



KANSAS FREEMASONS
ON THE LEVEL

Universal Petition Form

Dear Brother,



here are few things as important to a Mason as fellowship with his Masonic Brothers. By filling out this petition, you are confirming your desire to further your Masonic progress, or add to your Masonic family by joining an additional Lodge, or maybe to return to the ranks of active Masons. This decision is one that should be based on the Brotherly Love, a true desire to become a better man and an affinity to our Craft.

Petition for Advancement is used to receive degree work in a lodge other than the one in which you were accepted as a candidate. (Per GLKS By-Law §4-101)

Petition for Membership is used by a Master Mason who is requesting to join a Lodge after having been granted a dimit by a different lodge or having other evidence for transfer of membership from a different Lodge. (Per GLKS By-Law §4-101)

Petition for Restoration is used by a suspended Mason who is seeking to become a Mason in good standing. (Per GLKS By-Law §4-101)

Petition for Reinstatement is used by a former Mason who has been expelled and who is seeking to become a Mason in good standing. (Per GLKS By-Law §4-101) (Electronic Verification required per GLKS By-Law §4-102)

Dual Membership petition is used by a member in good standing of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Lodge who wishes to also become a member of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. (Per GLKS By-Law §4-401A) (Electronic Verification required per GLKS By-Law §4-102)

Plural Membership petition is used by a member in good standing of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction who wishes to become a member of an additional Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. (Per GLKS By-Law §4-401D)

Transfers of Memberships petition is used by a member in good standing of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, or a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Lodge, to move his membership to a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. (Per GLKS By-Law §4-407) (Electronic Verification required per GLKS By-Law §4-102 if transferring from outside the jurisdiction)

Electronic verification of information you have provided will be required if you are petitioning for reinstatement, transfer from outside the Jurisdiction or dual membership. This is required per GLKS By-Law §4-102. See the "Electronic Criminal History Verification Supplement." The local Lodges may require electronic verification for any petition or application. The questions found herein and the electronic verification are not asked of you out of idle curiosity. When the Lodge accepts a new Brother, its members make a sincere promise to him that they will trust him completely and will treat his needs and his interests just as if they were their own. This completed petition, the electronic verification, and the visit some Lodge Brothers will make with you will complete the process of sharing information which is vital if both you and your new Lodge Brothers are to be comfortable with one another.

We are glad you are interested in furthering your Masonic career and adding to our Masonic Family.

The Council of Administration
Grand Lodge of Kansas



To the Master, Wardens & Members of:

_____ LODGE NO _____ OF _____, KANSAS:

The Undersigned, hereby petitions your Lodge for Advancement, Membership, Restoration, Reinstatement, Dual Membership, Plural Membership, Transfer of Membership and if elected, promises to conform to the laws, usages and customs of the Fraternity.

PETITIONER'S / APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Full Name (Print or Type) _____, Member Number _____
First Middle Last

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age ____
City State Country Month Day Year

Citizenship U.S.A. Other _____ Language(s) Spoken: English Other _____

Home Address _____
Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Preferred Phone (____)____-____ Home Cell Alternate Phone (____)____-____ Home Cell

Preferred Email _____ Home Work Alternate Email _____ Home Work

Social Media Facebook _____ Twitter @ _____
Screen Name Account Name

None Other _____
Specify Service & Screen Name

Present Occupation or Trade _____ Employer Name _____

Employer Address _____
Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Length of Present Employment _____ years or months. Employer Phone (____)____-____

List Any Special Skills, Technical Expertise, Professional Licenses or Specialized Training You Use in Your Job

List Your Hobbies _____

Initiated in _____ Lodge No _____ on _____

Passed in _____ Lodge No _____ on _____

Raised in _____ Lodge No _____ on _____

REFERENCES

Each Petitioner is required to furnish the names of three persons (preferably Masons) as references **OTHER THAN THE RECOMMENDERS.**

Name Address Telephone or Email


RECOMMENDERS

We Recommend, pursuant to the Laws of Masonry (By-Laws § 4-102), the above petitioner or applicant, based upon our belief that he is of good moral character, temperate, industrious and capable of earning an honest living for himself and dependents.

Important! 2 Signatures Required

X _____
Signature Print Name

X _____
Signature Print Name



(RECOMMENDERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE LODGE TO WHICH THIS PETITION IS SUBMITTED.)

THIS PETITIONER/APPLICANT SEEKS THE FOLLOWING: (check the applicable section)

PETITION FOR ADVANCEMENT (See BY-LAW §§ 4-104; 4-112; 4-115; 4-116):

I petitioned and was accepted for the degrees in Lodge _____ Number _____ located in the state of _____. This Lodge no longer exist *or* is still operating.

I have received E.A. on ____/____/____ and F.C. on ____/____/____ *or* no degrees.

I submit a Request for conferral of Degrees *or* Waiver of jurisdiction from Lodge _____ Number _____ located in the state of _____.

I am a Kansas Resident *or* Temporarily in Kansas.

If a Kansas Resident, state period of residency ___ years *or* months.

Have you been rejected by any Masonic Lodge? No *or* Yes

If Yes, state particulars: _____

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP (See BY-LAW § 4-105):

I hereby submit a: Dimit *or* Certificate of Good Standing from Lodge _____ Number _____ located in the state of _____ issued on ____/____/____ and do hereby apply for membership in Lodge _____ Number _____ of _____, Kansas.

Have you applied to any other Masonic Lodge for membership after the issuance of your demit? No *or* Yes

If Yes, state particulars: _____

PETITION FOR RESTORATION (See BY-LAW § 4-106):

I was suspended from Lodge _____ Number _____ located in the state of _____ on ____/____/____ for NPD and/or Other _____

I have made an effort to relieve my delinquency by payment of current year's dues *and/or* a laudable effort to correct the wrong:

Specify _____

PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT (See BY-LAW § 4-107)

(Electronic Verification required per GLKS By-Law §4-102):

I was expelled from Lodge _____ Number _____ located in the state of _____ on ____/____/____ for _____

I have done the following to reform the evil or repair the injury:

Specify _____

I have done the following to endeavor to vindicate the honor of Masonry from the reproach of my wrong doing:

Specify _____

PETITION FOR DUAL MEMBERSHIP (See CONST., ART. X § 4; BY-LAW § 4-401A)

(Electronic Verification required per GLKS By-Law §4-102):

I am a member in good standing of Lodge _____ Number _____ located in the city of _____ in the state of _____ which is in fraternal correspondence with the M:W:: Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Kansas and do hereby apply for membership in Lodge _____ No. _____ of _____, Kansas.

PETITION FOR PLURAL MEMBERSHIP (See BY-LAW § 4-401D):

I am a member in good standing of Lodge _____ Number _____ of the M:W:: Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Kansas and do hereby apply for membership in Lodge _____ No. _____ of _____, Kansas.

PETITION FOR TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP (See CONST., ART. X § 4; BY-LAWS § 4-407)

(Electronic Verification required per GLKS By-Law §4-102 if transferring from outside the jurisdiction):

I am a member in good standing of Lodge _____ Number _____ located in the city of _____ in the state of _____ which is in the jurisdiction of the M:W: Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Kansas or which is in fraternal correspondence with the M:W: Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Kansas and do hereby apply to transfer my membership into Lodge _____ Number _____ of _____, Kansas and dimit from my former Lodge.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: All questions MUST be answered before petition can be processed.

Have you ever been **convicted** of a felony or a misdemeanor? Yes No

Ever granted a diversion/deferred prosecution? Yes No

If answer is YES to either question, give details of these:

_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Felony	<input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor in
<i>Year</i>	<i>Charge</i>	
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Convicted	<input type="checkbox"/> Diversion/Deferred Prosecution
<i>List City or County, Court & State</i>	<i>Result</i>	
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Felony	<input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor in
<i>Year</i>	<i>Charge</i>	
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Convicted	<input type="checkbox"/> Diversion/Deferred Prosecution
<i>List City or County, Court & State</i>	<i>Result</i>	

For additional information, use a separate sheet

Have You Ever Been Party to a Lawsuit in Civil Court? Yes No

If YES list nature of the case _____

Military Service? Yes No If yes: Army Navy Marine Corps Air Force Coast Guard National Guard

Rank on Separation? _____

Years of Service _____ Retired? Yes No

Discharge? Honorable Dishonorable Medical Other _____
Specify


ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As a part of this process, the Grand Lodge of Kansas or its constituent Lodge can require that you complete an electronic verification of background information before your petition / application may be accepted by the Lodge. Please read and sign the consent (below), and refer to the Electronic Verification of Background Information Supplement attached to this petition.


Consent to Electronic Verification of Background Information

By signing this consent form, I acknowledge that I will be subject to a comprehensive criminal background check and I authorize The Grand Lodge of Kansas, its members, employees, agents and assigns, as well as the Lodge to which I submit this petition, its members, employees, agents and assigns to investigate my background. I understand that this investigation will be used to determine my suitability for membership in the Masonic fraternity, and in exchange for consideration of membership, or change in membership status I consent to this electronic verification of background information and agree to hold harmless The Grand Lodge of Kansas, its members, employees, agents and assigns, as well as the Lodge to which I submit this petition / application, its members, employees, agents and assigns, from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs, expenses, or any other action arising from searching for, retrieving, or reviewing any information obtained, and further that I hereby waive my right to bring any cause of action against the Lodge, its officers, members, the Grand Lodge of Kansas, its officers or members, for defamation, invasion of privacy, or any other cause of action arising from their investigation and/or decision.

Wherefore, having read and fully understood the above, I hereby signify my agreement and consent with my signature,

 **X** _____ DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20 _____
SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER / APPLICANT IN INK

PETITIONER'S / APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I understand that if I am expelled from any Lodge, that expulsion will have the same effect in all my affiliated Lodges. I further understand that if my Membership becomes suspended in any of my affiliated Lodges, that suspension will have the same effect in all of my affiliated Lodges. The exception to this is the case of suspension for nonpayment of dues. For suspension for nonpayment of dues, a 120 day delay is allowed for certified notification of this suspension. See By-Laws §§ 4-401A and 4-401D _____ *Initials Required* 

I Hereby Authorize the Masonic Lodge to which I have submitted this petition, its members, and the Grand Lodge of Kansas, its officers and members, to contact any person or entity they deem appropriate to investigate my character, background, criminal and/or civil court history, and qualifications for membership in this Lodge. I further consent to their review of any and all information obtained as a result of this investigation, and I understand that any material found that is or may be associated with me that is deemed inappropriate by the Lodge as having possible adverse effects on the fraternity is justification for my immediate disqualification as a petitioner. In addition, I acknowledge that the information I have supplied on this petition is truthful, and that any deliberate misstatements, falsehoods, or omission may result in my petition being rejected, and that I hereby waive my right to bring any cause of action against the Lodge, its officers, members, the Grand Lodge of Kansas, its officers or members, for defamation, invasion of privacy, or any other cause of action arising from their investigation and/or decision;

And Further, I Certify that the information I have provided herein is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature
Required
 X

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER / APPLICANT IN INK

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20 _____

NOTE TO SECRETARY OF LODGE

RECEIVING THIS PETITION IF USED FOR A TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

IN THE EVENT YOUR LODGE ELECTS THE APPLICANT FOR TRANSFER, complete the next page of this form, detach and mail it to the Secretary of the Lodge from which transfer is sought. If action of your Lodge is unfavorable, or for any reason the applicant is not elected, no notice should be sent the other Lodge. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR LODGE IS THE DATE ON THE DIMIT, NOT** the date of the applicant's election by your Lodge.

Out of state notice must be mailed to the Grand Secretary.

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND REQUEST FOR DIMIT (To be used for Transfer of Membership ONLY)

To THE MASTER, WARDENS & MEMBERS OF:

_____ LODGE NO _____ OF _____, _____ :

Herewith I find the petition for Dimit, of _____, a member of your Lodge, who has been elected to membership by affiliation in:

_____ LODGE NO _____ OF _____, KANSAS:

conditioned upon and effective upon issuance of a dimit by your Lodge, which he requests that you mail directly to me, the Secretary of said Lodge, or if out of State mail to your Grand Lodge office for forwarding to the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

_____ LODGE NO. _____

LODGE SECRETARY

(SEAL)

_____ Mailing address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code

The Undersigned, a member in good standing of the above Lodge, respectfully requests that a Dimit be issued and mailed directly to the above named Secretary.

X _____ DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20 _____

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER / APPLICANT IN INK

NOTE TO DIMITTING SECRETARY:

Please mail Dimit promptly or advise why it cannot be granted. Use regular Dimit form, or, if your Lodge is located in Kansas, the bottom section of this form may be detached and used. In any event we would like to have the Masonic record of the applicant, so if your Dimit form does not carry this information please complete the reverse side of the attached form and send along with the Dimit.

DIMIT COMPLETING TRANSFER (To be used for Transfer of Membership ONLY)

Know Ye By These Presents that Bro. _____, Membership No. _____ having petitioned in writing for a Dimit terminating his membership, and being in good standing, and having paid all sums regularly charged against him, was dimitted at a regular stated meeting of this Lodge, held on the _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Lodge to be affixed.

(SEAL)

_____ LODGE NO _____ OF _____

Secretary: _____ Worshipful Master: _____

This Dimit was requested by the above named Brother and forwarded to us by the Secretary of _____ Lodge No. _____.

PLEASE GIVE APPLICANT'S MASONIC RECORD ON THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM

Date Initiated _____

Date Passed _____

Date Raised _____

in _____ Lodge No. _____

Held at _____
(City and State)

Date Affiliated _____

From _____ Lodge No. _____

Held at _____
(City and State)

State below all offices held in your Lodge,
the years served, and any other important
facts.

**GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF KANSAS
TOPEKA, KANSAS**

This is to certify that the Lodge named on
the reverse side thereof is a regularly
constituted Lodge working under the
jurisdiction of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of
Kansas.



Tracy L. Bloom
Grand Secretary

NOTE TO DIMITTING SECRETARIES

Dimitts can be granted **ONLY** at
stated meetings, and the date of the
Dimit must be the date of the stated
meeting of your Lodge at which it was
granted. The petitioner's membership
ceases in your Lodge and becomes
effective in the new Lodge on that
date.
(See By-law § 4-407)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. A Lodge may receive the petition of an
applicant for membership from any Master Mason in
good standing who shall produce satisfactory
evidence that he has been regularly dimitted from the
Lodge with which he was last affiliated or when such
petition is accompanied by a Certificate of Good
Standing, a Grand Secretary's Certificate, a
Certificate of Transfer from the Lodge with which he
was last affiliated, or any other documentary
instrument or authorization which is legal for transfer
of membership in the Grand Jurisdiction from which
he is transferring without regards to his place or
period of residence whether it is within or without the
limits of this Grand Jurisdiction. (See Article X,
Section 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of
Kansas.)

2. All communications from a Lodge in this
Jurisdiction to a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction,
upon the subject of Masonic Membership or the
conferring of degrees, shall be sent through the
Grand Secretary, and no Lodge in this Jurisdiction
shall respond to a communication from a Lodge in
another Grand Jurisdiction upon these subject
matters without first referring the same to the Grand
Secretary. (See By-law 3-613)

3. This Petition should be handled exactly like a
petition for the Degrees. Unanimous ballot is
required for election.

4. Send no notice or inquiry to the other Lodge
until **AFTER** the ballot is spread. If elected, complete
the **NOTICE OF ELECTION AND REQUEST FOR
DIMIT**, detach the lower half of the form and mail to
the Secretary of the other KANSAS Lodge. If to an
OUT OF STATE Secretary, mail to the Kansas Grand
Secretary and he will forward to the proper authority.
If the petition is rejected notify the applicant but **DO
NOT** notify the other Lodge, as his membership
remains with them. Do not return the petition to the
applicant; file it with your records.

5. **IMPORTANT**. Do not enroll the applicant as a
member of your Lodge until his Dimit is received,
then enroll him as of the date appearing on the Dimit,
not the date he was elected to your Lodge.



KANSAS FREEMASONS

ON THE LEVEL

Electronic Criminal History Verification Supplement

As a part of our membership process, the Grand Lodge of Kansas requires that you complete an Electronic Criminal History Verification before your petition may be accepted by the Lodge. The cost for this check is \$19.95, and is the responsibility of the person petitioning the Lodge. If at any time you wish to withdraw your petition from consideration by the Lodge, prior to it being formally received by the Lodge, please notify them, or the Grand Lodge of Kansas. In that event, your petition and completed background check will either be returned to you, or destroyed, at your option. By providing this information electronically, it can be safely and securely transmitted to our background check vendor instantly. This enhanced process can remove days of waiting from the overall process. If you are not notified your check is complete within 72 hours of submission, please file a trouble ticket through InfocheckUSA, the same sight your initial check was submitted from.

NOTE: Background checks are required for those petitioning for the Mysteries of Freemasonry, Reinstatement Petitions, and Affiliation or Transfers to a Kansas Lodge from other jurisdictions. A Background check is good for 180 days from the date posted on the report.

Step 1

Conduct self-initiated online Electronic Criminal History Verification VISIT:

<http://ksmasons.infocheckusa.com>

Step 2

- 1.) Click the "GET STARTED NOW" button below to Order Your Report.
- 2.) Review the Instructions.
- 3.) Sign the Digital Release.
- 4.) Complete all fields.
- 5.) Use your full legal name, date of birth and ssn.
- 6.) Select your method for receiving your report - eMail or Fax.
- 7.) Review your answers for accuracy and spelling.
- 8.) For the County Criminal Check, enter the State and County where you currently Live, Leave the default of 7YR then click the SAVE Link (the bar will turn GREEN).
- 9.) Make payment with credit or debit card.

Note: if you do not own a computer, most public libraries, or even your local Lodge may have internet access, or contact our office for a paper form.

Step 3

Upon receipt of your completed background check, print out the same, enclose it in a sealed envelope, and submit it with your petition to a member of the Lodge, who will forward it to the appropriate officer of the Lodge. If you have any questions or special circumstances, you should call our office before visiting the online site. Thank You,