

**Topic:** How do we become better Masons?

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**Format:** Discussion

**Time:** A minimum of 20 minutes

**Suggested preparation:** It is recommended that you choose 1-3 of these questions and provide them to the members of your Lodge several days in advance to allow them to consider their own thoughts on the specific questions presented to them. This will allow them to come to the Lodge meeting/discussion event prepared with their thoughts and other related questions. Consider making use of the guidelines for discussions in Lodge already published on the Grand Lodge of Ohio educational program page to assist you in structuring a successful discussion in a lodge meeting.

A secondary use of this material could be as part of an officers meeting or officers retreat where the long-term health of the Lodge is being considered and specific plans of actions are being developed. Lastly, these questions can be used as material for a newsletter that goes to all members to allow them time to consider these topics in their own home.

**Introduction:** Our charters tell us that we are authorized to confer the degrees of Masonry which is the process of making a Mason. Exactly what does that mean?

I am offering a list of questions to consider in your Lodges regarding the process of assisting good men at becoming Masons. This process is at the very core of the long term future of your Lodge and of our Craft.

What does it mean to make a Mason?

What is your Lodge doing to fulfill this important obligation?

What can be done to advance this responsibility?

How does our ritual assist us in making Masons?

What occurs during our ritual presentations to transform a man into a Mason?

How can we build on this experience to promote this transformation?

What can we do with men before they join to promote becoming a Mason?

What can we do with our candidates as they progress to promote this transformation?

What should we do to build strong ties between a Mason and his Lodge?

What should happen at meetings to make us all better Brothers?

How can we integrate new Brother Masons into the life of the Lodge?

What skills do we need to have, so we look forward to attending meetings?

How does service to the Lodge make us better Masons?

How can we prepare our members to serve the Lodge?

How does mastering our ritual make us better Masons?

How do social events make us better Masons?

How do charitable and service events make us better Masons?

How do the friendships we make in Lodge improve our lives?

How can we take our Freemasonry out of the Lodge and into the community?

How can we show the world the values we embrace?

How does the study of Freemasonry outside the lodge make us better Masons?