

PETITION FOR THE DEGREES of FREEMASONRY

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

Reed Lodge No. 316 F. & A.M.
Evansville, Indiana

Please print or type. Use reverse side, if needed, to fully answer questions.

- 1. (a) Name in full (b) Preferred Name (not a nickname) (c) Have you ever changed your name or used an alias?

2. Residence Address City State Zip + 4

3. (a) E-mail (b) Telephone No. (Home) (Work) (Cell)

4. Have you ever petitioned this or any other Masonic Lodge? If so, state name of Lodge, location, date and result of every petition:

5. (a) Where born? (b) Date of Birth

6. (a) Fathers Full Name (b) Mother's Full Name

7. What is your occupation? If retired, what was your job previous to retirement?

8. List names and addresses of your employers, beginning with your current employment, for the past ten years.

Table with 5 columns: Name of Employer, Address, City, State, Zip, Your Occupation, Length of Employment

9. Where have you resided for the past ten years? Address Year From Year To

Table with 3 columns: Address, Year From, Year To

10. (a) Single, Married, Widower, or Divorced? (b) Spouse's Full Name (c) Date Married

11. Is or was your Father a Mason? If so, give full name, address, Lodge and Lodge location?

12. Have you ever served in the Armed Forces? Branch of Service

13. Describe your physical defects and deformities, if any:

14. Have you ever been charged in a court of law with a felony or crime of moral turpitude? Explain circumstances on separate paper.

15. Will you submit yourself to a background screening investigation?

16. (a) Have you answered all the questions above? (b) Upon your honor, are the statements and answers true?

Having resided during the past six months within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Indiana, I hereby state that I am an adult male, believe in the Supreme Being and the immortality of the soul. I am unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives. I hereby freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the degrees of Masonry, being prompted to solicit this privilege by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish of being of service to my fellow creatures. Should this petition be granted, I will cheerfully conform to all the established usages and customs of the Fraternity and abide by its laws, rules and regulations. I have read and acknowledge the information for the applicant noted at the top of the reverse side of this petition. Also, I certify all information contained on this application to be accurate as of the date of my signature and acknowledge that any inaccuracies may void this application.

Date The fee of \$ accompanies this petition.

(Sign full, legal name, IN OWN HANDWRITING)

I usually sign my name thus.

SEE REVERSE SIDE

As the exact nature of the Institution of Freemasonry is unknown to you, it is deemed advisable that before signing the attached petition you should be informed on certain phases of that Institution, which may affect your decision to apply for membership therein.

Freemasonry has in all ages required that men should come to its door entirely of their own free will; not as the result of importunity nor from feelings of curiosity; but from a favorable opinion of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to their fellow creatures.

Masonry is a system of morality based on the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, the immortality of the soul, and the brotherhood of men; therefore, no atheist can be made a Mason. It strives to teach a man the duty he owes to his God, to his country, to his family, to his neighbor, and to himself. It inculcates the practice of every virtue and makes an extensive use of symbolism in its teachings. It interferes with neither religion nor politics, but strives only after light and truth, endeavoring always to bring out the highest and noblest qualities of men.

The Masonic Fraternity is in no sense an insurance society; neither does it pay benefits in case of sickness or death. In a correct and broad sense, it is both educational and charitable. It extends such assistance only as it is willing and able to grant. It knowingly admits none to membership except those who are able to provide for themselves and those dependent upon them.

**FOR LODGE USE ONLY**

PETITION FOR DEGREES for \_\_\_\_\_  
Name in full

Dates of Lodge actions: Received at stated meeting of Lodge held on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Rejected \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Elected \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Initiated \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Passed \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Raised \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Fees: E.A. \_\_\_\_\_ F.C. \_\_\_\_\_ M.M. \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE—This petition must be filed and preserved in the archives of the Lodge for reference.

(Show Question Number)

**Additional Space for Information**

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**RECOMMENDERS (VOUCHERS) FROM PETITIONED LODGE, PLEASE FILL IN BELOW**

We hereby certify that the petitioner has resided for the six months last past or has Masonic residence in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, that we are acquainted with the petitioner, that we have read the answers to the questions contained in the petition and believe them to be true and that each of us believes the petitioner to be morally and physically qualified, of good character, and under the tongue of good report. We cheerfully recommend him as a proper candidate for the degrees of Masonry.

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Present address NUMBER STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Telephone No. (Home) - - (Work) - - E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Having known the petitioner for a period of \_\_\_\_ Day(s) \_\_\_\_ Month(s) \_\_\_\_ Year(s)

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***The Worshipful Master may require additional investigation and background check if the Petitioner has been known by the Recommenders for less than one year.***

**Additional Recommenders (Vouchers) From Other Recognized Lodges** (Additional comments on separate sheet) (Not a substitute for Petitioned Lodge Recommenders)

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ LODGE NAME, NO. and LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

Having known the petitioner for a period of \_\_\_\_ Day(s) \_\_\_\_ Month(s) \_\_\_\_ Year(s)

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