

GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WISCONSIN



**PROCEDURE FOR Membership
Transfers and Plural Memberships.**
REV: ~ January 2017

SCOPE:

The following outline is provided to help you properly follow the procedure to efficiently add a Transfer of Membership, Plural Membership or change a Plural Membership to Primary membership.

CODE DEFINATIONS

Chapter 82 & 83 of the WI Masonic Code

82.01 Transfer of Membership. A certificate of transfer shall be granted to a Master Mason, Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft (excepting the Worshipful Master or Wardens) only upon his election to membership in another lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction or a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. The application for transfer shall be in writing on forms provided by the Grand Lodge, signed by the applicant and the secretary of the admitting lodge.

A petition for transfer of membership to a Wisconsin lodge shall not be accepted in the year of receipt if it has been received by the Secretary of the lodge to which transfer is requested under the following circumstances:

- 1) In the case of a petition to transfer from a lodge in another Jurisdiction to a Wisconsin lodge, after November first, or,
- 2) In the case of a petition to transfer from a Wisconsin lodge to another Wisconsin lodge which is closed during the months of January and February, after November first, or
- 3) In all other cases, after December first.

82.02 Who May Transfer. A Master Mason, Fellowcraft or Entered Apprentice in good standing with no charges pending against him and not delinquent in dues may transfer. A Trustee may transfer. An officer of the lodge, other than the Worshipful Master or Wardens, may transfer membership only if he has permanently moved from the jurisdiction of the lodge, as defined in Chapter 78.

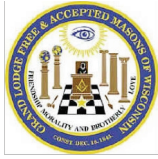
82.03 Who May Not Transfer, A Worshipful Master or Wardens of a lodge may not transfer. An insane or mentally incompetent member or one who has been suspended or expelled may not be granted a transfer

82.04 When Transfer Certificate Granted. A membership Transfer Certificate shall be granted by order of the Worshipful Master immediately upon a receipt of the membership transfer request, providing the member requesting the membership transfer is not delinquent in dues or assessments and is in good standing and there are no charges pending against him

83.01 Affiliation by Transfer of Membership. A Master Mason, Fellowcraft or Entered Apprentice of a lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin may petition for transfer of membership to a lodge in this jurisdiction.

83.02 Plural Membership. A Master Mason of a Wisconsin lodge or one recognized by this jurisdiction which allows its members to hold plural (dual) membership may petition for affiliation as a plural member in a lodge or lodges in this jurisdiction. Revised 1992

83.03 No Residential Requirement. A lodge may receive a petition for transfer or plural



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membership from a Master Mason whether or not the applicant is a resident of its jurisdiction, and, if a resident, regardless of the period of such residence.

83.04 Contents of Petition. Petitions for transfer or plural membership shall be signed by the applicant upon forms provided by the Grand Lodge. They shall be recommended and signed by at least two members of the lodge to which the same is presented.

83.05 Evidence Required Before Action. A petition for transfer or plural membership may be received but shall not be acted upon until due evidence is furnished that the petitioner is a Master Mason, Fellowcraft or Entered Apprentice in good standing in a regular lodge duly recognized by the Grand Lodge. Such evidence may consist of a current dues card or a valid Grand Lodge demit or Certificate of Recognition.

83.06 Demit or Resignation from Lodges Not Recognized. A lodge cannot receive a petition for transfer or plural membership from a person who presents a demit or resignation from a lodge under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge which this Grand Lodge does not recognize. Such a person can petition only as a non-Mason.

83.07 Investigating Committee. Upon receiving a petition for transfer or a plural membership the Master may appoint a committee for investigation and report.

83.08 Objection Not Allowed. An objection to transfer or plural membership shall not be entertained.

83.09 Petition May Be Withdrawn. A petition for transfer or plural membership may be withdrawn at any time before a ballot is had thereon.

83.10 Re-Petition at Any Time. If a petition for transfer or plural membership shall be denied, another one may be made to the same or to any other lodge at any time.

83.11 Fees for Transfer or Affiliations. No fee shall be charged for transferring by current dues card, by demit from another jurisdiction, a Grand Lodge demit or affiliating as a plural member.

83.12 When Petition Balloted Upon. A petition for transfer or plural membership shall be balloted on only at a Stated communication subsequent to the one at which it is presented.

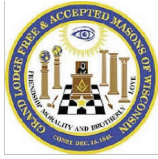
83.13 Petition Shall Be Balloted On. A petition for transfer or plural membership shall be balloted upon if not withdrawn, if the report of the investigating committee is favorable or otherwise.

83.14 Ballot Secret. The ballot upon a petitioner for transfer or plural membership shall be secret and to elect shall be three-fourths clear.

PROCEDURE:

Transfer of Primary Membership from a Wisconsin Lodge to a Wisconsin Lodge

1. The member shall petition the Lodge of his choice using his current years dues card as his evidence of 'Good Standing' and completing the MultiPurpose Petition dated 1/2017 for Transfer of Membership.
2. Select Transfer of Primary Membership, complete and sign the top section of the form.
3. Two recommendations are required by lodge members and they must be completed and signed.



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4. The Petition shall be received at a Stated Communication and balloted upon at a subsequent Stated Communication. A copy of a current dues card must accompany the completed Petition for Transfer
5. Upon a successful ballot for membership the Notice of Election & Petitioners Request must be completed, properly signed and sent to the Grand Secretary along with the copy of the current dues card.
6. The Grand Lodge Office will update MORI and close the loop on the Transfer.
7. Please read and review Chapter 82.01 of the Code that covers Transfer date deadlines.

Transfer of Primary Membership from a Out-of-State Lodge to a Wisconsin Lodge

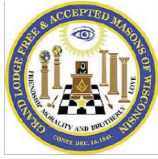
1. The member shall petition the Lodge of his choice using his current years dues card or valid demit as his evidence of 'Good Standing' and completing the MultiPurpose Petition dated 1/2017 for Transfer of Membership.
2. Select Transfer of Primary Membership, complete and sign the top section of the form.
3. Two recommendations are required by lodge members and they must be completed and signed.
4. The Petition shall be received at a Stated Communication and balloted upon at a subsequent Stated Communication. A copy of a current dues card or valid demit must accompany the completed Petition for Transfer
5. Upon a successful ballot for membership the Notice of Election & Petitioners Request must be completed, properly signed and sent to the Grand Secretary along with the copy of the current dues card or valid demit.
6. In all cases of out-of-state transfers the Grand Lodge Office will contact the other Jurisdiction to request Masonic Status and copies of the members Masonic record. *Please be advised that this process can take a considerable length of time depending on the Jurisdiction and their particular procedures.*
7. The Grand Lodge Office will update MORI and close the loop on the Transfer.

NOTE: An out-of-state member who wishes to Plural a Wisconsin lodge is handled via the process listed above. The First Wisconsin Membership is always a Primary Membership that includes Per Capita Tax.

In no cases should the lodge attempt to contact the other Jurisdiction directly.
Please read and review Chapter 82.01 of the Code that covers Transfer date deadlines

Creation of a Plural Membership

1. The member shall petition the Lodge of his choice using his current years dues card as his evidence of 'Good Standing' and completing the MultiPurpose Petition dated 1/2017 for Creation of Plural Membership.
2. Select Creation of Plural Membership, complete and sign the top section of the form.
3. Two recommendations are required by lodge members and they must be completed and signed.
4. The Petition shall be received at a Stated Communication and balloted upon at a



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subsequent Stated Communication. A copy of a current dues card must accompany the completed Petition for Plural Membership.

5. Upon a successful ballot for membership the Notice of Election & Petitioners Request must be completed, properly signed and sent to the Grand Secretary along with the copy of the current dues card.
6. The Grand Lodge Office will update MORI and close the loop on the Transfer.
7. Please read and review Chapter 82.01 of the Code that covers Transfer date deadlines.

Converting a Plural Membership to a Primary Membership

1. The member must already be a Plural member of the lodge he is requesting to make a permanent transfer to.
2. Prior to December 1st of any year the member must complete the Request to Transfer a Primary membership to a Plural Lodge.
3. Send the completed form to the Grand Lodge office to make the Transfer in MORI. They will also notify your former Primary lodge of the termination of membership.

Transfer of Primary Membership to an Out-of-State Lodge

1. In all cases the WI member will need to petition a lodge of his choice in another Jurisdiction.
2. You will need a current years dues card.
3. Follow the procedure for the Jurisdiction you are petitioning in. That Grand Lodge Office will be in contact with the WI Grand Lodge to request a Certificate of Good Standing.

Send completed Petitions to:

Grand Masonic Center
Attention: Grand Secretary
36275 Sunset Drive
Dousman, WI 53118

or via email to:

petitions@wisc-freemasonry.org

END PROCEDURE

FORMS

Transfer Form 1.6~1/2017

Plural to Primary Form 1.2~1/2017

Certificate of Plural Membership Termination 1.1~1/2017

GRAND LODGE F.&A.M. of WISCONSIN PETITION FOR TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

- TRANSFER OF PRIMARY MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER OF PRIMARY TO PLURAL
 CREATION OF PLURAL MEMBERSHIP DATE _____

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens & Brethren of _____ Lodge No. _____

I _____ fraternally represent that I am a Master Mason (E.A or F.C.)
(Please Print Name)
 now or late a member of _____ Lodge No. _____ Located at _____

State of _____, that I am desirous of becoming a member of your Lodge and, if elected, will cheerfully conform to the by-laws of the lodge and the laws of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin.

Signed _____ Member Number M _____

Recommended by:

| Signature | Print Name | Lodge No. | Member No. |
|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | M _____ |
| | | | M _____ |

A copy of a current dues card must accompany this petition. If this is a Transfer in from another Jurisdiction our office will request a Certificate of Good Standing from the originating Jurisdiction.

ALL OUT-OF-STATE TRANFEREES MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone _____ Email _____ Date of Birth _____

City & State of Birth _____

Date(s) of E.A.° _____ F.C.° _____ M.M.° _____

NOTICE OF ELECTION & PETITIONER REQUEST

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens & Brethren of _____ Lodge No. _____
 located at _____ City _____ State _____

Your worthy Brother has petitioned our lodge for (See Above). His petition was granted on _____

Signed _____ Secretary _____
Lodge Name – Number – State

I fraternally represent that I am a member of the Lodge named above and respectfully request my prayer be granted.

Signed _____ Date _____

REQUEST TO CHANGE A PLURAL LODGE TO A PRIMARY LODGE

Date: _____

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of _____

Lodge No. _____.

I _____ fraternally represent that I am a Master
(Please Print)

Mason now or late a Primary member of _____

Lodge No. _____ Located at _____,

and that I am desirous of transferring my Primary lodge membership to your lodge of which I am already a Plural member.

Signed _____

Member Number M _____

REQUEUST FOR TRANSFER OF PRIMARY MEMBERSHIP

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of _____

Lodge No. _____, located at _____

I _____ fraternally represent that I am a member of
(Please Print)

the above named lodge; that I am desirous of terminating my membership therein.

I respectfully request that a Transfer Certificate and resignation be granted on

This _____ day of _____, _____

Signed _____

Attest, Plural Lodge Secretary _____

**CERTIFICATE OF PLURAL MEMBERSHIP
TERMINATION**

Date _____

This is to certify that _____
who is a Plural member in Good Standing of _____
Lodge No. _____, F.&A.M., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge
of Wisconsin, having discharged all indebtedness against him and being free
from all Charges, has resigned from Plural membership in said Lodge. In
testimony whereof, this certificate is granted him, and the Worshipful Master and
Secretary of the said Lodge have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed
the Lodge Seal at _____ this _____ day of _____
in the year _____.

Signed _____
(Worshipful Master)

Attest:

(Secretary)