

A collection of Masonic regalia is displayed on the left side of the slide. It includes a red sash with a circular emblem, a blue sash with a similar emblem, two Maltese crosses (one silver and one gold), a pair of gold-rimmed glasses, and a silver compass. The items are arranged on a dark, patterned surface.

Masonic Ambassadors

Foot Soldiers for Membership

Grand Lodge Membership Committee
Masonic Ambassador Program
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Masonic Ambassador Program

Today's program is designed to help you be an effective Ambassador for Freemasonry.

- ❖ Engaging & Mentoring new members
- ❖ Spokesmen for the craft
- ❖ Knowing more about our product
- ❖ Presenting your message with positive results



Role of Masonic Ambassadors

- ❖ Help build membership in your Blue Lodge ... Masonry's foundation
- ❖ Insure that new members become engaged in the activities of the lodge in some fashion and that they stay active.
- ❖ Drive membership initiatives in the lodge for both new and current members.



Ambassadors & Awareness: What is the Difference?

Ambassadors:

- ❖ Leaders of lodge membership development committee.
- ❖ Mentor, engage and integrate new members.
- ❖ Spokesman for the craft.
- ❖ Part of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee

Awareness:

- ❖ Promote and market the craft in the community.
- ❖ Publicize the good the things the fraternity does.
- ❖ Develop & distribute marketing tools & strategies.
- ❖ Part of the Grand Lodge Masonic Awareness Committee.



Masonic Ambassador Program

Mission

- ❖ Develop a cadre of Masons to advance a message on Freemasonry
 - That is consistent, informed and positive
 - To Masons, their families and the public
- ❖ Rebuild, activate and engage lodge membership
- ❖ Strengthen our Lodges



Masonic Ambassador Program

Primary Objectives

- ❖ Excite and engage membership on a strategy for building a strong future for Freemasonry
- ❖ Develop public spokesmen / membership development officers in every lodge
- ❖ Advance standards for planning and conducting dialogues on Freemasonry
 - In lodge, community and college settings

Masonic Ambassadors

Primary Responsibilities (1)

- ❖ Personal Mentor of new Masons
 - Not ritual and symbolism, but the scope and greatness of the Masonic family of organizations worldwide,
 - Application of Freemasonry to his daily life
 - Opportunity to make many new friends
 - Opportunities for personal growth and involvement in lodge and the fraternity





Masonic Ambassadors

Primary Responsibilities (2)

❖ Public Spokesman

- Regularly, in lodge meetings
 - To members
- Actively seek opportunities to speak with non-Masons
 - At lodge “fellowship” events
 - At men’s clubs, service / business groups, colleges
- Address Masonic history, principles, teachings, appendant bodies, activities, charities

Masonic Ambassadors

Primary Responsibilities (3)

- ❖ Membership Committee Chairman
 - Advance community awareness of Freemasonry, to
 - Improve public perception and understanding of Freemasonry
 - Recruit new members
 - Remember, Massachusetts Masons may ask good men to join the Fraternity



Selecting Ambassadors

A Masonic Ambassador should be able to:

- ❖ Make a positive, convincing impression on members of the press; community and religious leaders; college students
- ❖ Articulate enthusiastically Masonry's story
 - Principles, charities, symbolic parallelism in constructing a great edifice
 - Masonry's relationship with religion





Selecting Ambassadors

A Masonic Ambassador should be able to:

- ❖ Generate interest in Masonry with different groups of good men of all walks of life:
 - Teachers and students, Community and religious leaders, Local businessmen
 - Will likely need multiple Ambassadors to handle different groups.
- ❖ Produce membership applications and integrate these new members into the lodge.



District Ambassadors

- ❖ Appointed by District Deputy Grand Masters and should be traveling with the DDGM on all of his visits.
- ❖ Chief spokesman for Membership Development in the District.
- ❖ Expected to work closely with Lodge Ambassadors.
 - Meet with them regularly (LOI's are a great opportunity)
 - Team building with the Lodge Ambassadors to get everyone working together is critical.




District Ambassadors (con't)

- ❖ Take the lead coordinating open houses with Lodge Ambassadors and the DDGM.
 - Square & Compasses Day: **October 18, 2008**
 - Help develop activities for the event
- ❖ Take the lead organizing District 1 Day Classes working with the DDGM.
 - Identify location to hold event
 - Identifying degree team leads
 - Managing logistics (set up & break down, registration, sound, lunch)



Ambassadors & the Membership Committee

- ❖ The Ambassador Program falls under the purview of the Membership Committee.
- ❖ Lodge Ambassadors report up to District Ambassadors, who roll up to 9 regions across the state.
- ❖ From the 9 regions is an Executive Committee of 4 or 5 Ambassadors that will meet with the Membership Committee periodically.
- ❖ More information can be found on www.masonicambassadors.net



So, who would make an ideal Ambassador?

- ❖ Comfortable and articulate speaker
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills
- ❖ Respected member of the lodge and community
- ❖ Able to relate to target audiences
- ❖ Knowledgeable Master Mason
 - Big picture, not necessarily a proficient ritualist
- ❖ Capable of engaging lodge members in an important mission ... rebuilding our lodges