

B 2 B FaciliFacts

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Grand Lodge B2B Committee Makes "New" 2006 Power Point Presentation Available

Early this year your Grand Lodge Committee began making copies of the NEW 2006 B2B power point presentation available to the District Deputy Grand Masters, District & Lodge B2B Chairmen and other interested brethren around our grand jurisdiction. The presentation is approximately 30 to 45 minutes in length. Accompanying the power point is a written guide that helps with the delivery of the presentation. It contains optional stories and commentary that can be used should time permit.

This presentation acts as a blue print or guide on how to begin identifying lodge issues that may need to be addressed. It explains what the potential challenges will be, how to meet them and most importantly it shows a lodge how best to involve its membership in creating an action plan to deal with the action items identified. This easy to use education and communication tool simplifies the use of the B2B Tool Kit by instructing lodges to consider it as a library of many books that can be referenced at any time, when issues arise.

You can obtain this valuable teaching tool by either contacting the Grand Lodge B2B Committee for a copy or you can access it through the B2B link on the GLCPOO website.

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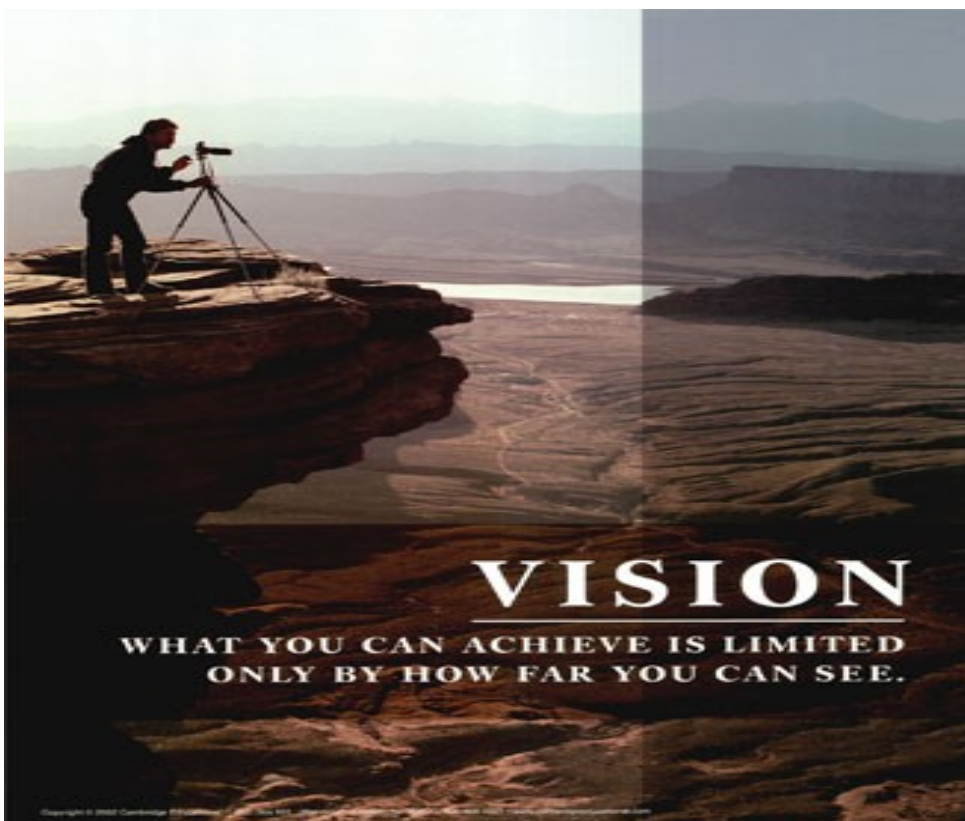
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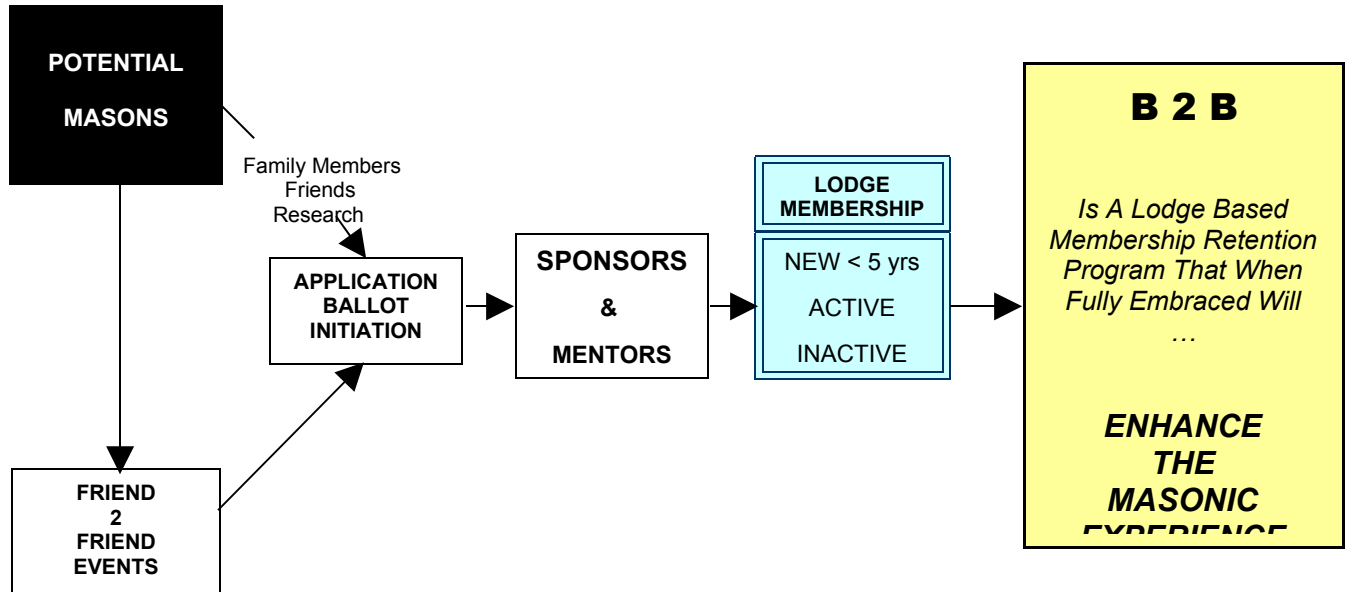
As each goose flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the birds that follow. By flying in a "V" formation, the entire flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson # 1:

People who share a common direction and sense of synergy can get where they are going quicker and easier, because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.



Where the Brother 2 Brother Program Fits



B 2 B CHALLENGES

- Getting the Word Out!
- Create interesting programs that will draw members to lodge meetings regularly
- Respond to the lodge members desire for greater knowledge
- Provide the Masonic experience and satisfaction each member is seeking

HOW WE MEET THE CHALLENGES

- Leadership that demonstrates a willingness to try something new and different
- Interesting Masonic Education
- Thought provoking discussion
- Quality ritual
- Setting high standards



Now That You Have Taken The B2B Challenge How Do You Get Started?

Use the **ASAP** Model:

Assess the Situation ... by reviewing “*What is Working Well*” and “*What Areas Need to Be Worked On*” in your lodge.

Sensible Solutions ... through input from the lodge members by way of a survey and discussion. Listen to the suggestions presented, whether it be conducting more social or special events, being more active in the community or streamlining the business portion of the regular meeting. Find solutions that spark the interest of the members.

Action Plan ... by working with and fine-tuning the initiatives identified in your survey and discussion session. Prioritize the results, begin with one or two projects, plan your strategy and develop goals, both short-term and long-term. Involve as many brethren as possible; particularly those enthusiastic members who can act as a “*spark-plug*” or “*champion*” of that action item. And remember ... ***Work on the Solution, not the Problem.***

Prepare a Timeline ... by setting only *realistic* and achievable time frames for each initiative. Once goals are set for each project, stick to them. Don't make them too short to be impractical or too long as to be disheartening. Early success is important to those who are dedicating their time to make their lodge stronger. Remember, the real goal is to: ***ENHANCE THE MASONIC EXPERIENCE***

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B2B Jurisdiction News

GREY DISTRICT

North Star Lodge No. 322 in Owen Sound, under the direction of the Grey District B2B Chairman, Bob McCulloch recently started a meet over lunch guild that convenes at the Owen Sound Temple on Thursdays between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. The luncheon was originally started as a place for North Star lodge members to meet outside of regular lodge meetings and has become so successful that brethren from around the District now gather to have general conversation, including what is happening in their individual lodges, the District and the entire Grand Jurisdiction. Prior to each luncheon an e-mail reminder notice goes out to 70 or more Masons informing them of that day's delicacy. ***B2B fellowship at its best!***

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At B2B presentation, in the District, on Saturday, January 20th, a number of ideas were presented by the brethren. A couple of particular note simply must be shared with the brethren all across the entire jurisdiction.

1. The first is called a “**Rust Remover Night**”. The purpose of this particular meeting is to provide a comfortable and friendly setting where Masons who have attended lodge in frequently or those who have not attended lodge in quite some time, can meet and Revitalize or Renew their basic ritual skills without feeling awkward or out of place. Being able to again receive the signs, symbols and words in this friendly and comfortable atmosphere has proven to be very successful and well received by those brethren who have a desire to return to lodge as a more active member.
2. Next, is a meeting held for the sole purpose of **Getting to Know Your Brother**. We are all told at our Initiation that we have now become a Brother to everyone in the Lodge, our District, around our Province and anywhere in the world. Freemasonry is truly a world wide Fraternity. However, in many cases we may know very little about the man that sits beside you in lodge. This meeting pairs newer Masons with older Masons. Each privately “interview” one another, asking questions about their personal activities, their families, their business life and why/how they became a Mason. Having completed the “interview” they each rise in lodge and share what they have learned about each other. *A great way to know your Brother better!*

*The Brethren are encouraged to submit their own “B2B Jurisdiction News” via e-mail to idwates@sympatico.ca
We would be pleased to include them in an upcoming edition.*

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