



KANSAS FREEMASONS
ON THE LEVEL

Petition for the Mysteries of Freemasonry

Dear Friend,

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

Freemasonry is a Fraternity which teaches ethics and morality. We welcome men of every color, creed, religion, sect, and opinion, but each candidate for Freemasonry must be willing to profess his belief in a Supreme Being. No atheist can become a Mason.

Although we require that our new members publicly state their belief in Deity, we specify no religion, we offer no conception of the Almighty, and leave to each Mason what faith he should practice or what worship he should perform. Beyond this simple requirement at your entrance into the Fraternity, Masonry will not go, and discussion of religion in the Lodge is strictly forbidden.

Freemasonry distinguishes between patriotism and partisanship. While patriotism is encouraged as an essential virtue both in the Lodge and in society at large, Masonry takes no position on political issues, and the discussion of politics in the Lodge is also strictly forbidden.

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 mercenary 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. In the Lodge, he will find true friends and life-long companions.

We expect men who petition for the Mysteries of Freemasonry (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; does he wish to make the lives of others better as best he can; is he willing to be open and honest with us and with himself?

Inside this petition we ask detailed questions about you, and we require that you complete a background examination. These questions and the electronic verification are not asked of you 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 completed petition, the electronic verification information, and the visit some Lodge Brothers will make with you, commence the process of sharing information which is vital if both you and we are to be comfortable with one another.

We are glad you are interested in the Masonic Fraternity, and we look forward to the chance to know you as a Brother.

The Council of Administration
Grand Lodge of Kansas



TO THE MASTER, WARDENS & MEMBERS OF:

KANSAS: LODGE NO. OF

The Undersigned, unbiased by the solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other improper motives, believing in God, the Supreme Being, and having long entertained a favorable opinion of the Ancient and Honorable Society of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for the Mysteries of Freemasonry, and respectfully prays that he be admitted thereto, promising cheerfully to conform to all established usages and to yield a cheerful obedience to all requirements of the Institution.

PETITIONER'S INFORMATION

Full Name (Print or Type) First Middle Last

Place of Birth City State Country Date of Birth Month Day Year Age

Citizenship U.S.A. Other Language(s) Spoken: English Other

Home Address Mailing address City Zip Code

Preferred Phone Home Cell Alternat Phone Home Cell

Preferred Email: Home Work Alternat Email Home Work

Social Media: Facebook Twitter @ Screen name Account Name None Other Specify Service & Screen Name

Present Occupation or Trade Employer Name

Employer Address Mailing address City State Zip Code

Length of Present Employment: years or months. Employer Telephone

List Any Special Skills, Technical Expertise, Professional Licenses or Specialized Training You Use in Your Job:

List Your Hobbies:

How long have you lived in the State of Kansas? Lifetime -or- years -or- months. Previous State of Residence

Have you previously petitioned THIS or ANY OTHER Lodge of Masons? Yes No If Yes, list Lodge, location, date and all particulars:

REFERENCES

Each Petitioner is required to furnish the names of three persons (preferably Masons) as references OTHER THAN THE RECOMMENDERS.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Address, Telephone or Email

RECOMMENDERS

We Recommend, pursuant to the Laws of Masonry (Const., Art. X § 2; By-Laws § 4-102), the above petitioner as a candidate for the degrees of Freemasonry, based upon our belief that he is of good moral character, temperate, industrious and capable of earning an honest living for himself and dependents, and we hereby certify to his physical, mental and moral fitness.

Important: 2 Signatures Required

Signature lines with 'X' marks



Print Name lines

(RECOMMENDERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE LODGE TO WHICH THIS PETITION IS SUBMITTED.)

INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: All questions MUST be answered before petition can be processed.

Are you married? Yes No Wife's Name _____ Dependent children? Yes No *If Yes, list names and ages:*

Have you ever been **convicted** of a felony or a misdemeanor? Yes No Ever granted a diversion/deferred prosecution? Yes No *If answer is YES to either question, fill out the following:*

Year	Charge	Result
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor in _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Convicted <input type="checkbox"/> Diversion/Deferred Prosecution
	<small>List City or County, Court & State</small>	
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor in _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Convicted <input type="checkbox"/> Diversion/Deferred Prosecution
	<small>List City or County, Court & State</small>	

For additional information, use a separate sheet

Have You Ever Been Party to a Lawsuit in Civil Court? Yes No *If YES list nature of the case* _____

Military Service? Yes No *If yes:* Army Navy Marine Corps Air Force Coast Guard Rank on Separation? _____

Years of Service _____ Retired? Yes No Discharge? Honorable Dishonorable Medical Other _____
Specify

PROVIDE THE ADDRESSES OF PLACES YOU HAVE RESIDED FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS:

From	to	Address	City and State
_____	_____	_____	_____
<small>Year</small>	<small>Year</small>		
_____	_____	_____	_____
<small>Year</small>	<small>Year</small>		
_____	_____	_____	_____
<small>Year</small>	<small>Year</small>		
_____	_____	_____	_____
<small>Year</small>	<small>Year</small>		

For additional information, use a separate sheet

PROVIDE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF YOUR EMPLOYERS FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS:

From	to	Employer	City and State
_____	_____	_____	_____
<small>Year</small>	<small>Year</small>		
_____	_____	_____	_____
<small>Year</small>	<small>Year</small>		
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QUALIFYING QUESTIONS

Do you believe in a Supreme Being? Yes No Are you a male at least 18 years of age? Yes No

*If elected, the Holy Bible will be open in the Lodge when you receive your degrees.
If you wish to bring a holy book of your choice to your initiation, please inform the Lodge Secretary or Master.*

PETITIONER'S STATEMENT

I Hereby Authorize the Masonic Lodge to which I have submitted this petition, its members, and the Grand Lodge of Kansas, its officers and members, to contact any person or entity they deem appropriate to investigate my character, background, criminal and/or civil court history, and qualifications for membership in this Lodge. I further consent to their review of any and all information obtained as a result of this investigation, and I understand that any material found that is or may be associated with me that is deemed inappropriate by the Lodge as having possible adverse effects on the fraternity is justification for my immediate disqualification as a petitioner. In addition, I acknowledge that the information I have supplied on this petition is truthful, and that any deliberate misstatements, falsehoods, or omission may result in my petition being rejected;

And Further, I Certify that the information I have provided herein is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

X _____ DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 201__.
SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER IN INK

THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A FREEMASON

You have already started the process of becoming a Mason by asking for a petition. Answering the enclosed questions completely, completing your electronic verification, and giving both to the Lodge Secretary in a sealed envelope, is the next step. When your petition is received, the Master of the Lodge will appoint a committee to visit with you personally. After their visit with you, they will report to the Lodge, and the members will vote on your petition. If the vote is affirmative by a *unanimous ballot*, the Lodge will contact you to set a date for your initiation – the Entered Apprentice degree.

A degree is a ritual in the form of a play, a solemn and beautiful ceremony, and you should dress accordingly, avoiding excessively casual clothes, shorts or flip flops. Masonic rituals contain nothing whatever of hazing or horseplay. After you receive the first degree, you will be assigned a mentor, who can help you become proficient in the material of that degree. When that is finished, you take the Second Degree (Fellow Craft) and then the Third (Master Mason). Upon attaining the Third Degree, you will become a full member of the Fraternity.

ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION

As a part of our membership process, the Grand Lodge of Kansas requires that you complete an electronic verification of your background information before your petition may be accepted by the Lodge. Please read and sign the consent (below), and refer to the Electronic Verification Supplement attached to this petition.

CONSENT FORM

By signing this consent form, I acknowledge that I will be subject to an electronic verification and I authorize The Grand Lodge of Kansas, its members, employees, agents and assigns, as well as the Lodge to which I submit this petition, its members, employees, agents and assigns to investigate my background. I understand that this investigation will be used to determine my suitability for membership in the Masonic fraternity, and in exchange for consideration of membership, I consent to this background investigation and agree to hold harmless The Grand Lodge of Kansas, its members, employees, agents and assigns, as well as the Lodge to which I submit this petition, its members, employees, agents and assigns, from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs, expenses, or any other action arising from searching for, retrieving, or reviewing any information obtained, and further that I hereby waive my right to bring any cause of action against the Lodge, its officers, members, the Grand Lodge of Kansas, its officers or members, for defamation, invasion of privacy, or any other cause of action arising from their investigation and/or decision.


Wherefore, having read and fully understood the above, I hereby signify my agreement and consent with my signature,

X _____ DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 201__.

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER IN INK

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

THIS PETITION IS AUTHORIZED BY BY-LAW § 4-102 (2014)
THIS PETITION SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR PETITIONS

_____ Lodge No. _____ _____, KANSAS
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KANSAS FREEMASONS Petitioner :
PRESENTED _____, 201__
INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE
REPORT DUE _____ 201__
BALLOT <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTED <input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED
MENTOR _____
DATE ENTERED _____
DATE PASSED _____
DATE RAISED _____
INITIATION FEES \$ _____ Half of which must be paid prior to Initiation
Initiation fee DOES NOT include fee for Electronic Verification. Electronic Verification Fee must be paid to provider and the results given to the Lodge Secretary prior to ballot. Secretary shall review and return results to petitioner after review.