

**A Guide To
Investigation Committees**

- 1) Verify his belief in God or a Supreme Being. He does not have to be of the Christian religion.
- 2) Can he read and write the English language.
- 3) Visit the petitioner in his home, if possible, with his wife present. Observe how he lives and treats his wife and family.
- 4) Explain that Freemasonry is not an insurance nor is it a benefit society.
- 5) Be sure the petitioner and his wife understand the cost of the three degrees and also the annual dues. Inquire if this will cause a hardship on the family finances.
- 6) Explain our catechisms being memory work and that he will have to take the time necessary to advance to the next degree.
- 7) Ask if he belongs to any organization or church that prohibits him from becoming a Freemason. He should check with his pastor or priest. Explain that this is not a religious test but a respect by Masonry for another's religion.
- 8) In general satisfy yourself that the petitioner will be a good Mason. Would you want him as a friend, a fellow Mason? Take with you and leave with him booklets on Freemasonry such as "Who are the Masons?", "What's a Mason?" and "A Woman's Introduction to Masonry", for the wife. These are available from your Secretary. If you feel you are too inexperienced to do a proper investigation call your Worshipful Master and ask that a more experienced member of the investigating committee accompany you to provide guidance.

Investigation Committee Notice

HALL OF

Lodge Name: _____ No.: _____

Committee Members (1.) _____
 (2.) _____
 (3.) _____

At a stated meeting held on _____

You were appointed a Member of a Committee on the Petition of:

for: Degrees Affiliation Plural Member of Lodge

Birth Date: _____ His age is: _____ Phone: _____

Residence: _____

Occupation of: _____

Place of Business: _____ Phone: _____

Also, that he is a believer in GOD, has lived in this State six months or more preceding the date of his petition, and that he has never before petitioned any lodge for the degrees.

Recommended by the following Brethren:

- (1.) _____
- (2.) _____
- (3.) _____

Your verbal report to the Master will be due on or before: _____

You are urgently requested to report before said date so as not to delay action on petition. If you cannot serve on this committee, notify the Secretary at once. Kindly read the guide on the side of this form as to the duties of the Committee.

Fraternally Yours, _____, Secretary

Secy Phone _____

Master Phone _____

_____, Master