

Discussion of the Entered Apprentice Degree



The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio Committee on Education and Information 2014 Mandatory Education Program

Purpose:

The purpose of this presentation is to encourage the Brethren to discuss various aspects of the Entered Apprentice degree – the Brothers sharing their opinions freely.

Presentation:

To be read to the Lodge: In the Grand Lodge of Ohio Basic Education Course pertaining to the Entered Apprentice Degree, we read “He must keep secret everything entrusted to him, conduct himself with proper decorum and diligently work to learn his proficiency and as much about the Craft as possible.” We also read “He should not be content with learning the words letter-perfect, but should study the meanings also. “ Lastly, we read “to apply yourself with freedom, fervency and zeal to the sincere and thorough mastering of our Royal Art.”

(Note: Here are some questions you should pose to the brothers of the Lodge to promote a discussion of this material. It may prove helpful to share this topic with the brothers some time in advance of the meeting to give them time to read and refresh their memories as well as gather their thoughts on this topic.)

What are those important things that we should keep secret?

What does it mean to conduct ourselves with “proper decorum?”

How do we go about exploring the meanings associated with those words that we are expected to learn with perfection?

What is meant by the term “Royal Art?”

So what does it mean to apply ourselves “with freedom fervency and zeal to the sincere and thorough mastery of our Royal Art?”

Although many of us in this room are Master Masons, how do we continually pursue our duties to continue our study of the Royal Art?

What can be done in our Lodges to help us with our ongoing pursuit of mastering this Royal Art?

How does the mastering of this Royal Art help us to be better Masons as we go forth into the world around us to practice the values of Freemasonry?