

MASONIC RENEWAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF NORTH AMERICA  
“TALKING POINTS”

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The Masonic Renewal Committee (M.R.C.) is an incorporated body of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America (C.G.M.N.A.). The MRC was established by the CGMNA in 1988 with the mission of developing innovative programs that would re-invigorate the spirit of Freemasonry within the Grand Lodges and subordinate Blue Lodges throughout North America

The initial efforts of the MRC were directed toward developing printed materials like such as “101 Ways to Improve Interest and Attendance in Your Lodge”, “Membership Retention”, and “Mentoring for Growth”. Today these publications are available, free of charge, through the M.R. C. website-  
[www.masonicrenewal.org](http://www.masonicrenewal.org)

Referring to the web site, you will see that the MRC has partnered with the Academic Lodges project to support current Masonic lodges on university campuses and work with the Academic Lodges project to grow new Masonic presences on campuses where said presences do not currently exist.

Another current endeavor of the MRC is the David R. Bedwell Memorial Essay Contest. The theme of the contest is “The Concept of Masonic Renewal - What Does It Mean to You Now and In the Future?”. Any Master Mason in North America was eligible to enter the contest. 45 entries were received. The three top entries will be announced at the Conference of Grand Masters in Indianapolis in February. Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> all entries will be posted on our web site, a new one every month, over the next four years.

There are links to numerous Masonic resources on the web site, including a link to “Masonic and Tonic” a web site dedicated to offering support to Masons with alcohol and drug addiction issues.