

## 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 consider using this information provided for you.

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.



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How many other groups can claim the number of Presidents that we can?

Back when I first entered the Masonic Fraternity I was struck with just how many Presidents of the United States were members of our craft. And not just members, but active Masons. My lodge used to hold, every February an event to remember and honor those men who had distinguished themselves, the fraternity and most importantly, the Nation.

This program is designed to reignite that tradition. If your lodge currently conducts a program to pay homage to our brethren that have been elected to the highest office in the land, by all means continue that program. If your lodge however, does not currently set aside an evening to remember these men and Masons then we heartily encourage you to do so.

To quote our most famous member George Washington who writes in a letter to Prince Georges Lodge No. 16 in Georgetown South Carolina, in response to a letter of welcome from that lodge to him: *“assuring the fraternity of my esteem, I request them to believe that I shall always be ambitious of being considered a deserving brother”*.

He certainly was a most deserving brother!

### How many Masons were President?

It is generally accepted that 14 Presidents of the United States were Freemasons, to wit: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, James A. Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Gerald R. Ford. Of these, George Washington was named as Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge # 22, but there is no record that he was installed or served in that capacity. Andrew Jackson served as Grand Master of Tennessee in 1822-1823, and James Buchanan was Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Probably the most active Masonic President was Harry Truman, who served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1911, Grand Master of Missouri in 1940-41, and he was also Master of Missouri Lodge of Research while he was the President of the United States. Also, he was a Masonic Ritualist, district lecturer, and deputy Grand Master for several years.

### What kind of program can we do that would honor our Masonic Presidents?

In order to properly honor someone who has distinguished themselves, it is necessary that you understand their lives and the times in which they lived. Who these men were, what they thought about, and what their dreams were; these questions are those that give a far greater insight into the souls of these famous men.



Do you know who laid the cornerstone of the Capital Building? In what year?

Learn all you can about their lives. More books are available than can possibly be listed here. Suffice it to say that an enjoyable presentation could be made with cherry pie, coffee, punch, and some wonderful insight into the minds of these distinguished and insightful men and Masons. Their impact on this nation, and on us as modern Masons is immeasurable and immensely satisfying.

Press into service a couple of brothers that would like to make a presentation to the lodge regarding one of the Presidents already mentioned. Give them 10 minutes and be sure and thank them and properly recognize them for the job they do. All of us will be richer for their hard work!

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