

Annual Initiation Schedule

| (September October November) | December | January | February | March |
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| Petition Processing | Degree Preparation | Degree Work | | |
| <p><i>Accept petitions from prospective candidates for January Initiation which include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Receive background check application from candidates and submit to GL for approval.</i> • <i>Upon receiving background check results from Grand Secretary, if negative report, inform petitioner he is not eligible for membership.</i> • <i>If positive report received, give petition to candidate and inform him of his financial obligation to Lodge and Grand Lodge</i> • <i>Upon receipt of petition and fees, investigate and ballot petitioner;</i> • <i>If approved, send petition and fee to GL for Initiation Approval Form</i> • <i>Schedule Initiation, Passing and Raising</i> | <p>Finalize Petition Process with Grand Secretary Office</p> <p>Schedule Degree work</p> <p>Notify Candidates</p> | Initiation | Passing | Raising |

| (January February March) | April | May | June | July |
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| Petition Processing | Degree Preparation | Degree Work | | |
| <p><i>Accept petitions from prospective candidates for May Initiation:</i></p> | <p>Finalize Petition Process</p> | Initiation | Passing | Raising |

| (May June July) | August | September | October | November |
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| Petition Processing | Degree Preparation | Degree Work | | |
| <p><i>Accept petitions from prospective candidates for September Initiation:</i></p> <p><i>Raising will be at Mid-Winter Grand Lodge Only</i></p> | <p>Finalize Petition Process</p> | Initiation | Passing | Grand Lodge Raising ONLY |

NOTE: Candidates that are raised at Mid-Winter will be required to register and attend the Mid-Winter Grand Session. The newly raised Master Mason will receive instruction and lectures by Grand Lecturers and a Certificate of Participation for being raised at the Grand Lodge.