

Something to Think About



From the Grand Master ...

"I recommend that each lodge take a few minutes at each meeting to highlight Masonic Education of one form or another. It has been suggested that this take the form of "Let's Talk Masonry" with the content and format being tailor made to fit the occasion. It can be as brief as 2 or 3 minutes or it can be the work of the evening. The emphasis should be on discussion rather than on lecture – in other words, **discuss**, question, think and learn.

Everyone has an opinion and everyone should feel free and comfortable in putting this opinion forward. The beauty of Freemasonry is that there is no right and no wrong – only varying levels of interpretation and experience. We all learn when we hear what others have to say, compare it with our own experiences, discuss it and come to new conclusions."

M.W. Bro. Donald H. Mumby, Grand Master

* SUGGESTION – Before the Lodge is closed, the Worshipful Master invites the Brethren to submit five questions to the Senior Warden. Bro. S.W. then researches the answers to the questions proposed, and presents his findings to the Lodge at the next meeting for open discussion. To encourage the Brethren to attend and actively participate in the learning exercise, the questions could be included in the Summons calling the meeting.



Here are a few ideas to help get you started ... "*the Ornaments are the **Mosaic Pavement**, the **Indented Skirting** that surrounds the Pavement, and the **Star** in the centre.*"

What does 'black and white' mean to you?

Why is the 'Border or Skirting' – formed of alternating triangles – 'an emblem full of hope?' What is the significance of the triangle?

Why is '*the Star that gleam in the centre*' – the pentagram – a symbol of Divine Providence? Where may we find other five-pointed stars in the lodge?

What is the significance of a five-pointed Star in Freemasonry?

Although tessellated pavement of square tiles or stone was common in many ancient buildings, was it found in King Solomon's Temple?

Sometimes, tassels are depicted in the four corners of the pavement. Is there any connection with the four tassels pendant to the four corners of the lodge?

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*I can't tell you what to think. I can't tell you how to think.
But I can give you something to think about.*