College Outreach – University Relations Committee

Handbook for College Town Lodges



{GRAND LODGE LETTERHEAD}

{Suggested letter from the Grand Master on Grand Lodge letterhead here...}

TO: (COLLEGE TOWN LODGE)

RE: (NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY)

I am writing this letter to you because your lodge is located in a town with a college or university and as a "College Town Lodge" you have a unique opportunity to interact with college men for the good of our Fraternity.

Young men today need Masonry more than ever and given that the present average age of our Craft is 64 years old, our Fraternity needs these young men.

The following Handbook has been created for you by the College Outreach / University Relations Committee. Please review this Handbook in Stated Communication and discuss how you can implement these ideas for the good of your Lodge and for the good of Masonry.

I especially hope that you will give careful consideration to hosting a "COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE NIGHT" on August 29, 2013. This is a "fifth Thursday" and as such I would like to see this be a statewide event at all College Town Lodges.

I have selected Committee Members who are willing to come to your Lodge, make a personal presentation and if needed, provide you hands-on assistance in preparing for and hosting a College Open House Night or other open event. Feel free to contact Committee Chairman Mike Dill at 918-740-0666 or any of the College Outreach / University Relations Committee members listed in the 2013 "Blue Book" and in the back of this Handbook.

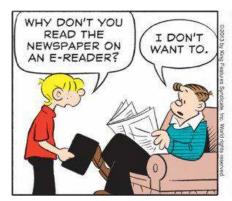
Even if your lodge is not located in a town with a college or university, there are several things outlined in this Handbook that you can do to help us reach college men. I encourage you to review the "What All Lodges Can Do" section of the Handbook.

Fraternally,

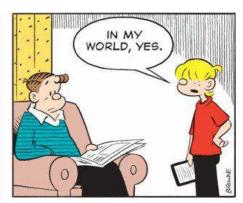
Brad Rickelman, Grand Master

Bully Richler

WAYS COLLEGE TOWN LODGES CAN REACH COLLEGE MEN







If we were going to start a business in a country where the citizens did not speak English, in order for our business to be a success we would have to learn to speak the language of our customers. The language of today's young people is technology. We are beyond the day when just putting up a sign at the edge of town is enough to communicate when and where the lodge meets. We must embrace and use technology. There are several very effective, easy and free ways for your lodge to do this.

FACEBOOK

Facebook costs nothing and is widely used by college students. It is the fastest and easiest way to communicate information about your lodge. If you do not have a member of your lodge who knows how to use Facebook, contact a Committee Member and they will be glad to assist you. This can be quickly accomplished over the phone. In the amount of time that it will take you to finish reading this Handbook your lodge could have a Facebook Page or a Facebook Group established for all to "like".

TWITTER

The same things said about Facebook can be said about Twitter. These are very effective things that you can do for your lodge that cost nothing and take very little time and effort to implement.

WEBSITE

Many of our lodges have websites and they vary greatly in complexity. You may have a lodge member who can develop a website or you can hire a company to perform this service. A lodge website does not have to be elaborate or expensive. However, if you choose to create a website, keep it current because a "stale" website which contains out of date information about Officers or activities from 2 years ago can send the wrong message. Unless you have a member who is willing to consistently update your website with fresh information, keep it simple and provide just the basic information on where the lodge is located and when it meets. Your website should "pop up" when an inquisitive prospective candidate performs a "search" in the name "mason", "masonry" or "masonic", "lodge" or more especially "Mason Lodge".

EMAIL / TEXT MESSAGES / CELL PHONE NUMBERS

Regular post office mail is expensive and is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. Most college students have grown up with hardly any need for the post office. *Every time you come in contact with a potential candidate, make it a strict habit to collect their cell phone number and email address*. This is what they use and will not only allow you to call them, but also send text messages and even emails about upcoming Masonic meetings and events.

USE THE LOCAL COLLEGE NEWSPAPER

Most colleges publish a student newspaper that is distributed on campus electronically and also in print. A notice in these papers is very inexpensive and can even be free if it is for a charitable cause. It can be a very effective way to reach college students on their "level".

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARDS / POSTERS

Nearly every college campus has at least one or more "bulletin board" sights where students congregate to learn about upcoming events. They are not hard to find. Start by looking in the "Student Union". Several suggested fliers are included in the back of this Handbook which you can print off and get permission from the College Administration Office to post on campus bulletin boards.

okmasonmail.org

This is a way for your lodge to establish a presence on the internet just by sending an email. It is administered by a Brother at no charge. Just go to okmasonmail.org and sign up. It is easy and very informative. Make a habit of using it and encourage others to use it. Make potential candidates aware of it so they can view the "calendar" and see not only what is going on in Masonry at your lodge but lodges all across our State. It is important that potential candidates be made aware of the statewide influence of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma.

TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN

Sending a son or daughter off to college can not only be an exciting time, but also a traumatic time for the student and more especially the Master Mason parent. One way we can fulfill our Obligation as Master Masons is by making ourselves available to aid an assist relatives of Master Masons who are attending the college in our town. Local lodges may use the sample card and letter found in the back of this Handbook to allow and encourage their college students to contact the College Town Lodge. If a College Town Lodge is contacted by a college student, encourage him to visit your lodge and get to know your Brethren. Get the student's cell phone number and email so a Masonic Mentor from the College Town Lodge can contact them.

DEMOLAYS

Every effort should be made to direct DeMolays to the College Town Lodge and the College Town Lodge should make every effort to make sure the DeMolay feels he has a "home away from home" while in their community. Too many times these young men are sidetracked once they reach college. Establish Masonic relationships that will keep them on track to become Master Masons.

ASSIGN MASONIC MENTORS

Identify members of your lodge who qualify and have the time and skill to serve as a Masonic Mentor. This will be someone the college student can exchange phone numbers with so he will know who to call if he needs aid and assistance while in the community of the College Town Lodge. A rapport should be developed that could lead to the Masonic Mentor becoming a "first line signer". Also, many college fraternities and other social clubs on campus are in need of local volunteers to serve as sponsors or on boards and advisory committees. You may not necessarily have to be a member of the fraternity or social club prior to volunteering.

STUDENT MASONS

If your College Town Lodge initiates a college student who is from out of town, from out of state, or even from out of our country, make sure that you pass on his contact information to the local lodge where he is headed. Let's make sure that these Brothers know that they have joined something much larger than just one local lodge. Make their transition from the College Town Lodge to the local lodge a smooth baton pass. Provide the Brother with contact information on the local lodge and let the local lodge know he is coming. Do not leave them to fend for themselves. Assign someone to follow up to make sure that they continue their Masonic travels wherever their life may take them after they leave your care. A suggested letter for the College Town Lodge to send to the local lodge can be found in the back of this Handbook.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES

Most colleges and universities have fraternities which exist in various forms chartered for social, service and honorary reasons. Some of your lodge members probably are or were active in these fraternities. Most college fraternities elect or appoint a "Pledge Educator" or "Pledge Trainer" whose job it is to teach their new members about fraternal traditions. The rituals of most college fraternities are rooted in Masonic tradition and as such their members are taught to hold Masons in high regard. When you contact a local college fraternity, do not be surprised if you are very well received as they have probably received some education about Masonry as part of the pledge education. Contact local college fraternities and ask for the "Pledge Trainer". Offer to send one or two Masons from your lodge to talk to their pledge class about fraternal relations. Contact and get acquainted with the fraternity chapter president. Offer to present a continuing education piece at one of their fraternity's monthly or weekly dinners. College fraternities are often on the lookout for someone who can talk to them about life outside of college, the importance of brotherhood, current events and how to become better a man. College men need to know about 2B1ASK1, the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, the Shrine and more especially the Masonic Charity Foundation. Once relationships are established with a fraternity this will probably become an annual event. Think about inviting the fraternity's pledge class or the entire chapter to your Lodge for an open event such as the College Open House Night.

HOST A FRATERNITY MAN OF THE YEAR EVENT

Establish an annual tradition where your lodge awards one college fraternity man a "Fraternity Man of the Year Award". Create a selection committee, comprised of men from your lodge. Have college fraternity men submit applications to the selection committee, upon which the committee will interview applicants. This will bring bright, young fraternity-minded men onto the premises. The lodge will then award the top applicant a plaque recognizing him at a banquet. This event can establish your lodge as an active participant in college life and will expose many young men to masonry. Who better to take the lead in recognizing a top fraternity man on campus than "The World's Oldest Fraternity"?

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Nearly all college fraternities emphasize and attempt to instill in their membership a sense of philanthropic "community service" and when their members graduate from college and move on in life there is a good chance that they will want to carry on that tradition. Most fraternities, organizations and even some academic curricula require college students to perform a certain number of community service hours each semester. Be sure the college men you encounter are made aware of the many great avenues of opportunity Masonry affords for community service through our Masonic Charity Foundation, Prevent Blindness, Rite Care Language Clinics, Shriners Hospitals, etc. You might even consider coordinating with a college organization to co-sponsor a community service event.

DO A JOINT FUND RAISER

Pick a worthy cause that a local college fraternity or campus organization can get excited about that qualifies for Matching Funds and chances are once word gets out that partnering with the Masons can produce Matching Funds they will probably be coming to you from now on. What better way to educate young people about the good work of our great Masonic Charity Foundation?

PRESENT MATCHING FUNDS CHECKS AT BALL GAMES

Ever look around a college football game and wonder how many Masons were in the crowd? When Matching Funds are disbursed, present the check during the football game and ask that all Oklahoma Masons in the crowd stand up, be recognized and thanked. What better way to make the public aware of the good work of our Fraternity through the Masonic Charity Foundation? A suggested Press Release for the announcer to read over public address can be found in the back of this Handbook.

GAME DAYS AND HOMECOMING

Do something to make sure the doors of the lodge are open on game days and more especially during Homecoming. Football games and Homecomings bring many Masons into your town. Think about doing something special to make visiting Masons feel like a Mason in addition to just a football

fan. Game day breakfasts, open houses, tailgates, fundraisers, etc. A lot of money is spent on game day and Masons would probably feel good knowing that their money went to support a local College Town Lodge. Be sure to advertise your event and provide directions on okmansonmail.org, your Facebook page and/or your website. Acquire and hoist a Masonic Flag at your tailgate location so that it is easy for Masons to find. Pick a high-profile location that can be used every year. Like other college football traditions, once you get a Masonic Tailgate tradition started it will be something that Masons will look forward to patronizing for years to come.

CORNERSTONES

You will notice that most of the older buildings on college campuses have Masonic Cornerstones, but for some reason the newer buildings do not. This tradition needs to be re-established. Every new building on a college campus should have a Cornerstone. Be cognizant of the construction projects on your college campus. The Cornerstone Ceremony, performed by Grand Lodge Officers with much pomp and ceremony, can create a buzz on campus and spark an interest about Masonry among college students. Although the Grand Lodge Officers perform the Cornerstone Ceremony it is the job of the local College Town Lodge to get things started by contacting college administrators. Don't be shy! You will probably be well received because the Masonic Charity Foundation recently established endowments at every state supported university in Oklahoma! Helpful "how to" information can be obtained from the Grand Lodge. Also, some universities allow you to apply for a permit to a place yard signs on campus. One could be placed next to a Masonic Cornerstone that says: "Ever wonder about these stones??? Learn more at: _____ (include a link to your Facebook page and/or website and/or give dates, times and directions to your College Night Open House).

"HOWDY" EVENTS / FINALS WEEK

Many colleges and universities sponsor events to allow college students to become acclimated to the local organizations and businesses. These events go by different catchy names at different colleges but they usually always occur during the first days of the fall semester and afford an opportunity for your lodge to set up an information booth, shake hands, pass our information and meet college students. "Finals Week" affords another opportunity for you to set up a booth on campus and pass out free cookies, sandwiches or hot dogs to let the students know that your lodge cares about them and wishes them the best. Again, these activities might not produce an onslaught of new Petitions, but anything you can do to cast Masonry in a positive light could plant the seed for our future membership growth.

COLLEGE EMPLOYEES

In addition to establishing good relations with college students think about something you can do to establish good relations with those employed by the college. Host a special Open House to acknowledge the special relationship which should exist between the university and the College Town Lodge. Invite college professors to your lodge or honor the President of the University with a dinner. If your lodge has members employed by the college you already have your foot in the door and can use them as resource for nurturing good relations with your lodge.

DUES

Finances are a concern for many college students. The College Town Lodge might consider waiving or reducing dues for college students. However, do not be surprised at the reaction you may receive from a college student when he learns the amount of your lodge's annual dues. If he is a member of a college fraternity he is probably accustomed to paying dues many times higher than what most lodges charge for Masonic membership. Think about the message the amount lodge's annual dues may send to the profane relative to how they might perceive the value that we place upon Masonry in our lives. Think about the amount of your Lodge's annual dues compared to what the profane are accustomed to paying for the things that matter most to them in their lives.

2B1ASK1

Finally, if you are able to accomplish only one thing in your contact with college men, deliver the **2B1ASK1** message. One big difference between college fraternities and our Fraternity is that most college fraternities actively solicit, or "rush" potential members. We do not "rush", but college men are not aware of this distinction. How many times have we heard stories about men who missed the Masonic boat because they were waiting to be asked to climb aboard? From his college experiences he may have been wondering "why don't they ask ("rush") me to join?" Although our Constitution and Code states "it is unmasonic to solicit membership from the profane" not everyone knows that, in 1982, the Grand Lodge adopted by official publication, the dictionary definition of "solicit" to mean "to urge with annoying persistence." It is therefore not improper to tell people about Masonry, to tell them why you enjoy Masonry, or to offer to give them a petition. You just have to be willing to take "no" for an answer. It is OK to deliver the "2B1ASK1" message! Although the young man may not petition the College Town Lodge, just learning and remembering that <u>2B1 he must ASK1</u> may well serve him and some other lodge in his future.

WHAT ALL LODGES CAN DO

TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN

If your lodge has a Master Mason who is sending a son, grandson or other male relative off to college, provide that Master Mason with one of the cards you will find in the back of this Handbook. Write the name, address and phone number of the Secretary of the College Town Lodge on the back of the card. Encourage the college student to call and make an appointment to visit the College Town Lodge. Send the College Town Lodge a letter (see suggested sample in back of Handbook) alerting them a relative of a Master Mason is headed their way. Get permission to share the student's cell phone number so the College Town Lodge can assign a Masonic Mentor to contact the student.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Many lodges provide scholarships to college-bound students. In addition to just handing them a check, give them a "Letter of Introduction" that they can take to the College Town Lodge. Send a copy of the letter to the College Town Lodge Secretary to give him a heads up that you have a student headed his way. A sample letter can be found in the back of this Handbook.

DEMOLAYS

Special effort should be made to alert the College Town Lodge that you have a DeMolay coming their way. These young men are already familiar with Masonry and the lodge but often times they go to college, get distracted by other interests and never come back to the lodge. Let's follow through to keep our DeMolays engaged and on track to become Master Masons.

STUDENT MASONS

If you have a member of your lodge who is going away to college, contact the College Town Lodge and let them know you are sending him their way. Have someone follow-up with the Brother and the College Town Lodge to make sure that they have connected. Suggested language to use in a letter from the local lodge to the College Town Lodge can be found in the back of this Handbook.

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE NIGHT

Many lodges look at the calendar and designate "Fifth" Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays as a night for an "Open House" or "Friends and Family Night". The 2013 calendar affords August 29, 2013 as a fifth Thursday and a potential golden opportunity for the College Town Lodge to host a "College Open House Night".

This date coincides with students returning to campuses – students who may be looking for worthy organizations to associate with while they are in school. If you can attract them to your lodge early in the semester perhaps they will want to join the lodge, be active while they attend school and remain active in Masonry for the rest of their lives. At the very least, if you make them feel welcome and educate them about 2B1ASK1 perhaps they will look favorably upon joining Masonry in the future.

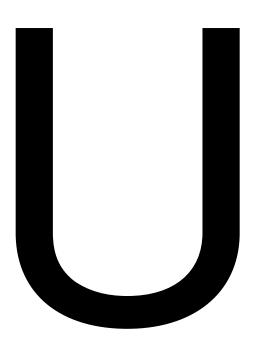
The important thing is to make a good first impression. Remember the old saying "you don't get a second chance to make a good first impression". The impression you give will not only reflect upon your lodge but the Grand Lodge, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, the Shrine, etc. Get the ladies involved too! What better way to establish a "home away from home" feeling? Do not be intimidated by age differences — view it as strength, not a weakness. Young men need a "father-figure" and more especially a "grandfather- figure" to serve as their Mentors in life.

Do not hesitate to call upon the College Outreach / University Relations Committee as well as other outside Masonic resources. Think about getting a skilled communicator from the Grand Lodge, Masonic Charity Foundation, Scottish Rite, York Rite or Shrine to assist you. Emphasize the important work of the Masonic Charity Foundation.

FOR LODGES THAT NEED IMMEDIATE HELP

If you are a College Town Lodge with immediate membership concerns due to lack of growth and/or the aging status of your membership, and you want to try some of the ideas outlined in this Handbook but simply do not have the manpower to make it happen, *please contact a Committee Member as soon as possible*. We will work to find Master Masons willing to come to your lodge to provide the aid and assistance you need to host an event. Act now! Do not wait until it is too late to ask for help! Do not let your Lodge go down without a good fight. Invite us to come and fight with you!

Ancient free and accepted masonry Needs



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KNOW ALL MEN	BY THESE PRESENTS
The holder of this card, Mr	c, is the son
of Brother	, a Master
Mason in good standing of _	Lodge No
of,	Oklahoma. Please afford him all the
courtesies due the son of	Master Mason while he is in your
jurisdiction and do not hesital	te to contact me in time of trouble.
Brother:	Ph. No.:

SON OF A MASTER MASON IN YOUR VENUE

{LOCAL LODGE LETTERHEAD}

Brother Hiram Smith, Secretary College Town Lodge #3 P.O. Box 3 College Town, OK 74333

RE:

Dear Brother _____ I am writing to let you know that _____ the son (or perhaps grandson or nephew, etc.) of one of our members and that he will be living in your town while attending _____. His father, _____, is a ____ year Master Mason in Good Standing with our lodge and is also (a Perpetual Member, Past Master, 32 Degree, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine etc.) Brother _____ and our lodge would greatly appreciate your lodge would affording Mr. _____ all the courtesies due the relation of a Master Mason while he is in your venue. **OPTIONAL:** Further, we would appreciate it if the Master of your lodge would assign a Masonic Mentor to establish contact with Mr. _____. We have secured the permission and contact information of Mr. Fraternally Yours _____, Secretary We, the undersigned give permission and invite the Brothers of _____Lodge No: ___ to contact Mr. _____. _____, Ph. No.____ Brother, Parent of Guardian College-Bound Student

{LOCAL LODGE LETTERHEAD}

Brother Hiram Smith, Secretary College Town Lodge #3 P.O. Box 3 College Town, OK 74333

RE: MASTER MASON IN YOUR VENUE Dear Brother I am writing to let you know that Brother is a(n) (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft of Master Mason) of our lodge in good standing and that he will be residing in your venue while attending (College or University). We would appreciate your Worshipful Master assigning a Masonic Mentor to establish contact with Brother. _____ as a point of Masonic contact to encourage his continued participation and growth in Masonry while he is living within your jurisdiction. You will find Brother _____ aware of and in concurrence with this request. His contact information is listed below and he is receiving a copy of this letter. Both Brother _____ and ____ Lodge No. ____ sincerely appreciate your aid and assistance in this matter. Fraternally Yours , Secretary cc: Brother Student Mason Solomon Dormitory, Room #3 College Town, OK 74333 CELL PHONE NUMBER:

{LOCAL LODGE LETTERHEAD}

Brother Hiram Smith, Secretary College Town Lodge #3 P.O. Box 3 College Town, OK 74333

RE:	DEMOLAY IN YOUR VENUE
Dear	Brother
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	, Secretary
cc:	Brother Student DeMolay Solomon Dormitory, Room #3 City, OK 74333
	CELL PHONE NUMBER:

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ABOUT THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION:

The Masonic Charity Foundation is the primary charitable and educational organization of Oklahoma Masons. It has a special responsibility to care for its members, but the majority of its giving goes to people who have no connection with the Masonic fraternity. It has programs with Prevent Blindness Oklahoma to protect the eyesight of our school children, programs which give scholarships to young men and women going to college and programs to reward academics and recognize outstanding teachers. One of our most important programs is the Lodge Matching Fund program. Through this program, local Masonic Lodges can raise funds for local charitable and educational needs, and the Masonic Charity Foundation matches the funds they raise, actually doubling the good that Masons do in our communities.

There is much more to the story of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma and we invite you to browse through the web site at: http://www.mcfok.org or contact any Oklahoma Mason for more information about this noble fraternal and charitable organization.

{COLLEGE TOWN LODGE LETTERHEAD}

Brother Hiram Smith, Secretary Local Lodge #3 P.O. Box 3 Hometown, OK 74111

RE:	BROTHER
Dear	Brother
No	I am writing you from my position as Secretary of Lodge to let you know that we have a Brother headed your way.
that h	We were very blessed to have Brother with us while he attending (name of university) and it is our fervent hope will continue his Masonic experience by attending your lodge now that he ving into your venue.
	We request your Master assign someone to contact and follow up with er to assure that he continues his Masonic travels. Mr is aware of and concurs with this request. You will find his ct information listed below as he is receiving a copy of this letter.
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(Colle	ege Lodge) Secretary
cc:	Brother College Graduate 123 Easy Street Hometown, OK 74333
	CELL PHONE NUMBER:

{Suggested Letter of Introduction that the local lodge scholarship recipient can use as a reference and/or take to the College Town Lodge.}

{LOCAL LODGE LETTERHEAD}

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

College Town, OK 74111

Dear	Brother
	writing to introduce you to, who, out of several cants, received a Masonic Scholarship from our Lodge for outstanding es and extracurricular activities while attending High School.
futuro	is planning on relocating to your area in the near and our Lodge would certainly appreciate any courtesies, aid and
	tance that you could afford Mr./Ms while he/she is in your
Pleas	se do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.
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	eretary Local Lodge
OPTI	ONAL:
cc:	Brother Hiram Jones, Secretary College Town Lodge #1 P.O. Box 3

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