

PETITION PROCESS FOR NEW CANDIDATES

To all WDDGMs,

Per the Orders of our MWGM, we were tasked with developing a standard practice for the distribution of Petitions for new candidates and keeping with the Enhanced Investigation Process to include State Police and Child Abuse Reports. This process was voted on and received unanimously by the WDDGM's on Saturday, November 3, 2012, as the process to be used for each candidate going forward.

PETITION PROCESS

SPONSOR: Gives the candidate a petition for admission with specific instruction to complete petition in its entirety complying with all its requirements i.e., medical slip. Candidates

that the petition must be accompanied by the required initiation fees plus the State Police and Child Abuse Reports, before it can be accepted.

CANDIDATE: Satisfying the above requirements, the sponsor receives all the above from the Candidate and turns it over to the Lodge Secretary. A Petition must be read aloud in an open Lodge meeting and if it is accepted, it is turned over to an investigation committee appointed by the Worshipful Master.

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE: Meet with Candidate, who is interviewed and asked the Constitutional questions, they will also review the State Police and Child Abuse Reports with Candidate. At the conclusion of that meeting, the State Police and Child Abuse Reports must be returned to the Candidate before leaving the meeting site. The Investigation Committee returns to the Lodge and present their findings at the next meeting.

CONTINUE: Follow the Constitutional Balloting Process going forward.

NOTE: In an effort to increase our membership a Master Mason may sponsor more than one candidate, remembering that the focus is on **QUALITY**.

All newly raised Master Masons are not allowed to petition another house for at least (one) 1 year, from the date that he is raised.

INFORMATION UPDATE COMING SOON !!!

**Links to Candidate Investigative Forms
Highlighted Below!**

**1. Pennsylvania State Police Background
check**

2. Download the Criminal History Request Form - SP4-164

3. Child abuse background check

Candidate Investigation Results should be obtained before an application is given to a candidate

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