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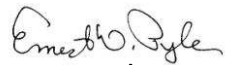
SUBJECT: PILOT PROGRAM INFORMATION

Please find enclosed/attached information regarding the Pilot Program for background checks for candidates.

1. Grand Master's letter regarding the program
2. Guidelines for Candidate Investigations
3. Candidate Background Waiver
4. New 'Petition for the Degrees of Masonry'

This is a pilot program. The Lodge is not required to do background checks.

Fraternally,



Ernie Pyle, Grand Secretary

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PILOT PROGRAM

LODGE INVESTIGATION OF CANDIDATES

As of September 1, 2010, I am instituting a Pilot Program to authorize the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Colorado to conduct background checks on candidates for Masonry from Constituent Lodges. This program will be voluntary to all constituent Lodges in Colorado for the remainder of this Masonic Year ending January 28, 2011. It will require the addition of language to all petitions for membership for all participating Colorado Lodges to include a waiver from the petitioner for this check to be conducted. The Program will also require, on the part of all participating Lodges, the payment of a fee to cover the cost of the background check to be paid by the candidate at the time of his submission his petition. All information received from the background check will become the property of the participating Lodge and subject to the vote of the Lodge for initiation of the candidate. Contact the Grand Secretary for additional details.

Charles G. Johnson

Charles G. Johnson—Grand Master

The following form or the language thereof may be used for completing a candidate background check.

GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATE INVESTIGATIONS

PILOT PROGRAM, September 1, 2010

GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO

Please use the following guidelines for the use of the Pilot Program for the Investigation of Candidates. If you have questions or need clarification please contact the Grand Secretary, Ernie Pyle, at 719-623-5344 or erniepile@coloradofreemasons.org.

1. **All** investigation reports will be generated from the Grand Lodge of Colorado. The Grand Lodge has contracted with a private company to do a fifty state criminal background check, social security number verification and a recent addresses verification check.
2. For each candidate you must send the original dated, signed and completely filled out waiver form with a check generated from your Lodge for \$15.00. Make the check out to the Grand Lodge of Colorado. If you are requesting more than one background investigation you may send only one check with a list of the petitioners. Please send your request by regular mail. Since this is a Grand Lodge Pilot Program you do not have to change your bylaws to collect this money from the petitioner.
3. A new 'Petition for the Degrees of Masonry' form has been developed. However, the Candidate Background Waiver form must be filled out separately for the use of the Grand Lodge only. This form will be returned to the Lodge so you can have the candidate sign it when you return his investigation report. The Lodge **must** keep the original Candidate Background Waiver form.
4. The Grand Lodge will submit the candidate information to the investigation company as soon as it arrives and will do everything possible to give the Lodge a speedy report. The investigation report **must** be returned to the candidate, but as it says in item number 3, the Lodge must keep the original signed Candidate Background Waiver form.
5. **Do not** have the Investigation Committee investigate this person before you get the report. Also, do not vote on the petitioner until you have received the report and have the Investigation Committee Recommendation.
6. The Grand Lodge will not keep copies of the Investigation Report. It is for the use of the local Lodge only.



PETITION FOR THE DEGREES OF MASONRY

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of _____
Lodge No. _____, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:

The petition of the subscriber respectfully represents that having long entertained a favorable opinion of your ancient institution, he is desirous, if found worthy, of being made an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, and of being admitted a member of your Lodge. If accepted, he pledges himself to a cheerful obedience to the requirements of your By-laws, and promises a strict conformity to the ancient usages and customs and the established rules and regulations of the Fraternity.

(Questions to be answered in writing by the petitioner.)

I understand I may be subject to a background investigation... Please Initial _____

Date of Birth _____ Where were you born? _____

What is your occupation? _____

How long have you lived in Colorado? _____

Do you believe in the existence of one ever-living true God? Yes _____ No _____

Do you know of any physical, legal, or moral reason which should prevent you from becoming a Freemason? _____

Have you in the past violated, or are you now violating, the criminal law of any state or country in which you have resided or in which you are now residing? _____

Do you promise not to violate any such laws in the future? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever applied for the degrees of Masonry? Yes _____ No _____

If yes when and in what Lodge(s)? _____

Are you Married? Yes _____ No _____ Wife's Name? _____

State place of residence and occupation during the past five years: _____

Dated at _____, Colorado, this _____, day of _____

Recommended by:

Members of the Lodge and Fraternity who have known the petitioner for at least 6 months, one of whom must be a member of this Lodge. (Section 149 of the Book of Constitution)

(Name in full – Please Print)

(Signature)

(Name in full – Please Print)

(Signature)

Contact Information:

(Name in full – Please Print)

(Signature)

(Address)

(City, State Zip)

(Phone Home - Cell - Business)

(Email Address)

This petition will not be received unless accompanied by the required fee.



This Side to be Filled Out by the Secretary

Lodge _____ No. _____

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Colorado

Petition of

For the Degrees of Masonry

Recommended By

Petition Received: _____

Investigating Committee

(Name) (Phone)

(Name) (Phone)

(Name) (Phone)

Report Due: Date _____

Report Received: Date _____

Ballot Taken: Date _____

Result: _____

Accompanying Fee: _____

E. A. Degree _____ **Ex** _____

F. C. Degree _____ **Ex** _____

M. M. Degree _____ **Ex** _____



