

MASONRY & CIVILITY

Our Role in Promoting Civility

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- Have you been watching the news?
 - Examples of disrespect for authority and social norms
 - Uncivil dialogue and uncooperative attitude in the halls of government
 - Disregard for human life
 - Promotion of violence in media of all kinds
 - Disrespect for the ideas and opinions of others
 - Unwillingness to engage in civil dialogue
 - Erosion of manners and norms of appropriate behavior

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- What does Freemasonry have to contribute to the restoration of civility in society?
 - A philosophy that promotes civility described in our Standard Work and reiterated at every Stated Communication
 - A membership that has taken sacred oaths to abide by the higher standards of our fraternity and offers these principles of civility to all humanity
 - An army of thousands of good men who can promote civility in our homes, schools, workplaces, in the media, and in our Lodges

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- Where do you start?
 - Recognize that May is National Civility Month
 - Begin a discussion about the role of civility in your Lodge
 - Develop ways to promote civility outside of the Lodge
 - Visit the National Civility Center website at civilitycenter.org
 - Find out about the civility movement in the United States and Canada
 - Locate tools that can help you promote civility
 - Join the civility movement