

_____ LODGE NO. _____ A.F. & A. M.
_____, NORTH CAROLINA

PETITION FOR DEGREES

Dated _____ at _____, N.C.

Phones

Residence (____) _____

Business (____) _____

Facsimile (____) _____

E-mail address _____

Petition Status	Degrees
Read _____	EA _____
Elected _____	FC _____
Rejected _____	MM _____

TO THE MASTER, WARDENS, AND MEMBERS

I _____, being a free man and of
(Instruction 2) _____ Print your COMPLETE name First, middle, other middle, surname, suffix

Full age of _____ years, do acknowledge my belief in the existence of one ever-living and true God and do declare that, unbiased by improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, I

Freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the Mysteries of Masonry and am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution. I have a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to be of service to my fellow creatures. I am possessed of sufficient means to enable me to meet the charges of initiation and the support of membership in the Craft without detriment to my family or connections. I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the order and I am aware that Freemasonry offers no pecuniary benefits to its members and am satisfied that I have been fully informed on the financial obligations I shall incur as a member of the Lodge. I agree that all verbal or written communications made in connection with this petition, and as to my character and qualification for admission into Freemasonry, shall be privileged.

Please answer the following completely.

Birth Date _____ Place _____
city or postal area, county, state, country

Father's Full Name _____
First, middle, other middle, surname, suffix

Mother's Maiden Name _____
First, middle, other middle, surname

Wife's Maiden Name _____
First, middle, other middle, surname, suffix

Present Residence Address _____
number, street, RFD, Apt. city, state, zip-code

How long have you lived at this address? _____ years. If less than **TWO YEARS**, list previous addresses:

From _____ To _____ At _____
number, street, RFD, Apt. city, state, zip-code

_____ To _____ At _____
number, street, RFD, Apt. city, state, zip-code

Current Mailing Address _____
number, street, RFD, Apt. city, state, zip-code

Is this lodge, to which you make this petition, the nearest Masonic Lodge, measured in an air line, to your present residence?

_____; If answer is " No " what Masonic Lodge is the nearest? _____
"Yes" or "No" (Name) (No.) (Location) (State)

Have you ever petitioned for the degrees in Masonry before? Yes/No If Yes, please provide particulars:

Year	Lodge Name	Number	Located in	Action Taken

My Social Security No. is _____

Have you any physical disabilities or defects? Yes/No If yes please describe in detail

Have you ever pleaded to or been convicted of a felony? Yes/No If Yes, please provide date and place.

My present occupation is _____

My present employer is _____

At _____

My Supervisor _____ Telephone _____

I have been employed by this business for _____ years. If less than 5 years please provide employment history for the Period. Include service in the armed forces.

From	To	Employer	Address	Occupation/Title
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

My references are:

Full Name	Position/Title	Telephone	Residence	Business
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I have served in the Armed Services Yes/No Branch _____ From _____ To _____

Highest Rank/Grade Attained _____ Type Discharge _____ Veteran of _____

Have you been a member of the Order of DeMolay? Yes/No If Yes, where _____

I have carefully reviewed the statements made by me in this petition, and upon my honor, declare them to be true.

Fee enclosed \$ _____ _____ sign your name

We, the undersigned members of the lodge, personally acquainted with the petitioner, cheerfully recommend the Petitioner as a fit and proper candidate for the degrees of Masonry.

I have known the petitioner for _____ years _____ / _____
Sign Print

I have known the petitioner for _____ years _____ / _____
Sign Print

I do hereby certify that I have checked the foregoing petition against the records in this office and find the following:

Dated at Raleigh, N. C. _____ _____ Grand Secretary

Instructions

- Every item on the form must be answered. The printed part of this form shall not be changed, but the Grand Secretary shall arrange this form for printing.
- The petitioner must show his full name where required on the form, and he must himself sign his name in full. If he has no middle name, then put NMN. If he has an initial only, then put the letter and circle it, thus (B); example, "John (B) Smith," or "John NMN Smith". *Print or type FULL NAME where first required on the line at the top of this form.*
- The *correct* last names must be shown. Show the *first, middle, and last names before marriage*. If not married, show *single, widower, or divorced*.
- The residence of a petitioner is the place where he ACTUALLY RESIDES. Do not give a post office box number as residence. Give house number, street, city or town, and state. If the petitioner was born, or resides, in an area where houses and streets are not identified by names or numbers then he must answer by a clear statement such as, example, *R.F.D. No 1, on State Highway 18, about three miles north of Raleigh, NC.*
- Concerning occupation, do not use *clerk, salesman, manager, solicitor* or any other indefinite term, but state also the particular kind of business or employment such as *office clerk (insurance, fire or life, retail shoes, etc.); salesman (retail or wholesale, groceries, hardware, etc.); manager (local insurance agency, retail coal, etc.); or solicitor (newspaper advertising, subscriptions, etc.)*
- The references should be persons who know the petitioner well; they should be, but are not required to be, Master Masons. (NC Form 17)