

Program of the Month

Throughout this Masonic year 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 us know how this program is working in your Lodge.



If you need assistance with this program,
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Grand Lodge of
Michigan

“Cigar Night” Program



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Have a Cigar!



Enjoy your cigar in moderation.

One of the greatest benefits of belonging to the fraternity is that of associating with other men that we normally might not have a chance to meet. Younger men put a great deal of emphasis on gathering together to do nothing more than having conversation and enjoying each others company in a relaxed and comfortable environment.

This program is a very simple one for us to enact, while it is not for every member of your lodge., it may very well be exactly what some other members of your lodge are looking for. While the Grand Lodge of Michigan certainly understands that smoking is not necessarily to be encouraged, for those of our members who do like an occasional cigar, the opportunity to join together in friendly conversation over a good cigar is an event they very much enjoy!

Be sure that all of your members know that on the evening of your Cigar Program that there will be smoking on the premises and that those brothers who have an allergy or other issue with smoking should conduct themselves accordingly. This program is strictly voluntary and is not to be construed as encouraging our brethren to take up the habit. However, for those who enjoy a good cigar this evening is for them.

How does it work?

Set an evening aside this month for a Cigar Event to be held at your lodge. Perhaps if the weather is nice it can be held out of doors with a little picnic. Have each brother who wants to attend bring a cigar for himself and one for someone else. Take all the extra cigars and place them in a box or hat. Pass the hat around and have each participant remove one cigar. This will allow the brethren the opportunity to sample a cigar they might not otherwise have the chance to smoke. If any of the members are knowledgeable about cigars have them make a short presentation on this topic. Where was it made, how is its taste different from the other tobacco, is it made by hand, how much does this cigar cost and how are the prices set and so on.

What supplies do we need?

Absolutely none. The members bring their own cigars and if necessary their own ashtrays and receptacles. Make sure that the building has adequate ventilation and that the rooms are properly cleaned afterward. The event can be very negatively received by other groups if it is left smelly and dirty with ashes and butts. We emphasize again, please clean up after the event!

This is also a great opportunity to have the brothers tell a little about themselves. Utilize the "Who I Am" program to make this event one that all will remember and look forward to attending in the future. Don't forget that this is a



Break out the cards and let the membership play a game of Euchre, Poker, or Cribbage!

great chance to let the brethren play a little cards or shoot some pool., anything that allows the membership the opportunity to fellowship together is a good thing.

A great web site to visit for tips on smoking cigars and then describing the experience for others is at www.cigarsabout.com.

Be sure to have fun on your cigar night! But don't forget those who do not smoke the same opportunity for fellowship as those who do. It would be appropriate to host a no smoke night at the lodge. At your no smoke night, you conduct all of the same kinds of programs, such as card playing, pool shooting, storytelling, and so on just without the smoke. At this evening's program, smoking is not allowed; period!

So while our brothers who smoke are given their time to enjoy their pleasures, so too, our brothers who do not smoke are given the same opportunities for fellowship together.

That makes a great lodge. Focusing on the needs of all of its members and affording them the opportunities to join together and have fun.

Light em up and enjoy!

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