

More Light Event – Explanation

Purpose: To share a time of fellowship and learning with the members of your Lodge and Brethren from other Lodges.

Topics: Should be related directly or indirectly to Freemasonry. For example, an explanation of the symbolism of the Master Mason degree would be directly related. A presentation on astronomy, which included a visit to the local planetarium, would be indirectly related to the Fellow Craft degree. The topic of the presentation will determine whether non-Masons can be invited. Topics that are completely unrelated to Freemasonry should be avoided. *Never* use speakers or topics of a sectarian religious or partisan political persuasion as this is contrary to the Charges of a Free Mason, the fundamental law of our Grand lodge.

Presenters: The presenter can be anyone that you think would best cover the topic. All the Districts have created speakers' bureaus. For additional sources, consider local colleges or universities. *Never* use speakers or topics of a sectarian religious or partisan political persuasion as this is contrary to the Charges of a Free Mason, the fundamental law of our Grand lodge.

Where:

- A. If the topic is something that should be covered only in a tyled meeting, hold a special meeting for that purpose. In most circumstances, a busy stated meeting would not be well suited for such an event. However, Lodges know what's best for their own schedules.
- B. Otherwise, the More Light event could be held in the lodge dining room or some other place suitable for the presentation and topic. (Visiting an art museum or planetarium wouldn't be bad ideas.)

When: To be considered for the Grand Master's Education Award in October, the event must be held some time prior to the end of July.

Who: All the members of the lodge are to receive a special invitation to the event and the Secretary of each Lodge in the District should also receive a copy, inviting the members of their Lodges to attend.

However, Lodges MAY NOT cohost an event.

Meal: A hot meal is to be a part of this event. The meal can be held at the lodge, a restaurant, etc. Good food provides an opportunity for good fellowship. Do not overlook this part; the meal is mandatory for this event and the GM Education Award. (It might be nice to have the meal before the presentation and dessert after it, if circumstances permit.) The lodge may cover the expense of the meal, or the lodge can elect to have the Brethren pay for their own meals.

Communication: Please send invitations to all your lodge members, the Secretaries of all the lodges in your District, the DEOs and DDGMs at least a month in advance. Have a Brother promote the event via Facebook and Twitter, if possible. Reminder emails are always a good idea as the event draws closer. Another great way to get the word out is the Grand Lodge Communicator:

<https://www.ohqlportal.com/dashboard>.