

# Step 2: Identifying Prospective Candidates

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- Set aside a separate meeting for this issue
- In advance ask all members to compile a long list of men who they know and bring it to the meeting
- Include family members, work colleagues, social club members, friends, fellow worshippers
- If any person on the list does not believe in the Supreme Being his name can be removed
- Apply each name on the long list to the items on the Lodge's profile and consider whether or not he would be compatible with Freemasonry and your Lodge in particular
- Bear in mind that diversity in membership is important in any successful group, especially in respect of having people with a range of different personalities, skills and qualities
- Avoid making any assumptions about any person's level of interest in Freemasonry, or their availability
- Group the names into categories as:
  - *Suitable to be approached for this Lodge*
  - *Suitable for Freemasonry but may be better suited to another Lodge*
  - *Don't know enough to decide*
  - *Not suitable to be approached.*
- The men in the second and third categories may still be approached but with a view to determining their interest in Freemasonry in general rather than your specific Lodge
- **Data Protection Act: To comply with privacy and data protection requirements, all records of those who will not be approached – both physical and electronic – should now be destroyed.**