

# Lodge Spelling Bee

The Master will be the Judge and the Pronouncer, unless otherwise designated. The competition shall be conducted in rounds about the Lodge. Words should be randomly chosen. Each speller remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round shall spell one word in the round. Upon missing the spelling of a word, a speller immediately drops out of the competition.

The pronouncer should make every effort to pronounce the words according to diacritical.

After the pronouncer gives the speller a word, the speller should pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it: **Say it-Spell it-Say it.** Saying the word first ensures that the speller heard the word correctly. Saying the word after spelling it indicates that the speller is finished spelling. A speller will not disqualified for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it.

The speller may ask the pronouncer to a) say the word again, b) define the word c) use it in a sentence. The pronouncer shall grant all requests until the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller.

Acacia [ uh-kay-shuh ] Eastern Plant, sometimes a tree

Adjourn – [ uh-jurn ]– Master decides to close the Lodge

Advanced – [ ad-vanst ] – Passing from lower to higher degree

Affiliate – [ uh-fil-ee-yet ] –

Allegory – [ al-uh-gawr-ee] – Fable, legend, concealing lesson or truth

Ashlar – [ ash-ler ] - a squared building stone cut more or less true on all faces adjacent to those of other stones so as to permit very thin mortar joints

Atheist – [ ey-thee-ist ]- a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a supreme being or Beings

Ballot - bal-uh t – Ball, cube or paper secret vote

Canopy - kan-uh-pee – Sky, blue vault. Ritualistically may be ‘clouded’, ‘star’, or ‘starry decked’

Cardinal – kahr-dn-l - Principal, important

Catechism - kat-i-kiz-uh m – Questions and answers in degrees.

Charge – chahrj – Summarizing of duties

Circumambulation - sur-kuh m-am-byuh-ley- shuh n - to walking around, East to West by way of the south ;

refers to the motion of the sun in the heavens

Communication - kuh-myoo-ni-key-shuh n – Masonic meeting; regular and stated are set forth in the by-laws

Cornucopia - kawr-nuh-koh-pee-uh – Emblam of abundance, Jewel of Lodge Stewards.

Dais - dey-is – Platform elevated above floor in Lodge room

Dotage - doh-tij – Age of senility

Eavesdropper – eevz-drop -Secret listener; spy

Euclid – yoo-klid - Celebrated geometrician

Esoteric - es-uh-ter-ik - Not written; secret; only for the initiated

Guttural – guht-er-uh l - Relating to the throat

Hoodwink - hoo d-wingk - to blindfold; to cover or hide

Joppa – jop-uh - Mediterranean seaport 35 miles north-west of Jerusalem

Monotheism – mon-uh-thee-iz-uh m - Belief in one God

Obligation - ob-li-gey-shuh n – Solemn promise; part of a degree

Password – pas-wurd - Mode of recognition

Pectoral- pek-ter-uh l – Relating to the breast

Pedal - ped-l – Relating to the feet

Pomegranate - pom-gran-it – Symbol of plenty

Profane – pruh-feyn - Non-Mason

Pythagoras - pi-thag-er-uh s – Celebrated Greek philosopher

Quarry - kwawr-ee or kwor-ee – Whence stone is obtained

Recognition - rek-uh g-nish-uh n – Establishment of relations between Grand Lodges

Ritual - rich-oo-uh l – Work or lectures

Scythe – sahyth – Symbol of time

Sublime - suh-blahym – Applied to Master Masons degree because of its lofty teachings

Succoth - soo-kawt – Ancient city of Palistine

Sword – sohrd - Tyler’s emblem of authority

Token - toh-kuh n – Mode of recognition, visible sign of covenant

Trowel - trou-uh l – Symbol of brotherly love

Vouch – vouch - to attest; guarantee; certify

Widow - wid-oh - a woman who has lost her spouse by death and has not remarried.