

# Masonic Etiquette

## **1. WALKING BETWEEN THE ALTAR AND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER**

## **2. SITTING IN THE EAST:**

## **3. ALWAYS FULLY DRESSED:**

Brethren do not enter their Lodge room either without their apron nor while putting on that apron...not even the tying of its strings.

## **4. STAND WHEN YOU SPEAK:**

No man sits while speaking in the lodge room, no matter if he addresses an officer or another brother.

## **5. TALKING:**

**"Side" talk while a degree is being conferred is considered bad manners.**

## **6. SPEAKING:**

If you wish to offer a predetermined motion or matter for discussion, advise the Master beforehand.

## **7. OBEY THE GAVEL:**

You must immediately obey the gavel

## **8. TURNING YOUR BACK:**

Never turn one's back on the Master to address the lodge without first receiving permission from the Master to speak.

## **9. SALUTE:**

Some lodges (not all) offer salutes to the Master. Each of the brethren will salute the Master when they enter and when they leave their Masonic Mother lodge room or any other Masonic lodge room.

## **10. BALLOTING:**

Do not enter or leave the lodge room during a ballot.

## **11. VOTING IS MANDATORY:**

When an issue is put to a vote, all brethren should vote.

## **12. SMOKING:**

No smoking in the lodge room.

## **13. SHOULDERING THE WORK:**

It is good Masonic Etiquette to accept a request made in the name of the lodge if it is within your abilities.

## **14. CORRECTION OF VERBAL ERRORS:**

Lodge customs state that no one except for the Worshipful Master or his prearranged designee, may correct any mistake that may occur during the course of a Ceremony, and even he does so only when the error is a serious one.

## **15. EXHIBIT GOOD POSTURE:**

## **16. NO PRACTICAL JOKES NOR OFF-COLOR STORIES:**

## **17. USE PROPER MASONIC NAMES:**

## **18. ENTERING LODGE AFTER THE MEETING HAS BEGUN:**

If a brother should enter the Lodge after the opening ceremony is under way, he should go to the Altar to salute the Master.

## **19. ALL PRAYERS AT LODGE FUNCTIONS ARE NON-SECTARIAN:**

Freemasonry is worldwide and holds no sectarian views. Non-sectarian means not sectioned into one, specific religion. Freemasonry embraces all religions.

## **20. TURN CELL PHONES OFF:**