



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 promotion or solicitation of any kind will not be tolerated at any time for any ongoing or future election period. Without limiting the generality of this statement, the following activities are unacceptable:

- preparation and dissemination of lists or otherwise of any candidate or group of candidates who are deemed “acceptable” by any person, district or region.
- “checking off” of candidates on a list or otherwise and sharing it in any manner.
- mailing, e-mailing or otherwise disseminating any statement or material that in any way encourages support for any one candidate or group of candidates, including encouraging the recipient to vote for any such candidate(s).
- 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, including personal ones, to in any way appear to promote, offer, or pledge support for any particular candidate(s), or encouraging anyone to vote for any particular candidate(s).
- posting pictures that do not include all attendees, or any other posting of any kind, on any platform, including any “like”, that in any way appears to promote any particular candidate(s) for an office of which they are or may be seeking.
- 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.

Jamie R. Ireland
Grand Master

April 2025