



The following questions are **CONFIDENTIAL** and should not be read in Lodge or to Petitioners

(USE SUCH QUESTIONS AS MAY APPLY TO VARIOUS KINDS OF PETITIONERS)

**Petitioner Evaluation  
Considerations**

His personality  
Can express his feelings  
Knows what he wants  
Is he sincere?  
Friendly attitude  
Is he fair minded?  
Charitable, benevolent?  
Honors womanhood  
Respects family/friends  
Believes in Supreme Being

**General Attitude**

Cleanliness of mind  
Moral character  
Devotion to God/family  
Willing to help others

1. Is he married or single? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Any physical handicaps? If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Occupation or profession? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Able to read, write, speak English language? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does his wife/family approve of his joining? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Will initiation fee/dues cause financial hardship? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Does petitioner and family understand Freemasonry is a Fraternal Society and not an insurance or burial organization? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Does he expect any financial benefit from Fraternity? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Has he been convicted in a court of law? \_\_\_\_\_  
To what extent have you checked this? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Is he a member of other fraternal, social, or religious organizations? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, name \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you determine if any are morally or ethically incompatible with Freemasonry? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What do his references and the signers of his petition say about him? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What appears to be the petitioner's motive for applying? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Does he appear to have any reservations about becoming a Mason? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, discuss \_\_\_\_\_
14. Did you explain petitioner's responsibilities to Fraternity (memory work, attendance, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Does he accept these obligations? \_\_\_\_\_
15. State in your own thoughtful words your evaluation of this candidate and any other facts which should be considered by the Lodge.  
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**RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE**

I, as a member of the committee appointed to inquire into the character of the petitioner named herein, report that performed my duty and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Granted or Rejected)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**SUGGESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE**

You must remember that you and your fellow committeemen will be the only members of the Lodge to see and talk with the petitioner in his own environment. He should be called on at his home and at least one member of the committee should call on him at his place of business if possible. If the petitioner is married, it is desirable that the home interview be conducted in the presence of his wife.

As part of the investigation interview, the petitioner and his wife should be encouraged to ask questions about the Fraternity, the Lodge, our beliefs, responsibilities, costs, etc. Always remember that the petitioner is investigating our Fraternity while we are learning about him. He knows very little about our organization and, therefore, we have an obligation to make him knowledgeable about us. A careful explanation should include what is expected of the petitioner as he takes his degrees; that he will progress along a symbolic journey pursuing more light in Masonry. He will learn of the working tools of the craftsmen and the symbolic meaning of them. There will be obligations (ritual) which he must learn as he progresses. It is important to stress the symbolism that we observe as we learn our Masonic lessons. Point out to him the benefits of our work, the self satisfaction, friendship, and inner peace he will enjoy as he participates in our activities. There is very little information about our Fraternity that cannot be openly discussed except for signs, symbols, and specific ritual work.