



How to Involve Families With The Lodge

A good lodge actively involves member's families with Lodge activities and processes.

Initiatives that your lodge can undertake include the following:

- Ensure partners / wives know what is happening – perhaps send them the summons / newsletter / communication
- Keep a calendar of events – birthdays, anniversaries etc. and act on them by a phone call or card
- Involve them in Charity projects
- Recognising the limit of family engagement – freedom of choice
- Ensure the concept of brethren putting family first – it is important Lodge not impinge negatively on family life
- Hold regular social functions with variety and informality
- Create opportunities over a 12 month period for Partners to socialise – including widows
- When engaging Kids involve food and activity – i.e. BBQ, Children's Christmas parties
- Provide freedom of access to material
- Encourage participation in similar organisation for women such as Order of the Eastern Star
- Where possible personal contact from the Master, SW, JW & Almoner is invaluable
- Encourage Brethren to be open about their Lodge activities.

