



Bring A Masonic Friend Night

We all know that having a full lodge room and refectory contributes to a good evening. An event that increases the number of Freemasons on a specific Lodge night will create a friendly and supportive environment. It will also help the members of the Lodge meet other freemasons from other Lodges.

How To:

Every member of the Lodge should be asked to call a friend who belongs to another Lodge and invite them to attend Lodge with them. The Lodge needs to plan this special night well in advance so that they have time to liaise with friends and to ensure that it is in everyone's diary. The month before the event or a fortnight before at the latest the Junior Warden or office in charge of catering must be informed of the number of extra visitors expected to attend.

The Lodge member initiating the invite should pick his friend up, take him to Lodge, sit with him and introduce him to other Lodge members. Every effort should be made to make the visitor feel welcome in the Lodge.

Tips:

- Do this on a special evening when the working is of interest to all freemasons
- Make one member responsible for planning the visiting side of this event
- The planning officer can phone members to check on whether they have a friend to bring and he can also assist in finalising catering numbers
- Put a special effort into the refectory food for the night
- Introduce your friend to the Master and any other special guests on the night.
- Avoid ignoring your visitors or leaving them to sit alone
- Lodge members need to be encouraged to mix and mingle and not form in to regular social groups
- This can also be done on social nights

