

## **Step Six - Meeting at the Prospect's Home with his Family**

This meeting is the end of the pre-petition process. It mirrors what most Lodges do when they convene an Investigation Committee, **with this difference.**

This represents a major change in how this process is currently handled. We have, in a sense, already had a working Investigation Committee getting to know the prospect over the course of several months. The Lodge has not even received the petition because **we have not given the prospect the opportunity to ask for it yet.**

If he requests a petition and it is signed by the men working the process with him and or a special top line signer such as a man's father, brother or good friend, we move to Step seven which is the presentation of the Petition at Lodge for Investigation and Balloting.

### **Conversation Guide**

#### **This is a guide, not a script.**

Hi (Prospect's and lady's name). Thank you for welcoming us into your home. You both have come through a long and serious process to determine whether asking to join Freemasonry is right for your family.

Make sure to follow up with them about the social events. What did they think of them? Did they feel like they fit in? Did they enjoy the event? The Lodge's contact persons working with the Prospect will report to the Lodge either favorably or unfavorably, in part based upon these answers.

Tonight we will do the following:

We will play a video called the Lodge System of Masonic Education. This video goes over and ties together some of the same information that we have covered, but in a very concise way.

Following the video we will go over some specific questions that our rules require we ask.

Following those questions the floor is totally yours. Please ask whatever questions you have, keeping in mind that there are no bad questions, only bad answers! If you ask a question that we cannot answer we will get back to you promptly with information.

Before we leave we will give you the opportunity to ask for a Petition. This is a great moment for all of us. It means that the Lodge has decided that we can move to the next step, the process of your petitioning the Lodge. The Petition fee for our Lodge is \$ and must accompany the Petition. (Please apply whatever your Lodge bylaws call for in terms of half or full amount). If you fill out the Petition and submit it with the Petition fee, your Petition will be presented at Lodge,

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and our report will be heard. If your Petition is accepted, you will then be interviewed by our Lodge Investigation Committee and you will be balloted on. If you pass the ballot our Secretary will reach out to you with further details.

**The Petition and a favorable Ballot are the golden key that unlocks the door to a lifetime of Freemasonry and your taking rank with those of us who are seeking light.**

The following are a list of questions that must be re-affirmed before the Candidate Selection Process can be completed.

- Does he believe in a Supreme Being and the Immortality of the Soul? He is *never* to be asked what form of Deity, religion or worship that is.

- Has he ever been convicted of a felony? If so what are the details.

Every other question already has been asked in the Candidate Selection Process.

Please make sure in advance that the prospect has something to play the Lodge System of Masonic Education part one video on.

Remember to view the video yourself before you show it to the prospect.

Play the video for the prospect.

Answer all questions honestly, the good, the bad and the ugly.

If all questions are answered in the Affirmative and the Lodge contacts want to offer a petition by asking: "Would you like to Petition to join the Lodge at this time?"