

# BLUE LIGHTNING 09-10

Before a lodge can request a Blue Lightning event, they must have met certain qualifications.

The candidate must have taken the 1<sup>st</sup> degree in the petitioned lodge and have been assigned an Intender. (Not just a coach, but a member who is familiar with and will work from the Intender Program Booklets.)

He must successfully have passed one of the catechisms (the traditional or the short version in the Intender Booklet) and have passed, to his Intender, the candidate questions in the booklet.

At this point, if the lodge desires to host a Blue Lightning event, they must vote to do so. They will then contact their DDGM and arrange for a date. A date will not be set until the candidate has passed the catechism.

The DDGM will contact the Area Coordinator who will approve the date and issue the necessary paper work to the lodge. The lodge will then request a dispensation from our Grand Master. The paper work must be returned to the Area Coordinator at least two weeks before the event. If the paperwork is not received, the event will be canceled.

Candidates from other lodges may be added by working through the Area Coordinator, but no later than one week before the event.

If candidates from other lodges attend, their home lodge must have voted to send them and to allow for the courtesy degrees. These candidates must also have passed their catechisms.

All monies will be sent to the Area Coordinator who will forward it to the Grand Secretary's office when all money is collected. No candidate will be allowed in a Blue Lightning event if the fees are not paid in advance.

The host Worshipful Master or his designee will make out the slate of officers. The slate must be approved by the host DDGM at least one week before the event.

The Area Coordinator will be present at all Blue Lightning's OR he will request that the Area Deputy Grand Master assign a qualified member to be present and in charge of the event.

The host DDGM will ensure that the lodge is open and set up early, that a registration committee (assigned by the Worshipful Master of the host lodge) is in place early and that a proper meal is to be served if needed.

No candidate will be admitted without a mentor from his home lodge. Each candidate will have a separate mentor. Each mentor will bring a Bible to be used during the obligations. All candidates and mentors will register.

Event size will be a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 15 candidates.

For a more detailed description of a Blue Lightning event contact your District Deputy who will contact your Area Blue Lightning Coordinator.