

To start with many Wyoming Lodges are doing great work and are successful. However there are items we need to address as Wyoming Masons. We have a few Lodges that fall short and read everything, some can not even read the Ritual. This is not Masonry. The memory work must be done period, if we plan on surviving. Poorly exemplified degrees are of no benefit to the new members or the Lodge. I know many just say they can not do it or do not want to and will not even try. We can not teach PRIDE and INTEGRITY. This is an individual achievement.

1, The EA, FC & MM Degree proficiency by the individual Brother must be near perfect. A weak and poor start can define future performance and does not build strong Lodges. Proper display of due-guards and signs to a 4 count needs work as well as Etiquette.

2, Officer Proficiency in opening and closing of Lodge and all duties pertaining to a regular meeting must be met. Investigating and reception of visitors, introductions, conducting candidates, reception of the MWGM and Grand Lodge Officers and escorting guests. During Opening and Closing as well as Degrees one Ritual open for the prompter, usually the Secretary or other competent Brother. Know your work and do it with PRIDE.

3, Degrees and lectures, this should be your best work. Memorize your parts, one Ritual open with prompter. This prints on the mind of the new Mason, how it is to be done. This will help him to meet the standard set, when he reflects on his own degrees.

4, The newly Raised MM will need this knowledge to effectively fill the various officer chairs. We need to bridge this gap to keep our Lodges alive and moving forward.

Our aging membership can make some work very difficult. We are working on how to best assist our Lodges.

5, We are all capable of more, so give it your all. Over time so much has slipped through the cracks, we need to rectify these issues. Every Lodge has its own character and persona as our members are of a widely diverse background, employment and age. This makes us unique and each Lodge has its own personality. This gives us a lot of latitude and personal pride. The Ritual is our guide and we need to conform to it to keep our work of high quality.

To the Lodges having problems, we want to help. Let us know what we can do to assist you.

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