



History of the Lodge Evening

Many brethren are ignorant as to the origins of their Lodge i.e. what led to its formation, who were the men who proposed its formation, who have been the key brethren leading to its success, where has it met etc. Much of this information can be found in published histories of lodges. It can also be found by careful research of the old minute books.

FORMAT: 50 to 70min session involving presentations by a number of brethren.

PRESENTER/S: Requires a competent brother to facilitate;

AUDIENCE: All Lodge members. Could be suitable for spouses and partners if content tailored correctly

VENUE: Lodge Room

APPROACH:

The facilitator should allocate a topic each to a number of brethren concerning the history of the Lodge and ask them to prepare a brief 3 to 6 min. talk on the topic. As a guide 3 mins is about 200 to 250 words.

Possible topics include:

- A. Who were the brethren who proposed the Lodge?
- B. The sponsoring Lodge.
- C. What were the societal influences at the time?
- D. The first Master
- E. Where did the Lodge first meet/ where has it met?
- F. Brethren who have played a key role in the Lodge (might want to break up and address each independently)
- G. What were the first Lodge dues and what would that be in today's money?
- H. The significance of any Lodge special characteristics
- I. Significant events in the Lodge's history
- J. The benevolence activities pursued

On the meeting night the facilitator should give a brief introduction and then ask each brother to speak in turn.

Finish by allowing the brethren to ask questions.

