

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons
State of California, Incorporated



APPOINTMENT OF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Date: _____ From: _____ Lodge, No. _____

The Worshipful Master has appointed you as a Committee to investigate the character, motive and fitness of a profane whose petition for degrees was received by our Lodge.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

CHARGE TO THE COMMITTEE

You who are charged with the duty of investigating the character and other qualifications of the applicant for the privileges of Freemasonry and to hold positions of distinction and trust. You are the inspectors to examine the material wherewith to add wisdom, strength and beauty to the universal Masonic Temple. Carelessness, indifference or negligence in the discharge of this responsible duty would be considered as a breach of Masonic trust. The applicant should be made to understand that his considerations, or favoritism, must not control or bias your action. He is to be informed that he must pass the scrutiny of investigation and the ordeal of the ballot, as all have done before him. If there is a doubt in regard to his fitness to become a Mason, let the Lodge have the benefit of the doubt. Remember, the dignity, honor, and reputation of the institution is in your hands.

Please be prepared to make a report of your findings to the Lodge at the Stated Meeting, to be held on _____, 20____

Worshipful Master

INVESTIGATING (cont'd)

8. Can he afford the financial responsibilities of Masonry and still have something to contribute to charity? Yes _____ No _____
9. Has he resided within the Jurisdiction of this Lodge for at least six months and in the state for at least one year? Yes _____ No _____
10. Does he have any physical disabilities which would prevent him from conforming to the form and ceremonies of Masonry? Yes _____ No _____
11. Additional Comments:

REPORT TO THE LODGE

After a diligent inquiry into the character and background of the above named profane, the Investigating Committee finds him to be of good report and we recommend that he receive the degrees of Freemasonry and that he become a member of this Lodge.

If the recommendation is unfavorable, please state and explain:

Note to the Investigator:

In accordance with Chapter VIII, Section 100 of the Masonic Code for California, your name is not to appear on this form

INVESTIGATION

1. Obtain and verify the following information:

a) Is the candidate's address correct? Yes _____ No _____

b) His date of birth is: _____ Year: _____

c) His place of birth is: _____ State _____

e) His occupation is: _____

2. Has he ever petitioned another Masonic Lodge for Membership? Yes _____ No _____

a. If yes; Lodge No. _____ State _____

3. Do you believe him to be of sufficient mental capacity to understand and appreciate the lessons of Freemasonry? Yes _____ No _____

4. Does he appear to be a clean, honorable, sober and industrious man? Yes _____ No _____

5. Has he been convicted of a crime? Yes _____ No _____

(a) If yes; date and nature of crime

(b) Source of Information

6. Did you discover any habits which would degrade his character of the order?

Yes _____ No _____

7. Is he married or single? Married _____ Single _____

i. Is his family in sympathy with him joining the fraternity? Yes _____ No _____

ii. Has he made necessary provisions for His family in case of his death?

Yes _____ No _____

iii. Is he likely to become a charge upon the Lodge? Yes _____ No _____