

Final Remarks...

Brethren,

Please remember that your answers will be held in strict confidentiality. Please DO NOT identify yourself on this publication with your name. All answers are to be anonymous. However, if you wish to identify yourself and allow your opinions to be shared with other members, then we highly encourage it.

Remember brethren, this is your lodge and the lodge can only be what the members make of it. Many other lodges around the area have also suffered the same issues as we face. Unfortunately, consolidation with another lodge was the only solution. We are attempting to head these issues off as best we can so that this doesn't happen. However, if we (as in the active members) stay along this path, then consolidation and closing our lodge doors forever will be inevitable. And I can safely say that no one wants to see that happen. We want the lodge to succeed, not just survive.

To send your response, fold this publication in the same way you received it so that the Quincy Lodge address is on the outside as well as the picture of the lodge on the reverse. Postage has already been prepaid as well as self addressed. After folding the questionnaire, tape the edges close (required by the post office) and leave this as a pick up for your letter carrier. Or if you wish, you can also drop this off at the lodge by hand. Anyway you choose to send your responses in are always welcome.

Any thoughts and responses will be greatly appreciated and honored.

Fraternally Yours,
Juan Garcia, SD

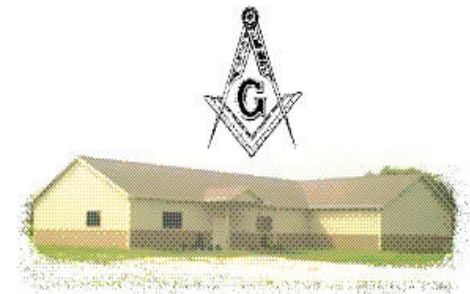
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A Message from the Senior Deacon

Greetings Brethren. A serious issue has been brought to my attention and to the attention of the lodge in regards to the poor attendance during lodge functions. I understand that this has been a reoccurring issue for many years, even before my time as an active member. As a direct result, I have been challenged by the lodge and myself to take the initiative and research the many reasons of why attendance has been rather lacking at our common lodge functions. Some of these functions include, bi-weekly meetings, social gatherings such as monthly breakfasts, and even degree work.

I recognize the fact that we as people are very busy with common every day tasks that take up much of our time. Work and family commitments are probably where the majority of our time goes. And this, I truly understand. However, I also recognize that there may be other reasons, outside the realm of work and family of why attendance is rather poor. And this is why I have come to you here today.

Brethren, this is a questionnaire that has been put together by myself and the lodge in efforts to help provide us some reasons and explanations of why we often times have a poor turnout to out at lodge functions. I am really looking for our members to help, aid and assist me in my research to these baffling questions. I know that time is limited, but if you could spare even 5 minutes of your valuable time filling out this questionnaire, it would help me greatly.

The questionnaire is intended to be filled out anonymously. It does not require your name or any form of identification. You can be rest assured that your answers will be held in strict confidentiality. You will never be asked to further explain or justify your answer. Please respond with your truest and honest feelings, even if it might offend someone. No other member will read your responses except for myself.

I look forward to reading your responses.

Fraternally yours,
Juan Garcia, SD

Please mark Yes or No to the following:

- Y N
[] [] Do you attend lodge functions on a regular basis?
[] [] Would you like to become more active in lodge?
[] [] Do you feel as though lodge is no longer for you?
[] [] Do you think that some changes and improvements are needed in lodge?
[] [] Would these changes affect your attendance?
[] [] Do you feel as though certain members within the lodge are keeping you from actively attending? (EX: a disagreement with another member?)
[] [] Do you feel as though the lodge officers for this year are not performing adequately enough to retain your interest?
[] [] Do you feel as though the newest members of the lodge are changing the ethics and traditions of the lodge too much?
[] [] Would you like to see more preservation of the traditions in lodge with future membership. (Example: Required proficiency, mentorship, no one day classes)
[] [] Do you feel as though the lodge has strayed away from the traditional values and what it means to become a mason?
[] [] Do you feel as though you have "put in your time" at lodge and feel "burnt out"?
[] [] Do work and family commitments consume all your time where you would like to attend lodge, but can't?
[] [] Is living out of town, many miles away from lodge a reason for being unable to attend lodge?
[] [] Do you believe health and age may be a reason for missed attendance?
[] [] Do you feel that the current lodge location keeps you from attending lodge functions?
[] [] Do you feel that our new lodge building has in some way affected you and your attendance (EX: Don't like the new lodge? Lodge was better at the old facility, The Current lodge is too modern?)

Please share your comments:

What kind of changes would you like to see in lodge?

What ideas do you have that you think would bring you and additional members back to the lodge?

What are your reasons why you cannot attend lodge?

Any other comments you have? Please share.

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