

# RECOMMENDATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREES OF MASONRY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-913 OF THE BYLAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE A.:F.: & A.:M.: OF NEBRASKA

## SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING FORMS

*NOTE: The procedures set out in Section 2-913 of the Grand Lodge Bylaws are intended only as a supplement to the normal process for petitioning for membership in a Masonic Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska. In implementing this process of proposal and election of a candidate for Freemasonry, it is emphasized that this alternative process is never to cause a member of the Masonic Fraternity to take more casually the process of carefully considering any potential candidate. A standard form of petition must accompany the Recommendation under Section 2-913. The petition is simply completed and is signed after the candidate has been elected. If the candidate does not sign the petition or fails to answer questions in an acceptable manner, his election under 2-913 is voided and he shall not become a Mason under Section 2-913.*

### The Process:

Form of "Recommendation of a Candidate" is signed by three Proposers, each a member in good standing in the subordinate lodge of which the proposed candidate is a potential member, each Proposer being **personally acquainted** with such potential candidate.

Attached to the form of Recommendation will be a standard form of petition unsigned, but completed as fully by the Proposers as knowledge by them of the potential candidate will allow. Note that the standard questions on the petition will have not yet been posed to the candidate or answered by the potential candidate.

Form of Recommendation with incomplete and unsigned standard form of petition is presented to the Lodge Secretary, who presents the Form of Recommendation and its accompanying petition to the Master at the next regular stated meeting.

The Master announces the proposal of the potential candidate and orders the Proposers to serve as a committee to review the form of Recommendation, to consider their recommendation and to make report as a committee at the next stated communication. The report may be returned with a favorable or unfavorable report and the Recommendation is signed a second time by the Proposers as provided on the Recommendation Form.

The signed report is returned by the committee to the Secretary at the stated meeting next following the stated meeting at which the proposal was made. The Master will order the ballot spread on the proposed candidate. As otherwise provided in the Grand Lodge Bylaws, the balloting process will follow that set out in Sections 2-1001 through 2-1006.

An objection may be filed and sustained in the same manner as set out in the Grand Lodge Bylaws in Section 2-1101.

The Master will declare the result of the ballot. In the case of a favorable ballot, the Master will direct the Proposers to meet with the potential candidate to advise him of his election, and to discuss with him the nature of the Masonic Fraternity in order that he is informed of his obligations and the process of

the three degrees of Masonry, respond to such questions as he may raise and invite his completion and signing of the standard form of petition.

*[In the event of a ballot that is declared not clear by the Master, the Master will declare the potential candidate not elected and will direct the Secretary to retain the Form of Recommendation and the accompanying petition in the Secretary's lodge files. No communication is to be had about the matter with the potential candidate. The Master will remind the brethren that no discussion shall be had inside or outside the lodge about the matter of the Recommendation, the failure to receive a vote in favor of membership or any other details of the process and the proposed candidate. The Recommendation process for the said proposed candidate may not be repeated for a period of six months within the same subordinate lodge. However, since such candidate did not initiate the petition process, and has no knowledge of the matter, such individual may of his own initiative petition the same or another subordinate lodge for membership at anytime and properly state that he has not previously petitioned a lodge.]*

The completed and signed petition will be delivered to the Secretary of the Lodge within 60 days from the date of the election of the candidate with appropriate fees for initiation. The Secretary will sign and seal the Recommendation Form with the petition attached attesting said Secretary's receipt of the completed form and petition within the 60 day period allowed.

The Secretary will advise the Master of the completion and return of the Form of Recommendation accompanied by the completed petition. The Master will make report of the same at the next regular stated communication following the Secretary's receipt of the Form of Recommendation and petition. The Master will further direct the Secretary to communicate the completion of the required petition documents and advise the candidate of the date to present himself for initiation.

*Note: It is recommended and encouraged that one or more of the Proposers of the candidate personally escort the candidate to his initiation and that the Proposers serve as mentors during the candidate's Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees. Such support will demonstrate our sincere interest in the candidate, make his Masonic ritual more meaningful and will help to assure that the candidate becomes active and involved.*

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*(Attached hereto is an initially incomplete, but current standard form of Petition, which Petition shall be completed previous to or concurrently with the date of the final certification hereof.)*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, WARDENS AND BRETHREN**

\_\_\_\_\_ **LODGE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, **NEBRASKA**

The undersigned each certifies that he is personally acquainted with the within-named candidate for the degrees of Masonry in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Nebraska, that each believes the said candidate to be of good moral character and to be a qualified candidate to receive the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry and further believes that the proposed candidate will conform to and conduct himself in a manner appropriate to the tenets and laws of Masonry. Each individually and collectively recommends the said candidate for Masonry and agrees that he and they will in their role as an investigating committee carefully and thoughtfully consider said candidate as to his qualifications and report their findings to the above Lodge at the next stated meeting date of: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Full Name of Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town:** \_\_\_\_\_, **NE.** **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Marital Status:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSERS:**

**Name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member of** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lodge No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Town:** \_\_\_\_\_, **NE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Residence Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member of** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lodge No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Town:** \_\_\_\_\_, **NE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Residence Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member of** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lodge No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Town:** \_\_\_\_\_, **NE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Residence Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned Proposers hereby certify that we have reviewed and carefully considered the within named candidate for Masonry as to his character and qualifications for membership in the Masonic Fraternity and our report as to the proposed candidate is: Favorable \_\_\_\_\_ Unfavorable: \_\_\_\_\_. We further certify and agree that we will individually or collectively, if the question of proposing the aforesaid candidate is voted upon favorably by all of the members present at the meeting at which this proposal for membership is balloted upon, promptly contact said proposed candidate, invite his completion of the standard form of petition for the degrees of Masonry and return the completed petition together with this form of Recommendation of a Candidate; we further agree that we will return the completed standard form of Petition for Membership within 60 calendar days of the date on which this recommendation is balloted upon; and it is further agreed and understood that all questions proposed and set out on the Standard form of Petition including among the other standard responses, a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, must be answered in such a manner that assures that the proposed candidate is fully qualified for membership.

Signatures of Proposers:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, officially certify that the above and herein signatures of each proposer is his own signature and that each freely and of his own accord affixed his signature hereto, and I further certify that this completed form of Recommendation of a Candidate for Masonry was completed and returned to me together with the Standard form of Petition for the Degrees of Masonry on the date set out below under my signature, **which fully completed form of Petition is attached hereto.**

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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