

PETITION FOR DEGREES

To the Petitioner:

As the exact nature of the Institution of Freemasonry is unknown to you, it is deemed advisable that before signing this petition you should be informed on certain features of the institution.

Freemasonry has in all ages required that men should come to its doors entirely of their own free will, not as the result of solicitation by others.

Freemasonry is a system of morality based on the belief in the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the brotherhood of man; therefor, 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 offence. 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 a "secret society." Its members openly acknowledge their membership and are proud of it. Masonic temples are plainly marked and frequently open their doors to the public. No attempt is ever made to conceal the fraternity's purposes, beliefs, or activities, which are always open to public scrutiny. Although Freemasonry does have a few secrets, they are mainly the means of recognition and some parts of its ritual which have been kept secret as a tradition from ancient times when the guilds of stonemasons carefully protected the secrets of their trade to prevent unqualified persons from posing as stonemasons and obtaining stonemasons' wages.

Freemasonry is not to be sought in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Anyone so actuated 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.

After reading the above, if you desire to petition for the Degrees of Freemasonry, you may fill out the enclosed petition and submit it to the Lodge. Your petition will be referred to an investigating committee, which will report to the Lodge. After a favorable, unanimous ballot by the Lodge you will be notified as to the date and time of your first of three degrees. Following each degree you will be required to memorize a lesson and pass a satisfactory examination by the Worshipful Master before proceeding to the next degree.

PETITION

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren

— of —

Ancient York Lodge, No. 89, Free and Accepted Masons

I _____, a resident of _____, since _____
Print Name in Full: First Middle Last
physical street address City or town state of residence date

hereby voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for [cross out sections not applicable] (the mysteries of) (Reinstatement in) (Affiliation by Demit in) (Affiliation by Dual Membership in) Freemasonry. I declare upon my honor that I am not influenced by mercenary or unworthy motives, being prompted by a favorable opinion of the institution, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to my fellow creatures.

I promise, if accepted, a cheerful obedience to the By-Laws of your Lodge, to the requirements of the M.: W.:. Grand Lodge, and to the ancient usages of the Craft.

My phone number is _____. My email address is _____

My mailing address is _____

I was born on _____, A.D. 19____ in the Town of _____
County of _____, State of _____, Country of _____

My occupation is _____

Employed by _____

Previous address _____ From _____ To _____

Previous address _____ From _____ To _____

Previous address _____ From _____ To _____

I (have) (have not) applied to any other Lodge for the Degrees of Masonry. If answered "have": _____

Lodge	Location	Date	Accepted or Rejected

Sign Full Name: _____

Dated at _____, N.H., this the _____ day of _____, A.D. 201____

We, members of ANCIENT YORK LODGE, No. 89, F. & A. M., are personally acquainted with the above applicant, and from a confidence in his integrity, and the uprightness of his intentions, recommend and propose him as a proper candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry.

Sign

Sign

Print

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NOTE: The name of the applicant must be written in full, including middle name. The full fee must accompany the application. The applicant must have resided in the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least twelve months preceding the date of his application, or if from another state, he must have gained legal residence.

Secretary's Office, this _____ day of _____, A.:L.: 601_, A.:D.: 201_,
Received \$ _____ deposit fee.

_____, Secretary.

I, the undersigned, being a Master Mason (in good standing) (under suspension), hereby apply for (Affiliation) (Reinstatement) with your Lodge. I fraternally state that I was:

initiated as an Entered Apprentice on _____, _____;
passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on _____, _____;
and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on _____, _____;
in _____ Lodge No. _____, located at _____, since which
time I have been a member, successively of :

_____ Lodge No. _____, located at _____ From _____ To _____
_____ Lodge No. _____, located at _____ From _____ To _____
_____ Lodge No. _____, located at _____ From _____ To _____

(Use appropriate paragraph)

- * I am now a member of _____ Lodge No. _____, located at _____ and if my application is favorably acted upon by you, I further promise that I will enroll myself a member of your Lodge by furnishing a DEMIT and by signing its By-Laws within six months after receiving written notice of my acceptance.
- * I was last a member of _____ Lodge No. _____, located at _____ and attach my DEMIT therefrom, dated _____, to this petition; and, if my application is favorably acted upon by you, I further promise that I will enroll myself a member of your Lodge by signing its By-Laws within six months after receiving written notice of my acceptance.
- * I am now a member of _____ Lodge No. _____, located at _____ and desire to be received into DUAL MEMBERSHIP, retaining membership in the above Lodge. Said Lodge being under a Grand Jurisdiction which permits Dual Membership; and if my application is favorably acted upon by you, I further promise that I will enroll myself a member of your Lodge by signing its By-Laws within six months after receiving written notice of my acceptance. (New Hampshire permits Dual and Plural Membership)

(In following questions, if answered YES, please state Lodge, location, approximate date, and reason, if applicable)
 Have you heretofore made application for affiliation with any Masonic Lodge, which application remains unacted upon? _____
 Have you ever been rejected upon your application for admission or affiliation by any Lodge? _____
 Have you ever been expelled, suspended, or stricken from the roll of any Lodge? _____

Sign Full Name: _____

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS REGARDING PETITIONS

ARTICLE V

Petitions and Demits

Section 1. All petitions into the Masonic Order through this Lodge, shall be in writing, signed by the petitioner, recommended by at least two members in good standing of a Constituent Lodge of this jurisdiction, delivered to the Secretary with the requisite fee, and acted upon according to Grand Lodge regulations. Should the petitioner be rejected, the deposit fee shall be returned. Should the petitioner be elected and fail to come forward for initiation within six months, the fee shall be forfeited unless good cause be shown. [November 2, 2007]

Section 2. All petitions for membership in this Lodge by affiliation or for dual membership shall be in writing, signed by the petitioner, recommended by at least two members in good standing of a Constituent Lodge of this jurisdiction, delivered to the Secretary with the requisite fee, and be disposed of in the same manner as petitions for admission. [November 2, 2007]