

2002-03 LODGE PROGRAM  
RITUAL DEVELOPMENT IN OHIO



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

Required Research: Candidate Counselor's Handbook, read pages 60-72. *Below are some talking points to build your presentation on.*

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Tracing the origins  
Building on "Old Manuscripts"  
Unanswerable question  
Quote from the oldest

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Origins of Hele  
The product of evolution  
The Ancients vs the Moderns

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Anderson's Constitutions  
Faith, Hope, and Charity

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Preston System  
Thomas Smith Webb  
Vermont and the "Preston-Webb Work"

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Cross and Barney  
No single ritual in The United Grand  
Lodge of England

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The search for Uniformity

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Continuing the search for Uniformity

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The District Deputy Grand Masters  
John Barney

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The beginnings of our present system

**Page 71 & 72**

The Present System  
Sum up with the "Conclusions"

The format for your presentation should be as follows:

**Instruction** – Discuss the topic for the night and a brief introduction

**Demonstration** – Show the brethren the Candidate Counselors Handbook, divided rituals, and full ritual. Then follow your outline and explain how our ritual started off and how it arrived where it is today.

**Experience** – Have the brethren share their feelings on the ritual. What it is like to experience it, view it, and memorize it. What would it be like if there were no ritual books, but only word of mouth? What if everything was put on video and no memorization was required?

**Assessment** – Ask the brethren their thoughts on the current format of the ritual and if they have suggestions for future improvements or clarifications.