

Investigations



Suggestions for a candidate
interview

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Be faithful to the trust committed to your care, and manifest your fidelity to our principals by a strict observance of the constitutions of the fraternity; by adhering to the ancient landmarks, and by refusing to recommend anyone to a participation in our privileges unless you have a strong reason to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will reflect honor upon our ancient institutions.



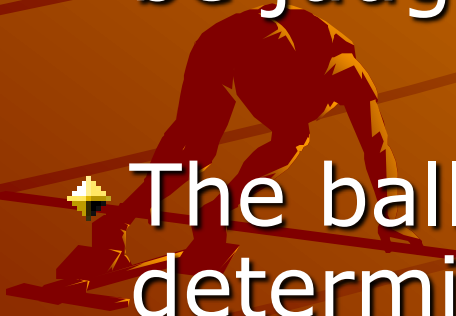
Selection of the Investigation Committee



◆ **The responsibility of maintaining the high standards of our fraternity rest with the individual lodge.**

◆ **YOUR** lodge and **OUR** fraternity will be judged by its members.

◆ **The ballot on a petition is primarily determined by the results of the investigating committee.**



✦ The committee is selected by the Worshipful Master, however the Secretary sees the results of the committee's work through many Masters. He can be of considerable help.

✦ Selection of committee members is an extremely important responsibility.



Suggestions on how the committee
selection should be made



1. A minimum of three Masons, but no more than five.
2. Two members should be Masons with tenure and be active in the lodge.
3. Don't be afraid to include a new Mason.
4. The Chairman should be knowledgeable; the current or Past Master.



5. Members should be above reproach.
6. Members should understand Masonry
7. Members should be good conversationalists, easy to talk too; capable of setting the candidate and his family at ease.
8. If Possible, at least one member near the age of the candidate
9. They must be impartial. They should not have signed his petition.

Conducting the Interview

Either individually or as a committee.



1. Schedule an interview with the candidate in his home.

1. What is his home life like?

2. What is the families attitude toward the Masonic Lodge?

2. The interview should be informal.

1. To obtain and observe the candidates natural reactions.

2. Is he friendly?

3. What is his attitude toward charities?

4. What does his character appear to be.



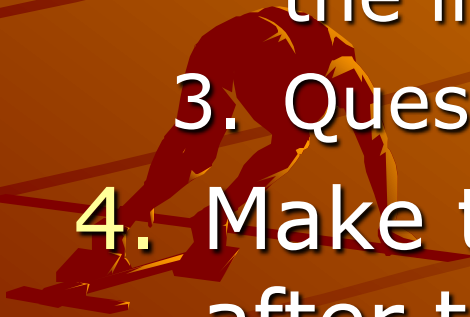
3. Remember that the questionnaires must be completed **AFTER THE INTERVIEW.**

1. Do not quote the questions to the candidate.

2. Know what you need before entering the interview.

3. Question without interrogation.

4. Make time for the committee to talk after the interview over coffee.



What do we need to cover during the interview?



1. Does he believe in a Supreme Being?
2. Does he have the senses of a man?
3. Does he read and write English?
4. Is he of proper age?
5. Does he meet the residence requirements?
6. What is the occupation of the candidate?
7. Does he belong to other organizations?
8. If so, what do they represent?

10. Does he know of any reason he can not be made a Mason?

11. Is this of his own free will and accord?

12. What is his financial abilities?

13. They must understand that this is not an insurance company?

14. Has the candidate ever been in trouble with the civil authorities?

Remember that what you see and feel is what your brothers are going to base their ballot upon.

Would you trust him with your wife?

Would you trust him with the safety of your children and have no fear of an improper act towards them by him?

Would you trust him NEVER to tell a secret to anyone if you gave him such a secret to keep?

Any Questions?

