



Rusty Trowel Night

There are many Freemasons at large who are not members of a Lodge, yet others who have retained their membership but have not attended for some time.

Many of these Brethren have got out of the habit of attending Lodge or have a fear of having forgotten the Lodge customs and protocols.

How To

Members of the Lodge should be asked to call a friend who has not attended a Lodge meeting recently and invite them to attend Lodge with them. 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 friend feel welcome in the Lodge. Follow up with him after the meeting to make sure he enjoyed himself. Other tips include:

- Make sure the friend still has his regalia and if not arrange a borrowed set
- Run over the signs and tokens with the friend particularly if he is stale on these
- Consider doing a "Rusty Trowel Ceremony" where the ceremony is done in the Lodge room and consists of a review of basic Masonic ritual. Included should be a review of: All Signs, Tokens, Words and how they should be given. Review of closing and opening in each degree. Steps for each degree. Addressing the Master Entering and retiring from an open Lodge and not crossing between East and Altar
- Follow Up – Follow up is the most important part of this tool. Proper follow up encourages the friend to become active.
- If the visitor is not currently a member of the Lodge consider sending him the Lodge notice Paper for the following three months

