

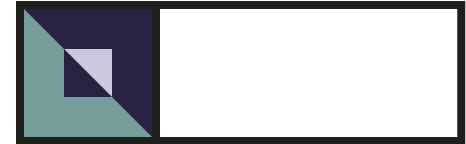
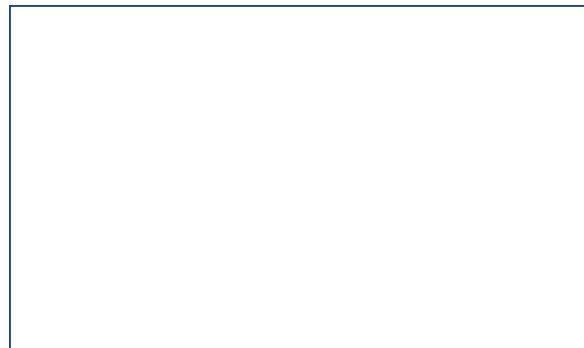
Program of the Month

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.



Youth Group Night Program



Youth Group Recognition Program



More than ever, we need to reach out to our young people!

This program is dedicated to the youth in our Masonic Family.

Being a young person in today's world can be a very frightening thing. Made even more so when we consider the

problems that so many of our kids face on a daily basis. The world changed, and while we can lament and gnash our teeth at those changes, we simply cannot ignore the impact that the modern world has on our kids and on their image of us!

At one time Masonic Youth Groups comprised a very large number of young people. Today those numbers while much smaller than say 40 years ago still place on us a tremendous responsibility and opportunity. Responsibility to them, for their safe and peaceful future and opportunity to instill in them the virtues and integrity that are necessary for future generations if they are to live in a democracy such as ours.

It is a heavy responsibility and one that too many of us don't take advantage of very often. But our young people are reflections of us, they are mirrors of those that have influenced them, for good and for bad.

Our Youth Group Recognition is an opportunity to recognize a great group of young people and a call to action, for all of us.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay International are two of the most recognized youth organizations in the United States. There are several other youth groups, but for this program these two provide the opportunity for most of our Lodges participation.

For this program you will need to make contact with a youth group in your area. DeMolay or Rainbow, and invite them to an evening program in your lodge hosted by the Masons. This is also an excellent opportunity to involve the Appendant and other organizations. The Eastern Star for example, plays a very important part in the Rainbow for Girls organization. You might begin your evening informing the young people that are in attendance, what your organization could do to assist their group. This would also be a good time to ask them what they need from you. Remember to be patient, it may take a little time to get them to open up to you. Have a dinner, (don't ask them to serve or clean up) served by the members of the lodge. Let the young people know that you care about them and are appreciative of the impact they make on your lodge and on the community in general.



Today's young people really aren't that different from us, when we were their age.

Are there kids in the group that have done good things in the community? If so recognize them for

their good work. Has the chapter or assembly been active in the community? If so recognize them for the things they have done! Find some alumni that could talk about their journey and how their membership in the organization made an impact on their lives.

This is not a time to solicit or proselytize, rather it is simply a time to introduce yourselves to the kids, and an opportunity for them to get to know you. Our young people need positive, optimistic, supportive, virtuous people in their lives. Where better to find such people than in the Masonic Family.

Have fun recognizing our Masonic Youth, your time will be well spent indeed!



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