

***Selection and Appointment  
of the  
District Deputy Grand Master***

(13500)

***Sec: 61, Page 29, Book of Constitution:***

To each of these Districts, there shall be appointed by the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, if possible, an officer to be known as the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master whose jurisdiction shall extend only to the Lodges belonging to his District, and all Freemasons resident therein.

***Section R3, (g), page 52, Book of Constitution:***

After confidential consultation at a meeting to be attended by the Past District Deputy Grand Master (when possible) from each Lodge in his District, to submit to the Grand Secretary, not later than the first day of January in his year of office, three or more names of ***suitable candidates*** for appointment at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for his District, from which names the incoming Grand Master may, if he sees fit, select a nominee.

There is nothing in this section that requires rotation by Lodges, “it’s their turn” or only those that are in good stead with the Past D.D.G.M.’s. It is NOT a reward for services rendered or for long service. It says ***suitable candidates*** and if Freemasonry is to survive in the next century we should be selecting the best candidate for the position of District Deputy Grand Master.

Will your choice of Candidates have the following Leadership Characteristics?

***Goal Setting, Planning and Organizing Skills:***

Has he expressed any ideas he would like to see implemented in his District?

Would he set any goals for his year?

Would he work towards improving the Lodges in his District?

Would he make and distribute plans to improve his District?

Would he prioritize needs to accomplish goals?

Is he organized?

***Masonic Knowledge:***

Is he knowledgeable on the Book of Constitution, Forms and Ceremonies, Lodge Officers Guide, and Ritual?

Does he know Masonic Protocol?  
Does he show dignity and decorum as a Freemason?  
Would he promote floorwork and ritual excellence?  
Has he participated or attended Grand Masonic Day or other workshops?

### **Leadership Skills or Management Skills:**

Has he been active in his Lodge, the District and his Community?  
Has he shown leadership skills in his Lodge?  
Is he a Leader or a Manager?

### **People Skills and Team Building Skills:**

Is he a team player or an individual contributor?  
Is he respected in his relationship with other members in the District?  
Is he a motivator (leader) or a follower?

### **Communication Skills:**

Has he spoken publicly besides W.M.?  
Does he express his ideas and thoughts clearly?  
Was he as Worshipful Master a good communicator?  
Is he able to communicate easily with both his superiors and peers?

### **Delegation Skills:**

As a Worshipful Master did he share the load or carry the load?  
Were plans he had for his year completed with success?  
Does he get others involved or hog the limelight?

### **Problem Solving Skills:**

What has he done to initiate support between the Lodges of his District to date?  
Is he a problem solver or a problem creator?  
Has he proven his ability to solve problems?

### **Willing and Able to Make a Commitment**

Is he willing to make a commitment to the Lodges in his District and to the Grand Master?  
Would he just fulfill the duties or would he exceed the duties as D.D.G.M.?  
How active has he been in his Lodge and his District?

**AND FINALLY:**

Is he the best man in the District for the job of D.D.G.M.?  
Will he make a positive contribution to the Lodges in the District?  
Will he advance Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction?

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