



## LEVEL 3: UNIT RESOURCES

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Once a Freemason has resigned from all of their Lodges / Chapters, they are termed “unattached” and there are rules governing his rights to visit other Lodges / Chapters.

*However, an unattached Freemason does not need to be a permanent loss to the Craft and / or Royal Arch.*

### GUIDANCE FOR LODGES AND CHAPTERS

- Many Unattached Freemasons are likely to have become so due to a change in their circumstances.
- These include relocation to a different area or a change in job or family circumstances, making it difficult for them to attend a Lodge meeting.
- Sometimes, these circumstances change again, making a return to Freemasonry a possibility.
- Re-engaging with these Brethren can often lead to a consideration to re-join a Lodge.
- During the Covid-19 pandemic, many Lodges re-engaged with former members and awakened their interest in re-joining.
- With their consent, maintain contact with a member who resigns due to a change in personal circumstances; they may be able to re-join later.
- Opportunities include: - the Almoner could keep in touch with them, sending birthday cards, etc
  - they could be supplied with information concerning the activities of the Lodge and Chapter\* (if they have been a companion and remain a subscribing member of the Craft hence eligible to re-join a Chapter)
  - they could be sent Provincial newsletters
  - they could be sent links to articles from Freemasonry Today
  - they could be invited to social functions
  - their wife or partner may be eligible to remain a member of an Association
  - they will, *for a period of time*, be eligible for Masonic relief grants from the Masonic Charitable Foundation.
- Contact with Unattached Freemasons should be done with the consent of the former member.



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- If the Unit is contacted by someone who states, *'they used to be a mason'* suitable checks via the Provincial Office should be undertaken before they engage with the Unit