



Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario

Grand Master

CANDIDATE AND SUPPORTER BEHAVIOUR

Freemasonry is a gentlemanly pursuit. It is expected that certain standards of behaviour will be observed, both by candidates and by their supporters.

Election to office should be based solely upon merit and ability. It is not a popularity contest and any undue or improper solicitation will not be tolerated. Without limiting the generality of this statement, the following activities are unacceptable:

- preparation and dissemination of lists of candidates who are deemed “acceptable” by any person, district or region.
- “checking off” of candidates on a list and sharing it.
- mailing, e-mailing or personal dissemination of material favouring one candidate over another.
- wearing of buttons, emblems or any other articles meant to identify or encourage support for any one candidate.
- using social media, or any other technology or platform, offering or pledging support for any particular candidate(s), or encouraging anyone to vote for any particular candidate(s).
- solicitation or procurement of monies to assist a candidate and/or his supporters in seeking his election.

These guidelines apply equally to **all candidates and their supporters**.

Every brother who lets his name stand to serve you as a Grand Lodge Officer deserves your respect. If you are inviting a candidate to your meeting, please invite all candidates running for that office.

The Committee on Credentials have full authority to enforce these guidelines and such enforcement may include disqualification of the offending candidate.

Thomas W. Hogeboom
Grand Master

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