

Greetings Masters, Wardens and Secretaries.

The Grand Lodge LOI committee has been working hard over the past few months to create a framework for Lodges of Instruction. This isn't a new program but rather pulling together almost 200 years of LOI history, rulings, edicts, etc. Along with this, a new site and handbook has been built that contains all the necessary resources for LOI. www.massloi.org You will need your massmasons username and password to log in.

Moving forward, here will be the LOI framework for the 12th District.

Agenda for the evening:

- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Candidate Instruction
- 6:45 Remaining Members leave for the lodge room
- 7:00 LOI Opens
- 7:15 Candidate Instruction complete and returned to the lodge room
- 7:15 Program Begins
- 8:00 Announcements and Closing
- 8:30 Hosting Lodge Social Period

Details for Lodge of Instruction:

Hosting lodge will be required to serve a meal. Cost TBD by the lodge. Reservations will be taken by a District appointed person, so the same person takes reservations each month. There are several catering opportunities such as DeMolay, OES that can be used.

Each lodge is required to identify one instructor.

Candidates are returned to the lodge before the program so that both the candidate and instructor will be at the main program.

A social period is held at the discretion of the Hosting Lodge

Progressive officers' line be instituted. Officers' positions can be referenced in the LOI Handbook located on the website.

Incentive program Implemented for both # 's of lodge members attending as well as candidates. Candidates aren't counted for the total number of members attending for each lodge.

Each hosting lodge will be required to provide the regalia and Marshall/Chaplain.

Requesting Each lodge put in \$50. At the end of the year the lodge with the most members as well as candidates will receive \$100, or \$200 if the lodge has the most in both.

Seven out of 10 LOI's are still required to move up the chair.

The District goal is to have 50 members attending at each LOI, so please discuss with your officers/candidates and ensure they are coming.

Please take some time to review the website and content. If your lodge would like a particular topic covered at an LOI, please let me know.

All of this will be covered at the District Quarterly meeting held on Jan. 14th in Tewksbury.

Fraternally, R.W. G. Edward Brown, 12th LOI Coordinator