



Sharing Photographic History

Many Lodge buildings are festooned with portraits of Past Masters and Grand Lodge officers, or of the Lodge officers for a particular year.

Meanwhile families in the community are often interested in whether a relative was a Freemason, or possibly a 'Grand Master'.

To connect with those families, and hopefully kindle an interest in Freemasonry, firstly identify descendants of the brethren in the photos that live locally and establish an invite list. Next arrange an afternoon tea or supper, inviting the descendants and their families to a viewing of the photographs.

It is important to arrange for a copy of the photographs for those families attending to take away as a memento.

The Lodge room itself can be open for the event – request a brother or brethren who are good communicators to be guides.

Ensure that:

1. The invitations are personalized and well printed.
2. You have plenty of copies of the most recent NZ Freemason magazine, the Plain English Guide to Freemasonry and brochures available.
3. Your portraits have had a good clean and polish; and your Lodge facilities are fresh and tidy.

