



## Restaurant Outings

Organising a regular social dinner outing to a restaurant is a great way to involve members of the lodge and their partners. It is also an opportunity to include visitors from other lodges, as well as friends and potential new members.

It will increase the fellowship amongst the Brethren and foster friendships amongst families. Hopefully it will also reduce friction within families with regard to the partner attending lodge meetings.

### How To

1. Select a venue - a BYO restaurant is often best as people can bring their own wine. Another trick is to arrange a set menu for a set price which includes corkage. In choosing a venue, be aware of the different preferences amongst your Brethren and families
2. Estimate the numbers who are likely to attend and make a booking, taking into account these numbers saying you will confirm two days beforehand.
3. Decide on who should be invited – i.e. just lodge members, lodge members and partners, lodge partners only or including widows, lodge members/partners plus the inclusion of visitors from other lodges and/or potential candidates etc.
4. The organiser should send out an email – that makes it easier for people to reply to sender. Ask people to RSVP by three days before the date of the dinner.
5. Organise transport for those who require it

Tip - Be careful to select a restaurant that all your attendees will enjoy. While variety is ok when in moderation, it's a good idea to go to a different restaurant each time if you have the choice.

