



Excel sior Lodge No. 261, A.F. & A.M.  
Charlotte, NC

**PETITION FOR DEGREES**

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, N.C.

Contact Information

Residence ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Business ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Facsimile ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Petition Status**

**Degrees**

Read \_\_\_\_\_ EA \_\_\_\_\_  
Elected \_\_\_\_\_ FC \_\_\_\_\_  
Rejected \_\_\_\_\_ MM \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE MASTER, WARDENS, AND MEMBERS:** [Print your complete name below – First, Middle, Other Middle, Surname, Suffix]

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a free man and of 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_ years (If less than TWO YEARS, list previous addresses)

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or No) If answer is "No" which Masonic Lodge is the nearest? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever petitioned for the degrees in Masonry before? \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or No) If "Yes" please provide particulars

Year Lodge Name Number Located In Action Taken

My Social Security Number is \_\_\_\_\_

Have you any physical disabilities or defects? \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or No) If "Yes" please describe in detail

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Have you ever pleaded to or been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or 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 (Business / Residence / Mobile)
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served in the armed forces? \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or No) Branch \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Rank/Grade Attained \_\_\_\_\_ Type Discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran of \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a member of the Order of DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes or 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: **\$100.00** Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the petitioner for \_\_\_\_\_ years Signature \_\_\_\_\_ 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, NC \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

- 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. Print or type FULL NAME where first required on the top line 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 or streets are not identified by names or numbers then he must answer by a clear statement such as, ex. RFD No.1, on State Highway 18, about 3 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); *salesman* (retail or wholesale, groceries, hardware); *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.