



## Adopt A Sports Team

It's always good to find ways for the Lodge to connect with the community, especially when the Lodge can connect with families and young people.

Here's a great idea and charitable activity from Victoria, Australia. Identify a local youth sports team, possibly one connected with one of the members – perhaps where a member is a father or grandfather or even the coach!

Discuss with them ways in which the Lodge could support the team for the season:

- Do they need some equipment? That is an opportunity for an application to the Freemason's charity.
- Act as drivers for transport to games?
- Cover the coach's petrol costs?
- Attend the Team's games to provide moral support. Perhaps liaise with the Coach to pick a "player of the match" - have some small reward or trophy for this.

Definitely offer to sponsor a trophy for the best player of the season or go further and sponsor several trophies for the various awards.

But don't end it there. The success of this activity is linking the Lodge to the whole family. So host a year end prize giving function at the Lodge rooms, inviting parents and grandparents along.

Do the presentations in the Lodge room itself - even give the chance for the team to sit in the officers chairs and wear the officer's collars.

Adjourn to the refectory and put on some suitable drinks and party food.

Lastly the success of this activity is not to limit it to one year!

