



Letter of Introspection

As part of the Candidate Selection Process we have explained to you that petitioning for Masonic membership is no small request. The path you have asked to travel is beset with labors and contemplation. We are looking for men who are prepared to commit themselves to this process in order to enter our mystic tie and become better men. This is a serious, life-changing opportunity you ask of our fraternity, an opportunity we do not make available to everyone who asks. With this in mind, are you ready to continue your pursuit of these high ideals our Fraternity teaches? Are you truly ready for the path of the Craftsman?

You have met with us twice and we have shared much concerning what we believe about the Craft and you have shared much of what has drawn you to it.

If you are prepared to take the next step, please provide the information requested below in a letter to be returned before our next meeting. Understand that you have asked us about membership. Brothers of this Lodge must sign a petition on your behalf attesting to your good character. The better we know each other the easier the road ahead may be.

In a letter, either handwritten or typed, please provide the following:

- Explain your family history, upbringing, and transition to manhood. In other words, what did you learn from your family that helped you become the man you are today?
- What are your future employment goals.
- Masonry requires that a man know himself. What do you know about yourself? What makes you tick?
- What are some of your strengths and what would you like to improve about yourself?
- Masonry requires that members have high ethics. When have you displayed yours?
- Every person has a personal code or philosophy they live by. What is yours?
- Why do you want to join Freemasonry?
- What do you expect from Freemasonry?

We hope that this process has brought a lot of information and reflection to you. Please return this letter before our next meeting. This will give me a chance to read it and understand more about you. Please *sign in handwriting* at the bottom.