



Planning a Good Lodge Programme

Variety is important to ensure more enjoyable Lodge nights and good attendances, especially as the continual repetition of ceremonial degree work, meeting after meeting, quickly becomes boring and repetitive. Every lodge therefore needs to establish a well-structured and interesting programme of activities.

How To:

This process should be originated by the Worshipful Master for their year.

Think about the best Lodge activities you have had in the last three years and consider why they were the best. An indication of which was the best could be shown by a higher attendance than at other meetings.

Take some time to find out what activities your Lodge members want. Remember that a good or poor programme has a direct effect on attendance at Lodge meetings.

The Lodge needs to plan the programme that will really interest Members and move them to attend. Mix the regular ceremonial nights with other well planned activities such as participatory education sessions, a hobby night, a quiz night - the list of good activities is long and varied, many of which can be found in other tools.

Lodges should have the courage to try a high interest programme.

Tips:

- Poll the membership on what Lodge activities they would like at the regular meeting. Such a poll should be short and not too difficult to complete.
- It should give suggestions so members can make choices.
- Allow members to make their own suggestions for the programme.
- Strike a good balance between Freemasonry and other interesting topics.

