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facing. Not surprisingly, there were several common themes running through the meeting and I am please to report this meeting too produced clear calls to action to help us prepare for a return to lodge in a successful manner! My thanks to all attendees at the meeting for their candor, care and support as well as their commitment to coming back to lodge in the most robust and engaging manner possible. We will continue to work together.

Last month your district's Zoom meeting received a very helpful presentation focusing on how to build a relevant plan and implement it thoroughly at the lodge level. The presentation was provided by R.W. Bro. Richard Kaufman – Operations Pillar Chair along with R.W. Bro. Jim Sercombe Chairman Strategic Planning. The district thanks both Richard and Jim for their efforts.

Aside from these endeavours, tonight, your district will hold your monthly virtual forum with our guest speakers coming from our Grand Lodge's Membership Pillar - led by R.W. Bro. John Hay and supported by his team. You can find the details for the forum elsewhere in this edition.

Brethren, you have all seen e-mails from me over the past month reaching out to each of you directly through your lodge Secretaries – inviting you to Zoom calls and sharing the monthly Chronicle (which is packed with valuable and relevant information. There will be plenty more e-mails coming your way this year because I firmly believe that open lines of communication will help foster understanding, dialogue, engagement and action.

Now, I do understand that many of us see our inboxes flooded with e-mails and there might be an inclination to move some to 'trash' in a fairly aggressive manner – I do this too. I would ask you to consider taking a moment to identify and open those which are delivering Masonic information – for my part, I will try to be clear in the subject line. At this point in time, electronic communication is one of the best vehicles for the sharing of information and, while it can in no way replace the fraternal bonds we enjoy when in one another's company – for now, it helps. Let's also remember this is a two-way street so please feel free to e-mail me directly, anytime.

Please remember, "Communication must be HOT – Honest, Open and Two-way" – Dan Oswald

Brethren, I hope to 'C' you all soon!  
**R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Paul**

## From Our District Deputy Grand Master

Brethren,

We are getting closer to a return to lodge than ever! Just last month, I asked you all to, at the appropriate time, simply point your feet towards the door and go to your lodge.

Please know that behind the scenes of that simple suggestion, the leaders of your lodge, your district and our Grand Jurisdiction are working diligently to prepare for our return. This diligence is built upon accurate, clear and relevant communication and information.



As an example, just this past week your lodge mentor chairmen met to discuss ways in which each lodge could support membership in their Masonic development. The discussion was enthusiastic, productive and enlightening. Out of the meeting came a commitment to ensure we are building a plan that has membership, particularly young membership and those in the officer line, at the center of our focus to help position brethren to be well-prepared as they become our leaders in the not so distant future – and to get/keep them engaged. My thanks go to W. Bro. Steve Badger who organised and facilitated the meeting and will be Hamilton 'C's point man for Mentorship moving forward. Please look for more communication and virtual meetings of this nature in the coming months. Steve, thanks for your efforts!

Last week also saw a Zoom meeting of the Masters and Wardens of your district meet and we identified and discussed the Opportunities & Challenges we are currently

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# Hamilton District 'C' - September Masonic Forum

## Membership Pillar

Your district forum will be held on **Wednesday, September 1st at 7:30 p.m.**

Our guest speaker will be **R.W. Bro. John L.R. Hay, Membership Pillar Chair**, along with a few of his team chairmen. After the presentation, the floor will be opened up to our attendees for a Q&A.

If you have ever thought about what might be done to improve our ability to attract and retain good men, you may wish to attend, hear about and join in a discussion on this crucial topic.

To our younger (Masonically speaking) brethren, I would encourage you to attend and to bring along other younger brethren - to listen, contemplate, question, discuss and take action to help write the future of our fraternity.

As we will be focusing on the topic of membership, I am enthusiastically hopeful that our lodge Masters and Wardens (future Masters) will be in attendance.

Here is the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82094319414?pwd=U0tleFk5UzhYyMVhnTm55UmZGcHNDUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 9431 9414

Passcode: 894120

Brethren, I look forward to 'C'ing you soon!  
Fraternally,  
Bill

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## Hamilton Masonic District 'C' Fall Meeting

**Saturday September 18th, 2021  
Virtual Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86005078555?pwd=V3VHaDhOMkxqdTMwWUhsU0pjdDk1QT09>

Meeting ID: 860 0507 8555

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**Plan to attend and be part of moving  
District 'C' Forward.**

# Volunteer Monitors Needed! Hamilton Learning Center

The Hamilton Learning Centre services the Hamilton, Halton, Brant, and Niagara Regions and we need Volunteers to monitor the Tutor and Child sessions. The new season is about to begin in late September, and **we need Monitors**.

What we need are 4 people to come in person to the Learning Centre to monitor (There are strict Covid-19 protocols in place) and 4 people to monitor from home using the Zoom platform, Training will be supplied. The Learning Centre is located in the white house beside The Scottish Rite, 148 George Street, Hamilton Ontario.

Currently sessions run every Tuesday & Thursday from 3:00pm until about 7:30pm, however new children have been added to the program this year which may require the Centre to be available on Monday & Wednesday evenings as well. More information will be available once Centre finishes their planning process. Once we know when you would be available to monitor either at the Learning Centre or on Zoom, a schedule will be drawn up, we can work around all our your plans and needs as well. You do not have to be a Mason to volunteer, it could be your better halves or friends that are looking to witness the positive change that takes place with the children as they go through the program. It is a very rewarding experience.

Please contact Dale Chapman at 647-299-3786 or 905-385-8259 or [dale.e.chapman@gmail.com](mailto:dale.e.chapman@gmail.com).



The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation  
LEARNING CENTRE for HAMILTON  
helping children with Dyslexia

*Welcome to the Hamilton Learning  
Centre serving the Hamilton, Halton,  
Brant, and Niagara Regions*

A Learning Centre is a place where children are important. There are Learning Centres throughout Canada and the U.S.A.

The Hamilton Learning Centre is part of a national program initiated and supported by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada. The Centre has received generous support from Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, individual and corporate donors and is totally dependent on donor support.

At the Learning Centre we help children with dyslexia learn to read so they can read to learn. Learning Centres tutor children individually with the Orton-Gillingham Approach that accommodates their specific learning differences in a one-on-one setting. There is no cost to the child or family. The sessions are all after regular school hours.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Learning Centre for Hamilton was incorporated on June 30, 2016 and is wholly responsible for the governance of the Learning Centre for Hamilton.

The Learning Centre is a positive tool for dyslexic children and their parents to see what a person with dyslexia can achieve

# Grand Lodge Strategic Plan (Summary)



## Introduction

Each Masonic leader in the jurisdiction, regardless of tenure or rank, should become familiar with the key strategic themes outlined in this document and should be prepared to identify areas within their circle of influence that can be improved upon.

We position ourselves to undertake meaningful change by remaining steadfastly enthusiastic, committed and above all, creative.

## The Purpose of this Strategic Plan

Our Strategic Plan has been created to reflect the condition of Freemasonry in Ontario in 2021 and provide a direction and guidance to our leaders for the period 2021-2026.

This Strategic Plan has been developed through broad consultation and input from all levels of the Craft including direct input from the Members of the Board of General Purposes.

## Grand Lodge Vision Statement

“Our vision is that our Lodges are vibrant, the ritual conferred with excellence, and our members, being happy, all contribute to our legacy from one generation to the next. Membership is explored by men who have witnessed our character and actions and that our communities regard Freemasonry for its ideals, dedication to family, and aid to those less fortunate.”

## Grand Lodge Mission Statement (2021-2026)

“Freemasonry is an initiatory order that delves into the mystery of moral geometry, using allegory and symbolism to impart its philosophical lessons. As Masons, our mission is to cultivate a Brotherhood of men, united in the pursuit of knowledge, dedicated to a life-long journey of self-discovery to strengthen and build character. Our Lodges are a spiritual, secular environment designed to improve one's best self by setting a high value on tolerance, morality, and integrity - a sanctuary dedicated to friendship and happiness to enrich our lives through inner reflection and self development. Freemasons are inspired to promote kindness and generosity for the betterment of society.”

## Four Strategic Themes

### Timeless Vitality- Theme 1

*Ensuring the long-term growth and effectiveness of Freemasonry in Ontario*

Vitality, defined as “the power to live and grow” and “the capacity for survival and the continuation of a meaningful and purposeful existence”, is critical to our future growth.

Each member of the Craft has the opportunity to demonstrate vitality. As we execute the objectives of this Strategic Plan, each member will be challenged to enhance the vitality of their local Lodge, and by extension, to support the vitality of Freemasonry across the jurisdiction.

### Within the Tyled Lodge Room- Theme 2

*Reaffirming the Lodge room as the dynamic centre of the Masonic experience*

Our Masonic Lodge rooms, when tyled, form a sacred space where like-minded men from all walks of life and backgrounds come together to learn, experience, and practice the gentle art of Masonry. The quality of the delivery of the lessons offered on the floor of the Lodge directly correlate to the health of the Lodge and to the growth and general satisfaction of its members.

A Lodge's success can only be measured in its ability to facilitate personal transformation in the lives of its members. This is achieved through the effective delivery of ritual and the practical instruction of Masonic philosophy.

### The Individual Craftsman- Theme 3

*Building the future of Freemasonry in Ontario one man at a time*

In medieval times, the practical secrets of the Mason's art were communicated with great care and diligence from master to apprentice. The education of a chosen Apprentice was a significant commitment for a Master Mason to undertake and took no less than seven years to complete.

To be a true Master Mason was not just to attain the knowledge for oneself, but to convey the knowledge to those that would follow.

### Answering the Knock at the West Gate- Theme 4

*Aligning Freemasonry's timeless value to today's modern culture*

If Freemasonry in Ontario is to include the hundreds of thousands of mature men who are searching for meaning in their lives, we must both acknowledge and align ourselves to their needs.

Freemasonry is a serious organization, attracting mature men who share common values. When a man is admitted through the West Gate, he is offering himself to be placed on a path of self-improvement and personal transformation. Freemasonry exists to cultivate a Brotherhood of men, united in the pursuit of knowledge, dedicated to a life-long journey of self-discovery to strengthen and build character. When we open the West Gate, we are welcoming these men to a way of life.

## Our Pillars

There are six pillars in the strategic plan.

- Education
- Membership
- Communication
- Operations
- Community Outreach
- Strategic Delivery

Each Pillar contains the following sections.

- Strategic Imperative/Initiative
- Strategic Goals
- Rationale
- Key Performance Indicators

For this summary we are providing the Strategic Imperative description for each Pillar

## Education

We will embrace Masonic Education as a responsibility to all generations of Freemasons in Ontario as a critical component in the conveyance of Masonic excellence to our current membership.



**Present focus:** Masonic education and Craft leadership

**Future focus:** Making Masonic Education available to all Masons.

## Membership

We recognize that our Membership and their families (outside the Lodge Room) represent the heart of Freemasonry in our communities throughout Ontario and that the culmination of our efforts are intended to result in a richer experience for all.



**Present focus:** Creating a more valued and rewarding experience for today's members.

**Future focus:** Providing timeless values and a rewarding experience for future members.

## Communication

We will communicate in an effective and consistent manner using the most appropriate medium to reach the target audience in a timely manner.



**Present focus:** Listening to the membership.

**Future focus:** Communications for the 21st century

## Operations

We will ensure that the operations and governance of Grand Lodge, Districts and Lodges are effective, sustainable, and efficient.



**Present focus:** Manage current assets, investments, and operations. Prepare accurate financial reports and budgets, while monitoring and evaluating them.

**Future focus:** Prepare for future change, evolving services and meeting the future needs of our membership.

## Community Outreach

We will facilitate Community Outreach, which will create opportunities to demonstrate Masonic values within our communities and convey a positive and accurate perception of Freemasonry.



**Present focus:** Engaging our communities.

**Future focus:** Managing our image in our community.

## Strategic Delivery

We will deliver our Strategic Plan with methods and practices that will encourage harmony among the brethren while simultaneously delivering on the critical objectives of our Strategy with efficiency and precision, and the efficient managing of the volunteer committee chairmen and members.

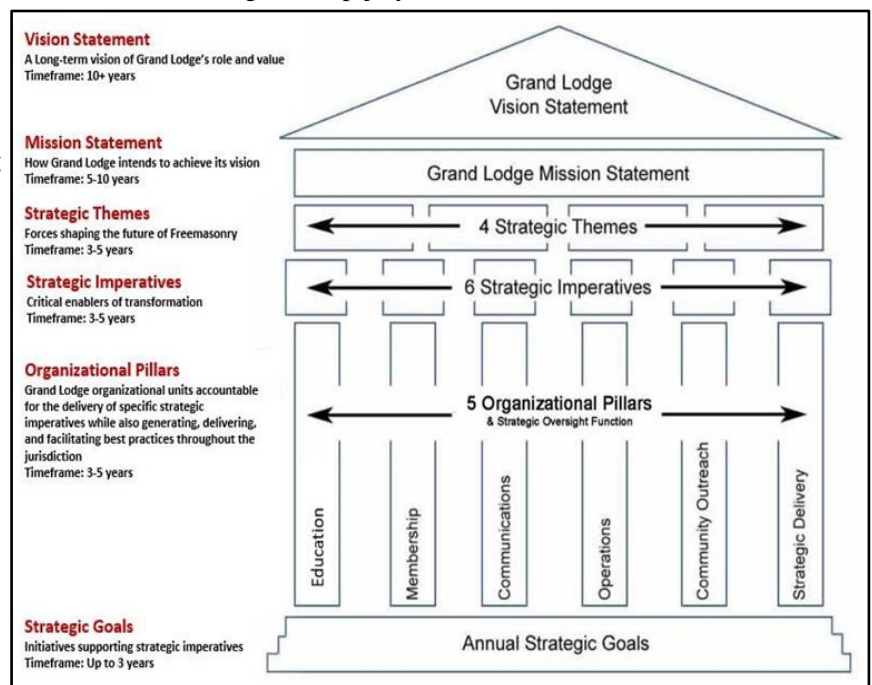


**Present focus:** Strategic project management while also ensuring the effective delivery of all critical objectives identified in this and future strategic plans.

**Future focus:** Effective volunteer management.

## Get The Next Regular Step Strategic Plan Here:

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/operations/planning/3079-the-next-regular-step-july-2021-v-1-1>

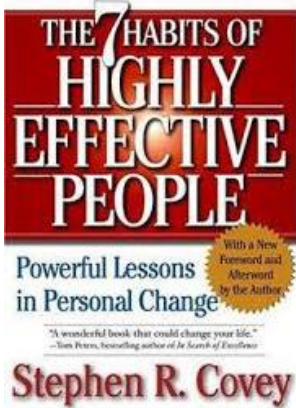




## A Lecture by R.W. Bro. Glen Notman Staying Sharp

The core purpose of a business is primarily about finding and keeping customers. Making transactions to add value by delivering upon needs and wants. It exists to make money.

A Lodge exists for a fundamentally different purpose. We exist as a mechanism to make good men better. A refuge where like-minded men can come together and share ideals related to integrity and honour. Knowing that a body full of men who prize honour and virtue exists...men who hold themselves accountable to a high standard of conduct and dealings; is refreshing for those of us who can get weighed down and caught up in the ongoing grind of our lives.



On Monday I talked about the Seven Habits of Highly Effective Masons leveraging the writing of Steven Covey. Dr. Covey writes about the need for a character ethic, as the foundation of success. He wrote about using seven habits to describe how to develop "The Character Ethic" which cultivates integrity, humility, fidelity, temperance, courage, justice, patience, industry, and the Golden Rule.

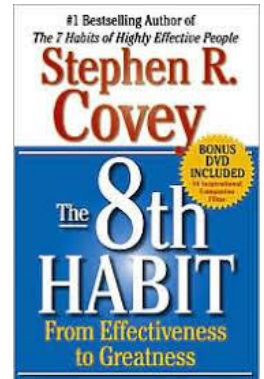
So here are the **7 Habits of Highly Effective Masons**.

1. *Be proactive.* Masons take the initiative step up and ask their Lodge and Brothers how you can help.
2. *Begin with the end in mind.* Masons consider the lessons in our ritual, and define personal, moral, and ethical guidelines to express and fulfill themselves.
3. *Put first things first.* Prioritize and organize what matters. Masons make a decision that Lodge provides a meaningful experience and is a priority in their life.
4. *Think win-win.* Seek mutual respect in every interaction. Masons build a "we first" mentality. A team thought model than enables everyone to succeed.
5. *Seek first to understand, and then be understood.* Masons learn the meaning of the work from your heart, and then work with others to communicate it.
6. *Synergize.* Masons are active in the Lodge, working together to deliver something meaningful. The sum of the parts is greater than its pieces.
7. *Sharpen the saw.* Masons undergo constant renewal in the four basic areas of life, being: body, mind, heart and spirit.

I find it intriguing that the Ritual we practice and words of the Work, which can be traced back to before the 1700's, are reflected in This "Character Ethic" so aptly described by Dr.

Covey in the 1990's. When reading his book the Eighth Habit I kept coming back to the practices we are taught in Lodge and how the lessons we learn throughout all the degrees resonate with the teachings he endorses. People go around the world teaching and consulting with individuals and organizations on how to apply the 7 habits which we endorse, practice and learn in every meeting.

The Eighth Habit is a book about using the seven habits, to move from effective to great, or if you prefer good to excellent. As an illustration of how we already have his much sought after advice given to us on a platter I want to focus on **Habit 7 - Sharpen the Saw®** and where we are taught to consider this in our Work.



First an example from the Work. Consider the lessons of the working tools in the first degree, but particularly the 24 I.G. An implement put in the hands of the workman to ascertain the work and calculate the labour and cost. By this you can determine the cost versus value of your efforts. With this implement we are taught to consider our daily activities and are directed to apportion our efforts accordingly in P, L, R and S

Now consider the Seventh Habit.

Suppose you were to come upon someone in the woods working feverishly to saw down a tree.

"What are you doing?" you ask.

"Can't you see?" comes the impatient reply. "I'm sawing down this tree."

"You look exhausted!" you exclaim. "How long have you been at it?"

"Over five hours," he returns, "and I'm beat! This is hard work."

"Well, why don't you take a break for a few minutes and sharpen the saw?" you inquire. "I'm sure it would go a lot faster."

"I don't have time to sharpen the saw," the man says emphatically. "I'm too busy sawing!"

Habit 7 is taking time to Sharpen your Saw. It surrounds the other habits on the Seven Habits paradigm because it is the habit that makes all the others possible.

As a Managing consultant who walks a tightrope of pressure every day; I have found Lodge to be the place that I sharpen my own saw. Sharpening the saw means making time to **rejuvenate** and help prepare you to work better in the future. This often means relaxing, enjoying nature, meditating and spending time with high-quality relationships.

The 24 I.G. divides our lives into 4 quadrants to manage. Similarly, the purpose of this habit is to regularly exercise the four components which many believe make up the human being: body, mind, heart and spirit.

- **Body:** Exercise for a sense of well-being.
- **Mind:** Exercise to sharpen the intellectual abilities.
- **Spirit:** Exercise with meditations and inner reflections.
- **Heart:** Exercise care for important relationships.

## 150 Ways...Ideas for Lodge Engagement

**Within Lodge, I work my Body** and am refreshed by doing the floor work, getting out seeing my friends and brothers and stepping out of the rat race for a few hours.



**Working my Mind.** It is called “**the Work**” for a reason. It takes effort and some heavy mental lifting to get it right. Learning the words, practicing the motions, developing and reinforcing the Character Ethic by delivering and being present for my brothers.

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**Working the spirit,** we gather in faith, celebrating our successes considering the well-being of our fellows. Being insulated from the external pressures of family, work and cell phones. Focusing on the important matters of truth, honour and virtue.

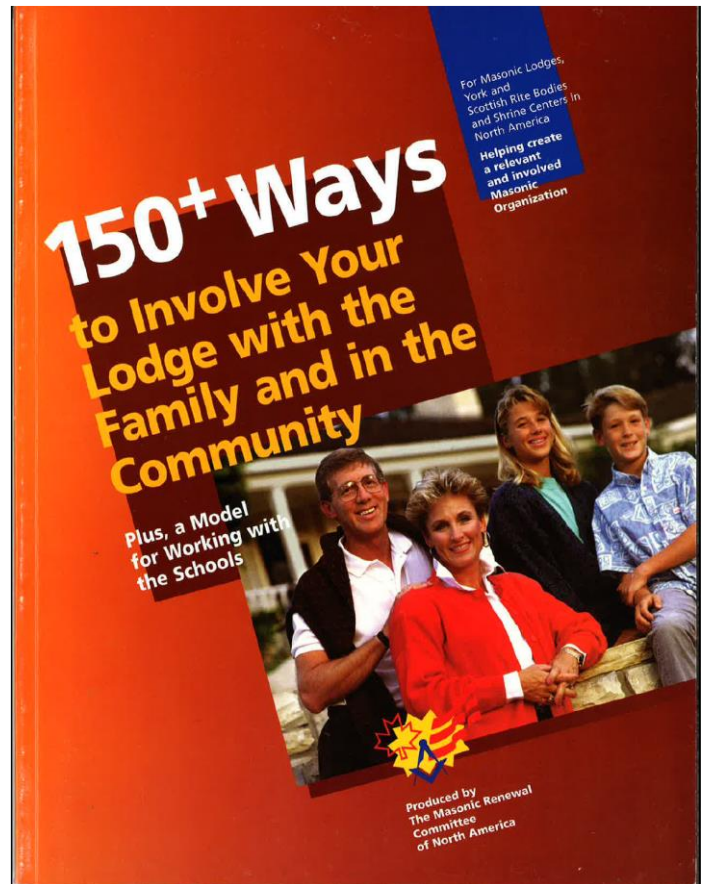
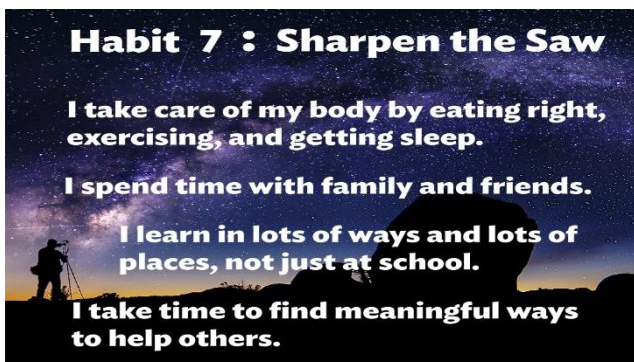
**And working the heart.** Brotherly Love. Brotherly Love is much more than friendship because it includes teamwork, unity of purpose, loyalty, harmony and tolerance. Teamwork unites individual contributions into a collective effort, while harmony joins these efforts together in sincere affection,

Outside of my family, most of my important relationships used to be contained within Temple Lodge. This journey this year has expanded my horizons and created a sense of belonging to the entire District. I fell like the proverbial Grinch whose heart has grown 10 times its original size.

To sum up, business exists to make money and add value back to the shareholders. Masonry exists as a benevolent fraternity. Individuals come together as Brothers to provide an opportunity to pause and reflect on the important matters. Teach each other what matters, prioritize our lives and learning to look beyond today’s horizon and consider the meaningful elements of our lives. To add value everywhere we go.

Thank you all for being here tonight. By your presence each of you have determined that being amongst your Brothers is one of the more important things in your life. I hope that these few hours together have let each of you dip into the well of friendship. To reflect on what is meaningful and to sharpen your own individual saw blades.

**From the speeches archived on the Hamilton District C Website. For R.W. Bro. Glen Notman**



For Masonic Lodges, York and Scottish Rite Bodies and Shrine Centers in North America Helping create a relevant and involved Masonic Organization

This Guide is divided into five important sections.

Section I provides an overview to involvement; how to get involved and how to organize lodge support for your programs.

Section II, III and IV provide specific ways for the lodge to become involved with the family and the community and in the schools - 150+ ways in all. Section V includes useful forms for duplication. The Appendix contains valuable information referred to throughout the Guide.

You should feel free to use this Guide anywhere it fits into your plans for your lodge. Most Masons will find it easier to begin with family involvement and use the interest gained there to begin working together in the community or in the schools. Others find that helping their local school on an important project is the best way to get the lodge and its members involved with their families and the community.

Almost every effort will be more successful if you follow a project plan. To help you with the planning process, you will find several helpful project or team planning forms. Feel free to duplicate these pages as often as you wish.

[https://grandlodgeofiowa.org/docs/Handbooks\\_Courses/150\\_Ways\\_to\\_Involve\\_Your\\_Lodge\\_with\\_the\\_Family.pdf](https://grandlodgeofiowa.org/docs/Handbooks_Courses/150_Ways_to_Involve_Your_Lodge_with_the_Family.pdf)

# Masonic Education Rusty Mason Program

## Why a Rusty Mason Program?

There are many members of our Masonic Craft who, for whatever reasons, do not attend Lodge, or have not attended for a long time. The longer that they stay away, the more difficult it becomes for them to return.



When a Mason decides that he may once again wish to become active in his Lodge, quite often he is reluctant to do so because he is unfamiliar with our methods of recognition and ritual; therefore he is worried that he may embarrass himself.

The Rusty Mason program is intended to assist these Brethren to refresh their memories and permit everyone to enjoy each other's company through Masonry. This program has been adapted from other similar programs and has been developed around our ritual and therefore is easily presented.

### Purpose

- Reacquaint the long absent Brother with the basic requirements of gaining admittance into a Lodge. These shall consist of, but not be limited to; the signs, tokens, words, grips, steps of all three degrees; proper use of the Sign of Fidelity, the Grand Honours; opening and closing ritual of all three degrees and the Grand & Royal Sign.
- Promote Masonic fellowship by offering instruction in a relaxed and casual atmosphere; free from any stress and surrounded by Brethren who eagerly support his desire to attend and participate in lodge activities.

Please note...If your Lodge has a different and successful program for making returning members feel comfortable in lodge once more, please continue to use what you are familiar with.

### Preparation

As with all-important events, advanced preparation and careful planning are key ingredients in assuring the success of this program. It is recommended that the Worshipful Master appoint a Lodge Committee, which would make all arrangements for receiving the Brethren and conducting the event.

The committee members should be Brethren who have a genuine interest in this type of program and who will work diligently to ensure its success. The committee should review the membership list to identify the Brethren who potentially could attend; emphasizing a desire to focus on those who are within a reasonable distance of the Lodge.

Next a method of contacting them should be established to make the initial contact and follow up calls/visits should be conducted in a diplomatic manner in order to overcome any

natural apprehension that may be present. Each Brother must understand that the Lodge is ready and willing to reacquaint them with all areas of education in lodge functions.

An integral part of the event planning is finding out how many EA, FC and MM will be attending; as this will determine the makeup of your event agenda. Consider assigning a "host" to bring each Rusty Mason to the event, much in the same way that a Sponsor does with a new candidate on Lodge night.

Important to the success of the event is a short meet and greet, in the banquet room, prior to the program beginning. This will enable everyone to get to know each other and it will reinforce the casual atmosphere that you want to create for the event.

Remember, the primary purpose of this program is to make the Rusty Mason feel welcome and to provide both the Brother and the Lodge the opportunity to benefit from the rewards of Masonic fellowship.

### Presentation

It is suggested that this event be conducted on a special night so that all attention can be given to the entire program. Remember the dress should be business casual – keep it friendly!

Upon arriving at the Lodge, each Rusty Mason should be greeted by the three Principal Officers and warmly welcomed. Please note; prior to arriving at the Lodge the "host" must ensure that the Rusty Mason is in possession of a current dues card, in case he is asked to produce evidence of Masonic membership.

Following a period of fellowship during the meet & greet, all Masons will attend the lodge room, where the Worshipful Master will bring greetings to all present and turn the evening's program over to the Rusty Mason presentation team.

From the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario Membership Pillar

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/index.php/publications/members/lodge/b2b/2662-rusty-mason-program-revised-may-2020/file>

Use this link to Get all the details for the Rusty Mason Program in the complete document.

## From the Grand Lodge Website ...

These items have a direct link for your convenience

**August 22, 2021**

The Next Regular Step (GL Strategic Plan 2021)

**August 17, 2021**

Grand Lodge Building Compliance Form

Fire and Safety Policy (2021)

**August 11, 2021**

Covid 19 Update from the Grand Master & the Grand SecretaryLodge

**July 27, 2021**

Ontario Mason Magazine Spring-Summer 2021

<https://grandlodge.on.ca/>

## Humour



I was hoping these days were going

IF YOU'RE GONNA BE DUMB,  
YOU BETTER BE TOUGH



Returning to Lodge too soon!

A person's most useful  
asset is not a head full  
of knowledge,  
but a heart full of  
love, an ear ready to  
listen and a hand  
willing to help others.

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## IN MEMORIAM

R.W. Bro. Leonard J. Hewitt  
Landmarks / Doric Lodge No. 654

Enniskillen No.185  
Initiated – Feb 2, 1944  
Passed – March 6, 1944  
Raised – June 5, 1944

Affiliated with the Lodge of the  
Ancient Landmarks No. 654 in 1947-12-23

D.D.G.M 1963-64 Hamilton District B

Passed to the Grand Lodge Above August 29, 2021



**In Life Respected, In Death Regretted.  
We will cherish him in our hearts forever.**

## From the Editor

Brethren,

Still waiting as the Fourth Wave begins. This edition is focused on ideas and thoughts on getting ready for reopening. Summarizing the Next Step Plan meets one of its Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) as I now know the program in detail and can assist my Lodge with planning. The 150 Ways to improve your Lodge is full of ideas, many of which are already included in the Lodge Cornerstone Program. The read is easy, and I included the link.

**September first** is our District Forum, so read this and click the Zoom Link on page 2! Later in Spetember we have a virtual (sob) district meeting. Safer, but not preferred.

Our website is full of content in the Past DDGMS section. Click on the individuals there and you can read their Official Visit speeches. (If they posted them) I pulled up one of mine that seems to fit the "Preparation" theme of this edition.

Please feel free to drop Bill or I a note, an article or some humour. We even like suggestions for ideas and content as it is preferable to publish what the readers want to see.

Be well, be safe! S&F, Glen



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