

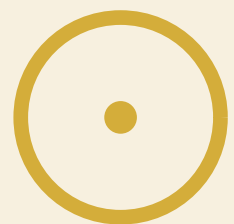
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PRACTICAL LODGE GUIDES

Reaching Out to an Absent Brother

Make contact without making him feel guilty

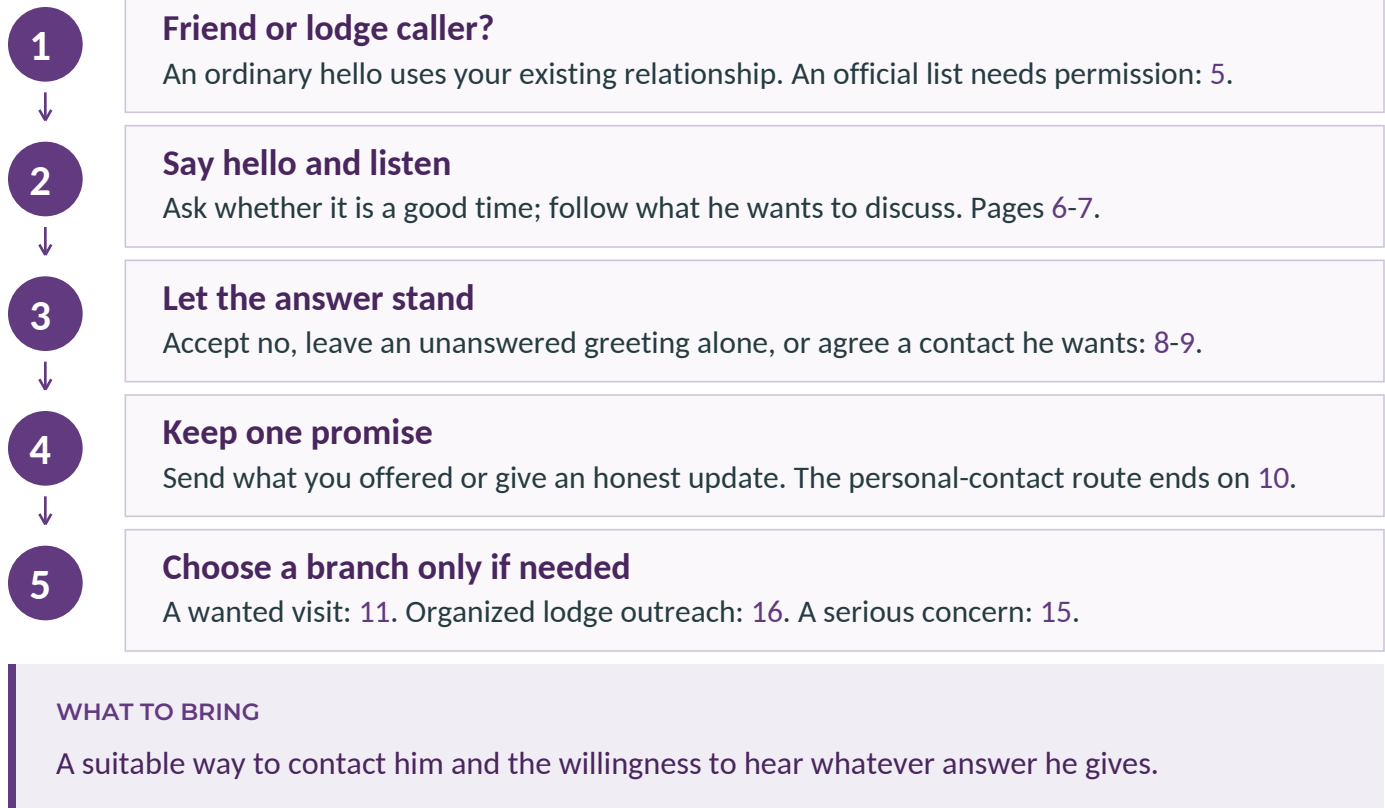
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VISUAL GUIDE

The whole plan, on one page



A friendly conversation, a respected no, or one kept promise is a complete result. Attendance is not the score.

FIELD GUIDE

Words for your first contact

An ordinary greeting

WORDS YOU CAN USE

"Hello Leon, it's Pat. I was thinking of you. Is this a good time to catch up?"

If you are calling for the lodge

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"I'm helping with Cedar Lodge's welcome calls. We would like to hear from brothers who want a chat. Would that suit you?"

If someone else answers

Ask for him or leave your name and a way to reply. Do not discuss his membership, absence, money or private matters with whoever answers.

If he wants to talk

WORDS YOU CAN USE

"Good to hear from you. How have things been?" Follow his subject. You do not have to make a return invitation in every conversation.

SOUND LIKE YOURSELF

You can leave out the long disclaimers. Keep their meaning: no guilt, no hidden job request, and room to decline. If he asks why you are calling, answer plainly.

WORKED EXAMPLE

A return plan: filled example

Fictional example. Leon wants supper only. These labels match the optional visit plan on 23. The authorized meal host has confirmed he may attend supper; this does not authorize entry to a closed meeting.

The plan asks	Leon and Pat agree
Event / date	Supper / November 12, 2026
Address / entrance	Cedar Lodge hall, 100 Example Street, Example Town; step-free side door.
Meet at	5:55 p.m.
Event starts	6:00 p.m.
Event ends	6:45 p.m.
Cost	\$8
Host / contact	Pat has agreed to meet him. Use their existing text thread.
Checked entry and wanted help	Meal host confirmed supper access. Pat checked the door. Leon agreed the host may be told he will eat.
Welcome, photo and reminder choices	No public welcome, photo or reminder. Send the checked details once.
If either cancels	Use the same text thread. No explanation or replacement visit is owed.

WORKSHEET

Plan the visit he actually wants

Optional. Complete only the details of a visit he wants. Use 11 as the model.

Event**Date****Address and entrance****Meet at****Event starts****Event ends****Cost****Willing host and how to reach him****Who checked entry? Wanted help and who agreed to provide it****Public welcome, photos and reminders: what does he want?****How the checked plan is sent; how either person can cancel**

Ask separately before a photo or public welcome. No answer is not permission.