

Table Lodge Regulations

1. No Table Lodge shall be held without first obtaining a DISPENSATION from the Grand Master.
2. At least one (1) present member of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, or a Brother approved by the Grand Master if no present grand lodge member be available, shall be present at every Table Lodge.
3. Only Masons (Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, or Master Masons) shall be permitted to attend the ritualistic portion of the Table Lodge.
4. Unless dispensation shall be granted by the Grand Master, all Table Lodges shall be held in the LODGE BANQUET HALL or SOCIAL ROOM where such special Lodge functions are normally held by the Lodge. (This regulation expressly forbids the holding of Table Lodges away from Lodge premises either in private or public facilities unless the Grand Master shall give his approval.)
5. The official Table Lodge Ritual is that which was adopted by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire at the Semiannual Communication held on November 19, 1983. Copies of the Official Ritual may be obtained from the Office of the grand Secretary.
6. WINE shall be the ONLY alcoholic beverage served at a Table Lodge.
7. The size of the glasses used for the toasts shall be no larger than two (2) ounces.
8. The wine shall be served ONLY when the ceremonial toasts are drunk.
9. There shall be no more than SEVEN (7) toasts as prescribed by the Table Lodge Ritual. (ADDITIONAL TOASTS ARE EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN)
10. The bottles containing the wine shall not be left on the tables at any time, but are to be in the custody of the waiters in a separate area. They shall be brought to the table each time the glasses are filled and then returned to the storage area by the waiters.
11. A non-alcoholic beverage such as grape juice or gingerale shall always be available for those not wishing to have wine.
- 12 Finally, every Brother who attends a Table lodge is reminded that his conduct, both at the Table Lodge and afterwards, can reflect upon the image of Masonry. If this ancient custom is to continue, no Brother shall convert these hours of refreshment into intemperance or excess.

It shall be the express duty of the Master and Wardens to maintain the dignity and decorum that the spirit of the Table Lodge intends, and. If deemed necessary, to expel any offending Brother or take any other prudent disciplinary action considered necessary.