

**INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

LA. \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

You have been appointed a Committee of Investigation into the character, moral qualifications and fitness for the Degrees of Masonry of:

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Lic. # \_\_\_\_\_

and to verify the following information contained in his petition:

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Previous residence and/or business addresses during the past five years:

He states that he speaks, reads and writes the English language, has no infirmities or physical defects, has never been a defendant in a criminal case in any court, has never applied to or been rejected by any Lodge of Masons, except as follows:

His references are: \_\_\_\_\_

He is recommended by Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ and Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Your report is due \_\_\_\_\_ Please discharge your obligation to the Lodge promptly, do not delay your investigation and report.

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Secretary**YOUR DUTY -- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

1. Grand Lodge law requires that each petition must "be referred to a committee of three members of the Lodge, who shall make strict inquiry into the truth of all matters contained in the petition, and the moral character and qualifications of the applicant and report to the Lodge the result of **their investigation**". You have a solemn obligation to **Masonry and the Lodge** expects you to discharge it promptly and thoroughly. You must be able to positively state of your own knowledge (not the opinions of others) whether the petitioner is worthy or unworthy to be admitted. Remember the injunction: "It is better that no workman be added to the roll than that one unworthy foot be allowed to cross the threshold of the Lodge".
2. You must verify all of the above information which the petitioner furnished on his petition. If any of it is false, you should advise the Worshipful Master immediately.
3. You **must** serve **jointly** as a Committee, discuss, together the results of your **individual** investigations and make your committee report to the Lodge in writing on the prescribed form on the reverse of the petition in the hands of the Secretary.
4. You **should** visit the petitioner at his residence (at least two of you **must** do so) to ascertain:
  - (a) The conditions of his home life and habits
  - (b) If he lives with his family and how he treats them
  - (c) Whether his wife is in sympathy with his joining the Fraternity
  - (d) If divorced, the circumstances
  - (e) The names of any relatives who are (or were) members of the Order
  - (f) That he thoroughly understands the serious character of the Fraternity, its aims and purposes, and that he (and his family) are aware that he (or they) cannot expect any pecuniary benefits thru his membership.
5. You must satisfy yourselves that the petitioner possesses the physical qualifications and be able to conform to the requirements of the Degrees; that he can afford to spend the necessary amounts for fees and dues, without depriving himself or his family of any comfort they ought to have.
6. In general you must convince yourselves of the petitioner's worthiness and that you would be glad to bear the relationship of a brother to him.