

Fund Raising Options for Lodges

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No Can Do!

- We plan on sending a letter to all of the Lodges in our District asking them to make a contribution to raise funds for our Lodge, to advertise on Facebook for people to donate to our building fund, or to solicit funds from Masonic bodies for a charitable purpose.
- We plan to have a raffle, lottery, Las Vegas night with card games gift concert, etc. for the lodge.
- We want to have a scotch tasting fund raiser in the Lodge

Fundraisers

- Get creative with ideas
- Develop a budget and determine what you desire the net profit to be
- Recruit volunteers (include wives/Masonic youth) and set a schedule
- Market/advertise the activity
- Keep the fun in fundraisers

Successful Fundraisers

- Yard sales
- Flea markets
- Fireworks stand
- Christmas tree sale/Easter Eggs
- Car wash in Winter to clean away the salt and grime
- Special dinner (fish fry, steak and lobster night)
- Auction

Successful Fundraisers

- Food/craft booth at a fair
- Sell Masonic specialty items
- Sell specialty books and cookbooks
- Sell specialty food items
- Set up a golf tournament/sporting clays
- Reserve a block of tickets to a play, concert, dinner theater, or to a ball game or other sporting event
- Collect old cell phones and get \$\$\$

**What has worked in your lodge?
(and what has not!)**

Open Forum

After the Fundraiser

- Pay any bills incurred
- Determine if the event was a success after subtracting the bills and comparing the net to the hours it required
- Have a meeting to discuss what went right and what could be improved with the fundraiser
- If it to become an annual event, secure a date and don't change it!

Resources

- Grand Lodge Committee on Finance
- Grand Secretary
- District Deputy Grand Master

Temple/Building Rentals

- Determine what types of rentals/events are appropriate
- Consider renting the parking lot during the day (in urban communities)
- Compare market rates and factor in maintenance and upgrades
- Deposits?
- Check insurance coverage
- Determine level of supervision needed

Donations

- Develop a budget and demonstrate a need
- What is your target audience-all members or select individuals (i.e., Past Masters)
- Determine how donations will be solicited (Mailing? Announcement? Personal contact?)
- Communicate the need
- Acknowledge all gifts
- Maintain anonymous gifts when requested

Questions?