

In the February, 1981 Trestleboard, Bro Jim Kleinknight's Senior Warden's message talked about what Masons need to do to continue to keep our Lodges alive. We confer degrees and to do that, we must have prospects who become candidates. This is followed up by Brothers who spend quality time with our candidates and coach them so that they can become Master Masons. While we are not allowed to ask a man to become a Mason, we can educate him about our Fraternity.

"This, my brothers, is the way Masonry perpetuates itself and has survived and will survive so long as good men are available to fill its ranks. I'm sure many of us know Masons that we work with, or enjoy a good game of golf or some other activity with, that have not asked for a petition to become a Mason. My Brothers, this may very well be our own fault. We sometimes regard ourselves as a secret fraternal organization and restrict our talk of Masonry to when we are in the company of Masons only. Perhaps your worthy friend has not been informed about Masonry or is just waiting for someone to bring the subject up. In most cases I'm sure we can satisfy the "Uninitiated Mason" as to our goals and what we stand for. Then he can make up his own mind of his "own freewill and accord".

When we started our BBQ on the Patio last year, we did it for several reasons. The first was to create a way for informal social interaction between members. We soon discovered that when our Grand Lodge notifies us about a local man who has contacted our GL about Masonry, we can invite him to our BBQ's on the Patio, let him see our physical Lodge, meet some of our brothers in an informal setting and inform him about Masonry in general and what is required of a man to become a Master Mason. We also try to answer all of his questions about LPP and Masonry.

The BBQ on the patio is also a way where you can invite a friend or relative so he can also learn about LPP, see our physical Lodge and have his questions about Masonry answered. At LPP we want to stop the myth that we are a secret organization and let men know that we are an open organization that has a few secrets.

Our goal is to have our BBQ on the Patio every month. If we have an open Thursday, it will be on that Thursday, if we are busy every Thursday of the month, it will be on a Monday evening. We pick the exact date at the beginning of the month.