



## Candidate Questionnaire

Please Complete and return at your second meeting along with your Memory Test

### The TRADITIONAL APPROACH

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As an individual, seeking further information and a possible *life* in Freemasonry it is important that you understand how things have traditionally been done. In the past most people who approached Freemasonry, came well recommended by another freemason. They were either a family member, a longtime friend, a workmate or a neighbor, and some freemason could vouch as to their character. Today's world is very different and many men, just like you, contact us *via* the internet or by telephone. As we have yet to establish a personal relationship, it is not possible for any Freemason to sponsor an application under these circumstances. In order to overcome this challenge, it is necessary to plan a series of meetings so that both parties can get to know each other and to give you a chance to learn about our fraternity. Every new candidate for Freemasonry must be sponsored by two freemasons who are members in Good Standing of a Masonic Lodge.

**Are you okay with this approach?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

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Freemasonry is *not* for everyone and we need to find out if it is suitable for you. This is done with your best interest at heart, for if you are not suited we would rather find out *before* you have spent your valuable time and money, rather than after.

1. *While we admit men of all Faiths, in order to become a Freemason, it is necessary that you believe in A Supreme Being or a Higher Power.*

**Do You Believe in a Supreme Being?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

2. *If your interest in Freemasonry is an attempt to tap into a large membership base for the purpose of furthering your personal interests, this has never worked in the past and will not work now. Freemasons do not support this type of activity.*

**Do You Understand This Important Point?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

3. *Becoming a Freemason is **not** an event; it is **not** something that you decide to do on a Thursday here and there. Rather, it is a process, it takes time, both mental and physical, it costs money, and it requires a strong commitment on your part and also on the part of the lodge that receives your petition.*

**Do You Understand This Important Point?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

4. *Freemasonry is typically a lifetime commitment and most Freemasons remain active until death.*

**Are You Prepared to Make Such a Commitment?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

5. *The members of the Lodge you are petitioning will want to meet your family and answer their questions as well. If your wife or family does not fully support your decision, your application will likely be rejected. Additionally, Freemasonry is not a "social club" or a charity. We do require an active level of participation from our members beyond social gatherings.*

**Do You Understand These Important Point?** Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

6. *During the course of getting to know you we will ask you to attend some of our social functions or to attend after our lodge meeting so you can meet some of the members. This will give you a chance to determine whether you like them or not and if they like you. It is important that we like each other to ensure harmony in our Lodge.*

**Are You Okay with This Approach?** Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

7. *We expect that you are seeking not only to improve yourself but also humanity through service to your local community in some form.*

**Would This Be a Valid or Correct Expectation?** Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

8. *You will be expected to ascribe to a high moral standard while dealing with others. Particularly with your brethren in Freemasonry.*

**Is This What You Want to Do in Your Life?** Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

9. *You will be expected to commit certain lectures to memory and then repeat them from memory in open Lodge.*

**Would You Be Comfortable with This?** Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Finally, **no one is ever asked to become a Freemason**, you must approach Freemasonry. With this understanding it will be **your** responsibility to call and arrange when you're ready to take the next step.

**My Contact information is** Name: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

*In this getting-to-know stage, you will **never** be called after this meeting. If our phone does not ring, we will know that you will not be proceeding!*



## Candidate Skills And Interests

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact       Phone       Email

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Significant Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Children (names, ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Present occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Previous occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Community service \_\_\_\_\_

Community organizations member \_\_\_\_\_

Special skills \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to participate in the following activities:

- Candidate Coaching and Education
- Leadership Role (Lodge Officer, Committee Chair etc.)
- Committee (list specific lodge committees, ie. Widows/Orphans, Social Club, Wellness)

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- Other

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AND YUKON

First Meeting Hand-out  
*Steps to Initiation*  
*Candidate Copy*  
(Maximum of 4 prompts allowed)

*The Ideal of a Freemason*

If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life; who, without blemish, fulfils his duty as a man, a subject, a husband and a father; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellowman without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for friendship, whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasures, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger;

The man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity; who in nature sees the finger of the Eternal Master; who feels and adores the higher destination of man; to whom faith, hope and charity are not mere words without any meaning; to whom property, nay even life, is not too dear for the protection of innocence and virtue, and for the defense of truth;

The man who towards himself is a severe judge, but who is tolerant with the debilities of his neighbor; who endeavors to oppose errors without arrogance, and to promote intelligence without impatience; who properly understands how to estimate and employ his means; who honors virtue though it may be in the most humble garment, and who does not favour vice though it be clad in purple; and who administers justice to merit whether dwelling in palaces or cottages.

The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors and revered by his subordinates; the man who never proclaims what he has done, can do, or will do, but where need is will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, and then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good!

If you, my Brethren meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason.