

GUIDE:

TO A SUCCESSFUL WIDOWS COMMITTEE

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Starting a Widows Committee

- Include seasoned Masons, new Masons, and lodge ladies on the committee.
- Assign each committee member a set number of widows to call and visit and ask them to establish a monthly or quarterly call schedule.
- Have committee members keep a log of their phone calls and visits, including notes about follow-up tasks and any concerns. (Use the phone call log to keep track!)
- Instruct committee members to update the Secretary and Master monthly on their outreach efforts, and to share appropriate announcements at the stated meeting or in the Trestleboard.
- Refer the committee to Resources on <https://masonichome.org/lodge-resources/> where you can find printable member resources and Lodge Outreach materials.
- Also helpful to review and refer [A Guide for Widow and Widowers](#) resource, appropriately to those who are seeking assistance.

Outreach Ideas and Tips

The widows committee should consider these simple gestures to engage lodge widows.

- Send flowers or candy at holidays
- Send birthday cards
- Call as a reminder of important events such as Daylight Savings Time and Voting days
- Extend a special invitation to stated meeting dinners
- Provide rides to lodge events
- Introduce widows to other lodge ladies
- Encourage widows to form their own sweethearts social group with the support of the lodge
- Host sweetheart events: invite interesting speakers; offer favorite activities such as Bingo, games, and crafts; or simply provide breakfast or a meal
- Remember MOS is happy to come out and do a presentation and meet your members
- Offer house work services or errands, such as yard clean-ups and household repairs. Encourage Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts to help, and invite youth orders when appropriate.
- Educate widows about the support services of the Masonic Homes and Masonic Outreach Services.
- Make sure widows have the lodge's contact information handy, and remind them that they can call with any needs.

Educate members about the support services available to them. Call **888-466-3642** or email intake@mhcuc.org for information on and help connecting to all of the support services of Masonic Assistance.



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