

BROAD HINTS

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Don't frame your Certificate, you may require it when visiting, as Lodges have the right to ask for its production before admitting a stranger.

Don't propose a candidate for initiation until you have been a fully fledged Mason for some years, and not then, unless you really know him and believe that he will prove acceptable to all the brethren of your Lodge. A candidate may be morally and socially acceptable, but if of a contentious, quarrelsome or egotistical nature he will disturb the harmony of the Lodge. Don't forget that you were taught to be cautious and are expected to exercise caution.

If your candidate has been accepted it is your duty to coach him for the various degrees.

Don't blackball a candidate if you can possibly avoid it, you may thereby prevent him getting into any other Lodge. If you have anything to say against his admission say it to the W.M. or Committee beforehand so that his name may be withdrawn.

Don't criticise the working of any Master or Officer, and don't say this or that word or expression is wrong until you know thoroughly the difference between the various workings used in London and the Provinces. Leave it to the I.P.M. to prompt the Master.

When visiting other Lodges, don't express "Hearty good wishes" from your Lodge unless you happen to be its Ruling Master, or have been especially commissioned to do so.

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Never address the W.M. as "Worshipful Sir".

Wear your apron outside a morning coat or dinner jacket, and remember that only P.M.'s have the right to wear their collars when visiting private Lodges.

~~White waistcoats should not be worn at Lodge meetings.~~

Don't toast the W.M. or O.L.O.'s; in fact, don't toast anyone of higher rank than yourself. Don't "bedder" the Initiator, and don't join in collective or "volley firing" toasts.

The dinner may be a banquet but never a "degree".

Treat the Tyler as a brother, he is often an old P.M. who has seen better days; it won't detract from your dignity to drink to his health.

If you wish (and you should) to qualify for the privilege of wearing the Charity Jewel, you must serve a Stewardship to two of the three Masonic Charities, i.e. The Girls, The Boys, or The Old People. A Stewardship is the subscribing of ten guineas to one of the Charities, plus two guineas the dining fees; or one guinea if a non-dining Steward.

Stewards receive a small jewel known as a Steward's Honour, which must not be confounded with The Charity Jewel. When you have served Stewardships to two of the Charities you can get a certificate from the Grand Secretary at Freemasons' Hall, which will enable you to purchase and to wear, on any occasion, the Charity Jewel. Subsequent Stewardships may be indicated by wearing the appropriate bars attached to the ribbon.

Stewards of Lodges are of equal rank and must not be designated Senior, Junior, First, Second or Assistant Stewards, neither must they be called ring or Charity Stewards.

Pay your subscription the day it falls due.

If unable to attend a meeting send an apology.

If for any reason you wish to cease your membership, send in your resignation in writing, or ask to be placed on the "non-dining" list. Don't simply stay away and ignore all summonses and communications sent to you by the Secretary, your subscriptions are accumulating against you, and you cannot join any other Lodge until you have paid all you owe.

Finally: Freemasonry for you will be largely what you make it, the more you put into it the more you will get out of it.

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