

MANDATORY MEMBERSHIP INITIATION HIATUS

The Worshipful Master's Plan

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WHAT IS IT? A JURISDICTION WIDE TEMPORARY BREAK IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING NEW MEMBERS.

WHEN IS IT? JULY 1 - ?????

WHY IS IT NECESSARY? MWGM GULLEY'S VISION IS A MEMBERSHIP FULLY ENGAGED IN THE EDUCATION, PHILANTROPY, AND THE SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP OF FRATERNITY.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND LODGES NEED TO TAKE SOMETIME TO TEACH NEW MEMBERS WHAT WE TRUELY ARE ABOUT. WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO.

EDUCATION

- **Third Degree - members show proficiency in the proceeding degrees but the MM degree goes untaught leaving the new members to fend for themselves.**

The following Items should be the focus Educationally during this Hiatus

- **Master Mason Dialog Parts 1, 2, & 3**
- **The Story - The Legend of the 3rd Degree (Self Study and Open Discussion)**
- **Train on the Significance of the positions in the lodge**
- **APPOINT A STRONG TEAM**
- Don't take the appointed offices for granted.....appoint and install proficient, dependable members.
- **Junior Deacon** - Nothing worse than sending your Jr. Deacon out to prepare your candidates and have them prepared incorrectly.
- **Senior Deacon** - Sr. Deacon should be one of your most proficient brothers in the craft. He will leave a lasting impression on your candidates and newest members.
- **Tyler** – Should be a brother with trustee like qualities. He should be responsible and dependable
- **Stewards** – They should be Hungry Brothers with aspirations to move up and willing to work.
- **Chaplain**- Take exceptional pride in the Appointment of your Chaplain
- **2 Assigned lectures at each meeting - One from a seasoned member the other by a newly initiated member (See The Master's Carpet)**
- **Master's Closing Charge:**
- Brethren, You are now about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, to mix again with the world. Amid its concerns and temptations, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated and so forcibly recommended in this Lodge. Be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet. Remember that you have promised to befriend and relieve every brother who shall need your assistance; you have promised to remind him, in the most

friendly manner, of his errors, and, if possible, to aid him in a reformation. These generous principles are to extend further. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all. Remember it more "especially to the household of the faithful." Finally, brethren, be ye all of one mind, live in peace, and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you.

- **The Master's Carpet - Many life lessons to be learn from the emblems of the Master's Carpet:**
- **The All Seeing Eye - The Deity**
The Three Steps - 3 stages of Human life
The Pot of Incense - Pure Heart
The Beehive - Being Industrious
The Constitution Guarded by the Tyler's Sword - Mindful to be careful of thoughts and words - around enemies of the order.
Sword Pointed at the Naked Heart - Justice will soon overtake us all
The Anchor & Ark - Well grounded hope and well spent life
Hour Glass - emblem of Human Life
The Scythe - emblem of Time

PHILANTHROPY - New members need to know and understand that the order is not just about meeting and money, they should become quickly become aware that it's just as much about time. Giving of your time to help others.

- **All Lodges are Mandated to give back to the Community in the Months November & December. But we don't have to wait until then to start.**
 - **Feed the Homeless**
 - **Thanksgiving / Xmas Turkey Drives**
 - **Visit the Elderly and Sick (More especially our own elderly members)**
 - **Volunteer Assistance to help our Sister Organizations**
 - **Volunteer to support our KOP Organizations**
 - **Use this time to work on the uplifting of your own meeting facility**

SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP - If you take masonry out of your lodge, would the members still fellowship with each other. A lodge with real Social interaction among its members will soon become an organization too much like a business. NO ONE NEEDS A 2ND JOB THAT THEY DON'T GET PAID

A GOOD WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

- **Has the Heartbeat of his Craft**
- **Encourages social interaction of all members**
- **Promotes Friendship, Brotherly Love and Respect among his members**
- **THINGS TO DO TO PROMOTE SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP**
 - Family Events**
 - **Pot Luck in the Park or Picnic.**
 - **Family Bowling nights.**

Brother Outings

- **Fishing Day**
- **Social time at one of the Brother's house.**
- **Sunday Afternoon football at the Lodge.**
- **Meet and Greet non masonic socials.**

EVERYDAY THE LODGE REMAINS AFTER THE RAISING OF A NEW MEMBER; IS A DAY CLOSER TO THE LOSE OF THAT NEW MEMBERS. NEW MEMERS BUT BE GIVEN A FOUNDATION THAT TRULY SHOWS THEM WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO. NEW MEMBERS MUST LEARN FIRST HAND, NOT THROUGH WORDS BUT THROUGH ACTION. AN ACTIVE MEMBER IS A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER. PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS MAKE A SUCCESSFUL LODGE.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU.

GOD SAVE THE CRAFT!!!