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Instructions for Processing Affiliation under New Provisions Of DIMIT PROCEDURE, SECTION 33.02 (a)

Step 1: A Brother expresses interest in affiliating with your Lodge.

Step 2: Secretary provides Brother with an "Application For Affiliation"(Form 86). An "Application for Membership" (Form 28) may be used by scratching the word "unaffiliated".

Step 3: Upon receipt of completed Application For Affiliation (Form 86), (at a Stated Meeting of the Lodge), The Application is referred to an Investigating Committee. Secretary prepares and mails "Request for Certificate of Good Standing" (Form 84) to Brothers current Lodge, **if in Ohio. If out of state, see * below.**

Step 4: After receipt of completed "Certification of Good Standing" (Form 84) and upon completion of Lodge's normal investigation procedure, a ballot is taken to elect or reject the Brother.

Step 5: When Ballot is found clear, the Brother is provisionally elected to membership, pending receipt of Dimit from current Lodge.

Step 6: Secretary prepares "Lodge Request Form 85". Be sure to have Brother fill out, and sign the authorization section at the bottom of Form 85. Mail to Secretary of Brother's current Lodge, **if in Ohio. If out of state, see * below.**

Step 7: Current Lodge fills out Form 60 and sends it to the Grand Lodge for issuance of Dimit.

Step 8: When the Lodge receives the Dimit, the affiliation is complete. **Important!!** The affiliation date will be the same as the date shown on the Dimit.

Step 9: Be sure to have the Brother sign the dimit in the space provided. **Note: it is not necessary to return the stub at the bottom of a Dimit. This is for out of State affiliations only.**

Step 10: Be sure to report this new Brother on a Blue "Lodge Affiliation / Reinstatement Report" (Form 81). Your next available Member number should be assigned to this Brother.

All Secretaries please note. The new form 60 gives you the option of having a Dimit returned to you, from the Grand Secretary's office, or forwarded to the Brother's New Lodge.

* Please remember, all "Out of State correspondence" must come through the Grand Secretary's office. If all else fails, call the Grand Secretary's office, we will be happy to assist you.