

What is COMELY?
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Ever wondered what happened to good old Brother “What’s his Name” who hasn’t been seen or heard of for over a year? Maybe he moved? Maybe he’s ill? Maybe he doesn’t like to drive anymore? Maybe he just plain lost interest?

Whatever the reason, we will not know unless we talk to him. Our Lodge has Brethren that have been “missing in action” for over a year, we need a COMELY Program!

COMELY stands for **Calling on Masons in Every Lodge Yearly**.

Its purpose is to assist Lodges in maintaining contact with their membership and, consequently, maximize involvement with all their Freemasons. It specifically targets those members who have been “missing in action” for a year and encourages a personal discussion on the reasons.

A special feature of the COMELY Program is its ability to have Brethren in other jurisdictions contact Lodge members who have moved to that jurisdiction and provide them with a personal invitation and encouragement to come out to Lodge.

This special feature can also be employed by Lodges to contact members in distant parts of this jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta COMELY Program is under the joint leadership of the Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden. Their mandate is to ensure that ALL Alberta Lodges have an effective COMELY Program. Currently, the effectiveness of this program varies from Lodge to Lodge, and the SGW and JGW are having discussions with District COMELY Representatives and DDGM’s to determine the strengths and weaknesses of this program and solicit ideas for improving its effectiveness. Recommendations for COMELY Program improvements will be presented to the Board of General Purposes for endorsement.

However, Lodges are encouraged to not wait. There is no better time than now to implement one. Invitations to the upcoming BBQs, Family Picnics and Golf Tournaments provide people with an excellent excuse to call a “missing in action” Brother. You might be pleasantly surprised how he might respond to the “personal touch.” We need volunteers from each lodge to participate in the Mighty Peace District COMELY program to make it a complete success.