



Dial A Ride

Implementing a dial a ride system will allow brethren with transport difficulties to easily obtain a ride to Lodge. Such a system will:

- Assist brethren to overcome the barriers to attendance giving them the opportunity to become involved with their Lodge on a more regular basis.
- Encourage some of the non-attending brethren to come along to social functions because their transport difficulties can be easily overcome.
- Ensure regularly attending brethren learn more of their brethren by assisting with transport of these brethren to Lodge.
- Provide the Lodge with the opportunity to help your non-attending brethren and practice Freemasonry.

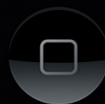
How To:

Your entire Lodge needs to commit to this activity on a long term basis. It needs to be done consistently otherwise more damage than good will be done.

Appoint a Transport Coordinator and promulgate his contact details to all members. He needs to have contact and location details for every member of the Lodge together with an indication of whether each member can provide regular transport assistance to other members.

Each month, any member experiencing transport difficulties to attend the Lodge meeting should contact the Transport Coordinator at least 48 hours before the meeting and advise him of their circumstances. The Coordinator contacts those on his list who can provide transport assistance and arrange for one of them to contact the brother needing assistance to make the final transport arrangements between themselves. The Transport Coordinator's role is one of facilitation.

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Tips:

- Try and select a brother for the Transport Coordinator role who has proven their commitment on past lodge projects.
- Ideally, the brother chosen to receive the transport requests will be a good listener and communicator. A well liked brother is the ideal candidate as he needs to be approachable.
- To start, you could give your brethren key points to cover off in making any request for transport assistance such as where they wish to be collected from, any restrictions on their available time for pick up, a contact number for them at that time etc.
- Publish the Transport Coordinators contact details in every Lodge newsletter so that the members always have these details available.
- Encourage the members who do not have ready access to vehicles to use this system.
- Consider contacting non attending members and talking to them about the service and encourage them to use it.

