

Lodge Officer Learning Curve

Suggested timetable

Year Prior to entering Chairs

1. Learn J.S. Degree Mechanics
2. Learn preparation of (?) in all 3 degrees
3. Learn preparation of [] room in all 3 degrees
4. Read “The Masonic Manual”, “Guidelines for Officers”, “Towards the Square”, “Meeting the Challenge”

JS Year

1. Learn S.S. Degree Mechanics
2. Review all Preparations of (?) in all degrees
3. Review all Preparations of [] in all degrees
4. Learn I.G. Receiving of Candidates in 1st Degree

SS Year

1. Learn I.G. Degree Mechanics
2. Learn I.G. Receiving of Candidates in 2nd & 3rd Degrees
3. Begin learning the J.W. Lecture

IG Year

1. Learn J.D. Degree Mechanics
2. Learn Floor work of J.D. for the E.A. Degree (words, approach to altar, etc.)
3. Complete J.W. Lecture

JD Year

1. Learn S.D. Degree Mechanics
2. Learn S.D. floor work for F.C. & M.M. Degrees (words, approach to altar, etc.)
3. Learn S.W. Lecture
4. Learn complete E.A. Opening and Closing (including W.M., J.W., S.W. work)
5. Learn complete F.C. Opening and Closing (including W.M., J.W., S.W. work)
6. Maintain J.W. Lecture
7. Begin a Journal (record good, bad, members names, any info. you may need as Master)

SD Year

1. Learn J.W. Degree Mechanics
2. Learn complete M.M. Opening and Closing (including W.M., J.W., S.W. work)
3. Learn proving the Secrets at the J.W. chair, in all three degrees.
4. Learn E.A., F.C., & M.M. Greater Lights
5. List monthly Menu for Refreshment Hour as JW (try to be creative, but reasonable in price)
6. Maintain J.W. & S.W. Lectures, and E.A. & F.C. Openings and Closings

JW Year

1. Learn S.W. Degree Mechanics
2. Learn proving the Secrets at the S.W. chair, in all three degrees.
3. Learn S.W.’s Investing of Apron in the E.A., F.C., & M.M. Degrees
4. Learn about the Meeting of General Purposes (administration, protocol, etc.)
5. Find a Secretary, Treasurer, O.G. and J.S. for year as Master (other Chairs as necessary)
6. Maintain S.W. Lecture, Ob’s., and E.A. & F.C. Openings and Closings

SW Year

1. Learn W.M. Degree Mechanics
2. Study and refresh Ob’s in all Degree’s
3. Review the most up-to-date versions of the Grand Lodge Constitutions and Lodge Bylaws
4. Review requirements for Memorial Services
5. Firm up all Chairs are filled for the following year

IPM Year (*If moving into the Chaplin Chair*)

1. Invocations for all Degrees
2. Closing of [] (*F.F.F.*)

(The Constitution and Bylaws should be reviewed and understood each year. Ensure that you have an up-to-date copy of each)