

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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“Who I Am” Program



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Who I Am Program

A primary reason for younger men joining our fraternity is their desire to develop into better men! By meeting others in their related fields, other men with similar interests and men with dissimilar interests this need is met. In general, they find great value in making new friends. Sounds familiar doesn't it? I bet that one of the most important aspects of your Masonic Life is how many friends you have made since becoming a Mason. Younger men however, don't always have the opportunity to meet new friends. They travel often, move a lot, live in areas that might be unfamiliar to them and so on. This program is designed to allow the new member and the older member alike to let the lodge know who they are, what they do, what their lives are like. What are their hobbies, what are their sports interests, what are their backgrounds? The kind of information that can mean so much to you, likewise means an awful lot to them. Your members want to know that they are an important part of the fabric of your lodge. For them to do that they have to be known and appreciated for who they are. These men are the future of the fraternity! We need to take the steps necessary to keep them involved and the best way to do that is to let them know that you are interested in them, their families and their lives.

How does it work?

Prior to your next regular meeting you select 2 brothers, rank is not important. Be sure to give them plenty of advance notice. These two men will be asked to prepare a 10 minute talk about "Who I Am". If the lodge has a dinner after the meeting (recommended), have the talks take place at that time. If you just have snacks or refreshments you might want to have the talks take place in the lodge room. Have the brethren get comfortable, maybe have all of the attendees sit on one side of the room so that the speaker doesn't have his back to anyone on the other side of the room. You are to introduce him to the lodge, give his name, station etc., then turn the floor over to him. The format isn't as important as him learning to feel comfortable talking in front of his brothers. Some of the younger brothers may really make a program out of this using a Power Point Program and projector. If your lodge does not have a projector for Power Pointe Presentations one can be arranged for you. Call the number listed on the other side for details. Let them know this is not going to be graded! We just want to get to know you better. When he is finished have the second brother do the same.

What supplies do we need?

That's the beauty of this program! You don't need anything other than what the Presenting Brother requires. This program is designed to let the members of the lodge know who this member is and what skills he offers. What does he like to do for relaxation, or for fun. Is he married, does he have children. What grade are they in, what school do they go to. What does his wife do, does she work outside the home, where? And so on.

As you go through this program make sure to have at least one brother make his presentation at every meeting. If you are having a Master Mason Degree, with Festive Board following it is an excellent opportunity to get to know the new member. The need to know who our members are, what they find rewarding in life, what they have been through, what their hopes for the future are, and what their expectations for the fraternity may be is very important. Not only to the member who is giving

his talk, but also to the members on the sidelines. Our lives are enriched by the members of this fraternity. Lets take the time to get to know them, who they are, where they are from, and where they hope to go. When we do these things their lives are better, our lives are better and the fraternity becomes much stronger.

Have fun, we know you will have a great time getting to know "WHO I AM"!

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