

# REFERENCE OF APPLICATION FOR DEGREES

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, F & A. M.  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Brother:

I hereby appoint you to investigate the character of \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Whose application for the degrees of Masonry was received by our Lodge at its last Stated Meeting.

Applicant states he was born \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year City State or Country

This report due by \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Master

It is your duty to "make strict examination into the moral, mental and physical and other proper qualifications of the applicant and to report thereon to the Master at the next Stated Meeting."

If you need more time to investigate this applicant, do not hesitate to ask the Master for it and do not return this report until you are thoroughly satisfied.

You are required by the C.M.C. to set forth in detail the facts ascertained respecting the applicant, and to report your favorable or unfavorable conclusions. The report should be mailed or delivered in person to the Master so that he will have it several days **prior** to the next Stated Meeting.

- a. Do not disclose your assignment to anyone and warn the applicant not to do so.
- b. Applicant should be interviewed in his home so that you may observe it and the applicant's relationships with his family and their attitude toward him joining the Lodge.
- c. Applicant's wife should be interviewed separately so she can express herself freely.
- d. Applicant, recommendors and references should be interviewed as soon as possible to allow time to check leads and other sources.
- e. Ask applicant for additional references.
- f. If applicant's age, health or financial standing indicates the possibility of his becoming a charge on the Lodge, or that he is trying to become eligible for admission to the Masonic Home, check carefully and report on your questionnaire.

The questions to be asked the applicant are intended to aid you in making your report. **Insert his answers where indicated. Fill in the answers to your questionnaire when you have finished your investigation.** Please remember that under our law, only the Master knows of your appointment and that no record connects you with this application or with the report you shall make. Your report will be destroyed by the Master immediately after the ballot has been had.

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The applicant was recommended by:

Brother \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

And Brother \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

He refers to: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

And \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY APPLICANT**  
**FILL IN ALL ANSWERS**

1. Have you ever been arrested for a crime other than a traffic violation? Yes  No
2. If so, where, when and what for? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you married? Yes  No
4. Does your wife approve of your application? Yes  No
5. Are you divorced? Yes  No
6. Do you know of anyone who might object to your joining Masonry? Yes  No
7. What are your reasons for applying for membership in Masonry? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you ever served in the armed forces? Yes  No  Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, did you receive an honorable discharge? Yes  No  Date: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Are you or have you ever been a member of any fraternal or social lodge or club? Yes  No   
If so, state where and when. If not a member now, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Have you ever been known by any name other than the one given in your application? Yes  No
11. State fully your acquaintanceship with the men named in your application as recommenders and references \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you own your home or do you rent? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is the extent of you financial obligations? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Does your income adequately provide for your obligations? \_\_\_\_\_
15. How much life insurance do you carry? \_\_\_\_\_
16. How is your health? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Describe thoroughly any physical deformity or defect or any serious disease you have or have had

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18. Do you expect to attend Lodge regularly? Yes  No

19. Whom do you know in the Lodge? \_\_\_\_\_

20. What other Masons do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE ANSWERED BY MEMBER OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**  
**FILL IN ALL ANSWERS**

1. Have you interviewed this applicant in person? Yes  No

2. Do you believe him to be of sufficient mental capacity to understand and appreciate the lessons of Masonry? Yes  No

3. Is he a clean, right-living man, sober and industrious? Yes  No

4. Has he any habits which tend to degrade his morals? Yes  No

5. Is he married or single? \_\_\_\_\_ What family has he? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you meet him in his home and talk with his family? Yes  No

6. Is his wife or family in sympathy with his joining our Institution? (This is quite important.) Yes  No

7. Does he live with and support his family as a husband should? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What appear to be his motives for making application? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Did you check his previous residence? Yes  No

10. Did you check his former employers or business connections? Yes  No

11. Did you check his recommendors? Yes  No

12. Did you check his references? Yes  No

13. Have you any further comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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After a thorough investigation of all available sources of information, I am (am not) satisfied as to the character and zeal of the applicant, and I do (do not) make a favorable report.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Investigator