



Endeavor Lodge #17



SUGGESTED PROTOCOLS FOR RECOMMENDERS

You have a friend who wants to become a Mason and you want to know what protocols to follow when becoming a 1st or 2nd line signer or recommender. In the Charge at initiating, our duty in this respect is clearly and unmistakably pointed out to us: "If in the circle of your acquaintance, you find a person desirous of being initiated into Masonry, be particularly attentive not to recommend him unless you are convinced he will conform to our rules, that the honor, glory and reputation of this institution may be firmly established, and the world at large convinced of its good effects." When accepting the petition please inform your friend that he is required to submit a \$50 deposit (check or cash) toward his \$250 initiation fee and after his first year he will responsible to pay \$83.50 yearly dues. Also ask him to fully complete the petition in legible printing and to sign at both places where a signature is requested (each marked with an X).

When you affix your signature to a petition for membership to Endeavor Lodge #17 you have incurred certain duties and responsibilities to the petitioner and to the Lodge. Firstly, we expect that you have known this man for enough time to know something of his character and personality. It is said that you can pick your friends but not your relatives, but this is not the case in Freemasonry for this man is going to become your Brother and you do have the option to decide whether or not he becomes a member of **YOUR** Masonic Family. Secondly, as one of his recommenders you should be in attendance at his Degree conferrals whenever possible. Also sitting in on one or more of his mentoring sessions with his instructor (if you cannot become his instructor) will let him know of your commitment as a Brother and can possibly serve to refresh your memory to lessons that our Degrees impart. Finally, you should follow his progress in learning his catechisms and encourage him to meet the deadlines for "passing off" and keep him informed of Lodge activities that he can participate in as he advances thru the Degrees.

If you faithfully observe these duties you will be contributing to the growth of your candidate as he becomes a true and faithful Brother among us and with the growth of your Lodge as we add a future Master Mason start his Masonic travels on a "good footing" and who may very well be inspired to become a future Worshipful Master of Endeavor Lodge #17.

Should the aforementioned motivate you to want to do more ... ask the Worshipful Master to assign you to an Investigation Committee on a future candidate. This is **YOUR** Lodge so get involved and make a positive difference!!!

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