

B 2 B FaciliFacts

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B 2 B FaciliFacts Begins A New Year

As each of us begin a new Masonic year in our lodges, so too does the B2B FaciliFacts begin another year of providing useful educational material to the Masons of the Jurisdiction.

Your B2B Team of Grand Lodge appreciates the feedback it receives from you the readers. We ask you to continue to submit your thoughts, ideas and even criticisms, because this is the only means by which this publication continues to meet the needs of its readership. The editors mandate is to keep each issue small in size, but large in content.

Should you the Masons of this Jurisdiction wish to have a particular subject addressed that is within the purview of the B2B Program, please contact the B2B Team Leader and make him aware of the subject matter.

During the past Masonic year we introduced the B2B FaciliFacts as an education and communication tool. We introduced a new brochure and bookmark to you through this medium and took some time to try to demystify the B2B Tool Kit by asking you to begin to consider it as a library of information packages that you could pick and choose from depending on your lodge's particular needs.

We also began to look more closely at the individual sections within this resource manual, by passing along the contents of the first Guiding Principle of B2B that being Section 4 – RETAIN ... The retention of active who have been Masons for less than one year.

This year we will explore the contents of the second Guiding Principle that is contained in Section 5 – REVITALIZE ... The revitalization of Past Masters, Officers and Members alike. This section is a must read for all Masons aspiring to become Lodge Officers or who are currently taking their journey through the chairs.

In addition to the articles that deal specifically with the content of the resource manual, we will continue to publish timely and relevant articles from the Masons of the Province in the Jurisdiction News section of the publication.

The B2B Team asks you to spread the word about the benefits of the B2B Program to the Brethren in your Lodge. Working together we can "Make A Difference".



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Leadership Is ...

- INSPIRATION
- INFLUENCE
- PASSION
- LOYALTY
- MOVITATION
- PRIDE
- ENERGY
- RISK TAKING
- HONESTY

Do you have ...
Membership Retention Problems ?
Lodge Meetings That Need Some Excitement ?

Try
Brother 2 Brother

It is a program that gets results
and is
“Making A Difference”

Join a team that ...

“Helps To Build Stronger Lodges”

“Enhances The Masonic Experience”

“Teaches Us To Keep The Promises That We Make”

New Committee Formed

This is an excerpt from the remarks made by the Deputy Grand Master, RWBro. Raymond S. J. Daniels, in the September 2007 issue of the DDGM COMMUNIQUE of Grand Lodge.

It is not in the nature of Grand Lodge to effect radical change in its organization or administrative structure. Prudence directs that we advance slowly, but steadily to take the organization to the place we need to go. As times change and circumstances require, the Grand Master appoints Special Committees to devise programs and initiate projects to serve the Districts, Lodges and Brethren. For these reasons some restructuring of the Special Committees was put into effect at the Annual Communication in July, with a new committee formed. The Lodges Resources Committee chaired by RWBro. David Dainard will encompass all of the programs that have been devised and designed to assist lodges to attract new members and keep present members active. Friend to Friend (the world needs more Masons) – Mentor (explaining the mysteries & privileges of Freemasonry) – Brother 2 Brother (give me a reason for coming to lodge & I will be there) – Officer Progression (paving the road to the East) – Protocol & Etiquette (that all may be done decently & in order).

Taken together, these programs provide a reliable GPS for the Masonic journey, from the time a man expresses an interest in Masonry, until he becomes the Worshipful Master of his lodge. Working together with this unity of vision, diversity of skills and innovative ideas we will find new ways to solve old problems, thereby generating the processes that will keep our Craft progressing and growing. Interconnectedness means quite literally that we are all in this together. Do something wonderful – People may imitate it !

B2B Jurisdiction News

This message by RWBro. Paul J. Monaghan, District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto Humber Valley 2006 – 2007 was taken from the May edition of "Between The Pillars" the official newsletter for Toronto Humber Valley District. The message is strong and it reminds us of our role as a Brother, a Mason and a Man.

Brethren,

Over the past few weeks we have had an opportunity to look at Masonry outwardly. I would like to take a personal look inwardly, at our craft, how we as masons, react towards each other.

Are you forgiving, when a brother may have wronged you? Are you quick to pardon, or are you quick to condemn? It takes one to forgive, but it takes two to reconcile. Forgiveness is not easy, but it will cost you more not to forgive. Forgiveness is a personal transaction releasing the offender from the consequences of the offence. It is freedom from the offender's power to control you.

Whereas pardon is the transaction of Justice, that releases an offender from the consequences of the offence. Sometimes we have a tendency to see people's faults, instead of their potentials, and in trying so hard to say the right thing, we forget that the language of feeling speaks much louder than our words.

I encourage you to get to know yourself, because the better you know yourself, the less you will be criticizing others. Masonry accepts the oneness of God, and in reality, accepts the openness of man. Brotherly love, relief and truth are the corner stone of Masonry. We are to be the channels of love and truth, anything less is unacceptable. Our words have the power to build up or to tear down. Therefore, let the words we speak about our brother be uplifting, be positive and be encouraging.

Solomon once said "He who restrains his lips is wise" while James on the other hand said, "No man can tame the tongue. It is unruly, evil and full of deadly poison". He said that, "with the tongue we bless God who created us, but we also curse those whom he created". We dishonour God when we despise others. If we bite and devour one another, beware lest we be consumed by one another. In every aspect of our life, there are trials, so it is with our Masonic life, but life's trials should make us better, not bitter, because you cannot go forward into your tomorrow if you are stuck in the past. "So I leave you with these words"

Watch your thoughts, they become words.

Watch your words, they become actions.

Watch your actions, they become habits.

Watch your habits, they become character.

Watch your character, it becomes your destiny

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