

Program of the Month

Throughout the rest of our Five Year Renewal Program your Lodge will receive a Program of the Month. This Program is created for you to utilize in your Lodge.

If your lodge already has a program similar to the program that is contained in this brochure, by all means continue your efforts. If however, you are not conducting this type of program please utilize this procedure.

These programs are created to help your lodge retain your members and it is specifically tied to our Renewal Effort.


Be sure to let me know how this program worked out by calling me at 1-800-632-8764 or by emailing me at renewal@gl-mi.org.

If your lodge needs assistance in the preparation of this program please call Robert Conley at the number below.

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Masonic Hobby Night Program

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Hobby Night Program

Your program for the month of May is to conduct a Hobby Night. We have met so many men over the years that have interesting hobbies that we thought it would be great if they had the opportunity to showcase them at the lodge.

Through this program you will yet again have the opportunity to get to know your members interests and find out some exciting new ideas for upcoming events. Some of our members have hobbies that are as diverse as travel, and taking courses at the local college, or as fun as collecting stamps or coins. Some of your members will be collectors of antique fraternal items, or may enjoy gardening or bird watching. Whatever their hobby we are sure that they will enjoy showing off their collection or telling the lodge about the particular project that brings them joy and satisfaction.

It is so important that our members come to know that the lodge is concerned enough about them to take the time to hold these types of activities. We guarantee that no matter how much effort the lodge puts into this program that the effect will be fun and entertaining. If you're not careful you might just end up learning something new.

Have fun and enjoy showing off your hobbies to your brethren!

How does it work?

Announce in your lodge trestleboard that at an upcoming meeting in May you want every brother to bring a sample or prepare a short little talk on their hobbies. Have some of the tables in the dining room set aside for them to display their collectibles. Perhaps one of your members is a Stamp Collector, have him put together a little selection of "Masonic Interest" stamps. Or perhaps you have a Model Railroad Train Buff, have him bring up some of his favorite models. Some of your members have wonderful gardens, see if they have some photos of their garden and would be interested in giving some tips to those of us who have "Brown Thumbs"! Perhaps some of your members have antique Masonic Treasures, have them display those and give a little talk about how they obtained them. Do any of your members travel? Perhaps they have visited a site of interest in a foreign country, ask them to prepare a short travelogue, we know that the rest of the brothers would be interested. Your program can be about a visit to a lodge in another country, how did they conduct the work, what did their aprons look like. All of these kinds of programs will go a long way in creating a fascinating evening that the brethren will long remember.

How should we set this up?

You don't need to be elaborate. Set some tables up in the cafeteria so that everyone that brings a sample of their hobby has a place to display their items. If you would rather have them in the lodge room all you have to do is move the program in to that room. If you want to spread out the program, and several brothers have volunteered to display their hobbies or present a travelogue, you might want to give them 20 minutes each. Next month give 20 minutes apiece to 2 different brothers and so on. As with our other programs the format isn't nearly as important as giving the opportunity to a brother to become a part of the lodge.

Make sure that the brothers know that their hobby and their presentation to the lodge does not have to be formal, and that all members are encouraged to take part. It doesn't matter what their hobbies are, we want to know

about it! Here are some samples of hobbies that we think would be very interesting and fun.

Stamp Collecting, Coin Collecting, Travel, Schooling, Photography, Birding, Hunting or Fishing, Car Collecting, Needlepoint or Knitting, Radio Controlled Planes, Woodworking, Cooking, Motorcycles, Showing of Dogs, Cats, etc., Antique Watch Collecting, Baseball Card Collecting, Wine Tasting, Painting, Working with Kids-Tutoring, Mentoring etc., Antique Toy Collecting.

Whatever your members interests may be, encourage them to bring their hobbies to the lodge and be ready to discuss them with the brethren. You might just have something locked away in your garage or attic that would make their day. But you have to know what they like to do before that can happen and this is a great way to allow that to take place. Have Fun!

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