



Give a Short Talk

Short talks are a great way to inform Brethren on a range of topics. They can be given in a regular meeting, perhaps while the candidate is out of the room during the ceremony, OR in refectory.

A short talk would usually be between 3 to 6 mins. As a guide 200 to 250 words is usually about 3 mins. It can be read. Ensure any brother giving a talk does keep to time otherwise brethren will not want another!

Some preparation is helpful. Useful prompts that might help in the planning are:

What does it mean?	Where does it come from?
What do we need to discuss?	Who makes the decision?
Where are we going?	I didn't know that...
Leave them with a question?	An Answer?
Something to discuss?	

Suggested topics are:

Things that can be picked up or pointed to:

Origin of Tracing Board; Hoodwink; Apron; Collar; Jewel
Step(s); Origin of the Tassels; This glimmering ray; Square
Columns; Light from the East; Cable tow; Gloves; Lewis
Book of Constitution; Workman's clothing; Poignard
Baton; Wand; Pavement; Charter; Gavels
Compasses; Lesser Lights; Working Tools; Ashlars

Bigger topics that could have one or more aspects of the topic explored by one or more brethren:

Talk about Yourself; Masonic Leadership; Organisation of Freemasonry;
Organisation of the Lodge; Lodge Customs and Practices; Personal Development;
Entered Apprentice; Fellowcraft; Master Mason; Pure and Antient Freemasonry;
Individual Freemasons; History of (ceremonies, ritual, words, lodge);
From Your Lodge History; Ritual Interpretation; Masonic Knowledge;
The Social Part of a Lodge Meeting; Innovation, change and stability;
Freemasonry in the World and over ages; An effective business session

