



## **“The Art of Chairing a Lodge Meeting” seminar offered for new masters and their wardens Jan. 21**

**Sessions held in Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Greenville, Raleigh and Wilmington**

**Register by Jan.18**

*Worshipful Master, I now place in your hands the gavel, an additional insignia of your rank and authority. Wield it, my brother, with prudence and discretion – firmly, but never arbitrarily – to the end that good order and harmony may be preserved.*

These familiar words will be heard across North Carolina over the next few weeks as Masonic lodges install new masters.

If a gavel is being entrusted to *your* hand, are you prepared to wield it?

To help new lodge masters and their wardens run effective and efficient meetings, the William R. Davie Leadership Academy is offering a workshop, “The Art of Chairing a Lodge Meeting.” All sessions will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in six locations across the state: Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Greenville, Raleigh and Wilmington. The \$10 cost covers materials, refreshments and a certificate of completion. Registration through Eventbrite is strongly encouraged by Jan. 18 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-art-of-chairing-a-lodge-meeting-tickets-30007437052>.

Topics include creating an agenda, modifying the order of business for efficiency, principles of organization, chairing the meeting, Masonic parliamentary usage, and proper handling of motions and voting.

The workshop was developed by Bill Faison, a member of the Davie Academy leadership team. “Our Code has technical requirements, identifies permissible and impermissible conduct, and grants the master a great deal of discretion,” Faison said. “The art of chairing a meeting lies in

the master's wise use of his discretion. We believe this workshop will help our incoming masters do an even better job in the coming Masonic year," he said.

"The Art of Chairing a Lodge Meeting" workshop locations are:

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| Asheville  | Mt. Hermon #118           | 80 Broadway          |
| Charlotte  | Excelsior #261            | 3900 Litchfield Road |
| Greensboro | Greensboro Masonic Temple | 426 W. Market St.    |
| Greenville | Greenville Masonic Temple | 1104 Charles St.     |
| Raleigh    | James B. Green #735       | 512 Lynn Road        |
| Wilmington | St. John's #1             | 4712 Oriole Dr.      |

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The William R. Davie Leadership Academy is a project of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. In-depth, day-long sessions on various topics are offered monthly in each region of the state. For more information see <http://grandlodge-nc.org/davieacademy>, email the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education at [ncglcme@gmail.com](mailto:ncglcme@gmail.com) or call (910) 572-7678.