

HOLIDAY PROGRAM IDEAS

1. HALLOWEEN. Every one comes in costume. Small prizes for the best costumes. Remind members that hats are not allowed during the meeting itself. Invite Lodge members and their wives.
2. CHRISTMAS GIFT “EXCHANGE”. Each person who brings a gift receives a number. In order, each person selects a gift from under the tree. After all gifts have been taken, numbers are drawn from a hat. The person holding that number can either keep the gift she/he already has or may “steal” a gift from someone else (giving her/his original gift to the person from whom the second gift was stolen). Such gift swapping can go on for however long is deemed appropriate. Encourage members to wrap gifts with flare! The fanciest and ugliest wrappings seem to attract the most stealing attention!
3. CHRISTMAS IN JULY (or any other month). Have a gift exchange just because. Have members share stories of their favorite Christmases, especially those from childhood. Have members share what the spirit of Christmas means to them.
4. HANUKKAH and other JEWISH HOLIDAYS. Adah, Ruth and Esther were of the Jewish faith. So, don’t forget our Jewish members. Honor their traditions and holidays and have them share what the various holidays mean to them. Hanukkah is a minor holiday, although it is one of the more visible ones. More knowledge leads to better understanding, and the less likely we are to inadvertently do something inappropriate.
5. EASTER BONNET or MAD HATTER parade. Have members bring their favorite and most outrageous hats. Hat can be silly, sporty, be related to a hobby, etc. Remember, no hats allowed during the actual meeting.
6. TURKEY QUIZ. How much do you know about our favorite November bird? See quiz in a separate document.