

PETITION FOR THE DEGREES

Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of ARIZONA



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

Masonry has in all ages insisted that men shall come to its doors entirely of their own free will; not from feelings of curiosity, but from a favorable opinion of the Institution and a desire to be numbered among its members.

Freemasonry is a fraternity which teaches ethics and morality. Although it is not in any sense a religion or a substitute for religion, we do require that men who join believe in God 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. Masonry has for its foundation the great principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

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 are 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 Master (the presiding officer) 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 ceremony-- your Entered Apprentice Degree. You will be assigned a mentor, a Brother who can help you understand the degree. When that is finished, there will be two further ceremonies -- the Fellowcraft Degree and the Master Mason Degree. All our ceremonies are serious and beautiful. At that point, you are a full member of the Fraternity



PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MASONIC FRATERNITY

Member # _____

TO THE MASTER, WARDENS AND BRETHERN OF

Holy Writings _____

_____ Huachuca _____ LODGE No. 53 _____ F. & A. M.

Because of what I know 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 his 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 answers to Items 1 through 21 below are correct and complete.

1. PRINT Full Name _____
First Middle Last

2. Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

3. E-mail _____ Home Phone (____) _____
Mobile Phone (____) _____

4. I was born at _____ on ____/____/____
City State month day year

5. Mailing Address _____
(if different from Line 2 above)

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 as many as necessary to cover 3 years).
Address City State

From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

8. Have you ever petitioned any Masonic Lodge for membership (yes/no)? _____ If yes, give the date, the Lodge name, Lodge number (if known) and location of the Lodge. State whether you were accepted or rejected _____

9. Are you/were you a member of the Masonically-sponsored Order of DeMolay? _____

10. My present occupation is _____ Bus. Telephone (____) _____
If retired, give former occupation

11. Present employer's name and address _____

12. If present employer less than 3 years, list the employers below which would cover the last 3 years.
Employer Address

From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

13. Father's name in FULL _____
First Middle Last

14. Mother's MAIDEN name in FULL _____
First Middle Last

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15. Spouse's MAIDEN name in FULL (if married) _____
First Middle Last

16. Names and ages of children _____

17. Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being? _____

18. Do you support any movement or organization whose purpose is to overthrow or change the government or laws?
of the United States or the State of Arizona by violent or illegal means? _____

19. Have you ever been a defendant in a criminal case in court? _____ if yes, **give the year, location, circumstances
and result.** (use additional paper if necessary) _____

20. Three men to whom you refer; state if they are Masons or not (Must not be the same as Line 22 or 23)

Mason?	Name	Full Address	Phone
Y/N _____	_____	_____ (____)	_____
Y/N _____	_____	_____ (____)	_____
Y/N _____	_____	_____ (____)	_____

21. I have carefully read, understand and subscribe to the statement on the front cover of this petition.

Date _____ SIGN NAME IN FULL _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

*22. The undersigned has been personally acquainted with the above named petitioner for _____ years and
recommends him as a fit and proper candidate for Masonry (Minimum period of six months.)

_____ Member, Print Your Name Here _____ Member's Signature Here

_____ Member of _____ Lodge No. _____
Address

City _____ State. _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ Member No. _____ Date expires _____

*23. The undersigned has been personally acquainted with the above named petitioner for _____ years, and
recommends him as a fit and proper candidate for Masonry. (Minimum period of six months.)

_____ Member, Print Your Name Here _____ Member's Signature Here

_____ Member of _____ Lodge No. _____
Address

City _____ State. _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ Member No. _____ Date expires _____

* **One** must belong to the Lodge to which this petition is submitted. See §5-2.1 of the Constitution. If signer is NOT a
member of your Lodge, **copy of current dues card must be included.**

Lodge Secretary: Please see that questions 1-23 are all answered in full.

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* The fee of this Lodge for the degrees is \$ 225.00

Grand Lodge of Arizona fee \$ 50.00

George Washington National Memorial Fund \$ 25.00

Masonic Charities of Arizona \$ 5.00

Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children \$ 5.00

* To Accompany Petition Total \$ 310.00

* The Annual Dues of this Lodge are \$ _____

***NOTE TO LODGE SECRETARY:**

Items listed with * above and Items 1-23 must be completed in full before this Petition is uploaded to Grand View and approved by the Grand Secretary's office.

Petition of

* _____
Name

* _____
Date Received

* _____
Date Presented

* _____
Date Report due

Date Elected

Date Initiated

Date Passed

Date Raised

Date Rejected