



Research Lodges

Would you like to know more about Freemasonry? Can you answer questions from new members? Would you like to be able to assist your Master to employ and instruct brethren of your lodge? One answer may be to join a Research Lodge.

What happens at a Research meeting?

Presentations and lectures from research by members

Discussions about papers and answers to questions

Written resources – both on paper and a digital library you can access from home.

Who can attend and join?

All Master Masons (some restrict full members to Installed Masters). If you are a Master Mason, attend a few meetings to get a feel for how you may benefit. If you are not able to attend, it may still be worth joining to receive regular Transactions.

You can participate as much or as little as you wish.

Why Join?

Because you will get a good deal more out of your Masonry. You will hear discussions, ask questions, and discover answers for yourself

What else do Research Lodges offer?

Most have a library from which you can borrow books and other printed material. Members of most Research Lodges have access to a searchable Digital Library with over 5,000 files on Freemasonry

Will I have to give a talk?

No, but if you should develop an interest in Masonic reading and research for yourself, you can obtain help where to look, and how to go about preparation of long or short papers.

What subjects are covered?

Papers cover a very wide range, including lodge management, history, biographies, philosophy of Masonry, aspects of customs, interpretation of ceremonies, and so on.

Your lodge secretary will know who in your lodge belongs to a Research Lodge, alternatively look here: <https://freemasons.nz.org/freemasons-research>

