

# PETITION FOR THE DEGREES OF MASONRY

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of South Gate Lodge No. 100  
 Free and Accepted Masons at 1004 SW 152nd 100 Street, Burien, Washington or Alaska.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PETITIONER.

The undersigned (Print name in full)

First Name                      Middle Name                      Last Name

unbiased, and uninfluenced by mercenary or improper motive, but prompted by a favorable opinion of your ancient and honorable institution and desire for knowledge, freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry, and respectfully prays that he may be admitted and become a member of your lodge, promising a cheerful conformity to the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity.

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street                      City                      State                      Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen of what country \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Name                      Address

Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Are you  Single?  Married?  Divorced?  Widowed?

If married, wife's married name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Name and addresses of three next of kin \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Discharge (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the State of Washington or Alaska? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at the present address? \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to a felony? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, state offense and particulars \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now, or have been, a member of an organization engaged in subversive activities? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, state circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for petitioning this Lodge \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

References: (three men in your community who know you well, preferable Masons)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Name                      Address

Do you believe in the Supreme Being? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you read the attached statement concerning the aims and purposes of Freemasonry? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you subscribe to the basic principles stated therein? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you

Understand that Freemasonry is a Fraternal Society and is not an insurance or burial organization and that, in the event of indigency, illness, accident or death, you or your family would not be entitled to any relief funds from Freemasonry, other than that which might be extended gratuitously? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you expect any financial benefit from Freemasonry? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the expenses of the required fees be a hardship to your family? \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRELIMINARY STATEMENT Concerning Freemasonry

This statement is to be read by the petitioner before he signs this petition.

You have expressed a desire to become a Freemason. We want you to know the exact nature of our institution because such knowledge might influence your decision to apply for membership.

Freemasonry strives to remind each man of the duties he owes to his God, his neighbor, his family and himself. It has as its foundation the basic principles, the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of all mankind, and immortality of the soul. Yet Freemasonry does not presume to tell anyone what he ought to believe in matters pertaining to religion and while it anticipates that each person will participate in civic activities it is not involved with politics.

Admission to membership in Freemasonry must be free from any mercenary motives. While members are encouraged to support charitable works to the best of their ability, Masonry is not a mutual benefit society and membership does not guarantee assistance to any Mason.

Masonry has always insisted that those who apply for membership do so of their own free will. It does not countenance membership drives and those who do apply out of simple curiosity are generally disappointed. It expects applicants to have a favorable impression of Masonry and be willing to accept the high standards of morality which prevail among Masons.

If you are accepted for membership, you will be expected to meet the financial obligations to your Lodge which are set forth in the by-laws. These include fees for the degrees, annual dues to your Lodge, and any assessments. We trust that you are aware of these costs and that they are not an un-due burden to you and your family.

After reading this statement and after completing the petition, please detach this statement at the perforation and retain it for future reference.

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What motive prompted your making this petition? .....

Have you applied for the Degrees of Masonry previously? ..... If yes, state when and to what Lodge?

Lodge No. .... Location: .....

Are you a former member of DeMolay? ..... If yes, give full particulars including offices held:

**UPON MY HONOR I DECLARE THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS TO BE TRUE**

Dated at  
This ..... day of the month of ..... 20 .....

X

Printed Name

Signature IN FULL

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

We, Master Masons and members of the Lodge named herein, do solemnly declare that each of us know the applicant and from our personal knowledge of him, each of us has a reason to believe that, if elected to membership, he will be a credit to our institution.

Sign Below

(1) .....

(2) .....

(3) .....

**MEMORANDUM  
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Date Committee Appointed .....

Date Committee Reported .....

**SECRETARY'S ACTION**

Date Petitioner Informed of Ballot .....

Date Member's Ledger Created .....

Date Apron Presented .....

Date Monitor Presented .....

**If petition was rejected**

Date of Refund of Fees .....

Check Number of Refund .....

Amount Refunded .....

No.	
<b>PETITION FOR DEGREES OF MASONRY</b>	
From:	
Address	
<b>Street Location</b>	
<b>City</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
Telephone	
TO:	<b>South Gate</b> Lodge No. <b>100</b>
Lodge Fee	<b>175.00</b>
General Fund Contribution	<b>20.00</b>
Charity Fund Contribution	<b>20.00</b>
Washington Memorial Contribution	<b>5.00</b>
Scholarship Endowment Contribution	<b>5.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225.00</b>
Referred the Brothers for Investigation (Committee):	
1.	
2.	
3.	
DATE OF	
Received	20
Reported	20
Balloted	20
Initiated	20
Passed	20
Raised	20
Signed By Laws	20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Proficiency	20

**South Gate Lodge No. 100 F.& A.M.**

*Serving the community of Burien since 1894*

Located at: 1004 SW 152nd Street, Burien, WA 98166 • Mailing Address: PO Box 48001, Burien, WA 98148-0001 • 206 433-9455

Our stated meetings are held on the Second Monday of every month.

Fellowship and Dinner begin at 6:00pm.

All, including families, are welcome.

Our Lodge meeting (for members only) begins at 7:30pm.

For more information:

See the person who gave you this petition,  
visit us on our website <http://www.southgate100.org/>, or  
email us at [southgate100@hotmail.com](mailto:southgate100@hotmail.com).