

## The Importance of a LEO Discussion

**How my interest in discussions evolved.**

**Two things that keep Masons coming to lodge:** Education and Social Events

**The Purpose of Lodge Education includes:**

- Give the Masons something they can't get anywhere but at their Lodge
- Masonic education can help member retention and satisfaction.
- Stimulates a desire to learn and finding learning can be fun.
- Increases brothers Self awareness- *MW Raymond S. J. Daniels, Grand Master of Ontario Canada *Masonry helps discover yourself “– by a five part course in self discipline: self-examination, self discovery, self-analysis, self-realization and self fulfillment.”**

**The value of LEO discussions:** (Make sure time is provided)

1. In our digital age lacks of intimacy (better with face to face discussion).
2. Get sideliners involved especially previous officers and new candidates.
3. Because no one has all the answers brothers have the satisfaction of contributing and sharing what they know.
4. Brothers share what they think before they forget and get feedback.
5. Allows for spontaneity of thoughts and feelings - brain storming.
6. We learn from each other and learn to understand our selves better.
7. Compare what you already know with other people's opinions.
8. Helps brothers to know each other, and bond.
9. Helps brothers develop better trust in themselves and in each other, and increase our sense of fellowship and belonging.

**You can add your personal experiences or comments and summarize.**

**Two things to keep in mind: Ask a broad question and give the brothers time to answer.**

## **Examples of some topics to start a discussion**

“What induced you to become a Mason?”

“What do you wish to know more about in Masonry?”

“What does a Mason look like or sound like?”

“What is your favorite Masonic Book or author?” and what makes them your favorite?”

“Is Masonry what you expected?”

What’s been positive and negative about your experience in Masonry?”

“Now that we have younger brothers, should we have at least some of our presentations in a digital format?”

What did you get out of today’s presentation?” “Was it helpful?”

What are your interests outside of Masonry”?

“What is the Bible’s role in Masonry?”

Topics about: ethics, philosophy, symbolism or the history of Masonry.

Use one of the Monday questions for a discussion topic.

The Grand Lodge website also has suggestions.

Choose any topic that will spike their interest in learning more.

A discussion was started at the end of this presentation so brothers could experience what I was suggesting LEO do for some of their LEO presentations.