

Digest of Masonic Law

CHAPTER 36

**REJECTION OF CANDIDATES AND  
EFFECT THEREOF**

GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Regulations**

**36.01** A rejected candidate for the Degrees must wait six months before he can petition to the same or any other Lodge, except by Dispensation of the Grand Master upon application of the Lodge, and which Dispensation should not be granted but for unquestionably good reason. (1995)

**36.02** A Lodge of concurrent jurisdiction may, after expiration of six months after rejection, receive petition for the Degrees of a rejected candidate of another Lodge of the concurrent jurisdiction and no waiver of jurisdiction by the rejecting Lodge shall be necessary or required, but due inquiry shall be made of the rejecting Lodge. (1995)

**36.03** A Lodge may receive the petition for Initiation of a person who has been rejected by another Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction more than six months previous to his petition, if at the time he resides out of the jurisdiction of the rejecting Lodge, and has continuously resided for the last six months in the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he petitions, and the last twelve months in this Grand Jurisdiction; but inquiry should be made of the rejecting Lodge if it knows any reason why the applicant should not now be made a Mason. (1995)

**36.04** No publicity must be given the case of a rejected petitioner for any of the Degrees or for affiliation, by the Fraternity or any member thereof, under any circumstances.

**36.05** If any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction receives a petition for the Degrees which shows that the petitioner has been rejected in a Sister Grand Jurisdiction, then such petition must be submitted to the Grand Master for his attention and action before any action can be taken by the Lodge.

**References**

Petition showing rejection in another Grand Jurisdiction cannot be acted upon by Lodge until submitted to Grand Master. Reg. 31.19

**RETAINING JURISDICTION**

## OBJECTIONS

### References

Objection has same effect as rejection. Reg. 37.07

As to refunds of fees in case of rejection, see Fees for the Degrees, Chapter 32

### Rulings and Decisions

The refusal of a Lodge to grant waiver of jurisdiction to another Lodge does not constitute a rejection of the petitioner, consequently, the Secretary receiving a petition for the second time can, without delay, apply again for waiver of jurisdiction and the Lodge receiving the request can act upon it at their next Stated Communication. (1954 Proc. 64-65)

A Lodge shall not use general Trestleboards or Bulletins to notify other Lodges of rejected petitions for any of the Degrees or affiliation. The notice shall be by sealed first class mail. (1980 Proc. 166)