

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 & Address: _____

Occupation & Name of Firm: _____

Location of Firm: _____

Recommended by _____ and _____

References: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

1. Did you personally see and talk with the petitioner? _____

2. Purpose of joining Freemasonry _____

3. Why this Lodge? _____ 4. Lived in area how long? _____

5. Has he ever been convicted of a serious felony or misdemeanor? _____

6. How does he spend his leisure time? _____

7. Does he know he must pay annual dues & the amount? Yes. _____

8. How many people did you contact regarding his reputation? _____

9. Is he married? _____ If so, wife's name _____

10. Report on information regarding his financial condition, health and reputation. _____

Date _____, 20 ____ Signature of committee member _____

Note: The fundamental obligation of every Masonic Lodge is to determine by every reasonable method whether or not the petitioner 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 petitioner. (1924: 22, 134)