



Understanding A Degree Evening

Many Freemasons have observed or participated on numerous occasions in the ceremonies of the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees. In doing so they will have come to understand in part the various charges and aspects of each ceremony and what they mean. However they will most likely have questions about what certain wording or actions mean. This is particularly so for newer members

An interesting evening therefore is to walk through part of a ceremony as follows:

- Appoint an experienced brother to facilitate the evening and the discussion
- Change the regular officers by substituting with brethren who have not yet experienced these roles
- Ensure each brother has a book or pass out a script – the ceremony is read in conjunction with a walk through.
- Explain that any brother can raise a question at any time in the ceremony at which point the ceremony stops and the facilitator seeks answers from those present. Once an explanation has been given the ceremony resumes.
- Start the walk through and see what happens
- Don't attempt to do a full ceremony – it will take all night. The remainder can be picked up on another occasion.

This can be a very interesting evening – you'll be surprised at the questions and discussions that eventuate.

