

# Change

We live in a country where change is a way of life. Canada is based on change.

- A change from oppression
- A change from one Prime Minister to the next
- A change from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Our founders agreed that we should be able to change the charter of rights and freedoms to meet the needs and situations of the future. That is why amendments can be added.

Everything changes; transportation, homes, energy, government, environment, food, religion, and even families.

We talk about dysfunctional families, common law spouse, living together, living apart, living alone, and just plain living. Some of us think that this is unsatisfactory, but it's only change.

Even the holy scripture makes reference to change, for if we do not change we stagnate.

We must make changes to meet this new and ever changing world. Those who say "The old ways are the best ways" better look again. They are not working..... The saying "If it aint broke don't fix it" only works for machines, and at the rate that our membership is dropping, its broke.

Masonry, like Canada, the charter, religion, and our families will always keep their core values, ideas and ideals... but we must change to meet the future.

We must make Masonry desirable for the young men looking for fellowship. The only way we can do this, is through change to meet the needs of these young men.

Brethren.....I leave you with those words, and I challenge you to take them back to your Lodges and discuss ways of accomplishing that task. The brethren that find the answer will belong to a thriving, vibrant Lodge way in to the future. Something I'm sure, that we all want to be a part of.