

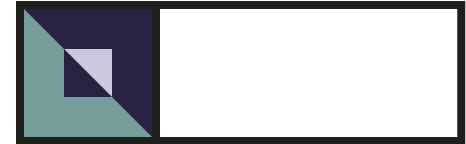
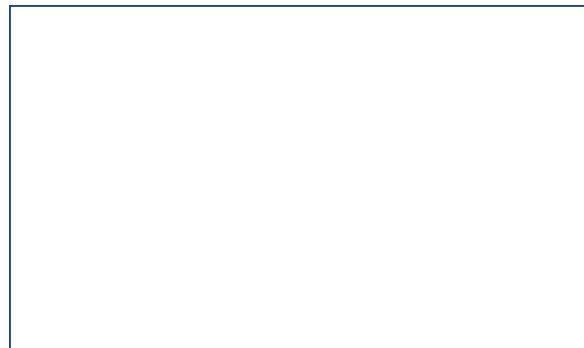
## Program of the Month

Throughout this Masonic year your Lodge will receive a **Program of the Month**. This Program is created for you to utilize in your Lodge.

If your Lodge already has a program similar to the program that is contained in this brochure, by all means continue your efforts. If however, you are not conducting this type of program please consider using this information provided for you.

These programs are created to help your Lodge retain your members and it is specifically tied to our Renewal Effort.

Be sure to let us know how this program is working in your Lodge.



## Widows and Widowers Recognition Program



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Sometimes it's the widower who needs our support...

This month's program enables us to show our concern and compassion for the widows of our departed brethren. Also, at this time we need to think about our members who have lost their loved ones.

Grief and need are not gender specific emotions. All of us at one time or another will feel the loss of a loved one and it is at those times that we need to have the support of friends, family and in our case, our fraternal brothers and sisters.

I encourage your Lodge to discover all of the widows and widowers that are in your Lodges geographic location and plan an evening of caring and enjoyment for them. Caring for those left behind is not only our highest calling, it can be our greatest joy!

An evening program to give encouragement to the Widows and Widowers of our departed members can be the highlight of our Masonic Year. The program itself can be as formal or as casual as the needs of the Lodge and the ability of its guests will allow.

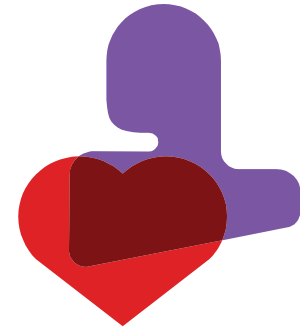
Appoint a team of three or four to do the following:

1. Discover with the assistance of the Secretary who the widows in your area are.
2. Don't forget to include the men who have lost their loved ones.
3. Choose a night, or maybe a morning or afternoon time frame, (lunch can be a good choice) for the program
4. Select a menu with the guests in mind.
5. Contact the guests personally with a printed invitation.
6. Remember to follow up (people need to be reminded)
7. Pick your guests up at their homes and be sure they know that you will bring them home and at what time that will occur.
8. The personal touch is very important in these kinds of programs so don't leave it up to the Post Office to do your work for you.
9. Treat them like royalty.

Have roses or maybe even daisies for the ladies and make sure that everyone is wearing a name tag with type large enough that all can read it from across a table. Have some small gift of remem-

brance from the Lodge. Sometimes a short Masonic Biography (should be available in your Lodge records) can be a very heart-warming moment for the widows.

In short, treat them the way you hope to be treated yourself. And especially the way that you hope those left behind after you lay down your working tools will be treated by your brethren.



How big is the heart of your Lodge?

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