

Mulberry Lodge #618, F&AM
P.O. Box 474, Mulberry, Indiana 46058



Lodge of Instruction

@ Dayton Lodge #103, including Battleground Lodge #313
13 SEP 2017

Notes before opening:

- The Lodge Hall is a brother, and a brother in need. Do a solicitation for funds to support a brother.
- The office of Assistant Secretary was formed in Dayton to cover for the Secretary and to be able to step-in during absences. This is an un-paid position.
- Dayton Lodge utilized a Raspberry Pi computer system to take all minutes and run all finances.
- Dayton Lodge is renting their facilities for use by two other Lodges.
- Dayton provided a list of Trustee duties.

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1. Tom Ulrey, District 3 Representative presiding
2. Lodge opened on the MM degree at 7 pm.
3. Lodges were graded on attendance, not Ritual work – as it should never be that a brother is embarrassed or belittled during LOI.
4. The Tyler can remind the JD that the correct response to the WM after assuring that the Lodge is tiled are, “The Lodge is duly tiled, WM.”
5. If the pass is taken up, it shall be given on the dais of the SW and WM, not on the floor.
6. The work is a “ceremony” and it is special and serious.
7. Non-masons are profane and are thus left outside the door with all our other worldly “garbage.”
8. Officers should arise immediately upon being addressed. But there should be a pause to allow them to stand before proceeding.
9. The previous Masonic steps along with the one being given currently should be reviewed with the candidate / brother.
10. It is the duty of the Stewards to prepare the candidate, not the Tyler.
11. Check out the Mentors’ Manual from 1975.
12. The SD should look into the preparation room to ensure that the candidate is indeed in due form.
13. All knocks (gavels and rods) should make a resounding noise.
14. The reason we are doing work is entirely for the candidate. We should ensure his safety and his comfort.
15. The SD should wait until the Chaplain is done speaking before turning S into the JW.

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16. The SD should feel free to speak to and instruct the candidate at any time.
17. There are now less than 400 Lodges within the state of Indiana (down from 700).
18. We must make our work impressive for the candidate or he will no return.
19. The SD should never use his rod to place the candidate's feet into the proper position. Get down on your knees and move his feet with your hands.
20. At the word "Advance!" the Stewards rise from their chairs and go stand at the altar.
21. All brethren should be to the E of the altar, even if you have to be double or triple stacked. No one should ever be W of the altar except the officers. It is the duty of the Stewards to ensure this.
22. The WM does not leave his station until the Stewards are in place.
23. If ever asked what it was like to be Raised or on becoming a Mason, we want the candidate to be able to state that, "It was not at all what I had imagined, but it was more than I had expected."
24. It is fine to move the Square and Compass during the degrees. For example, move them left for the EA degree and to the middle for the MM degree. However, they should be returned to their proper place before bringing the candidate to light.
25. There is no reason we cannot give a Charge at the close of each meeting.
26. The EA investigations are to be done individually, not as a group. This is to start building relationships.
27. Never do you applaud lectures.
28. The words given during a degree with not change you until you have learned them and then given them in a Lodge.