

Discussion questions for the Master Mason Degree.

1. The Master Mason candidate is received on both points of the compass, what is Masonically represented between the two points of the compass?
 - A. All the implements of Masonry.
 - B. The most useful tenets of our profession.
 - C. The constitution of the Lodge.
 - D. The boundary line of our duty to God, our neighbor, and ourselves.
 - E. It teaches how to circumscribe and remain within due bounds.

2. The Worshipful Master asked you from whence you came and whither you were traveling, your answer was, and symbolized what?
 - A. From darkness to light.
 - B. From the West to the East.
 - C. From ignorance to knowledge.
 - D. In search of truth.
 - E. All of the above.

3. Why are both points of the Compass exposed, or bare, on this degree?
 - A. To remind us not to lose sight of that valuable instrument which teaches friendship, morality, and brotherly love.
 - B. To teach us the tenets of our profession, brotherly love, relief, and truth.

4. What did you do just prior to taking the role of Hiram Abif?
 - A. Paused to rest and refresh myself.
 - B. Met with the other workers of the temple to devise plans.
 - C. Retired to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

5. Why couldn't the Fellowcrafts make escape out of the country in their attempts to remain undetected?
 - A. They didn't have money for the passage.
 - B. They didn't have the required passport.
 - C. As Fellowcrafts they didn't have sufficient knowledge to travel into foreign countries.

6. At the time just prior to their capture, the Fellowcrafts (ruffians) were truly repentant of their actions.
 - A. True.
 - B. False.

7. Who determined the exact penalty the ruffians would receive?
 - A. Hiram Abif.
 - B. King Solomon.
 - C. Hiram King of Tyre.
 - D. Ruffians themselves.

8. What is a clandestine Lodge or a clandestine Mason?
- A. A Mason who is a member of a Lodge that is not Regular or Recognized.
 - B. Any Lodge, or Mason from another state.
 - C. Lodges, or Masons who do not speak English.

9. What is the significance of the sprig of Acacia as it is symbolized in the story of Hiram Abif?
- A. Used to mark the spot.
 - B. We will always be a part of the memory of others.
 - C. The immortality of the soul.
 - D. All of the above.

10. What is the significance of the "Lost Word" to Masons?
- A. The password of Hiram Abif.
 - B. All embracing truth that is God.
 - C. The Hebrew name for Deity.
 - D. The password for the Master Mason Degree.
 - E. Each must discover it for himself.

11. What is the length of your Cable-Tow?
- A. Within the highest sense of personal responsibility.
 - B. Whatever the length of one used in the degree.

What is the symbolism of the following parts of the five Points of Fellowship?

12. Foot to Foot?
- A. Forming the right angle of friendship.
 - B. We will stand on guard for our Brother.
 - C. That we will go on foot and out of our way to help a Brother.

13. Knee to Knee?
- A. That we will remember a Brother's welfare in all our applications to deity.
 - B. On our knees we took the obligation.
 - C. All of the above.

14. Breast to Breast?
- A. Since the vital parts of man are contained within the breast, we must aid, support, and protect each other.
 - B. We will keep safely locked within our breast a Brothers secrets when communicated to us as such.
 - C. We have taken on the breastplate of honor and we are pledges o uphold the honor of Masonry.

15. Hand to Back?
- A. That we should always be ready to pat a Brother on the back for his good works.

- B. That we should be ready to stretch forth our hands to assist and support a fallen Brother.

16. Mouth to Ear?

- A. That we should keep the secrets of Masonry from the world.
- B. A Brother's secret is safe with us, with some exceptions.
- C. That we will whisper good counsel into the ear of a Brother, and in the most-tender manner remind him of his faults.

17. In addition to supporting his family, a Mason is obligated to contribute to the relief of:

- A. His place of worship.
- B. Brother Master Masons, their widows and orphans.
- C. The social charity of his choice.

18. Where are Masons taught to look for wisdom and strength when their own efforts fail?

- A. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge.
- B. The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
- C. The line officers of the Lodge.
- D. The Supreme Architect of the Universe.

19. If you have firsthand knowledge that a petitioner is unworthy to be a Mason you should:

- A. Keep the information to yourself.
- B. Discuss the issue with the Master.
- C. Cast a black cube when voting.

20. Masonic Law allows Brothers to discuss their voting within the confines of the Lodge.

- A. True.
- B. False.

21. Lodges must adhere to the laws, rules, and regulations of the Grand Lodge. These are collectively known as what?

- A. U.S. National Masonic Code.
- B. The Code.
- C. By-laws.
- D. Grand Lodge Constitution.

22. The following is not a privilege of a Master Mason:

- A. Visiting other Lodges.
- B. Right to trial by peers.
- C. Full Masonic Funeral Service.
- D. Wear your Apron in all non-Masonic public functions.
- E. Care in the Minnesota Masonic Home.

23. Which of the following is not a duty of a Master Mason?

- A. Strict compliance with your obligation.
- B. Paying your dues promptly.
- C. Your regular attendance at the Lodge Communications.

- D. Obedience to all the laws of Freemasonry.
 - E. Maintaining your affiliation with a Lodge.
24. The ritual of the third degree has many meanings. It is not intended to be a lesson finished and closed, but rather lessons that can last a lifetime.
- A. True.
 - B. False.
25. When you assumed the obligation of the degree, a bond was created between you and who else?
- A. Your co-workers.
 - B. The Worshipful Master.
 - C. The elected officers of the Lodge.
 - D. Fellow Lodge Brothers.
26. Signs, Tokens, and Words provide a mode of what?
- A. Masonic History.
 - B. A way to recognize other Masons.
 - C. A way to have a secret society.
 - D. Masonic spoken and unspoken language.
27. What Working Tool of a Master Mason is used to cement Brothers together and spread Brotherly Love?
- A. Shovel.
 - B. Square.
 - C. Trowel.
28. Did the drama in the Legend of Hiram Abif actually take place?
- A. Yes.
 - B. No, probably not.
29. What is a Masonic Offense?
- A. Failure to give the proper password.
 - B. Wearing emblems you're not entitled to wear. (i.e. Past Master's Jewell, Shrine Pin etc. when you have not earned the right to wear the same.)
 - C. Any act unbecoming a good man and true.
 - D. Breaking any of the Ten Commandments.
 - E. Violation of the laws of the community.
30. Masons are symbolic temples striving towards the perfection sought for in the temple of Jerusalem. Our individual temples are:
- A. Home, community, and work place.
 - B. Work place, home, and Lodge.
 - C. Mental, physical, and spiritual.
 - D. Forgiveness, kindness, and charity.
31. Symbolically, the Raising represents our Masonic Belief in the _____
32. The Grand Masonic Word should be given on the Five Points of Fellowship:

- A. In a usual speaking voice.
- B. And then, in a low breath, (whisper.)
- C. Never.