

2007 Short Papers Competition Rules for Symbolic Lodge members  
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Closing Date: The Closing Date for submissions is June 1, 2009

Submission method: Your paper should be sent as an email attachment to aeion@kingcon.com or richkay58@msn.com by the closing date. The e-mail to which the paper is attached should list your name, Masonic affiliations, email address, postal mail address and telephone number.

Length: 500 words is the maximum length of papers, about one page of typescript which takes about 5 minutes to read aloud.

Format: Please submit your entry in the form of a Word document (.doc) or a .pdf file. If you have difficulties in providing your paper in these formats please contact us at the above email address and we will try to arrange a suitable alternative. Please put your name and email address into the header or footer of the page so any confusion is avoided. Should your paper be published, your email address will be removed.

Style: Because papers are intended to be read aloud they should be written as a script. Please use bold or underline to indicate emphasis, for example. While correct spelling will be appreciated punctuation will be considered flexible and the judges will accept variation from established norms provided these help the paper deliver its message when read aloud.

Content: The content must have Masonic relevance and be of educational value. Beyond this there is no constraint on the subject matter. Controversial material is not unwelcome provided that it is presented in a fair and balanced way. Papers containing material which the judges consider offensive or otherwise unsuitable will be eliminated.

Online publication: All papers selected by the judges as worthy of publication will be published online by VT Lodge of Research thus creating a resource for use by other Masons for use in Lodges. The winning paper will be selected from the group of published papers. The top paper will receive as a prize a valuable Masonic book, presented personally at the Grand Lodge Annual by the VT Lodge of Research. The selected papers will be published online in Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf) and will include the authors name. It will not include any other personal details. By entering the competition you agree to publication of your entry and its further use by other Masons.

Originality: Your paper must be your own original writing. References: We do understand that you may have drawn upon various works before creating your paper. Please let us know what these sources are in the form of references. References are not counted as part of the 500 words.  
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