



## A Light At The End Of The Tunnel?

I've been a bit concerned lately because I have not yet had any contact with the investigating committee. The next lodge meeting is Tuesday, June 5th, and I've been afraid that if I don't get contacted, I'll have to wait another month. I'm taking it all in stride, understanding that the summer is a very busy time, so we'll see how this plays out. But I am now greatly encouraged, because I found out a couple things appear to be a light at the end of the tunnel....

Yesterday, I spoke with a Past Master of the lodge and friend from church, and he said that someone from the investigating committee would be contacting me on Monday the 4th, and if that goes OK, then the lodge would vote on me at the meeting on the 5th.

I also spoke with my Masonic friend from church, and he explained a few more things about what I can expect. He said that they would schedule the initiation for about two weeks or so after the lodge votes on me. In fact, he said that if I put my mind to it, I could be initiated, passed, and raised by September. I was concerned about the summer months, but he said that unlike many other lodges, this lodge does not "go dark" during the summer, so I could progress during that time. I'm certainly not going to push anything—heck, I need to get initiated first!—but it's still encouraging.

So, I am reading many articles, I continue to read and study what I can, and I continue to look for resources that might be useful and interesting. Roger said that once I am initiated, that he has lots of good resources for me to read and study. He's a history buff, and I share that interest a bit, so I anticipate learning lots.

This is my eighth article about my experience in Freemasonry.

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