



Techniques for Learning Charges

Firstly know your learning style – are you a visual, auditory or kinesthetic (tactile or doing) learner? This will impact on the way you learn your Masonic charge/s.

Visual learners will be assisted by looking at the words and memorising them; by visually seeing how the paragraphs are structured; can be assisted by typing out; possibly use word association e.g. Penal sign = Play Station – the first letters match; or sequence of beginning letters of words eg. "Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence & Justice" – the first letter oscillates from back to front of the alphabet.

Auditory learners may well want to record their charge and play it back to themselves, perhaps in the car; definitely hear out aloud; listen to others delivering the charge.

Kinesthetic need to learn by doing. Writing out the words is a good start; talking out aloud is important; possibly walking around the block.

While one of these styles will be your preferred or predominant style we often use all three. So give all methods a go and understand what helps

Some learn paragraph by paragraph, others start from beginning and the end, working towards the middle (always good to finish stronger so the end is important!); and yet others build their learning sentence by sentence, adding one each day.

Need to constantly speak the words aloud and use your diaphragm.

Learn lines as an actor – with pauses, gestures. Be confident in pronunciation. Get terms right e.g. square and compasses (compass is a tool for indicating direction).

Lastly remember that shifting the learning into the subconscious can best occur at the point you are going to sleep when the brain waves are changing state, so doing some revision before sleep is potentially a good time.

