

So you want to be a Chaplain?

Here are a few things you should know

THE BASICS

Your duty is to perform the opening and closing prayers of the various Lodge meetings, say a prayer to bless any refreshment taken, and then offer the appropriate prayer in the event of a special function.

LEARN THE RITUAL

There is no specific ritual to your office, other than saying the appropriate prayer correctly. This does not mean that as an officer you will never be called upon to fill a station or place in the event of an absence. It would be of great service to the Master if you would familiarize yourself with as much of the ritual work as you are able in order to do so.

Attendance

As an officer you will be expected to be at everything, every time. You should plan to be in Lodge every Monday and Tuesday night for practice or a Special or Stated Communication. You should plan to work at every fundraiser. You should plan to be in attendance at every special function like Fifty Year Pin ceremonies, Widows & Wives Appreciation, Past Master's Dinner, and so forth. You should plan to attend all officer meetings, district meetings and district schools. Yes, you should plan to be at Lodge, or wherever required, each and every time that the doors are open. Is this a realistic expectation? No, but you should do your best to make these things a priority in your scheduling. As an officer you took an additional obligation when you were installed into office, obligating yourself to higher action than a non-officer. Keep your Lodge and/or Masonic calendar handy at all times, so as to reduce the possibility of scheduling conflicts.

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