

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Masonic Day of Light (MDoL)

What is expected of the Lodges and what are the responsibilities of the Lodge BEFORE the Masonic Day of Light (MDoL)?

- The Lodge must initiate the petition process for each candidate prior to the MDoL; a petition arrives at the Lodge, it is cleared by the Grand Lodge and entered into MORI, the petition is received by the WM of the Lodge, the candidate is interviewed and voted on. The MDoL does not replace the petition process.
- The Lodge must collect petition and degree fees from the candidate and may collect the normal fees. The Lodge will pay MDoL fees for a total of \$80.12 when they register the candidate.
- The Lodge must register each candidate AND the candidate's mentor for the MDoL. The candidate DOES NOT register himself for the MDoL. Candidates must be registered individually with their mentors in EventBrite, not in groups.
- Each candidate must have a mentor; a mentor cannot be assigned to more than one candidate. If a lodge has difficulties identifying a mentor, contact the local District Deputy Grand Master, who can assist.

Note: To complete the registration process will require a credit card, candidates name, email address MORI number and preferred Holy Writings, the mentors name, email address, and 6-digit MORI number. Registration for MDoL is Web based. The link to register for the MDoL is <http://members.wisc-freemasonry.org>

What is included in the cost per candidate?

- A Bible or Holy Writings of choice for the candidates use throughout the day and for presentation to the candidate by the Lodge after the MDoL.
- An apron for the candidates use throughout the day and for presentation to the candidate by the Lodge after the MDoL.
- A complete set of posting materials for the candidate's education both at the MDoL and in the MM degree after the MDoL.
- Lunch for both the candidate and the mentor.
- A hood wink and cable-tow for the candidates use throughout the day.

What is expected to the mentors before and at the MDoL

- Instruction will be provided to the mentors to prepare them for the day. Marshals will assist the mentors during the degrees and education/posting sessions.
- The mentors should bring a copy of the "Wisconsin Program - The Counselor's Tutoring Aid for Candidate Education" with them if they have one as they will need to assist in the candidate education. Extra copies will be available at the MDoL site.
- The mentors will be required to interact with the candidates at the various places in the degree.
- The mentors must be prepared to be with their candidates throughout the day. If the mentor has a part in the degree arrangements must be made for another person to take over mentoring responsibilities during that degree. Only one mentor per candidate is allowed.
- The candidates Holy Writings, square and compasses, apron, hoodwink and posting materials for the candidate will be given to the mentor at the onset of the MDoL.
- The mentors will return the Holy Writings to the Lodge after the MDoL for presentation to the candidate after the MDoL.

What will the candidates receive as part of the MDoL

- Each candidate will receive all three degrees and the associated lectures, EXCEPT the Bible and apron presentations, as part of the MDoL.
- The candidates will be examined in the EA and FC degree as part of the MDoL.
- The candidates will receive a review of the modes of recognition in all three degrees at the conclusion of the MM degree.

What is expected of the Lodge AFTER the MDoL

- The Lodge will organize and host a celebration banquet for each candidate after the MDoL:
 - This banquet can be done for multiple candidates and can be done in conjunction with multiple Lodges providing each Lodge recognizes their candidates individually.
 - The candidate's family and friends must be invited.
 - The candidate's mentor should attend.
 - All Lodge officers and active members should attend.
 - The date and plans of this celebration should be determined in advance of the MDoL and must occur within 60-days of the MDoL (no later than January 2, 2018)

- The Lodge will bring each candidate to the Lodge for the Bible and apron presentations. The presentations should be done at the celebration banquet and may be done for all the Lodge's candidates at one time.
- Lodge must assign a Counselor/Mentor to review the Four Modules of the "Wisconsin Program - Counselor's Tutoring Aid for Candidate Education" book in the EA and FC with the candidates as soon after the MDoL as possible. (The candidate SHOULD NOT be examined in open Lodge, as this will have occurred at the MDoL.)
- The Lodge Counselor/Mentor must work with the candidate(s) using the Counselor's Tutoring Aid for Candidate Education. The Counselor/Mentor must ensure the candidate(s) complete the Four Modules of the "Wisconsin Program " and is examined in open Lodge in the MM degree within 60 days of the MDoL They will need to provide someone to assist in the posting process.
- Although Master Masons are encouraged to join the Appendant Bodies to broaden their Masonic experience, per Wisconsin Masonic Code section 74.02, “No Master Mason raised after June 5, 2016, shall petition any organization which predicates its membership on being a Master Mason, or shall be eligible to serve as an elected lodge officer, unless he has first demonstrated proficiency in the Master Mason Degree by passing an examination in open lodge.”

Note: The MM examination must be done from memory without the aid of any books or papers. Memorizing the obligation is optional as long as the candidate can explain the pledge and promises made in the obligation. Multiple candidates may be examined in open Lodge at the same time. When multiple candidates are examined it is acceptable for them to take turns answering the questions.