

Program of the Month

Throughout the rest of our Five Year Renewal Program 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 utilize this procedure.

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

Be sure to let me know how this program worked out by calling me at 1-800-632-8764 or emailing me at renewal@gl-mi.org



If your lodge needs assistance in the preparation of this program please call Robert Conley at the number below.

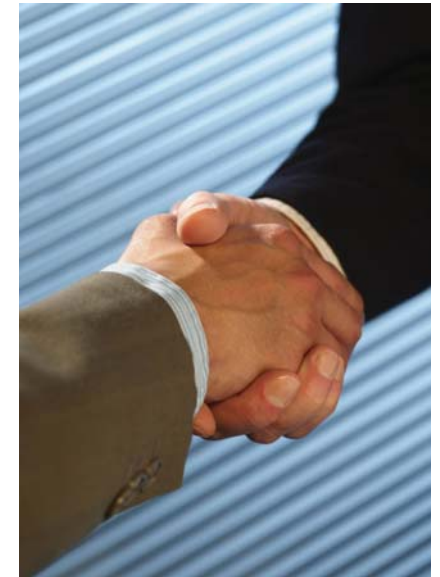
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Lodge Greeters Program



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Lodge Greeters Group

The easiest thing for us, as members of the Masonic Fraternity, to do to help make sure that members who attend lodge feel welcome and at home is to greet them when they walk through the door.

This program is designed to help you get started and make sure that you understand the importance of greeting each and every member that enters your door.

First things first. Why a Lodge Greeters Group? Well, primarily because we know that the most often given reason for dropping out of the fraternity was that the suspended member felt he was ignored. Now, we know that we don't intentionally ignore our brethren, however, it is obvious to us that this is the most often given reason for leaving. And if that is true, then we must take an active part in making sure that we do everything in our power to make sure that they cannot say "I left because I was ignored". This is just one effort that you can launch in your lodge. We will provide you each month with others, you will also have ideas that you will come up with. When you do please let us know about them so we can make the other lodges aware of the good things that your lodge is doing.

How does it work?

Very simple. At your next regular meeting you will appoint 2 (or more) men to "work the door" at your subsequent meetings for that month. Next month, select some different brothers (if possible) so that all of your members get the chance to help. Station them at the door of the lodge and have them greet every brother that comes through the door. Have them offer to take their coats and provide them with a name tag that they can use. Shake their hands, welcome them warmly. If they haven't been to lodge in some time make sure that they are introduced to the other members present. The greeters are to stay at the door until a few moments before the lodge opens in order that the late arrivals won't feel embarrassed. Especially if they are newer members and aren't aware of the protocol in attending lodge.

What supplies do we need?

In this mailing we have provided two name tags to be used by your greeters. They are to wear them whenever they are assigned to the door. We have also included some sample name badges. These name badges are available at any office supply store, but if you can't get your hands on any let the Director of Renewal know by calling him at the number listed on the opposite side of this brochure. He will get you a supply at no cost to your lodge. You might want to have a chair available for your older members, a coat rack, and you might want to bring the attendance book to the door so they can sign in there rather than at the tilers desk. Have some visitor cards available for your guests to fill out and be sure to give them to the Senior Deacon for his use during introductions, if that is part of his duties in your lodge. Again, if your lodge has a different program for introductions please use the process you are familiar with.

The important thing in this program is not so much how you greet your members, rather, it is that you make it an emphasis in your lodge to greet every single Mason that shows up at your door! Don't let a single man have the chance to say "nobody ever cared that I went to Lodge".

A warm and welcome handshake, a concerned and heartily offered "Welcome Brother" goes a long way in today's world. Outside its cold, snowing, and blowing, but inside its warm and friendly. Men genuinely caring for each other. Never leave a man to his own devices in your Lodge. Make sure he understands that in your Lodge he is welcome, safe and comfortable.

This comfort is one of our strongest assets and we need to take the front line in making sure that we welcome and accommodate not only our guests but our own members as well.

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