

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 listed below.

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“Progressive Lodge Meeting” Program



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Progressive Lodge Night

Perhaps you have heard of “progressive dinners” in the past. You may have even been involved in one. Basically the process goes like this. For the progressive dinner each course would be held in a different location, usually the home of one of the attendees. Well, were going to take that concept and move it into the lodge arena.

The program is designed to allow the members of one lodge, who rarely if ever have the opportunity to visit another lodge the chance to do so. It is especially helpful for those lodges that meet at the same time on the same night.

You are going to have to put some effort into this program to get all of the lodges on the same page and working together. This is a good opportunity to hand over a program to a small group of men who want something to do but haven't had the chance to do so.

The program is not intended to be expensive, but some small cost is going to be involved in putting it together and preparing a meal or snack. Keep it simple and straightforward. We know you are going to have fun, meet new friends and reacquaint yourself with some old ones. This isn't a contest! It is intended to get you and your members out of your lodge and visiting with other Masons.

How does it work?

First you need to appoint 3 members to act as the planning team. They will be required to meet with the other lodges in your area that want to be involved in this program. You only need to contact two other lodges. Any more than that can get a little too complicated. After the men have been identified and the lodges agree to the date and time when the program will take place, you need to decide which lodge will conduct what part of the program. We have included a planning form for this purpose. One lodge needs to agree to dinner, then traveling to the next lodge, they would open and conduct the first section of the degree, Perhaps an Entered Apprentice Degree. All of the brothers would then travel to the next lodge and conduct the Lecture of the degree. At the conclusion of the lecture they would have desert or light refreshments. This program will work better with lodges that are in close proximity to each other, but if you have a Saturday morning or more time available, you can have greater distances involved.

Some Ideas

The lodges involved do not have to have a degree. You could just as easily conduct a historical lecture of the lodge at each of the participating locations. If the building is large, you could provide tours of the building. Whatever you choose remember to stick to your time frame. That's very important! If one of the lodges goes over on time then all of the following lodges will have less time to conduct their program.

Be sure to have name tags for all of the participants. If your lodge has a blazer or tie make sure that all of the members wear your specific uniform.

Before leaving make sure that necessary introductions and words of appreciation are given. Thank the lodge that provided dinner, congratulate the lodge that conducted the degree work and don't forget your membership. As in the other programs the form is not nearly as important as the function of the night.

This program is intended to allow the members of each of the lodges in a given locality the chance to visit each

other, make new friends and experience new and different aspects of the craft. If you have several lodges in the area that want to participate, plan a second event sometime in the near future. Make it an annual event, planning well in advance so that more of your membership can take advantage of visiting other lodges in a more relaxed atmosphere than if they were going on their own. Who knows, your members might start visiting other lodges on their own and the members of the other lodges in your area might just start visiting your lodge. Wouldn't that be a great outcome to this event?



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