

Questionnaire for Each Member of Investigating Committee

The Worshipful Master will call for a report of the investigating committee on the petitioner named below at the stated meeting of this Lodge on _____, 20____. As a member of the committee you will be expected to be present on the above date to make your report.

Name (in full) _____

Full Address _____

Occupation _____

Name of firm _____

Location of business _____

Character of business _____

Recommended by Brothers _____ and _____

References

1. Did you personally see and talk with applicant? _____

2. Why does he desire to be a Freemason? _____

3. Why did he petition this particular Lodge? _____

4. Is he married? _____ 5. Is he living with his wife? _____

6. If ever divorced, give reasons _____

7. How long has he lived here? _____

8. If required, have you communicated with the Lodge having previous jurisdiction? _____

9. What was his reputation there? _____ 10. Is he successful in his occupation? _____

11. Has he ever been in any serious trouble or convicted of any crime? _____

If so, give particulars _____

12. What is his reputation in this community for honesty, integrity and morality? _____

13. How does he spend his leisure time? _____

14. Does he know that he must pay annual dues to the Lodge? _____

15. What is the condition of his health? _____

16. What is his financial condition? _____

17. How many persons did you interview regarding applicant? _____

18. Report any further information or circumstances you think important? _____

Date _____, 20__

Signed (Member of Investigating Committee) _____

Note - The fundamental obligation of every Masonic Lodge is to determine by every reasonable method whether or not the candidate is fit to be made a Freemason. Any number of questions cannot relieve a Lodge of this fundamental obligation. The object of the Grand Lodge in adopting a questionnaire was not to release Lodges from this obligation but rather to impress upon them the very great importance of it. The questionnaire does not represent the maximum of the Lodge's duty in determining the fitness of the candidate, but rather the minimum of the duty. When a committee on character makes its report to the Lodge, it should be fully prepared, not only to present the answers to the questionnaire, but also to furnish answers to any question that might be raised on the floor of the Lodge about the character of the candidate. (1924: 22, 134)