

### FEBRUARY 2025

**Fraternal Friendship Program:** The Fraternal Friendship Program is an initiative by the North Carolina Masonic Foundation to support Masons, their families, and widows through proactive care and community engagement.

Initiative by the North Carolina Masonic Foundation

The Fraternal Friendship Program is an initiative launched by the NCMF to support the Masonic community.

#### Supporting Masons, Families, and Widows

The program aims to provide proactive care and support to Masons, their families, and widows within the Masonic community.

#### **Promoting Community Involvement**

The program encourages Masons to engage in volunteer-driven outreach and community involvement initiatives.

By leveraging the collaborative efforts of Masons, their families, and the wider community, the Fraternal Friendship Program strives to strengthen the bonds within the Masonic fraternity and make a lasting impact on the lives of its members.

#### Strengthening the Partnership with WhiteStone

The Fraternal Friendship Program seeks to strengthen the partnership with WhiteStone, a highly respected Masonic retirement community. By expanding collaboration beyond traditional boundaries, the program aims to create a pipeline of mutual support for Masons and their families. Through this partnership, the program will share resources and align with Masonic values of care and fraternity, ensuring a holistic approach to supporting the needs of aging members.



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# **Engaging Lodges to Broaden Support**

#### Work with Lodge leadership

 Collaborate with Lodge Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, and other key officers to establish a dedicated Lodge representative for the Fraternal Friendship Program. This will ensure alignment with Lodge priorities and facilitate program integration.

#### **Promote financial support**

 Encourage Lodges to provide annual financial contributions to sustain the Fraternal Friendship Program. Also, educate Masons on the benefits of planned giving to secure the program's long-term future.

#### Expand outreach to widows and aging members

 Empower Lodges to identify and reach out to widows of deceased members, as well as aging or isolated Masons, to assess their needs and connect them with appropriate support services through the Fraternal Friendship Program.

#### Build community trust through Lodge-based programs

 Leverage the existing community presence and goodwill of Masonic Lodges to organize events, volunteer initiatives, and other programs that engage the local population. This will help raise awareness of the Fraternal Friendship Program and its impact, fostering strong ties between Lodges and their communities.

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## **Program Impact and Goals**

Measure of impact on aging members, Lodge-NCMF bonds, community, and financial support

