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Fellowship is the life blood of our fraternity; it will make or break your Commandery. Following are some thoughts of R. E. John C. Sharlow, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Louisiana regarding the importance of Fellowship. I thought they were worth sharing with you.

Fellowship with your brothers keeps members involved, but without fellowship, in and out of the lodge, we will not prosper. Fellowship with non-Masons will build Masons over time. I would like to challenge you to get out of your Commanderies and get involved in the community. Do not make a new charity or program; local communities have many nonprofits and charities already established. Nonprofits and churches carry out good work in their communities and have men who show up to help and work. These are the type of men we are looking for in Masonry -- men that set an example for the next generation of future leaders. As you become involved, realize that this will take time – connecting with others is more than a one-year commitment. There are many ways to become engaged in the community. Get involved in your church youth group to mentor the young men and women, join a community nonprofit, volunteer at a local school, etc. Talk about Masonry with good men so they realize we exist. Have a meal with your brothers in a restaurant; wear your Masonic shirt and pins in public, place Masonic badges on your car, etc. Men cannot join an organization they do not know exists. Inform men that they must ask to join; it is no longer common knowledge that a man must ask a Mason to join. All of this to say, I challenge you to go into the community as a group and talk to non-Masons and set an example they want to follow. Be the man that inspired you to join to the next five men you meet. If each one of us brings in five Masons over our Masonic career, we will not have to worry about the next generation of members. Building membership is a time commitment to give of yourself for the good of Masonry.

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Grand Commander