

The Role of the Master in a Masonic Lodge

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In a well-governed Masonic lodge, the Master is the executive of the lodge. The Master's decisions are final. He has sole authority over the operations of the Lodge. Governing the lodge is serious business. The Master sets the agenda and gives proper instructions to the other brothers as to their labor. Without the Master in the East the Lodge cannot operate. The Master opens and closes the Lodge and presides over degree work. The Master decides on the program for the Lodge and then executes that program. For the Lodge to succeed, the brothers must have faith in the integrity and competency of the Master. The Master must show he cares about the Lodge. He must show that he is willing to lead and provide direction. The Master must represent the Lodge and engage with the other brothers. The Master must show that he has the best interest of the Lodge in mind and is willing to devote the time and effort to make the lodge work.

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