

2002-03 LODGE PROGRAM
BROTHERHOOD 101



The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

Note: This program is designed to teach a simple and effective secret. It is a short program, but one that can make a tremendous impact.

Required Research: Just simply read through, take notes, write thoughts, and understand the program before giving it.

The format for your presentation should be as follows:

Instruction – Brotherhood is what we are all about and sometimes we forget its' tremendous importance.

Demonstration – The Ohio State Buckeyes won the 2003 Fiesta Bowl making them the National Champions. What turned this team around and got them to this level in just 24 months with talent equal too or less than past talent? You could say many things and you would be right, but there is one thing at this level that made all the difference, relationship training or as we call it brotherhood. Coach Jim Tressel works very hard to teach the art of healthy loving relationships or again as we call it; brotherhood. Contrary to most people's beliefs, Coach Tressel learned that brotherhood is something that needs to be learned and can continually be improved.

Experience – Ask the brethren to do two exercises for you: (1) Ask the brethren to stand up and greet those around them like they were **not** important and you are looking around for someone **more** important to talk too.

Wait a minute or so then interrupt.

(2) Now, this time greet those around you as if they were long lost friends, show your genuine excitement to see them, and ask them how they are doing, as well as, their families.

Wait a couple of minutes then try and interrupt.

Now ask them why you had them do these exercises? Next explain that energy is what creates motivation. Then ask which exercise produced the most energy, the first or the second.

Assessment – In your lodge how many of you know each others wives names, children's or grand children's names and where they go to school. How about birthday's, anniversaries, their favorite sports, skills, hobbies, and even what makes them laugh. If you are an officer you should know these things about your fellow officers and attending members. If you want to raise the level of energy in you lodge, put your efforts on what is most important, brotherhood.