Petition for Degrees

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

Meridian Sun Lodge #69

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 _____ (City, State) on _____ (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 _____

Spouse Name: _____

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 _____, _____.

_____
PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE IN FULL

_____
Print Name IN FULL

RECOMMENDED BY

BRO. _____

BRO. _____

PETITIONER:

QUESTIONS

To be answered by candidate on night of initiation

1. Do you declare upon your honor that you have never before made application to any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons?

   Answer _____

2. Do you believe in the existence and perfection of God?

   Answer _____

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?

   Answer _____

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?

   Answer _____

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)

   Answer _____

_____
CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

Attest: _____

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STEWARDS

FEES

Fee EA $ 75.00 ☐ Paid

Fee FC $ 50.00 ☐ Paid

Fee MM $ 50.00 ☐ Paid

COMMITTEE

BRO. _____

BRO. _____

BRO. _____

REPORT

* Favorable _____
SIGNATURE

* Favorable _____
SIGNATURE

* Favorable _____
SIGNATURE

**If unfavorable, write "Un" before "Favorable"*

READING AND BALLOT

Date Read _____

Date Rejected _____

Date Elected _____

RECORD

Entered _____

East _____

Lecture _____

Exam _____

By _____

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By _____

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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.