



Freemasons Speed-dating

Many of us, especially new members of the Lodge do not know one another very well. Or we attend a District meeting and don't know the other Brethren present.

Freemasons speed-dating is a unique, fun and interesting way to inform us more about the background of other Brethren. Also it is a good technique to share views on a particular topic. It can be done in Lodge, in refectory or at a meeting. This is how it works.

1. Explain that each brother has 40 to 50 sec to talk about 3 things:
 - a. Their name and their Lodge (if different Lodges are represented)
 - b. Their occupation or if retired their occupation when they retired
 - c. A topic – at the regional workshop in 2015 we selected: 'What are your expectations of being a Freemason'
2. Explain the first brother has to talk for the full period until instructed to swap over
3. Take half the Brethren present and get them to stand in a circle a little spread out facing outwards. Ask the remaining Brethren to partner off, facing them.
4. Start the introductions with the inner circle and then after 60sec tell them to swap.
5. After a further 60 sec yell 'Stop' and ask the outer row to rotate clockwise to their left. Start the process all over again.
6. As the speed-dating progresses you can quicken the pace a little.
7. Continue the exercise until the first pairings are matched again or until your time allocation has been reached – not necessary to get all the way around.
8. Debrief the topic – what were the key reflections from others shared?

Give this a try – the results could well be very interesting.

