



Prospective Candidates Referrals from District & UGLE.

There is a new procedure in place originating from both the UGLE and District Web Sites whereby anyone making enquiries about Freemasonry in Cyprus via the UGLE website are referred to our District Grand Secretary and those viewing the District Website interested in becoming a Freemason can make initial enquiries via the District Grand Secretary or District Grand Mentor.

On receiving such an enquiry the prospective candidate's full details are obtained and they are advised to read all the information leaflets contained within the online library on the 'What is Freemasonry' page of the District website and if after this they are still interested then their 'interest' will be passed to the Lodge Mentor of the Lodge closest to their home address.

This is where you as Lodge Mentors will become involved.

Prior to getting this referral, District will have as far as possible ascertained that it is a genuine enquiry and that the enquirer is a permanent resident in Cyprus. They will then pass all the information gained to you. Your next move would be to establish contact with the enquirer either by email or phone, during such contact you can make your own judgement as to his seriousness/suitability before taking the next stage which would be a face to face meeting.

Where you take it from there will depend on you. It is obvious that no Brother would be willing to sponsor someone they don't know so perhaps the man concerned could be invited along to Lodge social evenings and get to know the Brethren, it may turn out that a Brother may know him or know of him which would help. In any case by keeping in contact with him over a period of time confidence in him can be built up.

It may be of interest to know that there are several Candidates already in the pipeline as a result of this procedure with at least two successfully Initiated.

The United Grand Lodge of England and the District Grand Lodge of Cyprus are focussing on recruitment of new members and retention of existing members and although enquiries from interested but unknown men wishing to join our fraternity should be treated with caution their interest should be treated as genuine until proven otherwise..

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District Grand Mentor