

## **MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE GOALS**

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

This committee should be focused on promoting Master Mason Exams I, II, III, Lodge Officers Training Modules 1, 2, 3, and any other specialized lesson that will promote Masonic Education such as lessons on how to use the Digest of the Masonic Law, balloting, investigation, fundraising, etiquette, and the all too important **Mentoring System**.

One of this committee's more important jobs is defining what is **NOT** Florida Masonic Education, which is too often given excessive attention within the Lodge, and is looked on at times as a nuisance, because all too frequently they are boring, delivered improperly, and have very little substance, if any. The material that was most often used by Lodges consisted of Masonic History with a national and world view as well as Masonic Trivia.

This approach did not teach our Craft about Florida Masonry which is so essentially necessary to promote the better understanding of how the Craft works in our Jurisdiction.

Proper Masonic Education will eventually lead the recipient to broaden their views, to seek out further knowledge, and eventually be conversant in not only Florida, but also in national and world knowledge of the Craft. Florida Masonic Education touches on everything from history to the proper operation of the business and fraternal aspects of a Florida Lodge.

The System of Masonic Education is so designed that it will whet the appetite for knowledge of those that participate. Encourage each Brother to continue to study the Tenants, Principles, Landmarks, Usages, Customs, and History of our time-honored Institution; thereby building a strong foundation on which each Brother can lay the Cornerstone of their Masonic Edifice and a better and greater future for him, his family, and his community.

Masonic Studies are never-ending studies that will lead all of those who participate to nobler deeds, higher thoughts, and greater achievements. For no sooner do we close one chapter, another one opens a greater and newer understanding of our previous views and knowledge of life's spiritual search of personal improvement. Therefore, we can safely say that Masonry is a University from which there are no graduates, for life is forever evolving and striving for self-improvement and perfection, which is a lifelong career.

### **GOALS – Lodge Level**

To promote the System of Masonic Education to all the Lodges in the state, with the assistance of the Lodge Masonic Education Chairman, which will be a qualified member of the Lodge to conduct Masonic Education as dictated by the guidelines of the Masonic Education System, including the Mentoring System, which every Worshipful Master is required to appoint in his Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education shall issue a Purple Card and appropriate certificate to Florida Master Masons demonstrating required completion of the Master Mason Exams I, II, III, as well as the Lodge Officers Training Course Modules 1, 2, 3, which card and certificate shall be in such form as approved by the Grand Master.

It is the responsibility of the Worshipful Master, with the assistance of the Secretary, to file all Masonic Education Reports with the District Chairman in a timely manner, as is required of all reports due to Grand Lodge. They should gather information from the Brothers that may improve the presentations, lessons, booklets, etc....., and forward them to the District, Zone, and State Chairmen. The more information gathered, the more comprehensive the presentations can be made to address the needs of the Craft.

### **GOALS – District Level**

The District Deputy Grand Master is responsible for appointing a qualified Brother, who should be a sitting Master or Past Master of a Florida Lodge, who has completed at least the Master Mason Examinations. As District Masonic Education Chairman, he is to promote this important work in his District. The District Chairman will assist the Lodges in the District with all the information necessary to complete all required paperwork and promote a clear understanding so all Lodges will use Masonic Education and qualify for the Masonic Education Achievement Award. The District Chairman will create District-wide workshops to promote Masonic Education. He will schedule

no less than two workshops for the year with one being held between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> and the other being held between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. He is encouraged to hold additional workshops during the year to ensure that the Lodges in the District have an opportunity to qualify for the Masonic Education Achievement Award. He will also assist the Lodge Masonic Education Chairman in the performance of his duties.

The responsibilities of this Brother will be to review and send semi-annual and annual reports to the Zone and State Chairman as to the participation of the Lodges and where and how improvements need to be made. As well as annual reports from all Lodges in the District participating towards the Masonic Education Achievement Award, as well as a final report to the Zone Chairman with a copy going to the State Chairman, of the conditions of the District and progress of the committee itself within the District; include suggestions on how to improve the material, forum, and delivery.

All reports from the District Chairman must be turned in to the Zone and State Chairman, in a timely manner, as is required of all reports due to the Grand Lodge.

### **GOALS – Zone Level**

The Zone Chairman, who will be a Master or Past Master or Past District Deputy Grand Master who has passed the Master Mason Exams, Lodge Officers Training Courses, and the Masonic Leadership Course, will assist all the District Chairmen in his Zone and, if necessary, further assist the District Chairmen in the discharge of his duties as it relates to the Lodges. To see that all reports are turned in on a timely basis, by maintaining good communications with the District Chairmen and, if necessary, the Lodge Chairmen, Worshipful Masters, and District Deputy Grand Masters, under his purview.

To compile all the reports from the District Chairmen in his Zone and forward them to the State Chairman in a timely manner as is required with all reports due to the Grand Lodge. To examine the District Chairmen's suggestions in depth with open and frank discussions and to pass their report unimpaired, as well as your personal opinions, on to the State Chairman on a quarterly basis, semi-annual basis, as well as the year-end report. This Brother must have completed the Master Mason Exams, the Lodge Officers Training Course Modules, and the Masonic Leadership Training Course and be certified as proficient in the material to be presented, so that he can lead this important committee in a proper manner at the Zone Level.

To host/co-host Zoom meetings as assigned. These new meetings will enhance our previous efforts to ensure all Brothers wishing to obtain Masonic education, will have a choice in several ways to complete this.

### **GOALS – State Level**

To assist all Zone Chairmen and, if necessary, to further assist the District Chairmen in the discharge of his duties as it relates to the Lodges. He is also to see that all reports are turned in on a timely basis by maintaining good communications with the Zone Chairmen and, if necessary, the District Chairmen, Lodge Committeemen, Worshipful Masters, and District Deputy Grand Masters.

To assist in scheduling Zoom meetings and assign Zone Chairman parts to moderate and host. This will include Master Mason I-III.

To compile all the reports from the Zone Chairmen in the state and forward them in a timely manner as is required with all reports due to the Grand Lodge. To examine the Zone Chairmen's suggestions in depth with open and frank discussions and to pass their report unimpaired, as well as your personal opinions, on to the Grand Lodge Officers on a quarterly basis, as well as the year-end report for their review.

In addition, he will meet with the Grand Lodge Officers when summoned by the Grand Master, to update them on the status of the program, its successes and failures, and what needs to be enhanced or changed. Prepare a performance evaluation of the Zone and District Chairmen and any other such information as it may be deemed necessary to improve and execute this program. The goal will be to reach as many Masons as possible in the state with this program and improving their knowledge of Masonry.

This Brother must have completed the Master Mason Exams, the Lodge Officers Training Course Modules, and the Masonic Leadership Training Course and will be certified as proficient in the material to be presented so that he can lead this important committee in the proper manner at the state level.