



Get To Know Your Brethren

When a brother joins the Lodge we'll hear a bit about his background during the proposition and also during toasts to the candidate but we rarely get the full story. This tool calls for each member to be asked to verbally present a brief outline of his background so that other Brethren may get to know him better. The forum for this is ideally during refectory proceedings.

By introducing a regular 2-3 minute presentation by a fellow Brother, it will:

- Give members the opportunity to have closer ties through similar interests
- Create a better understanding amongst the Brethren
- Add interest to the refectory proceedings and hopefully increase attendance.

How To:

The project should be discussed in open lodge and followed up by an outline of a typical presentation which could be handed out to Brethren to work from as an example. This should be followed by a request for members to volunteer to make such a presentation, giving a brief synopsis of their life/family/careers. The Junior Warden, in conjunction with the Director of Ceremonies, could then compile a list of Brethren who are prepared to participate, with dates allocated. It would be ideal if the first two or three presenters were confident and outgoing so as to set the tone for those to follow. The objective is to have each member make a presentation over time.

Tips:

- Give the selected Brother sufficient time to prepare – i.e. don't spring it on him on the night
- Restrict to no more than 5 minutes unless the Brother has been asked to expand on his life
- If refectory time is of concern, limit to one presentation per night

