

CANDIDATE APPLICATION INVESTIGATION FORM

Certain information regarding the candidate must be obtained in order that our Institution may know the character of the applicant prior to initiation into our Fraternity. The information required for this purpose is included in the following suggested points of inquiry, which are intended as a guide to instruct the person making the official investigation on behalf of the lodge and particularly for the senior member of this committee who should be the Worshipful Master or one of the Wardens of the lodge.

Brother:

At a stated communication of _____ Lodge No. _____

held _____ the petition of

Mr. _____ Age _____

for the degrees of Freemasonry was presented and referred to you for investigation.

Residence _____

Occupation _____ At _____

Recommenders _____

References as to character _____

Financial references _____

Please report on or before _____ without fail.

Fraternally yours,

Secretary

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The recommendation of the investigator should be based on information acquired along the following suggested lines:

- Belief in God? What religious faith?
- Home environment? If divorced or separated, is he providing for any children?
- In the event of illness or trouble, is he in position to provide without calling immediately upon the Lodge?
- Does he pay his debts? Likely to become a charge upon the Lodge?
- State of Health? Mental disability?
- Any members of family Masons?
- Suspended or expelled from any fraternal organization other than Freemasonry?
- Members of any organization, regulations of which are incompatible with membership in the Masonic Fraternity?
- Ever a member of clandestine bodies? If so, renunciation from same required?
- Law abiding citizen? Reputation for truth, honesty and financial responsibility?
- Clean, right living, sober, industrious? Man with whom others willingly associate?
- Character of company and associates? Any habits which tend to degrade morals?
- Engaged in liquor/drug traffic? If applicant is not a citizen, why?
- Sufficient education and intelligence to understand Freemasonry?
- Acquainted with any member of the lodge?
- Willing to render service to fellow-man if opportunity affords?
- Is wife or family in sympathy with petitioner joining the Institution?
- Wife's religious faith? What church attended?

If the petitioner has not resided and been employed in this community for several years, a very thorough investigation should be made at his former homes and with his former employers.

TO BE ANSWERED BY THE INVESTIGATOR

Have you interviewed the recommenders and references and are their reports favorable? _____
Have you interviewed the candidate? _____ At his home? _____
I recommend that the petition of ~ _____

Mr. _____ be _____ granted.

Of the Investigating Committee

Date _____