiture?

22. Have you read carefully all the questions contained in this application? Do you, upon your honor, declare your foregoing answers to the various statements to be true and complete?

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a condition and in consideration of my being considered for membership in the above named Lodge, I do hereby authorize the Worshipful Master, his Officers of said Lodge, or any other Lodge, or any person requested to do so by the above referred to Lodges or their investigating members to collect any and all data necessary to substantiate the answers supplied by me in this petition. When requested, I will provide any additional data necessary to complete the investigation. I further understand that this procedure may entail contacting persons either known or unknown to me. I hereby waive all rights and remedies which may be extended to me under present or future laws in connection with or relating to this procedure. I further agree to hold harmless and free from any liability any and all Lodges, members of Lodges, and persons referred to above from all legal proceedings, rights, and remedies which may otherwise be available to me under current or future laws.

I hereby certify that I have read and fully understand the foregoing statement. I further authorize \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ A. F. & A. M. to receive information requested by and through this original Petition or any machine copy thereof.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign all names in full)

**RECOMMENDED BY:** (Three Members Of This Lodge)

We hereby certify that we are acquainted with the applicant and from our knowledge of him we have strong reasons to believe that if elected he will reflect honor on our ancient Institution.

I have known the petitioner for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

(Sign All Names In Full)

Resident address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the petitioner for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

(Sign All Names In Full)

Resident address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the petitioner for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

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Sec. 512. Fees for degrees (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) must be paid in full before a petition may be received.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ submitted herewith.

**COMMITTEE**

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**PETITION OF**

**For The Degrees of Masonry**

Read and referred \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_

Report due \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_

Balloted on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_

Result \_\_\_\_\_

Initiated \_\_\_\_\_

Examined \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Examined \_\_\_\_\_

Raised \_\_\_\_\_

Examined \_\_\_\_\_

Upon completion of DEGREES please forward  
Form 100 to Grand Secretary.