



**Petition to Receive the Three Degrees of Freemasonry
from Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10**

Everything on this petition must be in your own handwriting. No typing. Please print all answers. Use additional sheets of paper if necessary. If any answer box is not applicable, please write "Not Applicable".

A check, money order, cash, or credit card payment form for the degree fees of **\$300** must be attached.

Print your full name
(including full first and middle names)

Print the name which you wish to be called:
(ex: J. Edgar Hoover instead of John E. Hoover)

On what date was this petition completed:

To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10 of the District of Columbia:

I hereby petition (apply) to become a Mason (Freemason) by receiving the three degrees of Craft Freemasonry in Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10, FAAM (Free And Accepted Masons) of the District of Columbia, Washington DC. I do so of my own free will and accord. I am ready, willing, and able to meet the requirements of Freemasonry and Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10, including self-improvement, helping others, and paying my dues and other financial obligations promptly. I have answered all the following questions and supplied requested information truthfully, accurately, and completely, and I vouch for all these answers and information with my signature and oath at the end of this petition.



Preliminary questions:

Do you believe in God? If not, please explain. _____

Do you believe in the brotherhood and equality of all people regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, familial status, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, genetic information, disability, source of income, and place of residence or business, or any other external condition, other than the content of a person's character? If not, please explain. _____

Home information:

What is your home address?
(including city, state, zipcode) _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

If you do not live in Washington DC, why do you want to join Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10 in Washington DC? _____

What is your home phone number(s)? _____

What is your cellphone number(s)? _____



What is your email address(es)? List all email addresses you want our lodge to use to send you lodge email messages.

If you have lived outside the Washington DC area at any time during the last 5 years, print the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of 3 men at each of your previous addresses who could be character references for you.

| Name | Address | Phone number | Email address |
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Work information:

What is your occupation (job title)?

What is the name of your employer or your business?

What is your work address? (including city, state, zipcode)

What is your work phone number(s)?

What are the names and addresses of all employers you have had during the previous 5 years.



Personal information:

Where were you born? (city, state, country)

On what date were you born? (month, day, year)

What is or was your father's full name?

What is or was your mother's full maiden name?

Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or

If you are or were married, what is or was your wife's full maiden name?

Do you have children? If yes, what are their names and current ages?

Are you a citizen of the United States? (This is just for information.)

- Yes. I am a citizen of the United States.
- I was born in the United States.
- I am a naturalized citizen. In the box on the right print the date and place where you were naturalized.
- No, I am not a citizen of the United States.

In the space on the right print the country of which you are a citizen, and what type of U.S. visa you currently hold and its expiration date.

Have you ever been a defendant in a criminal case? Print "yes" or "no" in the space on the right. If yes, in the space on the right print the date, place, criminal charge, outcome, and any other information you want to tell us about this criminal charge.

What is your present state of health? If you have any physical defects or limitations please describe them. If not, please print "no physical defects or limitations" in the space on the right.

DEGREE PETITION

Free And Accepted Masons of the Nation's Capital
Washington, DC
www.ht10.org



Masonic information

Have you ever applied to receive the degrees of freemasonry or for membership in any other masonic lodge anywhere at any time?

If you answered yes to the previous question, in the space on the right print the name(s), number(s), and jurisdiction(s) of each lodge to which you applied, the date on which you applied, the date on which you received a response to your petition, the content of the response, and any other information you want to tell Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10 about this application(s).

References

Print the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of 3 men who could be references for your character.

| Name | Address | Phone number | Email address |
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Authorized Statement

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia requires the following “authorized statement” to be read and assented to before you sign this petition:

As you have expressed a desire to become a Freemason, we presume you have thoroughly considered the step you propose to take. The exact nature of our institution being unknown to you, we consider it advisable that you should be informed on several points, which may affect your decision to apply for membership.

Freemasonry has in all ages insisted that men shall come to its doors entirely of their own free will, not from feelings of curiosity, but from a favorable opinion of the Institution and a desire to be ranked among its members.

The great permanent unchanging basic principle to which you must unreservedly subscribe, and which you must maintain, is the existence of God. Freemasonry has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Therefore, no atheist can be a Freemason. It strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, to his neighbor, and to himself. It inculcates the practice of every virtue, and makes an extensive use of symbolism in its teachings. It interferes neither with religion nor politics, and there is an absolute elimination of any arguments or contention in connection with either.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that Freemasonry is not to be entered in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Admission must not be sought from mercenary or other unworthy motives. Anyone so actuated will be bitterly disappointed. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a brotherly feeling among men and to help where he can.

Freemasonry is not a benefit society. This fact cannot be too strongly emphasized. We do not subscribe so much a year to enable us to draw sick pay or other benefits, or to make provision for those we leave behind. There are other excellent societies founded for this purpose. No man should enter the ranks of Freemasonry unless he feels reasonably assured, humanly speaking, that he will never require help from its funds. Masonic charity is intended for those who, from unforeseen circumstances, and through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

Masonic Lodges are largely supported by contributions from their members in the form of dues fixed from time to time by the several Lodges. Each Lodge has certain fixed expenses which the good name of the Fraternity requires shall be paid with businesslike promptness. It is of the utmost importance, therefore, that the financial obligations of a member to his Lodge be paid when due. They should not be postponed except in cases of extreme urgency.



Oath

I give my oath that I have truthfully, accurately, and completely answered all the questions and supplied all the requested information in this Petition, I have read the "Authorized Statement" on the previous page and agree to it, and I promise that if found worthy and accepted for membership I will cheerfully obey and conform to all the rules and practices of Freemasonry, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10.

Sign in the space on the right with your usual signature

In the space on the right print the date on which you signed this petition

If you are accepted to become a mason, you will be asked to take oaths on a book you consider to be holy. What book would you prefer? For example, if you would like the Holy Bible, would you want the King James Version, a Jewish Bible, or another Bible? Or would you prefer a Koran or some other book you consider to be holy? Masonry will never inquire into your religion. We just want to accommodate you by trying to have the book you consider holy.

Recommendations or Vouchers:

I certify that I personally know this Petitioner and I believe that he has truthfully, accurately, and completely answered all the questions and supplied all requested information in this petition. I recommend him as a fit, proper, and worthy candidate for Freemasonry.

| Printed Name | Signature | Phone number and email | Years I have known this petitioner |
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Date Received by Lodge: _____