



# Petition for Degrees

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To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

## FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF OHIO

The petition of the subscriber respectfully showeth:— that he has long entertained a favorable opinion of your Ancient Institution; that he is desirous of being admitted a member thereof, if found worthy; and that he believes in the existence and perfection of God.

He was born at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Month Date Year

His present residence is \_\_\_\_\_  
No. STREET CITY STATE ZIP

where he has lived since the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

His occupation is \_\_\_\_\_ and his place of employment is \_\_\_\_\_.

Telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever before petitioned a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons anywhere?  Yes  No

If yes, state what lodge, where situated, and when petitioned: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

RECOMMENDED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE IN FULL  
 Print Name IN FULL

| QUESTIONS<br><i>To be answered by candidate on night of initiation</i>   | FEES  | RECORD        |
|--|---|---------------|
| 1. Do you declare upon your honor that you have never before made application to any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons?<br><br><i>Answer</i> _____   | Fee EA \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Paid         | Entered _____ |
| 2. Do you believe in the existence and perfection of God?<br><br><i>Answer</i> _____   | Fee FC \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Paid         | East _____    |
| 3. Do you declare upon your honor that, unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself as a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry?<br><br><i>Answer</i> _____   | Fee MM \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Paid         | Lecture _____ |
| 4. Do you declare upon your honor that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Freemasonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to your fellow creatures?<br><br><i>Answer</i> _____ | COMMITTEE   | Exam _____    |
| 5. Do you declare upon your honor that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Fraternity? (Landmarks and Ancient Customs on page 2)<br><br><i>Answer</i> _____   | BRO. _____  | By _____      |
|  | BRO. _____  | Passed _____  |
|  | BRO. _____  | East _____    |
|  | REPORT  | Lecture _____ |
|  | * Favorable _____<br><small>SIGNATURE</small>         | Exam _____    |
|  | * Favorable _____<br><small>SIGNATURE</small>         | By _____      |
|  | * Favorable _____<br><small>SIGNATURE</small>         | Raised _____  |
|  | <i>*If unfavorable, write "Un" before "Favorable"</i> | East _____    |
|  | READING AND BALLOT                                    | KS _____      |
|  | Date Read _____                                       | Lecture _____ |
|  | Date Rejected _____                                   | Exam _____    |
|  | Date Elected _____                                    | By _____      |
| CANDIDATE SIGNATURE _____  |   |               |
| Attest: _____  |   |               |
| _____  |   |               |
| <small>STEWARDS</small>  |   |               |

PETITIONER:

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## *To all subordinate lodges of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio*

**Landmarks** are universal customs and regulations – both written or unwritten – originally established at a time so remote that no account of their origins is to be found, yet they have generally grown into permanent rules or understandings and are considered essential to the preservation and integrity of the Order. A grand lodge that violates the Landmarks of the Order would cease to be a true expression of regular Freemasonry.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio Constitution says only that the landmarks must “be held inviolate.” Although not identified as such, a general expression of what Ohio considers landmarks appears in the Ancient Charges and its By-Laws defining the requirements for recognition of foreign grand lodges.

These include:

- That the Grand Lodge is properly formed and formally recognized;
- That it is independent, self-governing, and exercises entire, undisputed, dogmatic and administrative authority over the symbolic lodges in its jurisdiction, and that it recognizes exclusive territorial jurisdiction of other grand lodges and claims the same for itself unless shared by mutual consent;
- That it requires conformity with the following Landmarks, customs and usages:
  - Acknowledgement of a belief in God;
  - That it makes Masons of men only;\*
  - Secrecy;\*\*
  - Symbolism of operative Masonry;
  - Three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the legend of the third degree;
  - Its purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and for the worship of God;
  - It excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all activities under its auspices;
  - The Sacred Book of Divine Law must be indispensably present in Lodges while at work.

\*This is determined by sex at birth. As a male-only fraternal society, a petitioner must be born a male and continue to live as a man.

\*\*As a private organization, our business meetings are private and we respect the privacy of our members.