

2020-2021 MCME JURISDICTION REPORT

OHIO

Leadership

Grand Master: Richard A. Dickersheid
Grand Master's Theme: 'Use The Tools'

GL Website: www.freemason.com
GL Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/grandlodgeohio>

Demographics

Lodges: 444
Members: 69,206
Member System: GrandView

Ritual: Written, Cyphered
Proficiency: Three methods:
Traditional - ciphered, typically from memory;
Minimum -demonstrate modes of recognition, read obligation
Principles: Brother answers factual and open-ended questions about the Degree in Open Lodge to demonstrate that they have mastered the lessons of this degree, demonstrates minimum proficiency.

Structure

State Level: Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Information. Consists of representatives from each of Ohio's 25 Districts, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Grand Deacons.

District Level: 62 District Education Officers, appointed yearly, limited to three-years. Typically 1 DEO for every 6 Lodges in a District. Charged with aiding Lodges in Lodge Experience, Candidate Counseling, Lodge Quality. Expressly forbidden from interpreting Ritual or Code.

Lodge Level: Lodge Education Officer, appointed yearly. Charged with Lodge Experience, Candidate Counseling, Lodge Quality.

Other: Ohio Lodge of Research promotes Masonic study and research, maintains extensive virtual library and archives. Royal Scofield Society is educational honor society where membership is earned through completing a challenging curriculum of study and reflection. Both entities operate separately and distinctly from; but in amity with the Grand Lodge Education Committee.

Initiatives

~Areas of Focus: Providing opportunities and resources for Brethren to stay connected while on pandemic lockdown; organizing and shoring up current tools, supporting Lodges as they establish Lodge Identity and find grass-roots, individual solutions.

~Streamlined LEO and DEO manuals to give specific tasks/ mission centered on candidate counseling and Lodge Improvement based on set of guiding principles. Quick-sheets attached.

~Migration of resources within GrandView Portal: online Officers Manual, Code, and Ancient Charges exams; Candidate Counseling materials, Officer's Manuals, Inspection Materials, Officer Training Programs, Guidelines for Chamber of Reflection, library of education programs, Grand Master's One-Day Class resources.

~Creation of resources in response to COVID: Ritual for opening and closing Lodge, conducting a virtual business meeting, online statewide speaker's bureau.

~GM Roadshow: Statewide virtual 'roadshow'- event with speakers around a general theme, moderated by Grand Lodge Officer. Held over Zoom on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Presentations limited to 15 minutes. Presentations recorded and offered in GrandView for Brethren to watch individually or present in Lodge.

~DEO Check-Ins: Held every-other month at DEO request: virtual meetings of DEO with Chairman of GL Ed Committee and Grand Lodge Officer to review concepts, discuss issues, share best practices. Check-Ins recorded over Zoom and posted to private DEO Facebook Group

~Roadmap for Improvement: Document for Lodges to identify values, strengths, and weakness. Push for Lodges to embrace individual identities and talents. If Lodge identifies area that they would like to work on improving or maintaining, DEO can assist in finding resources, speakers, mentors, best practices, etc.

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District Education Officer Quick Sheet

Guiding Principles

- Freemasonry takes a good man and, through the local Lodge, makes a good man with meaningful connections, timeless values, and frequent opportunities to put those values into action.
- Masonic Education is any activity, properly framed, that helps Brethren learn the lessons of Freemasonry and incorporate them into their daily lives.
- A DEO's mission is to ensure that quality candidate education, member development, and Lodge experiences are being offered in their District by aiding and assisting their Lodges in offering the same.
- A DEO is a subject-matter expert, not law enforcement. Their role, skills, and purview are different than that of the DDGM; but the DDGM and the DEO will collaborate in harmony towards their mutual goals of ensuring the health and quality of Freemasonry within their District.

Expectations

At the State Level

- Attend Grand Lodge Communications
- Attend the DEO Workshop held in conjunction with the DDGM Workshop
- By 1/1/2021, verify your District's contribution to the State-wide Speaker's Bureau in Grandview
 - Additions, deletions changes, should be sent to your District Education Committee Representative
- Ensure that your District is represented at meetings of the Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Information

At the District Level

- Collaborate and coordinate with your District Leadership
 - Nothing we do should happen in a vacuum
 - Your District Education Representative is a resource, facilitator, and your direct connection to the Education Committee
- Offer the LEO Workshop in your District
- Send all LEO Planning reports to your District Education Representative by 2/1/21
- Separate from the LEO Workshop, offer at least one additional District-wide educational experience within your district such as (More information on page 6):
 - Officer Training/Warden's and Deacon's Training
 - Traveling Masonic Education Roadshow
 - Mentor Training on Traditional and Principles Proficiency
 - Trainings to address common goals from the Roadmap for Improvement
- Maintain a District-Wide Speaker's Bureau, available upon request

At the Lodge Level

- Aid your assigned Lodges in completing the LEO Planning Report and submitting it to you by January 1st
- Visit your assigned Lodges at least twice during the Masonic Year
 - Pre-Inspection to gather required information
 - Education objectives for the year
 - Number of candidates, their assigned mentors, their method of proficiency, and current status (gathered in 2020, reported starting 2021)
 - Listing of educational programs offered 11/1/20XX-10/31/20XX
- Attend the Inspections of your assigned Lodges.
 - Offer a brief report on the educational activities, initiatives, and priorities at the Inspection.
 - Written report must be submitted in a timely manner.
- Aid your LEOs in creating or maintaining an up-to-date listing of active candidates, their contact information, their top-line signers, assigned mentor, method of proficiency, and status (Example in LEO Manual).
- Aid your LEOs in ensuring that the Lodge has an adequate number of qualified Mentors in the Traditional, Minimum, and Principles Proficiency, offering training where necessary.
- Aid your Lodges in submitting Best Practices to the Education Committee (Information on page 5)
- Aid your assigned Lodges by offering experiences or subject-matter experts to address goals from the Roadmap for Improvement.
- Award earned certificates for Officer's Courses, Code Courses, and Royal Scofield Society.

Lodge Education Officer Quick Sheet

Guiding Principles

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- Masonic Education is any activity, properly framed, that helps Brethren learn the lessons of Freemasonry and incorporate them into their daily lives
- Lodge Education Officers are primarily tasked with candidate education and member development, they should work closely with the other Lodge Officers in creating an overall quality Lodge Experience.

Expectations

When more information on a specific element is available, a reference will be listed. If you have more questions, please contact your District Education Officer

Candidate Education

- Maintain an up-to-date listing of active candidates, their contact information, their top-line signers, assigned mentor, method of proficiency, and status (Example on page 2).
- Ensure that the Lodge has an adequate number of qualified Mentors in the Traditional, Minimum, and Principles Proficiency, offering training where necessary.
- Ensure that each candidate is assigned a qualified Mentor proficient in the candidate's preferred method of proficiency
- If a Grand Master's One Day Class is offered, aid and assist to ensure a quality educational experience.

Member Development

- Provide or arrange for an educational program at all stated meetings. Whenever possible, artifacts from the program should be included with the minutes for that meeting. (Listing of resources on page 5)
- Encourage attendance at activities to promote Masonic Education, such as District Education programs, Typewritten Ritual, Officer's Training, Traveling Masonic Education Roadshows, Camp Masonry, Ohio Lodge of Research, More Light Nights. (Information on some of these entities on page 6)
- Aid and assist those pursuing membership in the Royal Scofield Society (Information on page 7)

Lodge Experience

- Work with the Master and other Officers on addressing areas in the Roadmap for Improvement, arranging for educational experiences or subject-matter experts, as necessary.
- Aid and assist the Lodge in completing requirements for the Grand Master's Award

Other Requirements

- Must attend LEO Workshop conducted by the District Education Officers of your District or, with permission, another District.
- Discuss the Lodge Education Plan with the Lodge Officers, complete and submit the LEO Planning report to your assigned DEO by January 1st.
- Meet with assigned District Education Officer and be able to provide the following upon request:
 - Education objectives for the year
 - Number of candidates, their assigned mentors, their method of proficiency, and current status
 - Listing of educational programs offered during previous Lodge Year: 11/1/20XX-10/31/20XX
 - Stated and Special Meetings
 - Additional educational experiences: trainings, community speakers, etc.