

APPOINTMENT AND REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

(PREPARE IN TRIPLICATE)

LODGE, NO. _____, F.: & A.:M.: of Washington Dated: _____

Dear _____

By order of the Worshipful Master, you have been appointed to a committee of investigation to inquire into the character and fitness of the petitioner named herein who has made application to this Lodge for

- the Degrees of Masonry,
 Affiliation,
 Plural Membership,
 Reinstatement,
 Restoration.

DATA CONCERNING THE PETITIONER

(TO BE FILLED IN BY THE LODGE SECRETARY)

Name:		Telephone:	
Address:			
Place of Birth:		Date of Birth:	
Occupation:			
Name and Address of Employer:			
Has lived at the above address	_____ years	previously at	_____
References:			
Members of this Lodge who signed the petition			
Other pertinent information (as stated in the petition):			
Re: Certificate of Good standing in (or) Dimit from		Lodge, No.	
Re: Reinstatement- he was dropped for NPD on			
Re: Plural membership – he holds membership in the:		Lodge, No	
and		Lodge, No.	

The good name of the Fraternity in general and this Lodge in particular, is involved in the careful investigation of the petitioner. Therefore, your love for Masonry should lead you to be prompt and thorough in the performance of this most important assignment. The questions set forth on the reverse side are to be used as guides. They do not limit the scope of the investigation.

Return to Secretary by _____.

This petition will come up for ballot on _____.

If for any reason you are unable to serve on this Committee, advice the Secretary **immediately**. Phone () -
Email address is _____.

Secretary - _____

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)

Your Lodge is guided by the report of its Committee on Investigation. The responsibilities of your committee are vastly greater than any other committee. The future of your Lodge depends on the quality of the men we are admitting today. Therefore, it is vitally important that the Lodge receives a thorough, impartial and complete report from its Committee on Investigation.

You should not be unduly influenced in favor of the applicant by the prominence of the signers of the petition, as members have been known to endorse a petition with very limited knowledge of the petitioner. It is imperative that you contact the applicant personally, at his home.

Remember my Brother that ours is not a reformatory institution. Our design is and always has been to aid making good men better, not unacceptable men good. Failure to find a specific reason to disqualify a man does not in itself entitle him to enter our portals – THERE MUST BE SOMETHING FOR HIM. We, however, must be diligent at guarding the West Gate and not be influenced by membership numbers or goals. Finally, if in doubt, give the benefit to the Lodge and Freemasonry as an institution.

**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. Occupation or profession _____
2. Is he married or single? _____
3. Any physical challenges? If yes, what? _____
4. Does his wife/family support his joining? _____
5. Will initiation fee/dues cause financial hardship? _____
6. What are his expectations from the Lodge/ Fraternity? _____

7. Is he willing and able to support Masonic charities with his time and finances when called upon to do so? _____
8. Has he been convicted in a court of law? _____
To what extent have you checked this? _____
9. Does he belong to any other fraternal, social or religious organization? _____
If so, are any incompatible with Freemasonry? _____
10. What do his references and the signers of his petition say about him? _____

11. Does he appear to have any reservations, hidden motivations or undue influences which would prohibit him becoming a Mason? _____
If so, discuss _____

12. Did you explain petitioner's responsibilities to Fraternity (memory work, attendance. etc.)? _____
Does he accept these obligations? _____
13. State in your own thoughtful words your evaluation of this candidate and any other facts that should be considered by the Lodge.
Add an additional page, if necessary. _____

RECOMMENDATION

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

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Granted or Rejected

Signature