Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

And Now…

For the Rest of the Story…..

Is Any of This Familiar?

- Too Few Members to Open Chapter
- Only a Few Visitors
- Officers have to Serve Again
- Boring Business Meetings
- Poorly Conducted Degrees
- New Members Don’t Come Back

Many Masonic Groups face the Same Situation

- These are the Symptoms of some Deep Rooted Problems
- The Problems are Not Complicated
- The Solutions are Manageable

The Problems will <u>not</u> be Solved by:

- Complaining
- Staying Home
- Pointing Fingers
- Doing Nothing
- Waiting for a Miracle

The Solutions will Come with:

- A Positive Attitude
- Some Planning
- Involving Everyone
- A Little Work
- An Occasional Miracle

These are the Problem Areas You Will Have to Address!

- Membership
- Leadership
- Education

Membership Problems:

- Lack of Attendance
- Loss of Members

Lack of Attendance

Surveys have shown that:

- 80% of Members are Satisfied with their Masonry
- Only 20% of Members Regularly attend Meetings
- Therefore 60% are Satisfied by not attending Meetings

Loss of Members

Statistics show that:

- Our Existing Membership is aging
- Initiations outnumber Deaths
- Demits and SNDP's are the preventable causes of the decline

Leadership Problems

- Officers are not aware of their Duties& Responsibilities
- Most are not Prepared to Serve
- Planning is often a Last Minute Thing
- Degree Work is Hit and Miss

Education Issues:

- Members Join for More Masonic Light
- Every Meeting Should Provide some Masonic Education
- Festive Board can be used for more than Food and Fellowship

Other Jurisdictions Have Already Found Solutions:

- Improve Leadership Skills
- Make Every Meeting More Interesting
- Keep in Touch with Existing Members
- Develop and Implement Recruitment Strategies

Improve Leadership Skills:

- Duties & Responsibilities of Officers
- Examination of Incoming Officers
- Long Range Planning
- Planning the Year Ahead
- Planning for Degrees
- Making Meetings More Interesting

Making Meetings Interesting:

- Short & Focused Business Agenda
- Capitular Education at All Meetings
- Make the Ritual Work Memorable
- Guest Speakers on Interesting Topics
- Make your Festive Boards More Fun

Keep In Touch with Members:

- Contact Older Members Regularly
- Offer Rides to Meetings
- Recognize Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Follow up on Absentees
- Annual Roll Call Night

Develop and Implement Recruitment Strategies:

- Rural Chapters focus on Craft Lodges
- Help Lodges Recruit new Members
- Make Regular Presentations at Lodge
- Develop Recruitment Package with Existing Documents for your Chapter.

What Can Grand Chapter Do?

- Provide Outline of Responsibilites & Duties of Officers for Chapters
- Provide Checklists and Forms
- Aspeslet Cyber Library
- royalarchmasonsalberta.com Website
- Provide Printed Material for Handouts

What Can Grand Chapter Do?

and,

- We can Present this Slide Show to the Officers & Members of your Chapter.