



# Grand Orator Worshipful Leonard D Ross



# How To Become A Successful Worshipful Master



## What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Prepare.
- Understand that you are not GOD Almighty.
- Know the abilities and capabilities of your members .
- Learn how to preside.
- Become an effective time manager.
- Demonstrate competency in opening and closing the Lodge.
- Demonstrate competency in Degree work.

# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Make effective use of the Past Masters.
- Learn the duties and responsibilities of the W.M and each Officer of the Lodge.
- Encourage competency of each officer and member in their area of responsibility.
- Assign Committees as needed.
- Make use of Degree teams and other special ceremony teams.

# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Familiarize yourself with the Twenty-five Landmarks of Masonry.
- Learn your Lodge history.
- Make your Grand Instructor an integral part of your Lodge training.
- Hold regular training and practice sessions.

# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Let us now discuss each of those more in depth , let us first discuss preparation.

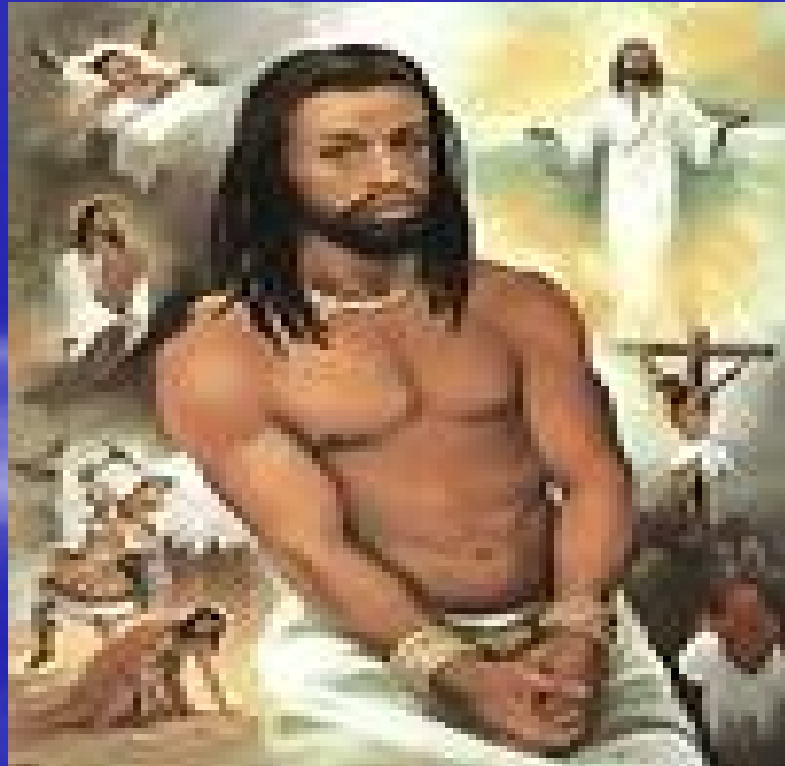


# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Grand Lodge Constitution.
- Lodge By Laws.
- Grand Lodge Ritual .
- Grand Lodge Protocol Manual .
- Roberts Rules of Order.
- Mackey's Jurisprudence.
- Worshipful Masters Assistance.

# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Let us now turn our attention to knowing that you are not God Almighty.



# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Prior to any meeting, hold a discussion with your principle Officers.
- Prepare an agenda.
- Agenda Items of major importance, discuss them with your Senior and Junior Warden prior to meetings.

# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Now lets talk about knowing the capabilities of your members.



# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Appointed Officers.
- Committee Assignments.
- Special Assignments.

# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Allow me to turn your attention to, learning how to preside.



# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Speak in an authoritative yet non intimidating tone and in such a manner that each member can hear your words clearly.
- Understand the motion, second, and carrying of motions process.
- On issues of importance, show leadership, do not have you members guessing where you stand on each issue.
- While presiding do not allow long pregnant pauses to occur.
- Remember that the attention span of your members is only about an hour, when discussing Lodge business.
- Demand that your members signal and be recognized by the chair before speaking.

# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Now lets talk about time Management



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- Have as a minimum your Secretary and Treasurer provide copies of their reports to each member prior to the beginning of each meeting.
- Items 4 and 5 above
- When you demonstrate competency in opening and closing of the Lodge, this will loan itself to time management as well.
- Competency in degree work is impressive to your candidates and again is an effective time manager.

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- They will avoid coming to meetings.
- Use them as part of your Degree Teams.
- Use them to provide Lodge Lectures along with your Instructor.

# What you can do to be a successful Worshipful Master

- Now Lets return to the beginning of this lecture and ensure that we have covered all that has been important to you as a Worshipful Master.

# Questions



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