

# Discussion of the Seven Liberal Arts & Sciences



## 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 increase their appreciation for the Fellow Craft degree through discussion.

**To be read to the Lodge:** In the Grand Lodge of Ohio's Basic Education Course for the Fellow Craft degree, we read "The Seven Steps symbolize the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences." We also read "The study of the Seven Liberal Arts was considered a means to the knowledge of God" and "that the proper study of the Seven Liberal Arts guided the intellect to approach the hidden light behind the world." Lastly, we read "that the humble mason who had mastered the Seven Liberal Arts was entitled to the designation of architect."

*(Note: Here are some questions you should pose to the Brethren of the Lodge to promote a discussion of this material. It may prove helpful to share this topic with the Brethren 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 some examples from your daily life where learning something new was an enlightening experience?

How does expanding your knowledge lead to greater opportunities in the world outside of the Lodge? Are there examples from your workplace or profession?

Just as "the humble mason" who improved his knowledge in various areas of study was able to be "entitled to the designation of architect," how can we study speculative Freemasonry and other topics to improve ourselves?

What are some things that you are curious about and would like to learn more?

What are some topics of which you have knowledge and could offer instruction to someone who was less informed than you?

How can your Lodge create opportunities for brothers to share what they know in the process of teaching others to everyone's benefit?