Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Membership & Long Range Planning Committee

Preliminary Report to the Membership

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A Tale of Two Chapters

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times!

(with apologies to Charles Dickens)

Imagine yourself being a visitor at Chapter A and Chapter B.

Do you recognize any of these conditions in your Visits?

Chapter A - Meetings

- Too Few Members to Open Chapter
- Only a Few Visitors
- Officers have to Serve Again
- Poorly Conducted Ritual
- Boring Business Meeting
- Not many new Candidates lately
- New Members Don’t Come Back

Chapter A - Festive Board

- Visitors seem to be ignored
- Stale sandwiches and generic pop
- Proceedings are very informal
- Discussions only between friends

Chapter B - Meetings

- ❑ Chapter is properly set up ahead of time
- ❑ All the Officers are in attendance
- ❑ Ritual work is well done with few prompts
- ❑ Business meeting is short and efficient
- ❑ There are several visitors
- ❑ Average of 4 new members every year

Chapter B - Meetings (cont'd)

- There are featured speakers & events at this and upcoming meetings
- Junior Officers are all first timers
- Old timers are given rides to meetings
- Regrets read out include reasons
- Most new members are in attendance
- Several degrees are scheduled

Chapter B - Festive Board

- ❑ The table is set and the food is ready
- ❑ The fare is light, tasty and interesting
- ❑ The formalities are handled graciously
- ❑ There is a brief presentation by a member
- ❑ Visitor's meals are complimentary
- ❑ There is a crew dedicated to clean-up
- ❑ You are on your way by 10:30pm

Can you answer these questions?

- Is Chapter A a lot like yours?
- Would you prefer to be like Chapter B?
- Are you interested in making a change?
- Would you like some help?
- If your answers to all the above is YES,

Then contact your Grand District Superintendant and together we will show you how to do it.

If any of the answers were No!

- Then you belong to Chapter B, or
- You don't visit very much, or
- You belong to Chapter A and you like it just the way it is, thank you very much, and
- You will not be interested in the rest of the story…..

- Which goes something like this…..