



THE PRAXIS SOCIETY

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER GUIDE

Principles in Action

The Praxis Society is a Calgary-founded society for people who want to pursue meaningful goals, strengthen one another, serve their community, and hold themselves to a standard of character and responsibility.

“The standard determines membership—not gender, profession, wealth, status, background, or social connections.”

What Praxis Is

Praxis means putting principles into practice. Membership is not a status symbol or a social label. It is acceptance of a shared standard and a willingness to contribute.

Members do not need to think alike, work in the same fields, or come from similar backgrounds. Unity does not require uniformity.

The Society is intended to combine genuine fellowship with accountability, personal development, service, and the pursuit of worthwhile goals.

The Six Pillars

CHARACTER

Integrity made visible through repeated choices.

ACHIEVEMENT

The pursuit of worthwhile goals and development of ability.

DISCIPLINE

Making actions consistent with commitments.

FELLOWSHIP

Mutual support joined with honest accountability.

SERVICE

Contributing time, skill, leadership, or resources beyond ourselves.

GROWTH

Remaining a learner and continuing to improve.

What Membership Looks Like

Praxis is designed to be participatory. Members are expected to contribute to the life of the Society rather than simply attend events or possess its symbols.

Meetings — Regular meetings combine fellowship, Society business, personal accountability, member-led learning, planning, and discussion.

Fellowship — Members celebrate progress, offer help during difficulty, share knowledge, and speak candidly when accountability is needed.

Service — Members contribute to projects intended to create meaningful community benefit, not merely publicity.

Development — Members are encouraged to learn from one another and grow intellectually, professionally, personally, physically, financially, and civically.

Conduct — Members are expected to act lawfully, responsibly, respectfully, and in a manner consistent with the Society's Charter and standards.

Dues — Annual membership dues are initially \$50 CAD. Dues may support the official Praxis pin, approved merchandise, membership materials, administration, events, and service initiatives. Hardship arrangements may be approved.

The Path to Membership

1. Introduction

Meet members and learn what Praxis is.

2. Participation

Attend appropriate Society activities and get to know the community.

3. Sponsorship

An existing member who believes you merit consideration may sponsor you.

4. Candidacy

A candidate learns the Society's standards and demonstrates consistency through preparation, service, reflection, learning, and contribution.

5. Evaluation

Membership is considered on the basis of conduct and fit with the Society's standard—not wealth, status, profession, or social connections.

6. Admission

A successful candidate accepts the responsibilities of membership and may receive the official Praxis pin.

NO HAZING • NO PURCHASED MEMBERSHIP • NO STATUS REQUIREMENT

What We Look For

- Demonstrated integrity and respect for others.
- Reliability and willingness to keep commitments.
- A genuine orientation toward learning and personal development.

- Willingness to contribute to the Society and the wider community.
- Ability to give and receive constructive feedback.
- Conduct compatible with the Society's principles.

The Member's Commitment

I will seek achievement without sacrificing character.

I will support fellow members without blindly defending wrongdoing.

I will accept accountability before demanding it from others.

I will serve without requiring recognition.

I will respect people whose backgrounds and beliefs differ from mine.

I will continue to learn, improve, and contribute.

I will remember that membership represents responsibility rather than status.

I will put principles into action.

A Note on Social Life & Decorum

Praxis is not a prohibitionist organization, but it places a high value on self-command. No candidate or member may be pressured to consume alcohol, cannabis, or another intoxicating substance as a condition of participation, candidacy, fellowship, celebration, or induction. Society events involving minors are substance-free. Members are expected to maintain judgment, safety, dignity, and appropriate decorum. Illegal hard drugs are prohibited at Society activities.

Before You Pursue Membership

Ask yourself:

- Am I looking for responsibility as well as community?
- Am I willing to be held accountable for commitments I make?
- Can I disagree respectfully and receive honest feedback?
- Am I willing to contribute time and effort rather than simply receive benefits?
- Do I want my actions to justify the symbols and reputation of the Society?

Interested in Taking the Next Step?

Speak with the Praxis member who shared this guide with you. The next step is not an application fee or automatic admission; it is a conversation. Learn about the Society, meet its members, ask questions, and decide whether its standard is one you genuinely want to accept.

“The Society shall measure its success not by how many people display its crest, but by what the crest comes to represent through their actions.”