

MASONIC EDUCATION LODGE CHAIRMAN DUTIES

The Lodge has long been recognized as the foundation and source of strength of Freemasonry. When a group of men with integrity accept the values of Freemasonry they have vowed to promote the belief in God, to support their country and to do good toward their fellow man. The long and rich history of the fraternity requires that each Mason receive continuing education.

When a man has received the Master Mason's Degree, he has been introduced to the mysteries of Freemasonry. However, the Master Mason has only begun his education in Masonry. The story of Masonry exists in the deeds of the great Masons of the past, including many of our founding fathers, and in the good work of Masons today.

At each Lodge meeting a Mason should learn something new and interesting about the fraternity. If a man feels that he is learning about the fraternity, he will be inclined to attend regularly and look forward to Lodge meetings. The appointed Lodge Chairman is a very important person in planning and directing educational activities for the Lodge.

DUTIES

1. The Worshipful Master should select a man who has knowledge of the fraternity, seeks to learn and is able to impart his knowledge in an interesting manner to the brethren.
2. The Lodge Chairman for Masonic Education should lead a committee of three members, appointed by the Worshipful Master, charged to direct and present educational activities in the Lodge.

3. The Lodge Chairman should recommend to the Worshipful Master that the Senior Deacon be appointed a member of the committee. If this is done, more attention will be given to developing good programs as he moves through the line.
4. The Lodge Chairman will attend the four yearly meetings on Masonic Education planned by the District Chairman.
5. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will present to the brethren the programs planned by the Right Worshipful Grand Master and his appointed committee on Masonic Education.
6. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will distribute and explain the use of all educational materials prepared by the Committee on Masonic Education.
7. The Lodge Chairman and his Committee will secure available educational material from the District Chairmen or, in special instances, directly from the Office of the Committee on Masonic Education.
8. The Lodge Chairman and his Committee will assist the Senior Warden in the development of interesting programs for each Lodge meeting.
9. The Lodge Chairman and his Committee will instruct newly-made Master Masons on the history of Freemasonry and the history of their Lodge. The Lodge Chairman will instruct newly-made Masons on proficiency requirements that are not ritualistic in nature.
10. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will visit those members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues.
11. The Lodge Chairman and his Committee will explain the appropriate procedures to those members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues and what they must do to be restored to good Masonic standing.

12. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will assist the Secretary of the Lodge in maintaining membership.
13. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will develop a Masonic Education library for the Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will provide a beginning collection of materials.
14. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will present and have available for the brethren new books on Masonry.
15. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will have presented short talks or reviews on books of Masonic interest.
16. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will develop ways of sharing good Masonic materials with handicapped members, including those brothers who are blind or confined to their homes.
17. The Lodge Chairman and his committee. will secure and use in Lodge meetings the audio-visual materials available from the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education.
18. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will visit, when possible, other lodges in the district, outside the district and in other jurisdictions to observe good programs being presented.
19. The Lodge Chairman will report outstanding programs that have been presented in the Lodge to the District Chairman. The Committee on Masonic Education wants to know about the good programs given in the Lodges.
20. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will prepare articles on Lodge educational activities for submission to the **Pennsylvania Freemason.**
21. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will assist officers of the Lodge in securing good speakers.

22. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will develop ways of presenting the good work of the Lodge to the public. This may be done through writing articles for the local newspapers or securing a public information announcement on radio or television.

23. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will present the special programs of the Right Worshipful Grand Master to the Lodge in an appropriate manner in order to secure the support of the Brethren.

24. The Lodge Chairman and his committee should present the new member's education packet to each new man and explain the contents of the packet

25. The Lodge Chairman and his committee should assist in developing the educational portion of the proficiency requirements for each newly-made Mason.

26. The Lodge Chairman and his committee should introduce newly-made Masons to the Lodge membership at his first stated Meeting as well as any transferred members

27. The Lodge Chairman and his committee will support and encourage activities for the Grand Master's special programs.