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It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Sixty-Ninth Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, held at Springfield, Illinois, October 10th and 11th, 2008, and printed under my direction.


Benny L. Grisham, PGM
Grand Secretary
Proceedings

for

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

A. F. & A. M.

of

The State of Illinois

First Day - Friday

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, the One Hundred Sixty-Ninth Annual Meeting was held in the City of Springfield on Friday and Saturday, the tenth and eleventh day of October, A. D. 2008, A. L. 6008.

M. W. Brother Noel C. Dicks, PGM
Welcomed the Brethren

The Grand Lodge Officers entered in form

Brethren, behold the Grand Lodge Officers elected and appointed over this past year and who are about to preside at this 169th annual meeting of our Grand Lodge. Brethren you will now join me in according the Grand Lodge honors to our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. Taking your cue from the East. Together, brethren.

Grand Honors were given
DANIEL C. YANDEL: Most Worshipful Grand Master welcomed the brethren and visitors and thanked them for their attendance at this 169th Annual Session.

The Colors were presented by the National Sojourners

All the brethren joined in “The Pledge of Allegiance”

Russell McCulley, Grand Soloist sang
“The Star Spangled Banner”

The Colors were posted and the Color Guard retired

INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH LEADERS AND ADVISORS

Robert M. Foose, Associate Grand Guardian
International Order of Job’s Daughters, Council of Illinois

Diane Schlosser, Grand Guardian, PHQ
International Order of Job’s Daughters, Council of Illinois

Sarah Bailey, Grand Bethel Honored Queen
International Order of Job’s Daughters, Council of Illinois

Kayla Liesman, Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Brian K. Golwitzer, Jr., Executive Officer
Illinois Order of DeMolay

David Helms, State Master Councilor
Illinois Order of DeMolay

Jack Hall, President
Illinois Masonic Youth Foundation

David Poffenbarger, Chairman
Youth Activities Committee

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Daniel C. Yandel presented checks on behalf of the Grand Lodge to the individual Youth Organizations to help defer some of their expenses for the coming year.
Sarah Bailey responded for Job’s Daughters with thanks to all the members for the support and hospitality shown, and presented Grand Master Yandel her pin and a Member of Honor Certificate for Illinois Grand Bethel in appreciation of his endeavors.

Kayla Liesman responded for Rainbow for Girls with thanks and gratitude on behalf of herself and Ms. Jessica Dalheim for the support of the Masons.

David Helms responded for Illinois DeMolay with thanks for the continued support and help of the Youth Organizations and presented a petition for membership to Moline Lodge No. 1014.

Brother Jack Hall responded for Illinois Masonic Youth Foundation with thanks stating they would put the money to good use with all of the Masonic Youth Groups.

2008 YOUTH ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Harold L. Haney, Order of Job’s Daughters
Alvin E. House, Illinois Order of Rainbow for Girls
Jay D. Burgmann, Illinois DeMolay

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR THE LADIES ORGANIZATIONS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF OUR MASONIC HOMES

Janice M. Shank, Grand Secretary
Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois
Alvie L. Green, Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois
Gretchen A. Burgess, Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois
Betty J. Bond, Grand Royal Matron
Order of The Amaranth of Illinois
Henry J. DeHeer, Grand Royal Patron
Order of The Amaranth of Illinois
Jill R. Morrison, Associate Administrator
Illinois Masonic Children’s Home, LaGrange

William E. Kiser, Administrator
Illinois Masonic Children’s Homes

Sister Gretchen Burgess responded on behalf of the Ladies Organizations with thanks to Grand Master Yandel and the Illinois Masons

INTRODUCTION OF STATE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Karla K. Carwile, Director
Illinois Masonic Outreach Services

Richard E. Kohn, Director
Public Relations & Marketing

James H. Obriecht, Executive Director
Masonic Family Health Foundation

Richard G. Rutter, Sr., President
Illinois Association of Masonic High Twelve Club

Andy Hassan, Toparch
Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots

Richard Smith, 1st Vice President
Illinois State Grotto Association

Howard E. Schermerhorn, Secretary-Past President
Illinois State Grotto Association

Roger A. Matheny, Illustrious Potentate
Mohammed Shrine

Gregory R. Klemm, Intendent General
Red Cross of Constantine

Richard E. Yena, Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Illinois

Fred J. Martin, Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Illinois
Jesse L. Johns, Sr., Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois

Lawrence D. Inglis, Active Emeritus, Supreme Council
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ

John T. Phillips, Active Member, Supreme Council
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ

Benny L. Grisham, Active Member, Supreme Council
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ

James L. Tungate, Active Member, Supreme Council
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ

Lee B. Lockwood, Active Member & Deputy for Illinois
Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ

INTRODUCTION OF OUT OF STATE DIGNITARIES

Richard E. Fletcher, PGM, Executive Secretary
Masonic Services Association of USA

Daniel R. Gannon, Senior Grand Steward
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Colorado

Grant Berning, Past Grand Master
Grand Lodge District of Columbia F. A. A. M.

James Chesney, Past Grand Master
Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Indiana

Jeffery P. Zaring, Grand Master
Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Indiana

William R. Crawford, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Iowa

Jack L. Butler, Grand Master
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Iowa

John E. Moyer, Past Grand Master
Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Kentucky

E. David Watts, Junior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska
At the request of the Grand Master the distinguished guests were conducted by the Grand Marshal to their place in the hall. The Illinois Past Grand Master’s were then conducted to the East and introduced by Grand Master Yandel.

INTRODUCTION OF PRESENT MOST WORSHIPFUL PAST GRAND MASTER’S OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Norman R. Buecker 1980-1981
Lawrence D. Inglis 1986-1987
Benny L. Grisham 1997-1998
Charles H. Sullins 2003
David W. Miller 2004-2005
Noel C. Dicks 2006-2007
DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: It is indeed my honor to welcome these Past Grand Masters of our Grand Lodge. Brethren, L. Wayne Blair, J. Garrie Burr, John R. Louden, Jr., E. Gene Ross and James E. Durbin are also Past Grand Masters, but unfortunately could not be with us today. Please join me in according the grand honors.

Grand Honors were given to our Past Grand Master’s

INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ILLINOIS PRINCE HALL DIGNITARIES

Clyde W. Cooper, Sr., Deputy Grand Master Emeritus
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois F. & A. M.

Millard Driskall, Grand Junior Warden
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois F. & A. M.

Otis W. Cromartie, Grand Senior Warden
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois F. & A. M.

Angelo Jones, Grand Master
Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois F. & A. M.

Grand Honors were given to the Prince Hall brethren

A presentation was given by Brother Brian Golwitzer and David Helms of Illinois Order of DeMolay recognizing Masons who have through their interaction with the youth and their daily lives elevated and personified the ideas of DeMolay. A collaring ceremony was performed and introduced to the rank of Honorary Member of the DeMolay International Supreme Council, were,

David W. Miller, Lawrence D. Inglis, and Daniel C. Yandel

Cary M. Willis, Grand Chaplain gave the opening prayer

169th Annual Session was opened in ample form by the Grand Lodge Officers

A motion was made and seconded to approve the adoption of the Rules of Order which were printed on the first page of the Preliminary Reports Booklet. Motion was carried.
Brother William J. Warmoth, Grand Council was appointed as Parlimentarian by Grand Master Yandel.

Benny L. Grisham, Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that according to a report by Dick J. Carroll, Chairman of the Credentials Committee a quorum was present and a sufficient number of Representatives were prepared to vote.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: At this time I will call for some words of comment on behalf of our visiting brethren.

Roger W. Pageau, Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Massachusetts responded on behalf of the Visiting out of state Dignitaries

Response on behalf of the Visiting Dignitaries from Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois F. & A. M. given by, Angelo W. Jones, Grand Master

Illustrious John McNaughton, Sovereign Grand Commander of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, NJM responded on behalf of the Visiting Dignitaries

Response on behalf of Past Grand Masters of Illinois given by, Noel C. Dicks, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Illinois

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Brother Grand Marshal you will conduct our Distinguished Guests to their place in the hall.

At this time I am going to informally call this Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment for a very short time. At this time it is my great pleasure to introduce Karla Carwile who is the Director of our Outreach Program. It is a new program we are starting in the Grand Lodge and Ms. Carwile is going to talk about this program and explain it.

Karla Carwile, Director of the Illinois Masonic Outreach Program spoke to the Grand Lodge explaining the new Program, how it was developed, and how it will help senior members access resources available to them for assistance
DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: I would like to add our special thanks on behalf of all the Grand Lodge Officers for everything Karla has done. She has undertaken this major change in the philosophy of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Has jumped into it in a very short time, and as you heard by her remarks, in that short time has accomplished a great deal. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and look forward to working with you in the future.

I will now call the Grand Lodge back from refreshment to labor and ask that the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens take their place in the East. I will now call on M.W. Brother David W. Miller to give us a report on the current status at Mason Point.

M.W. David W. Miller reported to the Grand Lodge a summary updating the situation at Mason Point in Sullivan, which included, “where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going”. The report ended stating that on October 8th a purchase agreement had been signed with, Peterson Companies LLC of Peoria, which currently operates several senior care facilities in Illinois and Iowa. He closed by thanking the brethren for their time and understanding and asking for any questions or comments. There were none.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Thank you Brother Miller for your remarks about Mason Point as was promised at Grand Lodge last year when this was presented by Brother Dicks that a report would be given this year. This is again a very important step for the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

At this time I will turn the gavel over to the Deputy Grand Master as it is time for the Grand Masters Annual Report.
REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER

As I begin my report, I would like to welcome each of you to this, the 169th annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Illinois. I hope that each of you will take the time to make at least one new friend while you are here. One of my greatest joys in Masonry has been the opportunity to travel around the state, meet Masons and make new friends everywhere I go. Our friendship and the care we share for each other are some of the main things that set Masonry apart from other fraternal organizations.

I extend a special welcome to our distinguished guests, especially to our friends from our sister jurisdictions. Thank you for being with us. The Grand Lodges around the midwest have a good reputation of getting along and working well together. The elected officers get to know each other through the various conferences and meetings we attend together. We are not afraid to share any ideas that might help another Grand Lodge. As you saw during the introductions earlier, we have the current Grand Masters here from Massachusetts, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois Prince Hall. It is a proud day for Illinois Masonry to have this many seated Grand Masters attending our annual communication. Thank you my good friends. Except for Iowa, which was just three weeks ago, I had the pleasure of attending all of their Grand Lodge sessions. Not surprisingly, we all face the same problems and work together to find solutions. I again thank you for finding the time to be here with us.

To comply with the requirements of Code 112, I will highlight some of the programs of the Grand Lodge, comment on their success or lack thereof, and by doing this, report on the State of the Craft which is the general condition of Freemasonry in Illinois.

There is one part on this report that will require action by the members of the Grand Lodge. During the year I had the occasion to expel 13 members for various offenses. This will be printed in the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Since this report was written there have been four more incidents that will not appear in the committee report that do need action.
On Sept 16, 2008 a member of Pittsfield Lodge No. 790 was expelled for mail fraud.

On Sept 16, 2008 a member of Kelvyn Park-Willing Lodge No. 1075 was expelled for first degree murder.

On Sept 25, 2008 a member of Oriental Lodge No. 33 was placed on indefinite suspension for unmasonic conduct.

On Sept 26, 2008 a member of Alma Lodge No. 497 was expelled for aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Again these were not in the report to be approved. Brother Deputy Grand Master I would ask the approval and adoption of this portion of my report.

A motion was made to approve this addition to the Grand Master’s Report. After a vote the motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

This year marked the 25th anniversary for the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl. A record 254 high schools registered to compete in the regional tournaments. Due to the increased number of schools registering, a record number of 16 regional tournament sites were necessary. Several schools cancelled a few days before, or the day of, the regional tournaments due to scheduling conflicts within their schools. A few in southern Illinois cancelled due to an ice storm the week before the tournament. A total of 234 high schools actually competed in the regional tournaments on February 16, 2008. Sixteen regional champions advanced to the state tournament held at Glenwood High School in Chatham on March 1, 2008. Rockford Auburn High School in Rockford was the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl state champion for 2008.

192 Masonic Lodges contributed almost $27,000 for this year’s tournament.

Scholastic awards given at each of the 16 regional sites amounted to $1,500 or a total of $24,000 for the state-wide tournament. Monetary awards at the state tournament totaled $6,400 for a total of $30,400 in scholastic awards being contributed to Illinois high schools for the 2008 tournament.
A grateful “THANK YOU” is extended to the Masons of Illinois for supporting this very important, worthwhile, and highly visible program.

I am happy to report that financial support for the Coins for Children Program increased this past year. The total income from 120 Lodges and 2 individuals was over $12,000 constituting a 15% increase over last year.

There were 27 requests for matching funds from 25 lodges of which 23 were approved for totaling almost $7000. Some of the matching funds were used for restoration and construction of baseball diamonds, assisting blind students climbing in the Andes Mountains, providing clothes and boots for children in need, medical expenses for children with cancer and Lou Gehrig’s Disease, computers in the youth section of a library, and a skate board park.

I would like to encourage more lodges to apply for matching funds from this program. This is an excellent way to show our communities that we can help build a future together for our children.

The Board of Grand Examiners conducted eight Grand Lecturer schools of instruction during the fall and spring with at least one located in each of the five areas of the state. I am pleased to report that the majority of feedback regarding the fall and spring scheduling has been positive over the last two years. The board of also tracked and reported attendance at Grand Lecturer schools ensuring that commissioned instructors fulfilled attendance obligations.

The Board held two examinations for commissioned instructors, and I was pleased to offer commissions to eight hard working brethren.

The Board of Grand Examiners assigned instructors to Lodge Officer Schools held throughout the state and reported the attendance to the various Area Deputies and to me.

The Board judged the Lodge Competition finals in each of the five areas of the state, determined the final standings, and reported this to the Junior Grand Warden for his consideration.
The Chairman and Secretary of the Board met with Brothers Miller, Seward, and me to discuss the final formatting and distribution of the Floor Work Manual. Final formatting changes were incorporated and the completed work was submitted to the Grand Secretary for distribution to Lodges throughout the state.

I would like to personally thank Clarence Casson for his nearly twelve years of involvement with Illinois Freemasonry Magazine as a contributor, consultant, and editor. Brother Casson is stepping down from his responsibilities and a new editor will be appointed to continue the excellent progress made in making the publication a primary source of information for all Masons in Illinois. Since this report was written we now have appointed Brother David Poffenbarger as the new editor of the magazine.

In January of last year, Brother Casson set some goals for the magazine – all of which have now been accomplished. These goals include: to make the magazine a resource for our brethren to more readily obtain information about all Masonic activities in the state, to provide a stronger interface with our excellent Grand Lodge Web Site, to expand the coverage of all Grand Lodge activities and programs on a regular, issue-to-issue basis, and to establish a network of dedicated Editorial Correspondents throughout Illinois to provide more in-depth coverage of local lodge activities.

In the past year, with the help of many Grand Lodge committee chairmen and other individuals around the state, we have greatly increased coverage of our Masonic Youth groups, homes, educational programs, community activities, and Masonic charities. This would not have been possible without the outstanding help and cooperation of dedicated members and friends of our fraternity. My special thanks to the brethren who served as Editorial Correspondents during the last year and a half. Thanks also to Brother Jack Gladin for providing photos for publication in the magazine.

The timeless values and important truths of the Masonic tradition have inspired and developed moral, social, and leadership qualities in men. “To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all,” is a lesson near the core of Masonic teaching. With an aging membership, the creation of a social service program to meet our needs is a constant reminder of the principles upon which this fraternity was founded.
The Illinois Masonic Outreach Services program extends its mission beyond the walls of a Lodge to bring us a greater sense of security and mirrors the general philosophy of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. Its mission is to bridge the gap between community resources and member needs to improve the quality of life for our senior members. Such programs include information and referral for specific resources, financial assistance, widow support, and volunteer opportunities.

We will be able to effectively meet the needs of our Masonic family with a variety of services. These services will assist our members, spouses, and widows by ensuring access to necessary physical, social, emotional, and financial support programs.

The Director of Outreach Services, Karla Carwile, is developing and implementing the outreach services program under the guidance of your Grand Lodge Officers. Since the outreach program began, twenty-eight members and widows have received various forms of assistance. At the present time, the Outreach Program has allocated over $53,000.00 in one-time or monthly assistance payments. By years end the program will be serving more than sixty-seven individuals in need.

Your Grand Lodge continues to provide financial, membership, and adult advisor support to the Masonic Youth Family of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls. Each youth organization has named an Advisor of the Year who will be presented with a certificate to recognize his or her outstanding contribution.

The youth committee planned and executed a successful Masonic Youth Rally at the DeMolay Brotherhood Center in Sullivan. The event featured leadership training by guest presenters and facilitated an interchange of ideas between the youth groups. Utilizing the Brotherhood Center allowed us to save over 50% of the costs compared to using off campus facilities.

I thank everyone who has put so much time and effort into making our youth programs a success story this past year, and I encourage all the brethren of Illinois to get involved by helping our youth organizations monetarily or better yet- become an adult advisor.
One of the principle obligations of our fraternity is charity toward our brethren and toward our communities. The Society of King Solomon program is now nearing the $640,000 mark thanks to an increase over the past year of $234,000. Membership in this society honors those who support Masonic Charities with exceptional donations. There are 180 Charter members to date.

I ask everyone to do what they can in fulfilling this important obligation. The fact that the economy is tightening only makes our commitment to charity more important.

Over the past year, the Membership Committee adopted a new approach to address the membership concerns of the Craft. With the hope of building public and community interest in our fraternity, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in partnership with the local lodges and various appendant organizations, joined the fight against cancer.

Our involvement in the fight against cancer was first and foremost to answer the call to service: cancer is a disease that has touched each of our lives in some way. In addition, we helped raise positive public awareness of the Masonic fraternity. A check for $15,000 was presented on behalf of the fraternity. The money will support vital cancer research for a cure to this tragic and devastating disease.

The Illinois Masonic Foundation has been providing high quality Student Assistance Program Training to educators in Illinois since 1990. In addition to providing Student Assistance Team Training for educators, we have the opportunity to help develop and provide training for the Administrators’ Academy. We may now provide examples and guidelines that demonstrate the incorporation of the Student Assistance Program into the state’s newly required Response to Intervention initiative.

Our new Program Director, Sue Rentsch, has completed her first year as Director and has done an exemplary job. At present, over 10,000 teachers have been trained, 450 schools served, and thousands of students helped through SAP teams. Training costs are covered through the Illinois Masonic Foundation. Brethren, you can help support this program through the purchase of State of Illinois Master Mason license plates.
During the past Masonic year, the Boy Scouts of America honored eight Illinois Masons with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. This award is presented to individual Masons who have provided distinguished volunteer service to the Scout program. One of the unique features of the award is that the individual must be recommended to receive it by both his Lodge and local Scout office. Final Approval rests with the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Murphysboro Children’s Home marked its fourth year of operation last January. Emphasis has continued to focus on public relations, designed to make the Southern Illinois community aware of its services and upon continued staff development. Over the last four years the Home has become a positive institution in the community. Many of our children excel academically in the public school system and several others have become well known for their athletic abilities. Throughout the year, the Murphysboro Home has continued to receive support from the Masonic community in the form of active participation with the children and also donations.

There are currently nineteen children residing at the Murphysboro Home. I am pleased to report that this year marked the first year of high school graduates. Max Braun, the first child admitted to the facility in January, 2004, was one of those graduates.

Over the past year, special efforts were directed at the Lodges in the LaGrange Children’s Home service area. Based on the previous feedback from the Home’s residents, it was determined that face-to-face contact with Lodge members provided a connection that was beneficial to both the Fraternity and the Home’s residents.

More lodges took an active role over the last year in sponsoring and supporting children at the LaGrange Home. Picnics, pizza parties and other functions on campus backed by area lodges have increased such that no single month is without a lodge supported activity. Lodges have also sponsored outings (including cookouts, sporting events, swim parties, trips to the auto show, circus, camp overnights, dinner parties, etc.) for the children. The children have enjoyed the numerous opportunities to learn more about Masonry and develop positive relationships with sponsoring Lodges. The most important comments
came from Lodge members who were totally surprised and impressed with the character and conduct of the children.

Pleiades Lodge, No. 478 presented six graduating seniors from the LaGrange Home with the Scott L. Sojka Scholarship. Each senior received a $500 scholarship to cover school expenses. Two previous graduates also received this scholarship from Pleiades Lodge. One of which, David Barajas, is now a member of Pleiades Lodge.

Educational scholarships are an excellent way for Lodges to support the residents of both Children’s Homes. As more and more residents expand their education through state and community college programs, covering costs for books, tuition, and other school expenses offers Lodges a direct way of supporting kids who are trying to improve their lives.

Two residents of the LaGrange Home are filing petitions to join the fraternity. Angel Hernandez is joining Paul Revere Lodge, No.998, and Alex Sogovia is petitioning Tinley Park Lodge No. 810, the Lodge that sponsored him at the Home. For Alex’s graduation gift, members of the Lodge offered to pay the fees for his degree work. These petitions are in addition to the four former members of the Children’s Home who are now part of the brotherhood.

The Correspondence Committee relays to me that the other Grand Lodges have similar problems to ours and are trying to solve them using similar methods. There are some unusual programs, but oftentimes Illinois is pioneering new solutions for old problems.

One problem in every Grand Lodge is suspending members for non payment of dues. Most see this process slowing and hope that membership will begin to increase in the near future.

Many Grand Lodges are also having problems with their retirement homes. This can vary from costs which are too high compared to private care, to locations which are not as convenient as they were 100 years ago, to buildings that are obsolete and cost prohibitive to repair.
One fascinating development that I briefly want to mention comes from the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Their Grand Master issued a special dispensation for regular freemasons serving in Afghanistan to convene as a lodge for the purpose of fellowship and so that the needs of the brethren might be better served whilst they protect our freedom.

My one recommendation for the members of this Grand Lodge is to learn to accept change. As Illinois Freemasonry moves forward, there will always be changes that must be made. We have Masonic scholars that continually try to judge how the business of the Grand Lodge is conducted today compared to what the Masons of Illinois did in 1902, or some past date, that serves their purpose. It is impossible to compare what happens today in Masonry with what took place even ten years ago. Technology and everything around us is constantly changing. We must keep up with the times... Freemasonry cannot afford to fall further behind... I ask each member to accept the changes made by the Grand Lodge Officers in the spirit of what they really are: a way to protect and improve the assets and membership of the Grand Lodge, a method that keeps Illinois Freemasonry at the forefront of fraternal organizations and a good example before the public.

My Brothers, I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge as your Grand Master. For the most part, this year has been filled with exciting, interesting and joyful events. In April, we joined with our Illinois Prince Hall brethren to celebrate the tenth anniversary of joint recognition between our Grand Lodges. Informative speeches were presented by the two Grand Masters, Willie B. Evans and Ben Grisham, who actually signed the proclamation in 1998. I feel that this was a great day for all of Illinois Freemasonry.

In May, Ben Grisham and I had the privilege of attending a world conference of Grand Lodges in Washington, D.C. There were one hundred and twenty-one Grand Lodges present. I listened as the Grand Lodge Officers from Europe, Africa and some of the smaller countries spoke about the problems they constantly have had over recognition with other Grand Lodges. Some of the countries have two or three functioning Grand Lodges within their borders. They each feel that they are the only true Grand Lodge. There was even a case of a Grand Master being assassinated because of his beliefs. The high point of the conference was the last day. The Grand Masters or a representative
from each of the United States gathered at the World War II memorial. There were about two hundred Masons attending the ceremony, all wearing their aprons and jewels: a beautiful and impressive sight. As the name of each state was called, the Grand Master was presented with a three foot tall flowered wreath in the shape of the square and compass. Ben Grisham and I had the honor to place the wreath at the base of the Illinois pillar. This was a moving experience that will remain in my memory forever.

During the year, the Grand Lodge Officers conducted visits to each of the Districts in the state. This was an opportunity to bring information about the Grand Lodge to lodge members. It gave lodge members the chance to ask questions about the Grand Lodge, the programs being used, and to meet the Grand Lodge Officers. The feedback about these visits was so positive that we will conduct them again next year.

During the year there were a total of 456 dispensations issued. Due mainly to the weather in different parts of the state, at various time, 63 dispensations were given to allow lodges to change the date or cancel their stated meetings. Almost one quarter of the dispensations, or 106 were for code #215 which allowed the lodge to conduct business on any degree with a candidate present. Because of the small number of active members in some of our lodges, eleven dispensations were granted to allow men to hold elected offices in two different lodges at the same time. None were allowed to hold the office of Worshipful Master to more than one lodge. For some strange reason, 52 lodges were late returning their annual reports and per capita checks to the Grand Secretary’s Office. After explaining the reason for this, I issued 29 dispensations to code #431 which will allow them to receive their per diem checks for attending this Grand Lodge. The others will have to convince me that there was a good reason for being delinquent.

I had the pleasure to grant many important dispensations during the year. Twenty-nine lodges were given permission to wear their Masonic aprons at public events. This means that twenty-nine communities are now aware that there is an active Masonic lodge in their town. Another eighteen lodges were involved with military candidates who were to be deployed soon. Dispensations were given for a variety of events which allowed these men to complete their degrees in a shorter than normal
time. The high point of these dispensations began in August. We received a call at the end of July from a member of Pacific Lodge #66 in Knoxville, who belongs to the 333rd Military Police Company stationed in Freeport, Illinois. He reported that seven soldiers of this Company expressed a desire to become Master Masons before being sent to Afghanistan by the end of August. These men lived in six different parts of the state. Through the great effort of the various lodges, and a few dispensations, five of them gathered at Alpha Lodge #155 in Galesburg on August 20th and received the degrees of Masonry. Two of the soldiers had their orders changed to leave early, and one did not complete the degrees. About sixty Masons were in attendance to help these brave men become members. I can think of very few things that this Grand Lodge can do that is more meaningful than sending these six men off to defend our country and to send them off as Master Masons.

I want to give a special thank you to the Grand Lodge Officers for all the help and support they gave during this last year. Through their efforts and our ability to work together as a team, I feel that we continued to move Masonry forward.

Brethren, again I thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Grand Master and look forward to another good year. Thank you all, and may God bless Illinois Freemasonry.

In Faith and Friendship,

Daniel C. Yandel
Most Worshipful Grand Master

Brother Deputy Grand Master, I move for the adoption and approval of my report and it be made a part of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge Session.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the report of the Grand Master. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.
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2007

10/03-07 Springfield; Grand Lodge
10/07 Elmhurst; Grand Worthy Matron reception
10/08 Arthur; to move Grand Masters office
10/09 Rock Falls #936; receive Australian Mason/Scouter award
10/11 Mason Point residence council meeting
10/12 Valley of Moline AASR reunion
10/13 Aurora #254; 150 year rededication
10/14 Illinois Central #178; installation of officers
10/15 Rockford #102; teach officers school
10/18 Henry #19; 1st degree
10/21 Northern Area past DDGM meeting/dinner
10/21 Friendship #7; installation of officers
10/23 Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
10/24 Princeton #587; CLI class
10/25 Dunlap #321; Masons/KC dinner
10/27 Silvis #898; 100 year rededication
10/28 Sycamore pumpkin parade
11/03 Rockford; Holy Trinity Red Cross of Constantine
11/04 Moline; DeMolay Chevalier dinner
11/05-06 Murphysboro; Student Assistance Training
11/07 Westchester #995; Blue Lightning Coordinators training
11/08 Princeton #587; 1st degree
11/09 Valley of Freeport AASR reunion
11/10 Ogden #754; 130 year rededication
11/10 Plainfield #536; Past Masters night dinner
11/13 Nokomis #456; Blue Lightning Coordinators training
11/15 Rob Morrie #247; 150 year dinner
11/17 Unity #48; 160 year rededication at Addison
11/18 Fulton; Eastern Star reception for Lorna Thayer
11/19 Magnolia #103; 1st degree
11/27 Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
11/28 Wenona #344; 3rd degree
11/29 Newton #216; Ralph Portlock reception
12/02 Tracy O’Galoway Knight Masons
12/04 Arcola #366; installation of officers
12/05 Carriere for funeral
12/06 Princeton #587; CLI class
12/11 Oglesby for Masonic funeral for Arizona Mason
12/11 Walnut #722; stated meeting
12/14 LaGrange Children’s Home Christmas party

12/15  Mason Point Christmas party
12/16  Murphysboro Children’s Home Christmas party
12/17  Princeton #587; 2nd degree
12/18  Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
12/19  Henry #119; 2nd degree
12/27  Acacia/S.M. Dalzell #67; 3rd degree
12/28  Chadwick #867; 3rd degree

1/03-08  Henry # 119; 3rd degree
1/04  Springfield; meet with Board of Grand Examiners
1/05  St. Johns #13; installation of officers
1/06  Walnut #722; installation of officers
1/07  Princeton; CLI class
1/08  Mohammed Shrine installation
1/10  Acacia/ S M Dalzell #67; installation
1/12  Shekina #241; 150 year rededication
1/12  Carbondale; King Solomon Society lunch
1/15  Geneva #139; 3rd degree
1/17  Friendship #7; 2nd degree
1/19  Crete #763; 125 year rededication
1/20-26  Florida with Illinois Masons
1/27  Decatur; Eastern Area DDGM meeting
1/29  Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
2/01-02  Nebraska Grand Lodge
2/07  Mendota #176; 2nd degree
2/09  Springfield; Grand Master reception
2/16  Louisville, KY; Grand Master’s North American conference
2/23  Orangeville #687; building rededication
2/26  Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
2/27  Lunch meeting with Committee for Clarence P. Schwartz #1163
2/29  Wenona #344; 1st degree
3/01  Schaumburg; Prince Hall Grand Lodge banquet
3/02  Oak Brook; King Solomon membership brunch
3/03  Peoria Scottish Rite Wardens and Sect. dinner
3/08  Mazon #826; lodge room dedication and lunch
3/09  Magnolia #103; chicken dinner fund raiser
3/10  Magnolia #103; Officers school
3/12  Manlius school for SAP presentation
3/12  Amboy for Masonic funeral for Frank Barlow
3/13  Valley of Chicago Wardens night
3/14  Valley of Moline reunion
3/15  Grand Lecturer school at Morton
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Arizona luncheons
Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
Ottawa for DeMolay Grand Master’s day
Rockford; Holy Trinity Conclave Red Cross
Silvis; Certified Lodge Instructor class
McHenry; Grand Lodge Officer visit
Denver #464; stated meeting
Milledgeville; District meeting 6&10N
Joliet; Grand Lecturer school
Silvis; Certified Lodge Instructor class
District visit at Yorkville for 11N and 17NE
Peoria; Red Cross of Constantine meeting
Elmhurst; Worshipful Master’s night
Prince Hall recognition lunch
Northern Area Past DDGM lunch
Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
Walnut #722; 3rd degree
Decatur; Dinner with Grand Examiners
Decatur; Grand Lecturer school
Bloomington; Junior Grand Warden reception
St. Clair #24; Grand Master’s lunch
Student Assistance Training at Ullin
District visit at Minier
District visit at Dixon
Rushville #9; 165 year rededication
District visit at Loves Park
Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
MA Grand Lodge 275 year anniversary at Boston
World Conference of Grand Lodges at Washington DC
Springfield, Board of Directors meeting
District visit at Freeport
District visit at Ottawa
Palace #765; 125 year dinner
London #848; present 50 year pin
Clinton #19; Petersburg/ building dedication
Grand Lodge of Indiana
Mazon #826; dedicate building
Walnut #722; stated meeting
Clarence P. Schwartz #1163; reinstate Charter & install officers
Grand Lodge of Michigan
Shabbona #374; Past Masters night
Grand Lodge of Wisconsin
Blue Mound #682; stated meeting
Caledonia #47; rededication for 160 years
Proceedings of Oct 10,

6/16  Gibson City; Grand Lodge golf tournament
6/17  Dobrovsky Mason Club dinner meeting
6/19  Northern Illinois Shrine club
6/21  Springfield; DDGM training session
6/24  Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
6/24  District visit at Decatur
6/28  Peoria; Council of Deliberation
7/01-03  Imperial Shrine at St. Louis
7/03-06  Springfield; Rainbow Girls Grand Session
7/09  District visit at Crete
7/12-13  DeMolay Conclave
7/19  Carlock #904; rededication
7/20  Murphysboro Children's home picnic
7/26  Holy Trinity Conclave, Red Cross at Rockford
7/28  Jack Brandstatter funeral
7/30  Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
7/30-8/02  Grand York Rite session at Peoria
8/06-07  Prince Hall Grand Lodge at Springfield
8/07  Walnut #722; 1st degree
8/10  Northern DDGM quarterly meeting
8/11  SAP training at Litchfield.
8/15-17  Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges in Bismark, ND
8/18  LaGrange Children's home golf outing
8/19  Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
8/20  Alpha #155; degrees for five service men.
8/23-27  Supreme Council in Providence, Rhode Island
8/30  Philippine Masonic Association convention
9/06  Illinois #263; rededication
9/08  Magnolia #103; Outreach Program presentation
9/11  Mason Point residence council meeting
9/13  Catlin #285; rededication
9/20  Centralia #201; Past Master's night
9/23  Springfield AASR Wardens Night
9/25  Rob Morris #247; 3rd degree
9/27  Mohammed Shrine Potentates Ball
9/30  Springfield; Board of Directors meeting
NEW APPOINTMENTS & COMMISSIONS
(After October 6, 2007)

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GRAND MASTER'S CONSOLIDATIONS,
SURRENDERS & REVOKED

The following were approved: Beginning October 5, 2007

**Surrendered**

**Huntsville Lodge No. 465.** Huntsville, Illinois located in Schuyler County (8W) Surrendered Charter. Members consolidated with **Camden Lodge No. 648.** Camden, Illinois located in Schuyler County (8W). Effective Date was November 7, 2007.

**Revoked**

**Belknap Lodge No. 822.** Belknap, Illinois located in Johnson County (19S), Charter Revoked. Members consolidated with **Stone Arch Lodge No. 953.** Cypress, Illinois located in Johnson County (19S). Effective Date was April 15, 2008.

**Grand Chain Lodge No. 660.** Grand Chain, Illinois located in Pulaski County (19S), Charter Revoked. Members consolidated with **Stone Arch Lodge No. 953.** Cypress, Illinois located in Johnson County (19S). Effective Date was April 15, 2008.

**Consolidated**

**Louisville Lodge No. 196.** Louisville, Illinois located in Clay County (8S) consolidated with **Flora Lodge No. 204.** Flora, Illinois located in Clay County (8S). Effective Date was October 11, 2007.

**Ashton Lodge No. 531.** Ashton, Illinois located in Lee County (7N) consolidated with **Horicon Lodge No. 244.** Rochelle, Illinois located in Ogle County (7N). Effective Date was November 7, 2007.

**Blandinsville Lodge No. 233.** Blandinsville, Illinois located in Mc Donough County (4W) consolidated with **La Harpe Lodge No. 195.** La Harpe, Illinois located in Hancock County (4W). Effective Date was January 1, 2008.
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**Belle Rive Lodge No. 696.** Belle Rive, Illinois located in Jefferson County (11S) consolidated with **Jefferson Lodge No. 368.** Opdyke, Illinois located in Jefferson County (11S). Effective Date was January 1, 2008.

**Lovington Lodge No. 228.** Lovington, Illinois located in Moultrie County (14E) consolidated with **Arthur Lodge No. 825.** Arthur, Illinois located in Moultrie County (14E). Effective Date was January 1, 2008.

**Colchester Lodge No. 496.** Colchester, Illinois located in McDonough County (8W) consolidated with **Macomb Lodge No. 17.** Macomb, Illinois located in McDonough County (8W). Effective Date was January 7, 2008.

**Loves Park Lodge No. 1145.** Loves Park, Illinois located in Winnebago County (3N) consolidated with **Rockford Lodge No. 102.** Loves Park, Illinois located in Winnebago County (3N). Effective Date was January 9, 2008.

**Findlay Lodge No. 831.** Findlay, Illinois located in Shelby County (18E) consolidated with **Jackson Lodge No. 53.** Shelbyville, Illinois located in Shelby County (17E). Effective Date was February 12, 2008.

**Woodhull Lodge No. 502.** Woodhull, Illinois located in Henry County (1W) consolidated with **Rio Lodge No. 685.** Rio, Illinois located in Knox County (5W). Effective Date was March 11, 2008.

**Broadlands Lodge No. 791.** Broadlands, Illinois located in Champaign County (12E) consolidated with **Ogden Lodge No. 754.** Ogden, Illinois located in Champaign County (12E). Effective Date was April 7, 2008.

**Parkersburg Lodge No. 509.** Parkersburg, Illinois located in Richland County (8S) consolidated with **West Salem Lodge No. 866.** West Salem, Illinois located in Edwards County (8S). Effective Date was April 15, 2008.

Melvin Lodge No. 811, **Melvin, Illinois located in Ford County (7E) consolidated with** Gibson Lodge No. 733, **Gibson City, Illinois located in Ford County (7E).** Effective Date was April 23, 2008.
The Grand Lodge of Illinois

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE
- 150th Anniversary Rededication -
Aurora Lodge No. 254
Oswego, Illinois
October 13, 2007

Daniel C. Yandel .................................. M.W. Grand Master
Richard L. Swaney ................................ R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Terry L. Seward .................................. R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Barry D. Weer .................................. R.W. Junior Grand Warden
David W. Miller, PGM ............................. R.W. Grand Treasurer
Keith L. Coons .................................. as R.W. Grand Secretary
Anthony R. Cracco .............................. W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gregory L. Clark ................................ W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis .................................. R.W. Grand Chaplain
J. Wendell Haney ................................ R.W. Grand Orator
Ronald E. Ganschow ............................ W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. E. Alwerdt ................................ W. Grand Marshal
Delbert L. Clevenger ............................. W. Grand Standard Bearer
Donald D. Kalenick ............................. as W. Grand Sword Bearer
James O. Shrum ................................ W. Grand Steward
Daniel S. Yandel ................................ W. Grand Steward
Jeff Derrick .................................. Bro. Grand Tyler
R.T. “Jack” Gladin .............................. Grand Historian
Thomas R. Osborne, Jr. ........................ Grand Organist

Greg Clark ........................................ Prologue

John A. Jackson .................................. as Principal Architect
Jim Weekly ........................................ as Master of a Lodge
Elmer Hunt ...................................... Symbol Bearer
Douglas R. Jones ................................ Symbol Bearer
William R. Loveall .............................. Symbol Bearer
Charles A. Pollack .............................. Symbol Bearer
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OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE
- 130th Anniversary Rededication -
Ogden Lodge No. 754
Ogden, Illinois
November 10, 2007

Daniel C. Yandel .................................. ...................... M.W. Grand Master
Richard L. Swaney ................................ R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Barry D. Weer ........................................ as R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Donald D. Kalenick ................................ as R.W. Junior Grand Warden
David W. Miller, PGM ..................................... R.W. Grand Treasurer
Benny L. Grisham, PGM ................................ R.W. Grand Secretary
Delbert L. Clevenger ................................ as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gregory L. Clark ........................................ as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis ................................................ R.W. Grand Chaplain
Keith L. Coons ........................................ as R.W. Grand Orator
Franklin E. Cline ........................................ W. Deputy Grand Secretary
Ronald E. Ganschow ...................................... W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. E. Alwerdt ........................................ W. Grand Marshal
Denver R. Phelps ........................................ as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Dana E. Barlow ........................................ as W. Grand Sword Bearer
Kenneth R. Pfeifer ...................................... W. Grand Steward
Daniel S. Yandel ........................................ W. Grand Steward
Jeff Derrick ................................................ Bro. Grand Tyler
R.T. “Jack” Gladin ........................................ Grand Historian
Jackson D. Cline ........................................... as Grand Organist

Greg Clark ................................................................ Prologue

Carl W. Lewis ............................................. as Principal Architect
Loyal D. Davis ............................................. as Master of a Lodge
Todd R. Hitt ................................................ Symbol Bearer
Gregory J. Knott .......................................... Symbol Bearer
Steve O’Donnell ........................................... Symbol Bearer
Robert J. Vilven .......................................... Symbol Bearer
OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE  
- 160th Anniversary Rededication -  
Addison Shrine Center  
Unity Lodge No. 48  
November 17, 2007

Daniel C. Yandel .................................. M.W. Grand Master  
Terry L. Seward ................................... as R.W. Deputy Grand Master  
Benny L. Grisham, PGM .......................... as R.W. Senior Grand Warden  
Anthony R. Cracco ................................. as R.W. Junior Grand Warden  
Phil Wallin ........................................ as R.W. Grand Treasurer  
Daniel F. Jones .................................. as R.W. Grand Secretary  
Daniel S. Yandel .................................. as W. Senior Grand Deacon  
Gregory L. Clark .................................. W. Junior Grand Deacon  
Cary M. Willis .................................... R.W. Grand Chaplain  
J. Wendell Haney .................................. R.W. Grand Orator  
Ronald E. Ganschow ............................... W. Grand Pursuivant  
Wm. E. Alwerdt .................................... W. Grand Marshal  
Thomas M. Grisham ................................. W. Grand Standard Bearer  
Dana E. Barlow ..................................... W. Grand Sword Bearer  
Keith L. Coons .................................... W. Grand Steward  
Franklin E. Cline .................................. as W. Grand Steward  
Donald D. Kalenick ............................... Bro. Asst. Grand Tyler  
R.T. “Jack” Gladin ................................. Grand Historian  
Jeffrey W. Miller ................................. as Grand Organist

Greg Clark .................................................. Prologue

Ralph W. Minard .................................... as Principal Architect  
Max L. Harris ..................................... as Master of a Lodge  
Frank J. Barrett ..................................... Symbol Bearer  
Larry R. Mitton ..................................... Symbol Bearer  
Victor H. Temple ................................... Symbol Bearer  
John R. Wainwright ............................... Symbol Bearer
OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE
- Rededication -
Shekinah Lodge No. 241
Carbondale, Illinois
January 12, 2008

Daniel C. Yandel .................................. ...................... M.W. Grand Master
Richard L. Swaney .................................. R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Terry L. Seward ..................................... R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Barry D. Weer ..................................... R.W. Junior Grand Warden
Franklin E. Cline .................................. R.W. Grand Treasurer
Benny L. Grisham, PGM ................................ R.W. Grand Secretary
Anthony R. Cracco ................................ W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gregory L. Clark .................................. W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis ....................................... R.W. Grand Chaplain
Brad Cole .......................................... R.W. Grand Orator
Ronald E. Ganschow ................................ W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. E. Alwerdt .................................... W. Grand Marshal
Donald D. Kalenick ................................ W. Grand Standard Bearer
Dana E. Barlow ..................................... W. Grand Sword Bearer
James O. Shrum .................................... W. Grand Steward
Daniel S. Yandel .................................. W. Grand Steward
Jeff Derrick ........................................ Bro. Grand Tyler
R.T. “Jack” Gladin .................................. Grand Historian
Howard L. Graff ..................................... Grand Chancellor

Gregory L. Clark ........................................ Prologue

Robert B. Herzog .................................. as Principal Architect
John L. Manis ..................................... as Master of a Lodge
Thomas L. Brown .................................. Symbol Bearer
Ron Herzog ........................................ Symbol Bearer
Mark L. McDaniel .................................. Symbol Bearer
David J. Myers ..................................... Symbol Bearer
Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful and Worshipful Grand Officers, Brethren, Ladies, Friends and Special Guests:

It is with great joy and sincere pleasure that I am able to stand before you this afternoon to share remarks at this wonderful event. If you have attended a Masonic event of this nature in the past, you will know that this is a time for the Grand Orator to reflect on the occasion. While I am no longer Grand Orator, a post that I was honored to serve in for three of the past four years, I wish to thank our Grand Master for this special engagement, which he has allowed by inviting me to act in the role today. It is, of course, quite special for me, not only as a Life Member of Shekinah Lodge #241, but also given the other role I fill in this community.

As we heard at the opening of this ceremony, the rededication of a Masonic hall is performed at events like this around the globe. Anniversaries of lodge charters, whether in increments of 50, 100 or 150 years, provide for an opportunity to gather the brethren in celebration of the standards and practices of Freemasonry. This gives us a forum for advancing the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth, and it allows us to expand our call on society for supporting the ideals of faith, hope and charity.

Indeed, these are the things that Masonry stands for; it is not a secret society, but instead it is a society of men who do share some secrets. And the secrets are not those that may be perpetuated by Hollywood movies or tales and legends, but they are the ties that bind together thousands – in fact, millions – of brothers from the past, through the current, and into the future. The work and education of a Mason involves the teachings of history and the understanding of man’s development on earth from his very beginning to his great and last change, of his exit from this world to the world to come.

Masonry teaches an appreciation for fellow mankind. It builds upon a foundation of individualism with the balance of a trusted, group camaraderie. It establishes a support structure for those who need
assistance; an example of this can be found in the Illinois Masonic Children’s Home that is operated just down the road in neighboring Murphysboro, or in the Mason Point nursing home that is located in Sullivan. Support is provided through the Illinois Masonic Foundation, which funds programs like the Student Assistance Program, a school-based intervention program aimed at decreasing drug and alcohol abuse, and the Illinois Child Identification Program, which helps protect children who may become lost or abducted. These are some of the things we do as Masons, but it is not who we are.

We are… the men that work next to you every day, we are your neighbors, we are your friends, we are your repair man or delivery driver, we are students, we are clergy, doctors and lawyers, we may be retired, we are educators, we have blue collars, white collars and sometimes no collars, we are philanthropic, we are caring and concerned, and sometimes we are elected officials. The brethren of Freemasonry are past Presidents of the United States, astronauts, bureaucrats, mechanics and barbers. Freemasonry is open to good men who wish to be made better; this is our common connection, and in this lodge hall the work of making good men better is done.

In Carbondale, Masonry has an obviously long tradition. Today, we celebrate 150 years of Shekinah Lodge #241, having received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Illinois on October 7, 1857. In reviewing the early history of Carbondale, only the Methodists and Presbyterians have been organized longer than the Masons in this community. Their church homes or congregations shortly predated our fraternal group, but all of us came about before the city itself was officially incorporated in 1873. Masons have been a part of this city from day one, and I’m sure we will be here until the last day.

For an organization this old, it is amazing that we have primarily only occupied three buildings. The first hall for this lodge was located on the third floor of the former Carbondale National Bank, which is no longer standing. The second hall was the third floor of the former City Hall building, located at the corner of East Main Street and Marion Street, which is also no longer standing. And since 1961, we have made our home here. This building has seen many people come and go through it, and in the last year or so there has been much invested in renovating the look and feel of the lodge without having to make
significant structural changes or re-construction. Many people contributed time and resources in the preparation for this affair, and we are rightly proud to welcome you here to see our completed work. If you have been here before, you will agree that we are greatly improved; if you haven’t been here before, just take our word for it.

Looking at the role Masonry has played in subtle ways in Carbondale, it is interesting to note that numerous local buildings were constructed with Masonic cornerstones laid in ceremonial form. In the same way that President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building in the District of Columbia, the Grand Master of Illinois Masons also laid the cornerstone to Pulliam Hall on the campus of Southern Illinois University. Pulliam Hall and its clock tower have become a trademark for the University’s logo and are easily recognizable as symbols of the campus. It is my intention that we will also incorporate our Grand Lodge in the cornerstone laying ceremony for the new public safety center that will be constructed by the City of Carbondale to replace our current police station. Depending on various factors, that event will hopefully take place next year.

Perhaps one thing most people don’t know, even many of our own members, is the origin of the name for our lodge. Without knowing otherwise, one might think it originated from an Indian tribe or some far-off land. According to the published “History of Shekinah Lodge No. 241” (E. G. Lentz and R. L. Dillinger, 1957), the title for this new lodge was decided to be “Shekinah,” which was a Biblical term, a Hebrew word meaning to “dwell.” It was a term applied to the divine glory which dwelt in the Tabernacle and the Temple, and which was manifested by a visible cloud resting over the mercy-seat in the Holy of Holies. It first appeared over the Ark, when Moses consecrated the Tabernacle, and then upon the consecration of the Temple by Solomon, it was transported there until the destruction of that building. With the destruction of the first Temple, the Shekinah disappeared and that resulted in a loss of that visible sign of the presence of the Deity. The Shekinah was the symbol of Divine Glory, but the true glory of divinity is truth and, therefore, Divine Truth is the Shekinah of Freemasonry.

And so, as we reflect on the merits of men who have passed through this lodge over the past 150 years, and as we recognize our role in the community and the need for a Divine Truth to guide us in all of
our actions and reactions, we celebrate this rededication today. To say that, perhaps better than I could, I wish to close with the words of W. L. Marberry, Past Master of Shekinah Lodge No. 241, in his own words from 1919:

“When we think of the hundreds of men in the century that have gone, who have knelt at the altar, with the open Bible before them and then have gone forth to unite with their brethren everywhere, in promoting all that is good in government, in society, in morals and politics and the betterment of the conditions of men individually and collectively, and when we think of the many men who by their zeal and fidelity to the Craft have charted our course in the years that have gone and then relinquishing the helm to younger hands, may we who are left carry on the traditions they so faithfully preserved.”

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you again for joining us this afternoon. And thank you, Grand Master, for the favor of this assignment.
OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE
- 125th Anniversary Rededication -
Crete Lodge No. 763
Crete, Illinois
January 19, 2008

Daniel C. Yandel ........................................ M.W. Grand Master
Terry L. Seward ........................................ R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Anthony R. Cracco ................................ R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Gregory L. Clark ........................................ R.W. Junior Grand Warden
Phil Wallin ................................................ R.W. Grand Treasurer
Franklin E. Cline ...................................... R.W. Grand Secretary
Daniel S. Yandel ...................................... W. Senior Grand Deacon
A. William Swope ........................................ W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis ........................................ R.W. Grand Chaplain
Donald D. Kalenick ................................. R.W. Grand Orator
Ronald E. Ganschow ................................ W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. E. Alwerdt ........................................ W. Grand Marshal
Howard L. Graff ...................................... W. Grand Standard Bearer
Dana E. Barlow .......................................... W. Grand Sword Bearer
Keith L. Coons .......................................... W. Grand Steward
James O. Shrum ........................................ W. Grand Steward
Jeff Derrick ............................................. Bro. Grand Tyler
R.T. “Jack” Gladin .................................... Grand Historian
Thomas R. Osborne, Jr. ............................. Grand Organist

Anthony R. Cracco ........................................ Prologue

Joseph L. Casson ........................................ as Principal Architect
Arthur R. Stober ........................................ as Master of a Lodge
Matthew S. Jackson .................................... Symbol Bearer
David Lynch ............................................ Symbol Bearer
James J. Ruther ....................................... Symbol Bearer
Scott W. Sonnenberg ................................ Symbol Bearer
OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE
- 130th Anniversary Rededication -
Orangeville Lodge No. 687
Orangeville, Illinois
February 23, 2008

Daniel C. Yandel .................................. M.W. Grand Master
Terry L. Seward ................................... as R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Barry D. Weer .................................. as R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Anthony R. Cracco ................................. as R.W. Junior Grand Warden
Dale W. Malone .................................. as R.W. Grand Treasurer
Donald D. Kalenick ................................ as R.W. Grand Secretary
Daniel S. Yandel .................................. as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gregory L. Clark .................................. as W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis ................................... R.W. Grand Chaplain
J. Wendell Haney .................................. R.W. Grand Orator
Franklin E. Cline .................................. W. Deputy Grand Secretary
Ronald E. Ganschow .............................. W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. E. Alwerdt .................................. W. Grand Marshal
Delbert L. Clevenger .............................. W. Grand Standard Bearer
Jeffrey W. Miller ................................. as W. Grand Sword Bearer
Keith L. Coons .................................. W. Grand Steward
James O. Shrum .................................. W. Grand Steward
Jeff Derrick ...................................... Bro. Grand Tyler
R.T. “Jack” Gladin ................................. Grand Historian
Thomas R. Osborne, Jr. .......................... Grand Organist

Gregory L. Clark .................................. Prologue

John C. Buford .................................... as Principal Architect
Ronald E. Asche .................................... as Master of a Lodge
Loren T. Beswick .................................. Symbol Bearer
Brian Buzza ...................................... Symbol Bearer
James A. Ketzel .................................. Symbol Bearer
William C. Scheider .............................. Symbol Bearer
OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE
- Rededication -
Rushville Lodge No. 9
Rushville, Illinois
April 26, 2008

Daniel C. Yandel .................................. ...................... M.W. Grand Master
Richard L. Swaney ...................................... R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Terry L. Seward .............................................. R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Barry D. Weer .............................................. R.W. Junior Grand Warden
David W. Miller, PGM ..................................... R.W. Grand Treasurer
Benny L. Grisham, PGM ...................................... R.W. Grand Secretary
Anthony R. Cracco ........................................... W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gregory L. Clark .......................................... W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis .............................................. R.W. Grand Chaplain
Donald D. Kalenick ............................................. as R.W. Grand Orator
Franklin E. Cline ............................................. W. Deputy Grand Secretary
Ronald E. Ganschow ......................................... W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. E. Alwerdt .............................................. W. Grand Marshal
Delbert L. Clevenger ........................................... W. Grand Standard Bearer
Dana E. Barlow .............................................. W. Grand Sword Bearer
Keith L. Coons .............................................. W. Grand Steward
Kenneth R. Pfeifer ........................................... W. Grand Steward
James O. Shrum .............................................. W. Grand Steward
Daniel S. Yandel .............................................. W. Grand Steward
Jeff Derrick .................................................. Bro. Grand Tyler
R.T. “Jack” Gladin ............................................. Grand Historian
Thomas R. Osborne, Jr. .................................. Grand Organist
Roy L. Wyckoff .............................................. R.W. Grand Treasurer Emeritus

Gregory L. Clark ............................................. Prologue

Kent M. Drawve ............................................. as Principal Architect
Dean M. Heitz ................................................ as Master of a Lodge
Barry R. Beck ............................................... Symbol Bearer
Dan M. Phillips ............................................... Symbol Bearer
Gareld A. Ruth ............................................... Symbol Bearer
James L. Toland ............................................. Symbol Bearer
OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE
- Rededication -
Caledonia Lodge No. 47
Olive Branch, Illinois
June 14, 2008

Daniel C. Yandel .................................. ...................... M.W. Grand Master
Richard L. Swaney ........................................ R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Terry L. Seward ........................................ R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Barry D. Weer ........................................ R.W. Junior Grand Warden
David W. Miller, PGM .................................. R.W. Grand Treasurer
Benny L. Grisham, PGM .................................. R.W. Grand Secretary
Anthony R. Cracco ................................. ........... W. Senior Grand Deacon
Daniel S. Yandel .................................. ............. W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis ........................................ R.W. Grand Chaplain
Johnnie Lovell .................................. ............. R.W. Grand Orator
Steve Oakley ........................................ R.W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. E. Alwerdt ........................................ W. Grand Marshal
Donald D. Kalenick ................................. W. Grand Standard Bearer
Dana E. Barlow .................................... W. Grand Sword Bearer
Keith L. Coons ..................................... W. Grand Steward
James O. Shrum ..................................... W. Grand Steward
Jeff Derrick ........................................ Bro. Grand Tyler
R.T. “Jack” Gladin .................................. Grand Historian
David Tapley ........................................ acting Grand Organist

Anthony R. Cracco .................................. Prologue

Allen R. Foster .................................. as Principal Architect
William “Buddy” Rouse ............................. as Master of a Lodge
Dennis Brown, Jr. .................................. Symbol Bearer
Jackie L. Kaufman .................................. Symbol Bearer
Robert E. Clementz .................................. Symbol Bearer
Justin D. Schultz .................................. Symbol Bearer
OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE
- 100th Anniversary Rededication -
Carlock Lodge No. 904
Mechanicsburg, Illinois
July 19, 2008

Daniel C. Yandel ..................................... M.W. Grand Master
Richard L. Swaney ................................ R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Terry L. Seward ..................................... R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Barry D. Weer ...................................... R.W. Junior Grand Warden
David W. Miller, PGM .......................... R.W. Grand Treasurer
Benny L. Grisham, PGM ...................... R.W. Grand Secretary
Daniel S. Yandel ................................ as W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gregory L. Clark ................................ W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis .................................... R.W. Grand Chaplain
Donald D. Kalenick .......................... R.W. Grand Orator
Franklin E. Cline ............................... W. Deputy Grand Secretary
Ronald E. Ganschow .......................... R.W. Grand Secretary
Wm. E. Alwerdt ................................ W. Grand Marshal
Delbert L. Clevenger .......................... W. Grand Standard Bearer
Dana E. Barlow ................................ W. Grand Sword Bearer
Keith L. Coons ................................. W. Grand Steward
James O. Shrum ................................ W. Grand Steward
Jeff Derrick ........................................ Bro. Grand Tyler
Donald D. Kalenick ........................ Asst. Grand Tyler
R.T. “Jack” Gladin ............................. Grand Historian
Thomas R. Osborne, Jr. ......................... Grand Organist

Gregory L. Clark ................................ Prologue

William L. Coe ................................... as Principal Architect
James E. Parrish ................................. as Master of a Lodge
Keith W. Cravens ................................ Symbol Bearer
Tom Hughes ....................................... Symbol Bearer
Thomas W. Pulcher ............................ Symbol Bearer
David K. Reynolds ............................ Symbol Bearer
OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE
- Rededication -
Illinois Lodge No. 263
Peoria, Illinois
September 6, 2008

Daniel C. Yandel .................................. M.W. Grand Master
Richard L. Swaney ................................. R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Terry L. Seward .................................. R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Barry D. Weer .................................. R.W. Junior Grand Warden
David W. Miller, PGM ......................... R.W. Grand Treasurer
Benny L. Grisham, PGM .................. R.W. Grand Secretary
Daniel S. Yandel ................................ W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gregory L. Clark ............................. W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis ................................. R.W. Grand Chaplain
Franklin E. Cline ............................. as  R.W. Grand Orator
Ronald E. Ganschow .......................... W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. E. Alwerdt ................................ W. Grand Marshal
Delbert L. Clevenger .......................... W. Grand Standard Bearer
Dana E. Barlow ................................ W. Grand Sword Bearer
Keith L. Coons ................................ W. Grand Steward
Kenneth R. Pfeifer .................................. W. Grand Steward
James O. Shrum ................................ W. Grand Steward
Donald D. Kalenick .......................... Bro. Asst. Grand Tyler
Merle T. Fox .................................. as  Grand Historian
Thomas R. Osborne, Jr. ....................... Grand Organist
Russell A. McCulley ........................... Grand Soloist

Gregory L. Clark .................................................... Prologue

Richard B. Bohannan, Sr. .......................... as  Principal Architect
William R. Fuller ................................. as  Master of a Lodge
Les Casali ............................................. Symbol Bearer
Lawrence J. Flanagan ............................. Symbol Bearer
Quentin H. Willman ............................. Symbol Bearer
John W. Sutherland ............................. Symbol Bearer
Daniel C. Yandel .................................. ...................... M.W. Grand Master
Richard L. Swaney ................................. ........ R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Terry L. Seward ................................. ........... R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Barry D. Weer .................................. ............... R.W. Junior Grand Warden
David W. Miller, PGM .................................................. R.W. Grand Treasurer
Benny L. Grisham, PGM ........................................ R.W. Grand Secretary
Anthony R. Cracco .................................. W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gregory L. Clark .................................. W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis ..................................... W. Grand Chaplain
Daniel S. Yandel .................................. as R.W. Grand Orator
Franklin E. Cline .................................. W. Deputy Grand Secretary
Ronald E. Ganschow ................................................. W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. E. Alwerdt .................................................. W. Grand Marshal
Delbert L. Clevenger .............................. W. Grand Standard Bearer
Dana E. Barlow .................................................. W. Grand Sword Bearer
Keith L. Coons .................................................. W. Grand Steward
Kenneth R. Pfeifer .................................................. W. Grand Steward
James O. Shrum .................................................. W. Grand Steward
Donald D. Kalenick ............................................. Bro. Asst. Grand Tyler
Merle T. Fox .................................................. as Grand Historian
Jeffrey W. Miller .................................................. Asst. Grand Organist

Gregory L. Clark .................................................. Prologue

Sean P. Mc Bride .................................................. as Principal Architect
Kenneth Smith .................................................. as Master of a Lodge
Stephen Hooper .................................................. Symbol Bearer
Luke J. Phillips .................................................. Symbol Bearer
Gene L. Quick .................................................. Symbol Bearer
David Shumante ................................. Symbol Bearer
OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE
- 150th Anniversary Rededication -
Byron Lodge No. 274
Byron, Illinois
October 4, 2008

Daniel C. Yandel .................................. M.W. Grand Master
Richard L. Swaney .................................. R.W. Deputy Grand Master
Terry L. Seward .................................. R.W. Senior Grand Warden
Barry D. Weer .................................. R.W. Junior Grand Warden
Jack Baylor .................................. as R.W. Grand Treasurer
Franklin E. Cline .................................. as R.W. Grand Secretary
Anthony R. Cracco .......................... W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gregory L. Clark .......................... R.W. Grand Treasurer
Cary M. Willis .................................. R.W. Grand Chaplain
J. Wendell Haney .......................... R.W. Grand Orator
Ronald E. Ganschow .......................... W. Grand Pursuivant
Wm. E. Alwerdt .......................... W. Grand Marshall
Daniel S. Yandel .......................... as W. Grand Standard Bearer
Dana E. Barlow .......................... W. Grand Sword Bearer
Keith L. Coons .......................... W. Grand Steward
James O. Shrum .......................... W. Grand Steward
Jeff Derrick .................................. Bro. Grand Tyler
Thomas R. Osborne, Jr. ........................... Grand Organist

Gregory L. Clark .................................. Prologue

Ronald R. Beem .......................... as Principal Architect
Homer L. Snyder .......................... as Master of a Lodge
Lester T. Beitel .......................... Symbol Bearer
M. James Reif .......................... Symbol Bearer
Keith L. Rundle .......................... Symbol Bearer
Wilbur W. Whetsel .......................... Symbol Bearer
DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Before I go any further, we did have another guest that unfortunately arrived late, that we are very please to have with us today. It is our pleasure to welcome Akrim R. Elias, Grand Master of Masons of Washington, D.C.

Brother Elias apologized for being late, due to a report he had to give to their brethren about a new and very exciting initiative that their Grand Lodge has undertaken in the area of the Middle East. On behalf of the brethren of the Nations Capital he presented to Grand Master Yandel as a token of appreciation and friendship an autographed book from one of the greatest Freemason authors around the world, R.W. Bro. Kirk MacNulty a member of their Grand Lodge.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: We have now reached the point during our meeting for the election of Grand Officers. Brother Grand Secretary you will give us instruction for the election and read the list of tellers.

BENNY L. GRISHAM, GS: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren. Prior to balloting, all ballots of lodges not present must be returned. Each Deputy should return the ballots for the lodges not present to the Area Deputy. The Area Deputy will then return them to the Grand Secretary’s table. All Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters will serve as Tellers, with Right Worshipful Brother Gary McGowan as the Chairman of the Teller.

Article 9 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge states: “At each annual meeting of the Grand Lodge there shall be elected, on or before the second day, by ballot: A Grand Master. A Deputy Grand Master. A Senior Grand Warden. A Junior Grand Warden. A Grand Treasurer. A Grand Secretary. In the case of the suggestion of only one name for an office, the Grand Lodge may elect by acclamation.” Article 10 states “Each lodge shall be entitled to three votes. In case a lodge has but one representative present he shall be entitled to three votes. If two representatives are present the higher in rank shall be entitled to two votes and the lower, one vote. If three representatives are present they shall be entitled to one vote each. In case a vote is taken by show of hands the Grand Master shall take the necessary steps to insure each lodge credit for its full representation.”
When you are asked to vote please display your election card by holding it high in the air. If you are entitled to more than one vote hold both cards in the same hand separated so they can be easily seen from the East. If a paper ballot is called for, the first ballot will be ballot number one and so forth for additional ballots cast.

*The election of Grand Lodge Officers was held and the following names were suggested, balloted on, then declared elected by acclamation and accepted by the brethren*

Daniel C. Yandel for M.W. Grand Master

Richard L. Swaney for R.W. Deputy Grand Master

Terry L. Seward for R.W. Senior Grand Warden

Barry D. Weer for R.W. Junior Grand Warden

David W. Miller, PGM for R.W. Grand Treasurer

Benny L. Grisham, PGM for R.W. Grand Secretary

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: We will now call on Brother Tom O’Connor who will give the Obituary Report.

**COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES REPORT**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois.

When we are born into this world we enter with a very undeveloped memory system. For many generations it was assumed that newborns were born with a blank slate when it came to memory. Some recent studies have shown that this may not be entirely true. There are those who say that they can demonstrate that what a fetus hears and experiences in the womb is remembered somewhere in a subconscious partition of its brain. They also say that this subconscious memory has a direct affect on the mental development of the individual after birth. This memory bank, they say, is the foundation upon which future experiences are understood. I share this with you to emphasize how
important memory is to all of us. In some ways we can even say that
our memories (conscious and subconscious) are the foundation upon
which the future is built. In our beloved Fraternity we are always aware
of what has been done before we rely on memory as a way of learning
and preserving our ritual and ordering our ethical behavior. We try to
build upon what has been a strong and vital tradition to make sure that
the present and the future is built on a sturdy foundation.

The is a wonderful word in the German language that seems especially
appropriate to hear this morning. The word is “Grundschaft”. In
English it is translated literally as “Ground Stick or Pillar”. In common
use it means “Foundation”. I would suggest that as we lift up the names
of those who have left our sides and taken up their working tools in the
“House Not Made With Hands” we recognize our indebtedness to
them. The memory of them is precious to us and they have become a
part of the “Grundschaft” of all that we do today and in the future. Our
foundation is built on the solid rock of loyal and upright Masons who
used the working tools placed in their hands at the altars of our Lodges
with skill and widdon.

We honor and remember today those who have passed from our midst:

DECEASED ILLINOIS OFFICERS
(Reported September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008)

A. Kenneth Stuber ................................................... died, April 29, 1988
Marion No. 130..........................................................
                    Grand Examiner - 1985 to 1988
                    DGM 6 S - 1969 to 1988
                    Grand Rep (Ceara, Brazil) - 1985 to 1987
                    Junior Grand Deacon - 1983 to 1984

Melvin Johnson.......................................................... died, July 31, 2007
Evergreen Park No. 1171..................................
                    DDGM, Chicago Metro - 1964 to 1968
Arcadia No. 1138...........................................

Charles J. Goodmann.................................................. died, September 21, 2007
Oak Forest No. 832.................................................
                    Gr Chaplain, Chicago Metro S - 1991 to 1992
Wade Barney No. 512................................................
La Moille No. 270.................................................
Bloomington No. 43..................................................

Raleigh M. Hamilton ................................................. died, November 1, 2007
Polk No. 137............................................................
                    2005 Grand Rep (Cuba) - 1990 to 2007
                    DGM 15S - 1982 to 1989
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<td>Feb 16, 2008</td>
<td>West Englewood Home No. 1074 DDGM, 14th Metropolitan - 1979 to 1981</td>
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Harry D. Strouse .................................................. died, March 6, 2008
Monitor Lounsbury No. 522
Speakers Bureau - 1999 to 2006
Grand Lodge History - 1998 to 2005
Grand Chaplain - 2002 to 2003
Legislation Committee - 1991 to 1992

Richard L. Schmidt .................................................. died, March 16, 2008
Edwardsville No. 99
Special ADGM S - 1990 to 1991
DDGM, Metropolitan E - 1992

Lester Pickett, Jr. .................................................. died, April 4, 2008
Caledonia No. 47
DDGM 18S - 1996 to 1998
Dongola No. 581

Leland R. Wochner .................................................. died, April 8, 2008
Ionic No. 312
Grand Lecturer Emeritus - 2003 to 2008
Grand Lecturer - 1963 to 2003

Frederick L. Rigel, Sr. .................................................. died, April 29, 2008
Collinsville No. 712
Grand Lecturer Emeritus - 1997 to 2008
Grand Lecturer - 1985 to 1997
Junior Grand Deacon - 1989

Cecil A. Griesbaum .................................................. died, May 2, 2008
Franklin No. 25
Grand Lecturer - 1956 to 2008

Leslie E. Horner .................................................. died, May 13, 2008
Odin No. 503
Grand Lecturer Emeritus - 1968 to 2008
Grand Lecturer - 1948 to 1968

George R. Turner .................................................. died, May 24, 2008
Summit No. 431
DDGM 13E - 1985 to 1988

Scott E. Gallion .................................................. died, May 30, 2008
Villa Park No. 1113
DDGM 2E - 2005 to 2008
Taylor No. 98
Leadership Development - 2005

Newman B. Gibbs .................................................. died, June 20, 2008
Polk No. 137
Certified Ritualist - 1988 to 2003

Willie E. Kester .................................................. died, June 21, 2008
Effingham No. 149
Grand Lecturer Emeritus - 2005 to 2008
Grand Lecturer - 1981 to 2005

Ralph H. Boeschen .................................................. died, July 6, 2008
Washington No. 55
Asst. Grand Tyler - 1992 to 1993
DDGM 11S - 1977 to 1984

John D. Brandstatter, Jr. ........................................ died, July 25, 2008
Granville No. 1093
DDGM 15W - 1982 to 1989
Mileage & Per Diem - 1989 to 1990
B. Y. Williams an American poet, wrote these words that speak to us today. In them we can perhaps hear the voices of those we remember today encouraging and admonishing us.

Take what God gives, O heart of mine,  
And build your house of happiness.  
Perchance some have been given more;  
But many have been given less.  
The treasure lying at your feet,  
Whose value you but faintly guess,  
Another builder, lookin on,  
Would barter Heaven to possess.  
Have you found work that you can do?  
Is there a heart that loved you best?  
Is there a spot somewhere called home where, spent and worn, your soul may rest?  
A friendly tree? A book? A song?  
A dog that loves your hand’s caress?  
A store of health to meet life’s needs?  
Oh, build your house of happiness!

Trust not tomorrow’s dawn to bring  
The dreamed-of joy for which you wait;  
You have enough of pleasant things  
To house your soul in goodly state;  
Tomorrow time’s relentless stream  
May bear what now you have away;  
Take what God gives, O heart, and build  
Your house of happiness today!

Let us Pray:

Grand Architect of the Universe each of us is grateful to you for the lives and labors of our brethren who now reside with you. Though they have passed from our sight, and our sides, their labors and
accomplishments continue to support us today and will be for all of us a strong and secure foundation upon which to continue building Fraternity, Charity, and Peace here on this Earth you have entrusted to us. Bless them and lift the hearts of the families that miss them as we do. Assure all of us that they are alive in your joyful presence. Let their examples inspire us to even greater works in your holy and infinite name. Hear our prayer and grant us your peace. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas W. O’Connor, Chairman

Most Worshipful Grand Master; I move the acceptance of this report.

A motion was made, seconded to adopt the Obituaries Report as given. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master then called for the Grand Oration for the 169th Annual Communication, which was presented by Bro. J. Wendell Haney, R. W. Grand Orator.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Thank you Brother Wendell, that was very inspiring.

Brethren we will now take up the pending legislation for this Grand Lodge Session.

Once copy of the Proposed Amendments Book was mailed to each lodge Secretary for review by the lodge officers. Proposed by-law changes are also in the Preliminary Reports Booklets for each of you to follow along. A short explanation of proposed code changes will also be displayed.

The rules governing the handling of legislation are covered in the rules of order that were adopted at the start of this session.

Brother Richard L. Swaney, Deputy Grand Master will now proceed with the reading of the proposed legislation.
REPORT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Each proposal was discussed and acted upon as the report was given.

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Held Over from 2007 Session

In compliance with Article 98A, the following amendments to the By-laws were filed in the office of the Grand Secretary ninety days prior to the Grand Lodge Session of 2007. These proposals were properly seconded and held over for action at the Grand Lodge Session of 2008. These proposed amendments are again submitted for your further study and consideration.

A proposal was submitted to add Code 156 to read as follows:

Committee on Visitation

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Visitation to visit the members of the fraternity who are housed in health care facilities and nursing homes. This Committee shall report to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge annually. The Committee shall be appointed by the Grand Master. The members of this committee shall consist of seven members: a State Chairman, an Assistant Chairman and five members, one from each area of the state.

The Committee on Legislation does not recommend the amendment, although it recognizes the good intentions and fraternal motivation of this amendment. Realistically, however, creating a new bureaucracy and envisioning only seven members to visit every member in a health care facility or nursing home in this state would never be adequate. One would also consider the additional budget for this proposed Grand Lodge Committee; the certain entanglements arising from the current federal and state restrictions on facilities and others on divulging health-related information; and the monumental problems of deciding who would be visited, when and how often, or if some Brothers would not want to be disturbed at all. The better solution is to encourage fraternal concern for our members in care facilities through the current District structure and local Lodges.

The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and defeated this amendment.
A proposal was submitted to add Code 108P to read as follows:

A committee on visitation which shall consist of no more than seven members.

The Committee on Legislation does not recommend this amendment. The proposers offer no justification or need for this addition and the Committee on Legislation is not aware of any overwhelming statewide need that this would fulfill.

The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and defeated this amendment.

(two separate proposals were submitted and held over to amend Code 215)

(proposal #1)

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 215:

Code 215 presently reads: Stated meetings are those held at the time prescribed by the by-laws; and at such meetings all general business, such as balloting for candidates for the degrees, or for membership, election of officers, and the discussion of questions relative to the interests of the fraternity shall be transacted in a lodge of master masons.

If amended Code 215 would read as follows: Stated meetings are those held at the time prescribed by the by-laws; and at such meetings all general business, such as balloting for candidates for the degrees, or for membership, election of officers, and the discussion of questions relative to the interests of the fraternity shall be transacted in a lodge of Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts or Master Masons at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Only Master Masons shall be allowed to vote.

Reason: Many lodges choose to involve their candidates in the lodge activities as soon as they are initiated and do so by requesting a dispensation from the Grand Master. This change will allow all lodges a choice of the degree on which they hold their business session and at the same time limit the voting and balloting to the master masons in the lodge.
The Committee on Legislation does not recommend this amendment. The Committee on Legislation has been presented with prior suggestions which expand the role of non-Master Masons in stated meetings. In some Lodges with larger attendance the difficulty of determining who can properly vote on an issue may add needless delay to the proceedings. Further, the concept that anEntered Apprentice may participate in a discussion but not vote on that issue will inevitably lead to again attempt to allow non-Master Masons to vote, a proposal previously rejected. The Committee believes the right to fully participate in the decision process of a Lodge rests with its Master Masons. Candidates should be encouraged to complete their degrees to attain that goal.

The Grand Lodge voted against the committee recommendation and approved this code amendment.

A second proposal that had been submitted to amend Code 215 was withdrawn by the proposer.

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 368A:

Code 361A presently reads: The use of a Grand Lodge Book of the Standard Work is authorized for the use by lodges and brethren in learning the lectures and charges, and other heretofore unprinted standard rituals. At no time will the Book be used in open Lodge. Anyone that uses the book in any other manner than stated above will be in violation which will call for disciplinary action.

If amended Code 368A would read as follows: The use of a Grand Lodge Book of the Standard Work is authorized for the use by lodges and brethren in learning the lectures and charges, and other heretofore unprinted standard rituals. At no time will the Book be used in open Lodge except at any meeting the Master may appoint a prompter who may follow the ritual with the book of Standard Work. Anyone that uses the book in any other manner than stated above will be in violation which will call for disciplinary action.

Reason: Every one including Grand Lecturers need a prompt at some time or other, furthermore many lodges do not have a Grand Lecturer or Past Master that knows all the ritual especially the Lecturers. If a brother lost his train of thought and no one could help him it is not only
embarrassing to him but also to the Lodge, its members and the Candidate.

_The Committee on Legislation recommended this amendment._

_An amendment to the amendment was proposed from the floor and seconded._

_The amendment to the amendment of Code 368A would read:_ The use of one Grand Lodge Book of the Standard Work is authorized for the use by lodges and brethren in learning the lectures and charges, and other heretofore unprinted standard rituals. At no time will the Book be used in open Lodge except at any meeting the Master may appoint one prompter who may follow the ritual with the book of Standard Work located at the secretary’s place. Anyone that uses the book in any other manner than stated above will be in violation which will call for disciplinary action.

_The Grand Lodge voted and the amendment to the amendment failed._

_The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and amended this code as originally submitted._
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution submitted in 2008

Amendments to the Constitution for Articles 4, 7, 8, & 14 were bundled and considered all at once, because they are interconnected.

A proposal was submitted to amend Article 4:

ARTICLE 4 presently reads:

4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of

A. A Grand Master.
B. A Deputy Grand Master.
C. A Senior Grand Warden.
D. A Junior Grand Warden.
E. A Grand Treasurer.
F. A Grand Secretary.
G. A Grand Chaplain.
H. A Grand Orator.
I. A Deputy Grand Secretary.
J. A Grand Pursuivant.
K. A Grand Marshal.
L. A Grand Standard Bearer.
M. A Grand Sword Bearer.
N. A Senior Grand Deacon.
O. A Junior Grand Deacon.
P. Four (4) Grand Stewards.
Q. A Grand Tyler.
R. An Area Deputy Grand Master for each area.
S. A District Deputy Grand Master for each district.
T. The Masters and Wardens of the chartered lodges, duly constituted, under its jurisdiction.
U. The Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, and such Past Masters of constituent lodges as shall be present and are as yet members of constituent lodges in Illinois.
If amended ARTICLE 4 would read as follows:

4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of

A. A Grand Master.
B. A Deputy Grand Master.
C. A Senior Grand Warden.
D. A Junior Grand Warden.
E. A Grand Treasurer.
F. A Grand Secretary.
G. A Grand Chaplain.
H. A Grand Orator.
I. A Deputy Grand Secretary.
J. A Grand Pursuivant.
K. A Grand Marshal.
L. A Grand Standard Bearer.
M. A Grand Sword Bearer.
N. A Senior Grand Deacon.
O. A Junior Grand Deacon.
P. Four (4) Grand Stewards.
Q. A Grand Tyler.
R. An Area Deputy Grand Master for each area.
S. Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters as needed for each area.
T. A District Deputy Grand Master for each district.
U. The Masters and Wardens of the chartered lodges, duly constituted, under its jurisdiction.
V. The Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, and such Past Masters of Constituent lodges as shall be present and are as yet members of constituent lodges in Illinois.

Two separate proposals were submitted to amend Article 7:

ARTICLE 7 presently reads:

7. The officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be styled and take rank as follows:

A. Officers

1. Most Worshipful Grand Master.
2. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
Proceedings of Oct 10,

3. Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
4. Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
5. Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.
6. Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
7. Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.
8. Right Worshipful Grand Orator.
9. Right Worshipful Area Deputy Grand Master.
10. Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master.
11. Worshipful Deputy Grand Secretary.
12. Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
15. Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer.
16. Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon.
17. Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.
18. Worshipful Grand Steward.

B. Members

1. Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters.
2. Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters.
3. Right Worshipful Past Grand Wardens.
4. Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers.
5. Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries.
6. Right Worshipful Past Area Deputy Grand Masters.
7. Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Masters.
8. Right Worshipful Representatives of other Grand Lodges.
9. Right Worshipful Grand Lecturers.
10. Worshipful Master of a Lodge.

C. Title and rank may be assigned to other brethren by the Grand Master.

(proposal #1)
If amended ARTICLE 7 would read as follows:

7. The officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be styled and take rank as follows:
A. Officers

1. Most Worshipful Grand Master.
2. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
3. Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
4. Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
5. Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.
6. Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
7. Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.
8. Right Worshipful Grand Orator.
9. Right Worshipful Area Deputy Grand Master.
10. Right Worshipful Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master
11. Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master.
12. Worshipful Deputy Grand Secretary.
13. Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
17. Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon.
18. Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.

B. Members

1. Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters.
2. Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters.
3. Right Worshipful Past Grand Wardens.
4. Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers.
5. Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries.
6. Right Worshipful Past Area Deputy Grand Masters.
7. Right Worshipful Past Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master
8. Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Masters.
9. Right Worshipful Representatives of other Grand Lodges.
10. Right Worshipful Grand Lecturers.

C. Title and rank may be assigned to other brethren by the Grand Master.
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3. Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
4. Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
5. Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.
6. Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
7. Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.
8. Right Worshipful Grand Orator.
9. Right Worshipful Area Deputy Grand Master.
10. Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master.
11. Worshipful Deputy Grand Secretary.
12. Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
15. Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer.
16. Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon.
17. Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.
18. Worshipful Grand Steward.

B. Members

1. Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters.
2. Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters.
3. Right Worshipful Past Grand Wardens.
4. Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurer.
5. Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries.
6. Right Worshipful Past Area Deputy Grand Masters.
7. Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Masters.
8. Right Worshipful Representatives of other Grand Lodges.
9. Right Worshipful Grand Lecturers.
10. Worshipful Master of a Lodge.
12. Senior and Junior Wardens of a Lodge

C. Title and rank may be assigned to other brethren by the Grand Master.

Due to the bundling of the amendments, Article 7 (1st proposal) had an amendment to the amendment proposed from the floor that item number 13 be added to 7B that would include “Senior and Junior Wardens of a Lodge” allowing Article 7 (2nd proposal) to be withdrawn, leaving Article 7 to comply with Article 4T of the Constitution.

After discussion and a second, the vote was taken by the Grand Lodge and the amendment to the amendment of Article 7 (proposal #1) passed, withdrawing Article 7 (proposal #2).

The amendment to the amendment of ARTICLE 7 would read:

7. The officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be styled and take rank as follows:

A. Officers

1. Most Worshipful Grand Master.
2. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
3. Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
4. Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
5. Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.
6. Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
7. Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.
8. Right Worshipful Grand Orator.
9. Right Worshipful Area Deputy Grand Master.
10. Right Worshipful Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master
11. Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master.
12. Worshipful Deputy Grand Secretary.
13. Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
17. Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon.
18. Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.

B. Members

1. Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters.
2. Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters.
3. Right Worshipful Past Grand Wardens.
4. Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers.
5. Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries.
6. Right Worshipful Past Area Deputy Grand Masters.
7. Right Worshipful Past Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master
8. Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Masters.
9. Right Worshipful Representatives of other Grand Lodges.
10. Right Worshipful Grand Lecturers.
13. Senior and Junior Wardens of a Lodge

C. Title and rank may be assigned to other brethren by the Grand Master.

A proposal was submitted to amend Article 8:

ARTICLE 8 presently reads:

8. Eligibility for Office

A. No brother shall be eligible to hold office in the Grand Lodge who is not a resident of the State of Illinois.
B. A brother must be a member in regular standing of a chartered lodge that is a constituent of the Grand Lodge.
C. No brother shall be eligible for any elective Grand Lodge office, Representative of another Grand Lodge, or District Deputy Grand Master who has not been duly installed Master of a constituent lodge.
If amended ARTICLE 8 would read as follows:

8. Eligibility for Office

A. No brother shall be eligible to hold office in the Grand Lodge who is not a resident of the State of Illinois.

B. A brother must be a member in regular standing of a chartered lodge that is a constituent of the Grand Lodge.

C. No brother shall be eligible for any elective Grand Lodge office, Representative of another Grand Lodge, Area Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master who has not been duly installed Master of a constituent lodge.

A proposal was submitted to amend Article 14:

ARTICLE 14 presently reads:


A. The Grand Master shall, each year, divide the state into districts and areas, having regard to lodges and convenience.
   1. The districts shall be defined by designating what lodges shall constitute a district.
   2. The areas shall be defined by designating what districts shall constitute an area.

B. A District Deputy Grand Master shall be appointed and commissioned annually by the Grand Master in each district.
   1. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall be a member of a lodge within his district.
   2. The duties of said District Deputy Grand Masters shall be such as the Grand Master may generally or especially assign them, or as may be defined by law.

C. An Area Deputy Grand Master shall be appointed and commissioned annually by the Grand Master in each area.
   1. Each Area Deputy Grand Master shall be a member of a lodge within his area.
   2. The duties of said Area Deputy Grand Masters shall be such as the Grand Master assigns, or as may be defined by law.
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   1. The districts shall be defined by designating what lodges shall constitute a district.
   2. The areas shall be defined by designating what districts shall constitute an area.

B. A District Deputy Grand Master shall be appointed and commissioned annually by the Grand Master in each district.
   1. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall be a member of a lodge within his district.
   2. The duties of said District Deputy Grand Masters shall be such as the Grand Master may generally or especially assign them, or as may be defined herein.

C. An Area Deputy Grand Master shall be appointed and commissioned annually by the Grand Master in each area.
   1. Each Area Deputy Grand Master shall be a member of a lodge within his area.
   2. The duties of said Area Deputy Grand Masters shall be such as the Grand Master assigns, or as may be defined herein.

D. Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters shall be appointed and commissioned annually as needed in each area by the Grand Master.
   1. Each Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master shall be a member of a lodge within his area.
   2. The duties of the Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master shall be such as the Grand Master or the Area Deputy Grand Master may generally or especially assign them, or as may be defined herein.

Articles 4, 7, 8 & 14 were bundled as one and the Committee on Legislation recommended approval of the amendments.

The Grand Lodge approved and seconded the committee recommendation to send to the lodges for voting.
A proposal was submitted to amend Article 98B-3b:

ARTICLE 98B-3b presently reads:

3. Immediate Amendments – action may be taken upon amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, with a view to their becoming immediately operative, in the following manner:

   a. At the discretion of the Grand Master.
   b. Before voting the Committee on Legislative must have reported favorably.
   c. Then passed by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Grand Lodge voting, such amendment shall at once become a part of the law.

If amended Article 98B-3b would read as follows:

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   a. At the discretion of the Grand Master.
   b. Before voting the Committee on Legislative must have reported.
   c. Then passed by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Grand Lodge voting, such amendment shall at once become a part of the law.

The Committee on Legislation recommended against this proposal.

Upon being put to a vote the Grand Lodge seconded the proposal to send to the lodges for voting.
AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Submitted in 2008

Immediate Action

In compliance with Article 98B3, the Grand Master requested immediate action on the following proposals. In each case, he received a sufficient number of seconds to secure its immediate action.

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 101:

CODE 101 presently reads: Special meetings of the Grand Lodge may be called as provided in Article 11A, but no business shall be transacted except such as shall have been previously stated in the call for such special meeting, which call must be sent to the lodges at least ten days previous to said meeting.

If amended Code 101 would read as follows: Special meetings of the Grand Lodge may be called as provided in Article 11A, but no business shall be transacted except such as shall have been previously stated in the call for such special meeting, which call must be sent to the lodges at least ten days previous to said meeting.

Reason: Simple housekeeping this change merely alters the word “he” to the intended word “be”.

The Committee on Legislation recommended the proposal.

The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and amended this code.

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 183:

CODE 183 presently reads: The Grand Officers designated in Article 4, such past grand masters, past deputy grand masters and past grand wardens as shall be present and shall be members of constituent Lodges in Illinois (Provided, that if any such permanent member in attendance on the session of the grand lodge be at the time a sojourner outside of Illinois his mileage shall be computed from the location of his lodge), and one representative (the highest in rank) from each lodge under this jurisdiction
shall be allowed thirty cents per mile going and returning, for every mile traveled from the location of his lodge, to be computed by the necessarily traveled route and (except the grand master, grand treasurer, and grand secretary) thirty dollars per day for each day's actual attendance. Members of committees of this Grand Lodge shall receive the same mileage and per diem as representatives. No one shall receive mileage and per diem in more than one capacity.

No representative by proxy shall be allowed mileage or per diem under this Code when his lodge is represented by a warden thereof.

*If amended Code 183 would read as follow:* The Grand Officers designated in Article 4, such past grand masters, past deputy grand masters and past grand wardens as shall be present and shall be members of constituent Lodges in Illinois (*Provided, that if any such permanent member in attendance on the session of the grand lodge be at the time a sojourner outside of Illinois his mileage shall be computed from the location of his lodge*), and one representative (the highest in rank) from each lodge under this jurisdiction shall be allowed forty cents per mile going and returning, for every mile traveled from the location of his lodge, to be computed by the necessarily traveled route and (except the grand master, grand treasurer, and grand secretary) thirty dollars per day for each day's actual attendance. Members of committees of this Grand Lodge shall receive the same mileage and per diem as representatives. No one shall receive mileage and per diem in more than one capacity.

No representative by proxy shall be allowed mileage or per diem under this Code when his lodge is represented by a warden thereof.

*Reason:* Due to the ever increasing rise in the cost of gasoline and the fact that the current government reimbursement being allowed is now fifty four and one half cents it seems to be only fair to increase the amount of reimbursement we allow for the dedicated men who donate their time, efforts and funds to the support of this great fraternity. The increase will apply to miles traveled to and from our Grand Lodge meeting by the highest-ranking member of the lodge. The cost of this change, although expensive, is a fair way to reimburse the men who keep our fraternity strong and functional in Illinois. The estimated additional cost for this increase, at an estimated 300,000 miles traveled each year for Grand Lodge business is $30,000.
The Committee on Legislation recommended the proposal.

The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and amended this code.

A proposal was submitted to delete Code 226:

CODE 226 presently reads: The conferring of more than seven degrees by any lodge during any one day is prohibited.

Reason: Limiting lodges to seven degrees in one day may unnecessarily lengthen the degree conferral process. If lodges are willing to confer more than seven degrees in a day, then there is no benefit in restricting them from doing so. The striking of code 226 in no way effects code 363.

The Committee on Legislation recommended this proposal.

The Grand Lodge voted against the committee recommendation and defeated this amendment.

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 249 and Code 270. These amendments were bundled:

CODE 249 presently reads: A brother is not eligible to the office of master in any chartered lodge unless he is an actual member thereof, nor unless he has been regularly installed as a warden of some legally chartered lodge: provided, that in case of an emergency the lodge may elect any member not so qualified; but a brother so elected cannot be installed except by dispensation of the Grand Master. All other officers of the lodge except the organist and tyler, must be members thereof. Honorary members may be appointed to any non-elective office in the Lodge.

If amended Code 249 would read as follows: A brother is not eligible to the office of master in any chartered lodge unless he is an actual member thereof, nor unless he has been regularly installed as a warden of some legally chartered lodge: provided, that in case of an emergency the lodge may elect any member not so qualified; but a brother so elected cannot be installed except by dispensation of the Grand Master. All other officers of...
the lodge except the organist and tyler, must be members thereof. Honorary members may be appointed to any non-elective office in the Lodge.

A. A Master Mason who is a member in good standing in a Lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction or in another Grand Jurisdiction which is in fraternal relations with this Grand Jurisdiction may continue his membership in such lodge, and also become a member of one or more chartered lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. If elected he shall be entitled to all rights and be subject to all obligations of a member of each lodge to which he belongs, except he may not hold office of Master or Warden in more than one lodge at the same time.

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 270 by deleting 270A:

CODE 270 presently reads:  Honorary membership may be terminated for good cause, by a three-fourths ballot at a stated meeting, notice having been given in open lodge at a preceding stated meeting of such proposed action, and at least ten days notice by mail of such intended action having been given to such honorary member. (See voting chart page 176 for balloting method)

A. A Master Mason who is a member in good standing in a Lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction or in another Grand Jurisdiction which is in fraternal relations with this Grand Jurisdiction may continue his membership in such lodge, and also become a member of one or more chartered lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. If elected he shall be entitled to all rights and be subject to all obligations of a member of each lodge to which he belongs, except he may not hold office of Master or Warden in more than one lodge at the same time.

If amended Code 270 would read as follows:  Honorary membership may be terminated for good cause, by a three-fourths ballot at a stated meeting, notice having been given in open lodge at a preceding stated meeting of such proposed action, and at least ten days notice by mail of such intended action having been given to such honorary member. (See voting chart page 176 for balloting method)

Reason:  Housekeeping; The paragraph relating to eligibility for election has no relationship to Honorary Membership Code 270 and should be relocated to Code 249 (Eligibility for Lodge Officers).
The Amendments to Codes 249 & 270 were bundled to remove section 270A from 270 and put on 249 where it belongs.

The Committee on Legislation recommended the proposal to both 249 and 270.

The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and amended this code.

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 355:

CODE 355 presently reads: No lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be permitted to confer the three degrees upon any person for a less sum than one hundred dollars, inclusive of the petition fee, required by the lodge.

If amended Code 355 would read as follows: No lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be permitted to confer the three degrees upon any person for a less sum than one hundred dollars, inclusive of the petition fee, required by the lodge. A lodge may waive any or all of the prescribed fees for Petitioning, the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Fellowcraft Degree, and the Master Mason Degree for a person currently serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States of America.

Reason: These patriots are not paid well for their devoted service to our country and a lodge should have the right to alleviate an additional financial burden by waiving these fees. Many of these patriots have families to support on their limited salary and we should not let this stand between them becoming fine Masons and serving their lodge with equal devoted service upon their return to civilian life. The Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Grand Masters, past and present, have gone to great lengths to accommodate our active military men during wartime as well as peacetime, and this would be just one more step to further show our appreciation. Many lodges already waive annual dues for our patriotic members while they serve on active duty.

The Committee on Legislation recommended the proposal.

The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and amended this code.
A proposal was submitted to amend Code 357:

CODE 357 presently reads: No lodge shall confer any degree or admit to membership until the prescribed fee shall have been paid to the proper officer, nor shall any written or verbal promise to pay the same be received in lieu thereof, nor any portion of the fee remitted in any case, either directly or indirectly.

If amended Code 357 would read as follows: No lodge shall confer any degree or admit to membership until the prescribed fee shall have been paid to the proper officer, nor shall any written or verbal promise to pay the same be received in lieu thereof, nor any portion of the fee remitted in any case, either directly or indirectly. A Lodge may waive any or all of the prescribed fees for Petitioning, the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Fellowcraft Degree, and the Master Mason Degree for a person currently serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States of America.

Reason: Our fraternity prides itself on being a patriotic organization and there is no more patriotic deed than defending this great nation by serving on active duty in the armed forces. These patriots are not paid well for their devoted service to our country and a lodge should have the right to alleviate an additional financial burden by waiving these fees. Many of these patriots have families to support on their limited salary and we should not let this stand between them becoming fine Masons and serving their lodge with equal devoted service upon their return to civilian life. The Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Grand Masters, past and present, have gone to great lengths to accommodate our active military men during wartime as well as peacetime, and this would be just one more step to further show our appreciation. Many lodges already waive annual dues for our patriotic members while they serve on active duty.

The Committee on Legislation recommended the proposal.

The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and amended this code.

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 368:
CODE 368 presently reads: The Official Monitor, the Officers Manual, the Book of Ceremonials, and Code or Cypher containing in question and answer form the catechism in first, second and third degrees, each duly adopted at an annual session of the Grand Lodge, are the only books containing ritual or ceremonial work authorized by the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The books containing said Code or Cypher shall be under the exclusive control of the Master of each lodge, subject to such rules and regulations as the Grand Master shall from time to time promulgate. “The use of any unauthorized code, exposé or other work purporting to set forth the esoteric work of Masonry is an offense under this code and shall upon conviction subject the offender to the severest Masonic penalty.”

A. The use of a Grand Lodge Book of the Standard Work is authorized for the use by lodges and brethren in learning the lectures and charges, and other heretofore unprinted standard rituals. At no time will the Book be used in open Lodge. Anyone that uses the book in any other manner than stated above will be in violation which will call for disciplinary action.

If amended Code 368 would read as follows: The Official Monitor, the Officers Manual, the Book of Ceremonials, The Book of Standard Work, The Floor Work Instruction Manual and Code or Cypher containing in question and answer form the catechism in first, second and third degrees, each duly adopted at an annual session of the Grand Lodge, are the only books containing ritual or ceremonial work authorized by the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The books containing said Code or Cypher shall be under the exclusive control of the Master of each lodge, subject to such rules and regulations as the Grand Master shall from time to time promulgate. “The use of any unauthorized code, exposé or other work purporting to set forth the esoteric work of Masonry is an offense under this code and shall upon conviction subject the offender to the severest Masonic penalty.”

A. The use of a Grand Lodge Book of the Standard Work and The Floor Work Instruction Manual is authorized for the use by lodges and brethren in learning the lectures, charges, and floor work and other heretofore unprinted standard rituals. At no time will the Books be used in open Lodge. Anyone that uses the books in any other manner than stated above will be in violation which will call for disciplinary action.
Reason: This proposed change will allow the Grand Lodge Floor Work manual to be published and made available to those officers and members desiring to study the work away from the actual lodge location.

Since an amendment was previously passed to Code 368A, an amendment to the amendment was proposed from the floor to include those changes. After discussion and a second, the vote was taken by the Grand Lodge and the amendment to the amendment was passed.

The amendment to the amendment of CODE 368 would read: The Official Monitor, the Officers Manual, the Book of Ceremonials, The Book of Standard Work, The Floor Work Instruction Manual and Code or Cypher containing in question and answer form the catechism in first, second and third degrees, each duly adopted at an annual session of the Grand Lodge, are the only books containing ritual or ceremonial work authorized by the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The books containing said Code or Cypher shall be under the exclusive control of the Master of each lodge, subject to such rules and regulations as the Grand Master shall from time to time promulgate. “The use of any unauthorized code, exposé or other work purporting to set forth the esoteric work of Masonry is an offense under this code and shall upon conviction subject the offender to the severest Masonic penalty.”

A. The use of a Grand Lodge Book of the Standard Work and The Floor Work Instruction Manual is authorized for the use by lodges and brethren in learning the lectures, charges, and floor work and other heretofore unprinted standard rituals. At no time will the Books be used in open Lodge, except at any meeting the Master may appoint a prompter who may follow the ritual with the book of Standard Work. Anyone that uses the books in any other manner than stated above will be in violation which will call for disciplinary action.

The Committee on Legislation recommended the proposal.

The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and amended this code.

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 372:

CODE 372 presently reads: It is a privilege of every Master Mason in
good standing to visit a lodge; subject, however, to the right of the lodge, whether chartered or under dispensation, or any member thereof, to object to his admission as a visitor.

*If amended Code 372 would read as follows:* It is a privilege of every Master Mason in good standing to visit a lodge; subject, however, to the right of the lodge, whether chartered or under dispensation, or any member thereof, to object to his admission as a visitor. In every case of objection to visitation, the Master retains the authority to sustain or overrule such objection.

*Reason:* It is understood that privileges rank below rights, but this code, as now written, does not state nor clarify if the right of objection by a member is absolute or subject to the right of the Master to overrule such objection, as the Lodge presiding officer. It can be implied either way. Do we assume that the right is absolute or do we assume that the Worshipful Master also has the right to overrule an objection, if he determines that the right of objection is being abused and thereby preserving the peace and harmony of the lodge. In past specific circumstances, past Grand Masters have ruled both ways.

*The Committee on Legislation recommended the proposal.*

*The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and amended this code.*

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 373:

*CODE 373 presently reads:* The right to visit is possessed equally by all, who have been made in a constituent lodge in the jurisdiction, or in a lodge that is a constituent of any grand lodge recognized as legitimate by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and who remain in good standing.

*If amended Code 373 would read as follows:* The privilege to visit is possessed equally by all, who have been made a Master Mason in a constituent lodge in this jurisdiction, or a Master Mason from a lodge that is a constituent of any Grand Lodge recognized as legitimate by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and who remain in good standing.
Reason: Code 373 as now written conflicts with code 372. Code 372 states it is a privilege to visit where code 373 states it is a right to visit. In parliamentary procedure, privileges rank below and yield to rights. When a "right" is invoked and another with a "right" to object is also invoked, normally a judge or arbiter makes a determination to sustain or overrule one right versus another.

Also, as now written, the following sentence is incomplete "who have been made in a constituent lodge". What does "who have been made" mean?

Who have been made happy? Who have been discovered? The clarification is the second reason for this amendment.

The Committee on Legislation recommended the proposal.

The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and amended this code.

A proposal was submitted to amend Code 582:

CODE 582 presently reads: Any mason indefinitely suspended by a constituent lodge for non-payment of dues or other cause may file his written petition for reinstatement with the lodge from which he was suspended at any stated meeting, but not oftener than three times in any one year. If the petition is received the master shall appoint an investigating committee consisting of three members, whose names shall be announced in open lodge. Each member of the committee shall make a thorough investigation and report thereon to the master. The petition shall lie over until a subsequent stated meeting, but not less than two weeks time from the date the petition was received, when, on payment or remission of delinquent dues, if any, and upon a favorable ballot of two-thirds of the members present, the petitioner shall be reinstated to membership in his lodge, or to good standing in the fraternity only, leaving him non-affiliated, whichever may be requested by the petitioner. (See voting chart)

A. A member suspended for non-payment of dues who makes up his arrears within 180 days from date of suspension may be reinstated to good standing in his lodge without loss of time. A ballot shall be taken at the first stated meeting after receipt of dues. It shall take a favorable ballot of
two-thirds of the members present, at which time the member may be reinstated to membership in his lodge, or to good standing in the fraternity only, whichever may be requested by the member.

*If amended Code 582 would read as follows:* Any mason indefinitely suspended by a constituent lodge for non-payment of dues may file his written petition for reinstatement with the lodge from which he was suspended at any stated meeting, but not oftener than three times in any one year. The petition shall lie over until a subsequent stated meeting, but not less than two weeks time from the date the petition was received, when, on payment or remission of delinquent dues, if any, and upon a favorable ballot of two-thirds of the members present, the petitioner shall be reinstated to membership in his lodge, or to good standing in the fraternity only, leaving him non-affiliated, whichever may be requested by the petitioner.

A Mason suspended for any cause must follow the procedure listed above and if the petition is received, the master shall appoint an investigating committee consisting of three members, whose names shall be announced in open lodge. Each member of the committee shall make a thorough investigation and report thereon to the master. *(See voting chart)*

**A.** A member suspended for non-payment of dues who makes up his arrears within 180 days from date of suspension may be reinstated to good standing in his lodge without loss of time. A ballot shall be taken at the first stated meeting after receipt of dues (no petition required). It shall take a favorable ballot of two-thirds of the members present, at which time the member may be reinstated to membership in his lodge, or to good standing in the fraternity only, whichever may be requested by the member.

*Reason:* This change will alleviate any embarrassment of being investigated to a suspended member wishing to be reinstated. Reinstatements are particularly difficult if a member lives out of state, many of whom wish to be reinstated into the fraternity only, so they can join a lodge in the areas in which they live. Our present system requires them to be investigated twice, once for reinstatement and once to join another lodge. Currently we have to investigate a member seeking reinstatement for NPD but not an expelled member.
An amendment to the amendment was proposed from the floor to change the word “oftener” to “more”. After discussion and a second, the amendment was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The amendment to the amendment of Code 582 would read: Any mason indefinitely suspended by a constituent lodge for non-payment of dues may file his written petition for reinstatement with the lodge from which he was suspended at any stated meeting, but not more than three times in any one year. The petition shall lie over until a subsequent stated meeting, but not less than two weeks time from the date the petition was received, when, on payment or remission of delinquent dues, if any, and upon a favorable ballot of two-thirds of the members present, the petitioner shall be reinstated to membership in his lodge, or to good standing in the fraternity only, leaving him non-affiliated, whichever may be requested by the petitioner.

A Mason suspended for any cause must follow the procedure listed above and if the petition is received, the master shall appoint an investigating committee consisting of three members, whose names shall be announced in open lodge. Each member of the committee shall make a thorough investigation and report thereon to the master. (See voting chart)

A. A member suspended for non-payment of dues who makes up his arrears within 180 days from date of suspension may be reinstated to good standing in his lodge without loss of time. A ballot shall be taken at the first stated meeting after receipt of dues (no petition required). It shall take a favorable ballot of two-thirds of the members present, at which time the member may be reinstated to membership in his lodge, or to good standing in the fraternity only, whichever may be requested by the member.

The Committee on Legislation recommended the proposal.

The Grand Lodge voted to approve the committee recommendation and amended this code.
AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

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CODE 112: A proposal was submitted to amend:

Code 112 presently reads: The Grand Master shall present at each annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, a written report, setting forth such of his official acts and decisions during the year as he may deem proper; also, reporting the general condition of masonry within the jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the fraternity. All edicts and decisions by the Grand Master shall have the force of law until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

If amended Code 112 would read as follows: The Grand Master shall prepare and present a written report and cause a copy of his report to be distributed to each Local Lodge representative at Grand Lodge upon their registration for the Annual Grand Lodge Communication. The Grand Master’s Report shall consist of any message that he deems necessary for the welfare of Ancient Craft Freemasonry particularly for the State of Illinois; but also:

A. A Report of the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction; and
B. A Summary Profile of the Edicts and Decisions affecting Local Lodges during his year; and
C. A Report for all Acts of Discipline; and
D. A review of Grand Lodge sponsored Instruction and Education programs; and
E. Results for Grand Lodge Charitable efforts.

Edicts and decisions shall have the force of law no longer than the next installation of a Grand Master into Office. The Grand Master shall make recommendations for such legislation as he may deem proper but all proposals for new legislation must conform to the provisions found in Article 98 A 1-6.

Justification: Whereas, historically, Code 112 was enacted at a time when the Grand Lodge met for three days rather than one and a half,
and was prompted by an urgent need to inform Local Lodge Representatives of Grand Officer activity, and Local Lodges hold dear their duty to review, and if need be from time to time, check, revise, and affirm Grand Master decisions; to do so well requires disclosure and considerable thought. Freemasonry abhors designs omitted from the trestleboard and no new legislation is worth consideration if it requires a surprise introduction. This revised Code 112 better instructs Grand Masters to communicate appropriately that Local Lodge Common Sensibilities and sentiment translate accurately into affirmative Grand Lodge action.

The Committee on Legislation does not recommend the proposal.

**CODE 139I:** A proposal was submitted to add:

If added Code 139I would read as follows: Past members of the Board of Grand Examiners shall not be empowered to teach the standard work of the fraternity, but they shall retain such commission for life.

**Justification:** The reason for proposing this by-law is past members of the Board of Grand Examiners are not required to attend Grand Lecturer’s Schools and therefore do not consistently prove proficiency in the standard work, nor would they have knowledge of the most current clarifications of the Board of Grand Examiners.

The Committee on Legislation does not recommend the proposal.

**CODE 217:** A proposal was submitted to amend:

Code 217 presently reads: When a lodge has been regularly opened on the third degree for a special meeting on the date of a stated meeting, but earlier than the hour named in the by-laws for stated meetings, the special may be changed to a stated without going through the ceremonies of closing and again opening, but in the following manner only, viz.: At a time not less than fifteen nor more than forty-five minutes after the hour named in the by-laws for the stated meetings, the master shall announce in open lodge that the hour for the stated meeting having arrived, and the lodge having been opened on the third degree, further work in the special meeting will be dispensed with and the business of the stated taken up. The records shall show that the above declaration was made by the
master, and give the names of the officers occupying the various stations and places.

If amended Code 217 would read as follows: When a lodge has been regularly opened on the third degree for a special meeting on the date of a stated meeting, but earlier than the hour named in the by-laws for stated meetings, the special may be changed to a stated without going through the ceremonies of closing and again opening, but in the following manner only, viz.: not more than forty-five minutes after the hour named in the by-laws for the stated meetings, the master shall announce in open lodge that the hour for the stated meeting having arrived, and the lodge having been opened on the third degree, further work in the special meeting will be dispensed with and the business of the stated taken up. The records shall show that the above declaration was made by the master, and give the names of the officers occupying the various stations and places.

Justification: The present wording is confusing and will delay the start of the stated meeting of the work in the special meeting is completed before the hour of the stated meeting. Our lodges regularly open early to confer the first section of the degree and then merge to the business meeting. The business meeting is often delayed until the required 15 minutes after the hour, despite the degree work being completed prior to the hour of the stated meeting.

The Committee on Legislation does not recommend the proposal.

CODE 263, 263A and 263B: A proposal was submitted to amend:

Code 263, 263A and 263B presently reads: The secretary, in addition to performing the duties prescribed by the ritual, shall keep a record of the time when the lodge is opened and closed and the names of officers, members and visitors present at each meeting.

A. The official record of members in attendance may be kept in a separate book prepared for the purpose and placed in the tyler's room, and it shall be the duty of every member in attendance to record his name therein before entering the lodge room. The secretary shall enter in his minutes the names of a sufficient number of members to show that a quorum was present.
B. The secretary may keep a record of visitors present in a separate book for that purpose placed in the tyler’s room.

*If amended Code 263, 263A and 263B would read as follows:* The secretary, in addition to performing the duties prescribed by the ritual, must keep a record for the time when the lodge is opened and the names of officers and members present at each meeting.

A. The official record of members in attendance must be kept in a separate book prepared for the purpose and placed in the tyler’s room, and it shall be the duty of every member in attendance to record his name therein before entering the lodge room. The secretary shall enter in his minutes the names of a sufficient number of members to show that a quorum was present.

B. The secretary must keep a record of visitors present in a separate book for that purpose placed in the tyler’s room.

*Justification:* Code 263 is allowing some lodges not to have register book in the tyler’s room. When DDGM makes his official visit some secretary’s write the visitor’s name in the minute book. DDGM say this is hard to know if quorum were present, for the stated meeting. The change would make everyone sign in, in the register book in the tyler’s room.

*The Committee on Legislation does not recommend the proposal.*

**CODE 271:** A proposal was submitted to amend:

*Code 271 presently reads:* Life memberships are authorized in constituent lodges, subject to the following terms and conditions:

A. Any member in good standing in a constituent lodge who has paid all current dues and charges, may become a life member in that lodge pursuant to the provisions of this code.

B. The member desiring a life membership shall apply to the secretary of his lodge for such a membership on Forms prescribed by the Grand Secretary and shall tender therewith the lesser of either (1) a sum fifteen times the annual dues of his lodge at the time of the application., or (2) a sum equal to the amount of dues the member would have to pay
until he would become eligible to become a 50 year member under Code 202 if such dues remained the same as the dues at the date of the application. The lodge secretary shall complete his part of the application and shall forward the same, together with the full fee due, to the Grand Secretary. The date of the application shall be the date the Grand Secretary certifies he received the application.

C. The application shall be signed by the applicant, and have the certificate of the lodge secretary and the acceptance or rejection of the Grand Secretary, and such life membership shall not be deemed to be accepted by the Grand Lodge until accepted by the Grand Secretary. The application shall contain thereon the computations upon which the life membership fee is predicated, and shall break such fee down into the Grand Lodge per capita fee share and the lodge share of such fee. If the Grand Secretary determines that the fee tendered by the applicant is in excess of that required, the Grand Secretary shall have the power to correct the application and the lodge secretary's computations of the fee, and thereupon to accept the application as corrected and to cause any excess fee to be refunded directly to the applicant. A copy of the completed and accepted life membership application or a certificate of life membership shall be furnished to the applicant and his lodge by the Grand Secretary. These provisions shall be construed so as to permit the Grand Secretary to use computerized records.

D. After the life membership application and fee have been received and accepted by the Grand Secretary, the life membership fee shall not be refundable under any circumstances, except those determined by the Grand Secretary to be mistakes of fact rendering the applicant ineligible for life membership as the date of the application.

E. A life member shall owe no further dues to the lodge of which he is a life member, and the lodge of which he is a life member shall owe no further per capita dues to the Grand Lodge on such life member.

F. The obtaining of a life membership in one lodge by a plural member shall have no effect on his membership in the other lodges to which he belongs.

G. A life member may transfer his life membership to another constituent lodge of this Grand Lodge in the manner provided for in this Code, and upon such transfer of membership, the lodge share of his membership fee shall be transferred to the account of the lodge to which the member transferred. If the lodge share of the dues of the
proposed new lodge is higher than the lodge share which would be transferred to the new lodge, then the new lodge may by resolution require the life member petitioning for affiliation to pay any sum less than or equal to the difference between the lodge share for a life membership in the new lodge at the date of such petition and the lodge share proposed to be transferred from the old lodge; and the petition for affiliation shall not be balloted upon until such additional sum has been paid to the lodge. Any such additional payment shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary to be deposited in the life membership account for the new lodge.

H. Any, dimit, certificate of withdrawal or certificate issued to a life member shall have endorsed thereon the fact that the holder is a life member and the amount of the lodge share of the life membership fee which will be transferred to any constituent lodge with which he affiliates.

I. If a life member shall be suspended or expelled, and subsequently restored to good standing, his life membership shall be deemed to be also restored.

J. After the applicant’s life membership has been accepted by the Grand Secretary, the life membership fee shall be paid over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall divide the fee into the Grand Lodge per capita share and the lodge share. The Grand Lodge per capita share shall be placed in an investment account to be known as the Life Member Per Capita Fund and all income from such fund shall be paid at least annually to the General fund of the Grand Lodge. The lodge share shall be placed in an investment account to be known as Lodge Life Member Fund. A record shall be maintained to show the amount in the fund that is credited to each lodge and all income from said fund shall be distributed at least annually to each lodge based on its pro rata share of the total amount in the Lodge Life Membership Fund. These two funds shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Code 119.

K. A lodge that deems itself to be in financial peril may petition the Grand Master to withdraw all or any part of its share of the principal of the Lodge Life Membership Fund, that represents life membership dues paid by members of said lodge who are now deceased, and with the approval of a majority of the elected Grand Lodge officers may permit the lodge to withdraw said funds on such terms and conditions as the
Grand Master may determine to be in the best interest of the lodge, and the Grand Treasurer shall then transfer such amount to the lodge treasurer and make the necessary adjustments of the records of the Lodge Life Member Fund.

L. The trustees, with the consent of the Grand Master, may determine uniform procedures where under additional contributions to the life membership funds of any lodge or of the Grand Lodge may be made by anyone, whether a lodge, a brother or a non-mason, and whether by gift or bequest. The trustees shall reserve the right to reject any such contribution which contains conditions incompatible with this Code 271 or would be burdensome to administer. The trustees, with the consent of the Grand Master, may at any time amend or terminate such uniform procedures and the right to make such additional contributions.

M. Applications for life membership shall be on forms prescribed by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Secretary shall provide any other forms required for the implementation of this Code.

*If amended Code 271 would read as follows:* Life memberships are authorized in constituent lodges, subject to the following terms and conditions:

A. Any member in good standing in a constituent lodge who has paid all current dues and charges, may become either a Life Member or an Endowment Member in that lodge pursuant to the provisions of this code.

B. The member desiring a life membership shall apply to the Secretary of his lodge for such a membership on Forms prescribed by the Grand Secretary and shall tender therewith the lesser of either (1) a sum twenty times the annual dues of his lodge at the time of the application, or (2) a sum equal to the amount of dues the member would have to pay until he would become eligible to become a 50 year member under Code 202 if such dues remained the same as the dues at the date of the application. The lodge secretary shall complete his part of the application and shall forward the same, together with the full fee due, to the Grand Secretary. The date of the application shall be the date the Grand Secretary certifies he received the application. The application shall be signed by the applicant, and have the certificate of the lodge Secretary and the acceptance or rejection of the Grand Secretary and such life membership shall not be deemed to be
accepted by the Grand Lodge until accepted by the Grand Secretary. The application shall contain thereon the computations upon which the life membership fee is predicated, and shall break such fee down into the Grand Lodge per capita fee share and lodge share of such fee. If the Grand Secretary determines that the fee rendered by the applicant is in excess of that required, the Grand Secretary shall have the power to correct the application and the lodge Secretary’s computations of the fee, and thereupon to accept the application as corrected and to cause any excess fee to be refunded directly to the applicant. A copy of the completed and accepted life membership application or certificate of life membership shall be furnished to the applicant and his lodge by the Grand Secretary. These provisions shall be construed so as to permit the Grand Secretary to use computerized records.

C. After the life membership application and fee have been received and accepted by the Grand Secretary, the Life Membership fee shall not be refundable except in cases of expulsion and those circumstances determined by the Grand Secretary to be mistakes of fact rendering the applicant ineligible for life membership as the date of application.

D. A life member shall owe no further dues to the lodge of which he is a life member, and the lodge of which he is a life member shall owe no further per capita dues to the Grand Lodge on such life member. A Life Membership whose registry in the Life Member Per Capita Fund as well as the Lodge Life Member Fund as described by Code J that has been purchased for him by the lodge to which the member is in good standing, such memberships are owned by those lodges and can only be transferred to another lodge by a majority vote of the members present at a regular stated meeting. Life memberships purchased by individuals can be transferred from one Illinois lodge to another Illinois lodge by the regular dimit process described by Codes 306, 383, 384, 384A, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 393 and 396.

E. The obtaining of a life membership in one lodge by a plural member shall have no effect on his membership in the other lodges to which he belongs.

F. A life member may transfer his life membership to another constituent lodge of this Grand Lodge in the manner provided for in this Code, and upon such transfer of membership, the lodge share of his membership fee shall be transferred to the account of the lodge to which the member transferred. If the lodge share of the dues of the proposed new lodge is higher than the lodge share which would be
transferred to the new lodge, the new lodge may by resolution require
the life member petitioning for affiliation to pay any sum less than or
equal to the difference between the lodge share for a life membership in
the new lodge at the date transferred from the old lodge; and the
petition for affiliation shall not be balloted upon until such additional
sum has been paid to the lodge. Any such additional payment shall be
forwarded to the Grand Secretary to be deposited in the life
membership account for the new lodge.

G. Any dimit, certificate of withdrawal or certificate issued to a life
member shall have endorsed thereon the fact that the holder is a life
member and the amount of the lodge share of the life membership fee
which will be transferred to any constituent lodge with which he
affiliates.

H. If a life member shall be suspended or expelled, and subsequently
restored to good standing, his life membership shall be deemed to be
also restored.

I. After the applicant’s life membership has been accepted by the
Grand Secretary, the life membership fee shall be paid over to the
Grand Treasurer, who shall divide the fee into the Grand Lodge per
capita and the lodge share. The Grand lodge per capita share shall be
placed into the investment account to be known as the Life Member Per
Capita Fund and all income from such fund shall be paid at least
annually to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge. The lodge share shall
be placed in an investment account to be known as Lodge Life Member
Fund. A record shall be maintained to show the amount in the fund that
is credited to each lodge and all income from said fund shall be
distributed at least annually to each lodge based on it’s pro rata share of
the total amount in the Lodge Life Membership Fund. The Grand
Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Treasurer as ex-officio
members of the Investments Committee have the duty of investigating
and deciding questions regards how best to invest both the Life
Membership Per Capita Fund and the Lodge Life Membership Fund.
Each year, the Grand Master shall report to the Grand Lodge in Annual
Communication the condition of the fund with his report as directed by
Code 112, and he can at his discretion then make a proposal to convey,
transfer or reinvest the funds. However, the delegate’s approval by
majority vote is required before any conveyance or reinvestment of
money is undertaken. The Life Member Per Capita Fund shall be
administered in accordance with the provisions of Code 119.
J. Any lodge may withdraw any part of its share of the principle of the Lodge Life Membership Fund that represents life membership dues paid by members of said lodge who are now deceased. No more than one withdraw request per year per lodge can be processed by the Grand Secretary. Upon withdraw; the Grand Secretary will direct the Grand Treasurer to pay over to the Lodge Secretary the amount withdrawn who will then pay the amount over to the Lodge Treasurer taking his receipt therefore at the next stated meeting of the lodge after receipt.

K. The trustees, with the consent of the Grand master, may determine uniform procedures where under additional contributions to the life membership funds of any lodge or of the Grand Lodge may be made by anyone, whether a lodge, a brother or a non-mason, and whether by gift or bequest. The trustees shall reserve the right to reject any such contribution which contains conditions incompatible with this Code 271 or would become burdensome to administer. The trustees, with the consent of the Grand Master, may at any time amend or terminate such uniform procedures and the right to make such additional contributions.

L. Applications for life membership shall be on forms prescribed by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Secretary shall provide any other forms required for the implementation of this Code.

Justification: Revision No. 1 for Code 271 – Changes Initial Payment from 15 to 20 year Schedule

B. substitute “…and shall tender therewith the lesser of either (1) a sum twenty times the annual dues of his lodge at the time of the application, or…” for the phrase “…and shall tender therewith the lesser of either (1) a sum fifteen times the annual dues of his lodge at the time of the application, or….”

Reasoning

Whereas, since the Grand Lodge enacted the Lodge Life Membership Fund in 1984, the fraternity has been successful attracting younger men; and the age of majority has been adjusted from 21 to 18; and, the local Lodge Life Membership Fund has been proved a benefit to individual lodges by providing a perpetual income from members lost by the accident of mortality, calculating new Life Memberships on a twenty year schedule rather than a fifteen year schedule will continue to offer the value that young Master Masons seek without encumbering the applicants much more than the present fee and erect a more aggressively accomplished Local Lodge Life Membership Fund from which lodges in the future will draw additional interest.
Revision No. 2 for Code 271 – Adds an additional class of membership the “Endowed Membership”

A. Alter the existing subsection that reads, “Any member in good standing in a constituent lodge who has paid all current dues and charges, may become a life member in that lodge pursuant to the provisions of this code.” To read instead, “Any member in good standing in a constituent lodge who has paid all current dues and charges, may become either a life member or an endowment member in that lodge pursuant to the provisions of this code.”

Add to A: “An Endowed membership is available to any Master Mason in good standing who contributes a donation, not less than $100 (One Hundred Dollars) to the Lodge Life Membership Fund. The Endowment Membership in no way affects the Master Mason’s relationship to the lodge regarding the payment of dues and has no affect on the Grand Lodge Life Membership Per Capita Fund.

In addition, further alter the phrase “life member” where it appears throughout the subsections to read “life member or an endowment member” to include both classes of membership.

Reasoning

Whereas the life membership program has proved a benefit paying interest to Local Lodges; and plural memberships have become common; and, the Life Membership Fund has by the accident of mortality also become a Memorial Instrument providing income to the Local Lodge after a member has passed, the new class of “Endowed Membership” will enable plural members to contribute a stipend for their affiliated lodges, and lodges, friends and/or family can contribute a formal memorial for those Brothers who did not in their lifetimes become Life Members that will provide income to local lodges from the derived interest of that contribution.

Revision No. 3 for Code 271 – Clarifies that Life Memberships purchased as an Honorarium by the Local Lodges, remain Life Memberships in that Lodge

E. Alter the existing Subsection E that reads, “A life member shall owe no further dues to the lodge of which he is a life member, and the lodge of which he is a life member shall owe no further per capita dues to the Grand Lodge on such life member.” To read instead, “A life member shall owe no further dues to the lodge of which he is a life member, and the lodge of which he is a life member shall owe no further per capita dues to the Grand Lodge on such life member. A Life Membership
whose registry in the Life Member Per Capita Fund as well as the Lodge Life Member Fund as described by Code J that has been purchased for him by the lodge to which the member is in good standing, such memberships are owned by those lodges and can only be transferred to another lodge by a majority vote of the members present at a regular stated meeting. Life memberships purchased by individuals can be transferred from one Illinois lodge to another Illinois lodge by the regular dimit process described by Codes 306, 383, 384, 384A, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 393 and 396.

Reasoning
As the principle assets of the Lodge Life Membership are owned by lodges and not the Grand Lodge or the individual Master Mason, any credit or benefit associated with the Life Membership should go to the lodge that paid in when that membership was originally purchased by the lodge. Fair play requires that Life Membership benefits credited to one lodge should pass to another whenever a member has been issued a lawful dimit as it is un-Masonic to receive a payment without rendering the Lodge par value in labor.

Revision No. 4 – Changes the non Refundable Status of Life Membership in cases of Expulsion
D. Alter this subsection from its present, “After the life membership application and fee have been received and accepted by the Grand Secretary, the life membership fee shall not be refundable under any circumstances, except those determined by the Grand Secretary to be mistakes of fact rendering the applicant ineligible for life membership as the date of application.” To read instead, “After the life membership application and fee have been received and accepted by the Grand Secretary, the life membership fee shall not be refundable except in cases of expulsion and those circumstances determined by the Grand Secretary to be mistakes of fact rendering the applicant ineligible for life membership as the date of application.”

Reasoning
As the Life Member Per Capita Fund is not charitable and exists to finance the Grand Lodge; and, the Lodge Life Membership Fund exists to provide a supplemental income for Local Lodges, it is un-Masonic to take money from the profane especially those deemed unworthy to become or remain a Mason when neither the Grand Lodge nor Local Lodge can render a par value benefit in return. Retained Life Memberships after an expulsion has occurred gives separated members
property rights and been the subject of civil litigation. To insist on the retention of these small amounts of money in these circumstances is incongruous to Local Lodge common sensibility and good taste.

Revisions No. 5/6/7 – Corrects an existing misconception of fact regards the Ownership of the Lodge Principle in the Lodge Life Membership Fund and provides a suitable process for a Local Lodge to extract a portion of the principle if needed.

Revision No. 5
J. Remove the phrase, “These two funds shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Code 119,” and substitute in its place, “The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Treasurer as ex-officio members of the Investments Committee have the duty of investigating and deciding questions regards how best to invest both the Life Membership Per Capita Fund and the Lodge Life Membership Fund. Each year, the Grand Master shall report to the Grand Lodge in Annual Communication the condition of the fund with his report as directed by Code 112, and he can at his discretion then make a proposal to convey, transfer or reinvest the funds. However, the delegate’s approval by majority vote is required before any conveyance or reinvestment of money is undertaken.” The Life Member Per Capita Fund shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Code 119.

Revision No. 6
And also alter Subsection K that reads, “A lodge that deems itself to be in financial peril may petition the Grand Master to withdraw any part of its share of the principle of the Lodge Life Membership Fund, that represents life memberships dues paid by members of said lodge who are now deceased, and with the approval of a majority of the elected Grand Lodge officers may permit the lodge to withdraw said funds on such terms and conditions as the Grand Master may determine to be in the best interest of the lodge, and the Grand Treasurer shall then transfer such amount to the lodge treasurer and make the necessary adjustments of the records of Lodge Life Member Fund.”

To read instead,” Any lodge may withdraw any part of its share of the principle of the Lodge Life Membership Fund that represents life membership dues paid by members of said lodge who are now deceased. No more than one withdraw request per year per lodge can be processed by the Grand Secretary.

Revision No. 7
Remove the phrase from Subsection K that reads, “…and the Grand Treasurer shall then transfer such amount to the lodge treasurer and make the necessary adjustments of the records of Lodge Life Member Fund.” And add the following, “Upon withdraw; the Grand Secretary will direct the Grand Treasurer to pay over to the Lodge Secretary the amount withdrawn who will then pay the amount over to the Lodge Treasurer taking his receipt therefore at the next stated meeting of the lodge after receipt.

**Reasonings**

As the Grand Officers can supplement the General Fund adequately by the interest derived from the Life Member Per Capita Fund; and, the principle amounts residing in the Life Membership Fund are the property of the local lodges, and no good reason can account for a Grand Line Officer to convey, encumber or transfer that principle without the consent of the lodges; and, lodges are more than intelligent enough to be the decision makers regards their own portion of the Life Membership Fund, eliminating the last line of Subsection J and altering Subsection K removes unnecessary obstacles for Lodges desiring access to their portion of the fund unused by living members.

Furthermore, it is unMasonic for a Lodge Treasurer to receive money without the amount first being paid to the Lodge Secretary and entered upon his books. These revised Code Subsections will conform to the thoughtful conditions required by Code 263 C, a landmark quality to the method that lodges must operate, predating even the formation of Grand Lodges.

*The Committee on Legislation does not recommend the proposal.*

**CODE 363A:** A proposal was submitted to delete this code:

*Code 363 A presently reads:* No Lodge shall confer the degree of entered apprentice on any candidate on the same date as the petitioner is elected to receive the degrees.

*Justification:* There is no cause for delay in starting the work of degrees on a candidate. The right of a member to object to a candidate initiation would still be in effect, as well as objection to advancement if a member later comes forward.

*The Committee on Legislation does not recommend the proposal.*
DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Thank you Brother Swaney and Brother Tungate, you committee has done a fine job. And, brethren thank you for making this go very well.

Since the legislation passed allowing the Floor Work Manuel, a motion was made from the floor and seconded to remove the Resolution adopted October 5, 2007. After a vote of the Grand Lodge it was approved to rescind the Resolution.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: It is my order that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois be now called from labor to refreshment until 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Brother Junior Grand Deacon through the Grand Pursuivant inform the Grand Tyler. Brother Senior Grand Deacon take charge of the lights.
Second Day - Saturday

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Brethren, it is my order that The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois be now called from refreshment to labor on the third degree of Masonry.

Brother Junior Grand Deacon through the office of the Grand Pursuivant inform the Grand Tyler. Brother Senior Grand Deacon, arrange the lights.

Brother Grand Marshal you will see that the colors are presented.

*The National Sojourners presented the Colors*

*The Brethren joined together for the “Pledge of Allegiance”*

Brethren, let’s join in a round of applause thanking the National Sojourners for participating in our opening ceremonies. *(Applause)*

*Grand Master Yandel presented the following Grand Lodge Awards and Medallion*

**2008 Mason of the Year Award**

Dale F. Thayer

**The Great American Patriot Award**

Admiral William Gene Sizemore

Additionally, Grand Master Yandel presented Bro. Sizemore with his 60 Year Certificate and Lapel Pin

*At the direction of the Grand Master*

Gary L. McGowen, Chairman

*Introduced the Board of Grand Examiners which then presented the Rod Drill to the Grand Lodge*

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: We would like to call on Brother Howard Graff the Chairman of the Illinois Masonic Charities Fund for his report.
REPORT FOR THE GRAND CHANCELLOR

Dear Grand Master: Thank you again for appointing me to this working position which I truly enjoy. All of my travel abroad is at my personal expense.

This past Masonic year, I have had the distinct pleasure of greeting our visiting brethren from England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Italy, Greece, Brazil, Mexico, Serbia, France, India, Israel and a myriad of additional Grand Masonic Jurisdictions. We have demonstrated that Freemasonry in Illinois is truly universal.

During this year I had the pleasure and honor of visiting with the Grand Lodges, or their officers, from Israel, Romania, Serbia, Austria, Belgium, and Italy during my travels. During the World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges, held in Washington, D.C., I interfaced with a great number of our Masonic leaders from all parts of the world. I thank you for that opportunity.

I am extremely pleased that in our efforts to work with our brethren worldwide, we are bringing DeMolay to Serbia and Romania in this coming year. Illinois can be proud that we understand that Freemasonry has no borders to separate good men.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Howard L. Graff - Grand Chancellor

ILLINOIS MASONIC CHARITIES REPORT

Dear Grand Master: Thank you for allowing me to continue in my post with the Illinois Masonic Charities.

Serving our Craft through acts of Charity is among the highest rewards that I personally could aspire to. I also wish to thank my Committee for all of their efforts.

The Society of King Solomon portion of our program is nearing the $640,000 mark by the time this report is published. Membership in this organization to honor those who support our program with exceptional donations is 180 Charter members to date. Our overall increase has
not been what we worked for with an increase of $234,000. This obviously is a reflection of the depressed economy.

Our goal for the coming Masonic year is to implement new and aggressive programs to insure the future of Masonic Charity sponsored by our Grand Lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Howard L. Graff, Chairman

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: I will now call on Brother David L. Brumme, Chairman of the Finance and Investment Advisory Committee for his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois.

The proposed Grand Lodge Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is $1,003,800. The fiscal 2009 budget closely resembles the fiscal year 2008 budget. When audited and finalized by our Certified Public Accounting firm Sleeper, Disbrow, Morrison, Tarro & Lively, LLC this proposed budget will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.

Cost containment remains a priority of all Lodge entities during the coming fiscal year.

Finance Advisory Committee’s responsibilities during the past fiscal year included:

1. Preparing reports requested by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

2. Review of Expense Vouchers of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren entitled to reimbursement.

3. Review of audit reports for the five entities of the Grand Lodge as prepared by our certified public accounting firm. These audits will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.
The Finance Advisory Committee thanks the Grand Lodge Officers for their continued confidence in us and we look forward to serving the Grand Lodge Officers at an elevated level of dedication during fiscal year 2008-2009.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers, on behalf of myself, the committee members, and the Brethren, we thank you for your continued distinguished leadership and stewardship. I move this Finance Advisory Committee report be accepted as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Brumme, Chairman L. Milton McClure
Troy L. Mallory William McChristy Gary Huffman

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Finance Committee Report as submitted. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE BUDGET FOR 2008-2009

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**GRAND LODGE MEETINGS**

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**TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES 2008/2009** $1,003,800
INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois.

Your investment team is composed of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Officers, the Investment Advisory Committee, and RSM McGladrey (SEC Registered Investment Advisor).

We currently employ seven asset money managers and several mutual fund managers. Allianz/PIMCO and JP Morgan Group are responsible for the fixed income portfolio. The five equity managers, which are Dana Investment Advisors, Baron Capital Management, NWQ Investment Management, Earnest Partners, LLC and Alliance Bernstein manage our stock portfolio.

The total fund as of August 31, 2008 is $141,126,470. The total fund as of August 31, 2007 was $148,105,048.

Total account value for the past fiscal year decreased $6,978,578. This decrease will not impair the ongoing needs of our charitable entities.

Asset classes consist of the following:

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The majority of funds are restricted funds. The total figure does not include fixed asset holdings.

The Investment Advisory Committee wish to acknowledge the confidence and gratitude displayed by the Grand Lodge Officers on behalf of the Investment Advisory Committee members efforts and abilities to perform at a level deemed commendable. We thank the leadership for this distinction.
Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of the Investment Advisory Committee, I move that this Investment Committee Report be accepted as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Brumme, Chairman
L. Milton McClure
Troy L. Mallory
William McChristy
Gary Huffman

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Investment Advisory Committee Report as submitted. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: At this time I will call on Brother Hugh Cole, Chairman of the Petitions Committee for his report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, Delegates and brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

There are several cases of brethren having been expelled from the fraternity and now having petitioned constituent lodges for reinstatement into the fraternity. These petitions are referred by the Committee on Petitions for action of you, the Officers and Delegates of this Grand Lodge. Having knowledge of one or more of the cases, you may request to address the Grand Lodge. A YES vote means affirmation of reinstatement into the fraternity and a NO vote means to deny reinstatement into the fraternity.

Case #1: Mr. C.D.M., formerly a member of Stonefort Lodge No. 495, A.F. & A.M. at Stonefort, Illinois was expelled from the fraternity on July 8, 2004, by Most Worshipful Grand Master David W. Miller, for having been found guilty of committing a felony by the Circuit Court, First Judicial Circuit, Johnson County Illinois on March 15, 2004. Mr. C.D.M. pled guilty to having committed the class 2 felony, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance. His age was then 26 years. C.D.M. received a sentenced and served a three-year term of imprisonment that began on March 31, 2004. Having served 75 days of this term in jail, Mr. C.D.M. applied for and received a reduced
imprisonment. On January 14, 2008 Mr. C.D.M. petitioned Stonefort Lodge No. 495 to be reinstated into the fraternity. He was previously elected to receive the degrees in Masonry on September 14, 1998, was raised to the degree of Master Mason on July 7, 2000. Mr. C.D.M. was expelled on July 8, 2004 for being found guilty of having committed a felony in a court of law.

At the January 14, 2008 stated communication of Stonefort Lodge No. 495, 10 members of the lodge, present and eligible to vote, voted in the affirmative for reinstatement of Mr. C.D.M. into the fraternity.

_The Committee made no recommendation regarding this case._

_The Grand Lodge voted to against reinstatement._

**Case #2:** Mr. J.H.T., formerly a member of Flat Rock Lodge No. 348, A.F. & A.M. at Flat Rock, Illinois was expelled from the fraternity on February 4, 1983, by Most Worshipful Grand Master Raymond H. Bachman. Mr. J.H.T. had been found guilty of committing a class 3 felony by the Circuit Court of Crawford County Illinois on December 14, 1982. He had been found guilty of committing aggravated battery a class 3 felony aggravated battery in circumstances unlikely to recur and unlikely to commit another crime. Serious harm was suffered by the victim. J.H.T. was sentenced to 30 months probation and enabled to seek employment. He was prohibited from use of or possession of a firearm or any other dangerous weapon. He was to pay a fine of $5,000.00 and court costs of $706.80 and make restitution of $2,500. He served 60 days in the Crawford County Jail and was permitted to perform employment. On January 6, 2008 Mr. J.H.T. petitioned Flat Rock Lodge No. 348 for reinstatement from the sentence of expulsion from the fraternity.

At the stated meeting of the lodge on January 22, 2008 of the 17 members of the lodge present and eligible to vote 15 members of the lodge voted in the affirmative for reinstatement of J.H.T. into the fraternity and 2 members voted in the negative, for not reinstating Mr. J.H.T. into the fraternity.

_The Committee on Petitions learned that the victim in this case has subsequently died and that JHT resides in a nursing home._ He
desires reinstatement that he may be entitled to Masonic Honors on his own demise. The Committee on Petitions recommends reinstatement of Mr. J.H.T. into the fraternity.

The Grand Lodge voted against reinstatement.

Case #3: Mr. J.J.C., formerly a member of Evans Lodge No. 524, A.F. & A.M. at Evanston, Illinois and plural member of Isaac Cutter Lodge No. 1073, A.F. & A.M. at Chicago, Illinois was indefinitely suspended from Masonry on January 15, 2004 for having committed unmasonic conduct. At the stated communication of Evans Lodge No. 524 on March 11, 2008, Mr. J.J.C. petitioned for reinstatement into the fraternity. Of the 10 members of the lodge present and eligible to vote at the April 8, 2008 stated communication of the lodge, 9 voted in the affirmative for reinstatement, 1 voted in the negative for not reinstating Mr. J.J.C. into the fraternity.

Oral and written expressions of strong-feelings and conduct between brethren as parties to this dispute developed lasting opinions that exist between J.J.C. and members of the fraternity. Efforts fail to establish brotherly love and affection, though nine members of the lodge favor his reinstatement.

The Committee on Petitions recommends all parties to the dispute initiate efforts to restore peace and harmony between them. The Committee on Petitions recommends action be deferred by the Grand Lodge until it is evident that peace and harmony have again been restored.

The Grand Lodge voted against reinstatement.

Case #4: Mr. K.A.F., formerly a member of Bridgeport Lodge No. 386, A.F. & A.M. at Bridgeport, Illinois was expelled from Masonry for having committed unmasonic conduct by, Most Worshipful Grand Master E. Gene Ross on July 18, 1985 for having been arrested, charged and convicted of Criminal Sexual Abuse in the Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Lawrence County of Illinois previously, on February 22, 1985. Mr. K.A.F. fulfilled his sentence before petitioning Bridgeport Lodge No. 386 for reinstatement from the sentence of expulsion. At the lodge stated communication on August 4, 2008, 8
members of the lodge present, and eligible to vote, all voted in the affirmative for reinstatement of Mr. K.A.F. Correspondence from K.A.F. the Worshipful Master and Secretary of Bridgeport Lodge recommend reinstatement of K.A.F. These indicate K.A.F. exhibits commendable behavior and would potential contribute to the activities of the lodge.

The Committee on Petitions considers that K.A.F. has fulfilled the penalty imposed upon him for his crime and is now said to exhibit commendable conduct and deportment. This being considered, the Committee on Petitions recommends K.A.F. be reinstatement into the fraternity.

The Grand Lodge voted against reinstatement.

Case #5:  Mr. T.L.H., formerly a member of Robinson Lodge No. 250, A.F. & A.M. of Robinson, Illinois was expelled from the fraternity by, Most Worshipful Grand Master David W. Miller for having been found guilty of committing a Class 3 Felony on March 24, 2005. In that Mr. T.L.H. for having converted municipal assets to his own use was sentenced to repay $8,932.50 in addition to another $3,500.00 and served two-years of probation. Mr. T.L.H. petitioned Robinson Lodge No. 250 for reinstatement from the sentence of expulsion on March 13, 2008. At the March 27, 2008 stated communication of Robinson Lodge No. 250, 14 members of the lodge, present and eligible to voted, voted unanimously in the affirmative, for reinstatement of T.L.H. into the fraternity.

The Committee on Petitions recommends reinstatement of Mr. T.L.H. into the fraternity.

The Grand Lodge voted against reinstatement.

Case #6:  Mr. R.E.D. formerly a member of Pawnee Lodge No. 675, A.F. & A.M. of Pawnee, Illinois was expelled from the fraternity by Most Worshipful Grand Master Noel Dicks having been convicted on March 22, 2007 of committing criminal overvaluation of securities for which he received 16 months imprisonment, receiving psychiatric services and treatment. He was ordered to make restitution in the amount of $198,629.88 and fined $2,500.00.
On September 5, 2008 Mr. R.E.D. petitioned Pawnee Lodge for reinstatement. At the September 9, 2008 stated communication of the lodge, ten members of the lodge present and eligible to vote, all voted in the affirmative for reinstatement of R.E.D. into the fraternity.

The Committee received the request at a late date and had little time for discussion. They made no recommendation on this case.

After a paper ballot the Grand Lodge voted favorably for reinstatement.

Respectfully submitted,
Hugh A. Cole, Chairman
Daniel J. Leifel

A motion was made, seconded to adopt the Petitions Committee Report as amended. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Thank you Brother Hugh and your Committee. Brother Gerald Carlton, Chairman of the Appeals and Grievances Committee will give his report now.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS & GRIEVANCES REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Of the State of Illinois. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully submits the following report on its Activities for 2008 Grand Lodge Year.

One Appeal was referred to the Committee for Action, and the following is the opinion of the Committee:

Most Worshipful Grand Master Yandel removed Brother D.L.B. from office of Senior Warden of Elmhurst Lodge No. 941 with concern that his actions had disrupted the peace and harmony of the Lodge. This action was taken on August 20, 2008 and the decision will be in effect until the 2008 Annual Meeting and Election of officers of Elmhurst Lodge No. 941.

Brother D.L.B. presented a fifteen page appeal to the committee, and, after reading this in great detail, talking to members of the lodge and consulting with the Grand Master on his understanding and position in the matter, it appears to this Committee that Brother D.L.B. did, on at least three occasions, have a detrimental effect on the harmony of the Lodge and ability of its Master and officers to conduct the business of the Lodge. Brother D.L.B.’s conduct was such that the exercise of the Grand Lodge’s original, exclusive and supreme jurisdiction to reprimand, suspend or expel any member of any lodge for any unmasonic conduct, (Constitution, Section 3, “Sovereignty of the Grand Lodge”, subparagraph I), was justified, and the Committee believes that the Grand Master acted appropriately in removing Brother D.L.B. from his office of Senior Warden.

Brother D.L.B. stated that the Grand Master would not give him time to explain his story, but in fact the Grand Master talked with him on three occasions, one of which lasted for 45 minutes.

Brother D.L.B. was removed from office on August 20, 2008 and the Annual meeting of the Lodge is November 11, 2008 at which time his name can be suggested for office in the lodge.

The Committee believes the Grand Master was very lenient in his decision by only removing the Senior Warden from office for a short period of time and giving him a chance to stand for election at the annual meeting.

*Based on the foregoing, the Committee recommended the Appeal of Brother D.L.B. be denied and the action by the Grand Master be upheld.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Gerald D. Carlton, Chrm Elmer W. Gielow Steven B. Bashaw
A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Appeals and Grievances Committee Report as given. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge to deny the appeal and up-hold the action of the Grand Master.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: At this time we will call Brother Benny Grisham for the Foreign Jurisdictions Committee Report.

BENNY L. GRISHAM, GS, PGM: Prior to going through our recommendations, I would remind you that last year we passed a code that required any appendant body in the State of Illinois who wished to be recognized as an Appendant Body, would file a form with the Grand Lodge thirty days in advance of Grand Lodge Session to be considered for recognition. We received one late, and in fact there are about four organizations that we have previously recognized that we did not receive a form for, but what I would like explain is, even though they may not be recommended on our list it does not have any huge ramifications. They are still going to operate in the State of Illinois, it is just that we haven’t officially recognized them yet, as an appendant body.

In saying that, I will preface my report, with first a recommendation to remove certain resolutions from our code book. I will place these as a group so we will not have to have a separate vote to remove them.

A resolution was adopted on October 5, 2002 to recognize the Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots.
A resolution was adopted on October 8, 2005 to recognize the Yeoman of York.
A resolution was adopted on October 8, 2005 to recognize the University Masons.
A resolution was adopted on October 6, 2006 to recognize the Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers.

A motion was made and seconded to remove these resolutions from our code book. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.
REPORT OF FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois.

Your committee offers recommendations for recognition of the following organizations now operating in Illinois. Each has submitted in proper form the documents required for consideration of recognition as required by Code 463A.

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<td>The Grand Council of Knight Masons</td>
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<td>Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis</td>
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<td>National Sojourners</td>
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<td>Grand Court of Illinois, Order of Amaranth</td>
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<td>Illinois Priory No 11, Knights of the York Cross of Honour</td>
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<td>Grand Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill</td>
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A motion was made and seconded to approve recognition of the bodies named above. After discussion the motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

A motion was made and seconded to withhold recognition of the following organization until a later date. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

National Court Royal Order of Jesters Chartered 1911
Grand Lodge of Montenegro:

This Grand Lodge was legally consecrated by several European Grand Masters on May 12, 2007, from three lodges that worked under the auspices of the Regular Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia and was chartered by the United Grand Lodge of Germany.

The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America reported in their annual report of February 2008 that the Commission is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Montenegro meets the criteria for regularity and recognition.

It is the recommendation of our committee that formal Masonic recognition be granted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois A.F. & A.M. at this time.

**The Grand Lodge voted to approve recognition.**

Grand Lodge of Moldavia:

The Grand Lodge of Moldavia was established by officers of the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy on October 15, 1999, in the city of Moldavia. This Grand Lodge has seventeen lodges and 210 members and is recognized by 42 Grand Lodges.

The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America reported in their annual report of February 2003 that the Commission was of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Moldavia did not meet the criteria for regularity and recognition. The Grand Lodge of Moldavia has not since re-applied for recognition.

Following our policy of only recognizing Grand Lodges which have been recommended by The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons, it is the recommendation of our committee that this request be denied until a favorable recommendation is made by the Commission.

**The Grand Lodge voted to deny recognition.**
Respectively submitted:
Benny L. Grisham, PGM and Chairman; L. Wayne Blair, PGM; Norman R. Buecker, PGM; J. Garrie Burr, PGM; James E. Durbin, PGM; Robert E. Ford, PGM; Lawrence D. Inglis, PGM; John R. Louden, PGM; David W. Miller, PGM; E Gene Ross, PGM; Charles H. Sullins, PGM; Noel C. Dicks, PGM.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Foreign Jurisdictions Committee Report as given. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: We had a Blood Drive downstairs yesterday, as we do every year. The goal of the Committee and the representatives was to get 30 pints of blood. Brethren I want to thank you, they actually took in 49 pints of blood yesterday.

Brother Grand Marshal, please conduct the Grand Lecturers, Certified Lecturer, and Certified Lodge Instructors into the hall. At this time we will have the announcement of their names and present their certificates and aprons.

Certified Lodge Instructors, Grand Lecturers, and Certified Lecturers were conducted into the lodge room, Introduced and presented their aprons.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: This is a proud day to see these gentleman here. Congratulations and we thank you very much.

We will now have Brother Paul Scheeler come forward to make some comments about the presentation of the Eureka Challenge.

MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE
EUREKA CHALLENGE STATE COMPETITION

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois:

Since 2003, the Masonic knowledge proficiency competition, the Eureka Challenge, has served as an educational platform that can be used to convey any subject matter the Grand Lodge wishes to impart to
Blue Lodge members. A lodge participating in the first round qualifies for one of the secondary requirements in the Grand Master’s Award of Excellence.

Two in five or a total of 207 lodges representing 69 of the state’s 85 districts participated in the first round this year. About three-fourths of lodges are repeat entrants, suggesting that this activity is a regular component of many Masters’ annual programs. Inter-lodge rivalries have developed with large turnout and visitations by nearby lodges to monitor their competitors’ performance. While most District Champions posted perfect 100-point scores and very fast times, the overall average score was 90 and average time was a record 8 minutes 30 seconds, suggesting that many participants are honing their strategies and teamwork.

Questions and answers for 2008 were taken from the set of five Intender handbooks available from the Grand Secretary’s Office. First round questions were taken from the Entered Apprentice sections, second round questions from the Fellowcraft’s Handbook and Fellowcraft section of the Intender’s Handbook, and third round questions from the Master Mason sections.

The five lodges which posted perfect 100-point scores and the fastest times in their areas participated in the third round, which is now conducted in Area Champion lodges during August and September in order to enhance participation and reduce travel expenses. The third round is conducted under the same rules governing the first and second rounds, with visitors from other lodges free to observe the competition. The third round results for the five Area Champions were as follows:

**Awards were presented to the Area Finalist for the 2008 Eureka Challenge State Championship**

*Winners as follows:*

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Finishing in First Place and three time repeat Champion:

2008 EUREKA CHALLENGE STATE CHAMPION

1st Place – Northeast Crete Lodge No. 763 100 2.22

The theme for the 2009 Eureka Challenge is the history of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with questions based on content from the Grand Lodge proceedings. In the first round, questions will be based on the proceedings from the years 1951 to 2000, specifically significant facts and notable developments highlighted in the annual reports of the Grand Officers, especially the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, plus major committee reports, and other significant items noted elsewhere in the proceedings. Second round questions will be taken from the proceedings from 1901 to 1950. Third round questions will be taken from the proceedings for 1840 to 1900.

We appreciate the many positive comments from participants and hope that more lodges will compete in the Eureka Challenge as we endeavor to keep the content challenging and educational.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Scheeler, Eureka Challenge Coordinator

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Thank you Paul for all your efforts. What a great program that we all enjoy. I will now call on Brother Barry D. Weer for the presentation of the Lodge Competition Awards.

BARRY D. WEER, JGW: Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren. I am delighted to have the opportunity to recognize the Lodge Officer Competition award winners this year. The competition was held on, Opening the lodge 1, 2, 3; Receiving the District Deputy Grand Master; and Closing in Short Form. This year’s competition is going to be held on the same basis and certainly I would urge all lodges to consider the opportunity to compete. As we have had feed back on the various lodges that did compete, we discovered that no only did it assist in raising the proficiency of the seated officers in the lodge, but brought about many opportunities to insure comradery and working towards a common goal amongst the officers, and was found to be a very valuable event even if you do not go on into the area and
ultimately state competition. I would like to now recognize the 5 highest point totals that resulted from the competition as was judged by the members of the Board of Grand Examiners in the various areas of the state. We congratulate all of the lodges that participated.

### 2008 LODGE OFFICER COMPETITION

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### 2008 LODGE OFFICER COMPETITION

**STATE CHAMPION**

Blue Mound Lodge No. 682 – Eastern Area

Awards were presented to the Area Finalist and the State Winner for the 2008 Lodge Officer Competition

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: We have several additional business items to complete and a number of reports to approve. Since many of these reports have been printed in the Preliminary Reports Book, I hope that you have read the reports and are ready to approve or reject them. In the interest of time on several of these I will ask that they be approved as printed. I will now ask Bro. Dick Carroll, Chairman for the Credentials Report.

### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Attendance Summary presented at Grand Lodge 2008

Grand Lodge Officers ................................................................. 36
Representatives of Other Grand Lodges ...................................... 86
Area Deputy Grand Masters ...................................................... 5
Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters ........................................... 15
District Deputy Grand Masters ................................................. 77
Members of Grand Lodge Committees ......................................... 115
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**Representatives of Lodges**

- Worshipful Masters ................................................................. 440
- Senior Wardens ............................................................................. 293
- Junior Wardens ............................................................................. 257
- Visitors ............................................................................................ 0
- Total In Attendance ......................................................................... 1324
- Lodges Represented ........................................................................ 491
- Lodges Not Represented ................................................................. 26

**Past Grand Masters**

- M. W. Past Grand Master 1986-1987 ......... Lawrence D. Inglis
- M. W. Past Grand Master 2003 .................. Charles H. Sullins
- M. W. Past Grand Master 2004-2005 .......... David W. Miller
- M. W. Past Grand Master 2006-2007 .......... Noel C. Dicks

**Grand Lodge Officers**

- M. W. Grand Master .............................................................. Daniel C. Yandel
- R. W. Deputy Grand Master .......................... Richard L. Swaney
- R. W. Senior Grand Warden ......................... Terry L. Seward
- R. W. Junior Grand Warden .......................... Barry D. Weer
- R. W. Grand Treasurer ................................. David W. Miller, PGM
- R. W. Grand Secretary ................................. Benny L. Grisham, PGM
- W. Senior Grand Deacon ............................... Anthony R. Cracco
- W. Junior Grand Deacon ................................ Greg Clark
- W. Deputy Grand Secretary ......................... Franklin E. Cline
- W. Grand Pursuivant ................................. Ronald E. Ganschow
- W. Grand Marshal ................................................... William E. Alwerdt
- W. Grand Standard Bearer ......................... Dana Barlow
- R. W. Grand Chaplain ........................................ Cary M. Willis
- W. Grand Steward ................................................... Keith L. Coons
- W. Grand Steward ................................................... Kenneth R. Pfeifer
- W. Grand Steward ................................................... James O. Shrum
- W. Grand Steward ................................................... Daniel S. Yandel
- Bro. Grand Tyler ............................................................... Jeff Derrick
Bro. Asst. Grand Tyler ........................................... Donald D. Kalenick
Grand Organist .................................................... Thomas R. Osborne, Jr.
Asst. Grand Organist ............................................. Jeffrey W. Miller
Grand Soloist ...................................................... Russell A. McCulley
Grand Chancellor .................................................. Howard L. Graff

Grand Lodge Standing Committees

**Appeals and Grievances** – Chairman .................. Gerald D. Carlton
Steve Bashaw Elmer W. Gielow

**Correspondence** – Chairman .............................. Cecil R. Bradley

**Credentials** – Chairman ................................. Dick J. Carroll
Elmer 'Mac' McIntosh James W. Patton
Kenneth W. Smith Herschel O. Thomas
Arthur W. Williams Earl F. Wys
Tom Yingling

**Finance** – Chairman ........................................... David L. Brumme
Troy L. Mallory L. Milton McClure

**Foreign Jurisdictions** – Chairman ....................... Benny L. Grisham
Norman R. Buecker Noel C. Dicks
Robert E. Ford Lawrence D. Inglis
David W. Miller Charles H. Sullins

**Bd of Grand Examiners** – Chairman .................. Gary L. McGowan
Robert T. Fischer Michael E. Jackson
David L. Logan John W. Miller
Edwin A. Robinson James D. Williams
Joseph A. Ward

**Grand Masters Report** – Chairman .................. Johnathan E. Barnes

**Illinois Masonic Charities** – Chairman ................ Howard L. Graff
Harry B. Dietrich

**Illinois Masonic Foundation** – Chairman .................. Noel J. Kalis
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Angelo S. Deserio Denver L. Tolbert

**Investment Advisory** – Chairman ........................... David L. Brumme
Troy L. Mallory L. Milton McClure
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Norman R. Buecker
William J. Warmoth

Legislation – Chairman ........................................ James L. Tungate
John T. Phillips
Thomas P. Sorensen

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Benny L. Grisham
Barry D. Weer
David W. Sullivan

Board of Mgrs, IMCH - La Grange
Wayne H. Austin
Fred J. Martin
Stanley P. Boyd

Board of Mgrs, IMCH - Murphysboro
Dale E. Adams
Merle 'Bud' Tate

Masonic Education
Johnathan E. Barnes
Paul A. Scheeler

Mileage & Per Diem – Chairman.......................... Robert H. Wright
Peter J. Allard, Sr.
Don F. Lair, Sr.
J. Robert Stockner
Lars LaBounty
James W. Reder, Sr.
James W. Weekly

Obituaries – Chairman ........................................ Tom O'Connor

Petitions – Chairman ........................................... Hugh A. Cole

Grand Lodge Special Committees

Academic Bowl – Chairman ................................. Dale F. Thayer
Jim Albsmeyer
Ronald D. Croy
Larry E. Lawson
O. Perry Steward
Thomas O. Warner, Sr.
Ronald V. Cronau
Jeffery J. Fox
Robert F. Raukohl
Steve Walker

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Leonard E. Stoecker

Blue Lightning
William E. Alwerdt; E
William H. Brown; NE
John M. Essig; N
Robert L. Broaddus; S
James H. Davis; W
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Coins for Children – Chairman..........................Paul E. Mealiff
Jay Sade
Randy M. Zaerr

General Counsel...........................................William J. Warmoth

Grand Lodge Arrangements – Chairman...............Gregory R. Klemm
Stanley P. Boyd
Lee Bradley
Paul D. Lynch, Jr.
David K. Poffenbarger
Daryl W. Selock

IL CHIP – Chairman........................................Steven L. Walls
Richard L. Burton
Jethroe J. Smith
Cary M. Willis

Insurance
G. Joseph Black
Andy Hassan

Leadership Development
John D. Dorner

Masonic Awareness – Chairman..........................Eric M. Noyd
Pat Antos
J. Thomas Barrett
Patrick G. Baughman
Darrell A. Hamilton

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William J. Hussey, Jr.
Howard E. Schermerhorn
Richard H. Sobotta

Newsletter Editorial – Chairman..........................Clarence Casson

Public Relations – Chairman..............................Richard E. Kohn
Jim L. Grimm

Speakers Bureau
Ira S. Gilbert

Unfinished Work – Chairman............................Greg Clark

Youth Activities
William D. Graber
David K. Poffenbarger
Area Deputy Grand Masters

Northeastern.................................................................Phil Wallin
Northern.................................................................John W. Bracken
Southern.................................................................Steve Oakley
Eastern .................................................................Tracy L. Bandy
Western.................................................................Paul Gossett

Assistant Area & District Deputy Grand Masters

Northeastern
Assistant Area..........................................................David P. Lynch
Assistant Area..............................................................Nelson J. Mack, Jr.
Assistant Area..........................................................Robert D. Nielsen, II
District Deputy – 1 NE.................................................Danny Saturno
District Deputy – 2 NE...................................................Roman S. Tapkowski
District Deputy – 3 NE...................................................Joseph W. Pegoraro
District Deputy – 4 NE...................................................William A. Bussiere
District Deputy – 5 NE...................................................Russell E. Johnson
District Deputy – 6 NE...................................................Allen R. Lichter
District Deputy – 7 NE...................................................John H. Brandenburg
District Deputy – 8 NE.....................................................Clarence Casson
District Deputy – 9 NE...................................................John W. Stice
District Deputy – 10 NE...................................................George Kerr
District Deputy – 11 NE.....................................................Mark R. Entwistle
District Deputy – 12 NE.......................................................Gary W. Haire

Northern
Assistant Area..............................................................Jack S. Baylor
Assistant Area.................................................................Richard C. Kayser
Assistant Area.................................................................Lawrence L. E. Smith
District Deputy – 1 N.......................................................Harold D. Atherton, Jr.
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District Deputy – 16 N............................. Richard L. Burton
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Southern
Assistant Area..................................... Ray Chaney
Assistant Area..................................... David L. Harris
Assistant Area..................................... Merle 'Bud' Tate
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Eastern
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Western

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Grand Representatives near Illinois

Africa (Burkina Faso) ........................................ Richard E. Yena
Africa (Congo) ............................................... Michael E. Jackson
Africa (Ivory Coast) ........................................ A. J. Horstmeyer
Africa (West Africa, Senegal) ......................... Tom Yingling
Argentina ....................................................... David L. Logan
Arizona ........................................................ Ray Chaney
Belgium (Reg. G.L.) ................................................. Jack Hall
Bolivia .......................................................... Jesse R. Higginson
Brazil (Acre) ...................................................... Scott B. Melbert
Brazil (Alagoas) ................................................. William J. Warmoth
Brazil (Amazonas-Glomam) ................................ L. Milton Mc Clure
Brazil (Bahia) ..................................................... John C. Loayza, Sr.
Brazil (Ceara) ...................................................... Clifford C. Sullivan
Brazil (Paraiba) ................................................... Gary L. Mc Gowan
Brazil (Rio de Janeiro) ........................................... John C. Loayza, Jr.
Brazil (Santa Catarina) ......................................... Joseph A. Ward
Brazil (Sao Paulo) ................................................ Sal J. De Cola
Bulgaria .......................................................... Jim L. Grimm
Canada (Alberta) .................................................. Jerry G. Osborne
Canada (British Columbia & Yukon) ....................... Neil E. Richards
Canada (Manitoba) ............................................... Wendell Walch
Canada (Quebec) .................................................. Phil Wallin
Colombia (Barranquilla) ....................................... William D. Graber
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Colombia (Cali) .................................................... George H. Wright
Colombia (Cartagena) ......................................... Daniel C. Yandel
Colorado ........................................................... Wayne C. Temple
Connecticut ........................................................ Samuel H. Spector
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Delaware ............................................................ James W. Patton
District of Columbia ............................................ Benny L. Grisham
Dominican Republic ............................................. Melvin L. Parker
Ecuador (G.L. Del) ............................................... Charles R. Kirby
England .......................................................... Clarence Casson
Georgia ............................................................ Alvie L. Green
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Iceland .............................................................. Rick Swaney
India ............................................................... Hugh A. Cole
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Italy ............................................................... Domenico Mancini
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Mexico (Occidental Mexicana) ......................... Harry B. Dietrich
Mexico (Sinaloa) .................................. Franklin E. Cline
Mexico (Valle De Mexico) ............................. Howard L. Graff
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New Zealand ........................................ Anthony R. Cracco
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Russia .............................................. Eugene Steingold
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A motion was made, and seconded to adopt the Credentials Committee Report as given. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: I will now call on Terry Seward to make the presentation for the Award of Excellence recipients.

TERRY L. SEWARD, SGW: Brethren as you all know the Grand Master’s Award of Excellence Program is designed to help your lodges improve. That is the real purpose of that program. We had 53 lodges that qualified for the Award of Excellence this year, 67 total had entered it and there were several who achieved the Meritorious Service and the Honorable Mention Awards.

The Grand Master presented each of the lodges that qualified for the Grand Master’s Award of Excellence with their certificates.

GRAND MASTER’S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Northeastern Area – Phil Wallin, ADGM

Kelvyn Park-Willing Lodge No. 1075  Wayfarers Lodge No. 1001
Berwyn Lodge No. 839  Monitor Lounsbury Lodge No. 522
Old Glory Lodge No. 141  Ravenswood Lodge No. 777
Geneva Lodge No. 139  Ben Hur Lodge No. 818
Millburn Lodge No. 127  Paul Revere Lodge No. 998
Neighbor Lodge No. 1169  Elmhurst Lodge No. 941
Palatine Lodge No. 314  Lombard Lodge No. 1098
Evergreen Park Lodge No. 1171  Hinsdale Lodge No. 934
Landmark Lodge No. 422  Pleiades Lodge No. 478
Euclid Lodge No. 65

Riverside Lodge No. 862 – Area Winner
Eastern Area – Tracy L. Bandy, ADGM

Bloomington Lodge No. 43          South Macon Lodge No. 467
Blue Mound Lodge No. 682          Arthur Lodge No. 825
Urbana Lodge No. 157             Charleston Lodge No. 35
Prairie Lodge No. 77             Normal Lodge No. 673
George A. Sentel Lodge No. 764

Empire Lodge No. 126 – 5th Place State Winner

Northern Area – John W. Bracken, ADGM

Stewart Lodge No. 92             Kendall Lodge No. 471
DeKalb Lodge No. 144             Doric Lodge No. 319
Raven Lodge No. 303              Dundee Lodge No. 190
Horicon Lodge No. 244

Lena Lodge No. 174 – 4th Place State Winner

Western Area – Paul Gossett, ADGM

Morning Star Lodge No. 734       Harmony Lodge No. 3
T. J. Pickett Lodge No. 307

Alpha Lodge No. 155 – 3rd Place State Winner

Southern Area – Steve Oakley, ADGM

Chester Lodge No. 72             Sumner Lodge No. 334
West Salem Lodge No. 866         Robinson Lodge No. 250
Cobden Lodge No. 466             Gothic Lodge No. 852
Hermitage Lodge No. 356          Columbia Lodge No. 474
Palestine Lodge No. 849

Gilham Lodge No. 809 – 2nd Place State Winner

1st PLACE STATE WINNER - AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Newton Lodge No. 216
(Newton, Illinois - Southern Area)
DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Brethren this is a program that can only help your lodge. You take part in this whether you win the top award or any of the awards you qualify for, your lodge has gained just be taking part in this program. It is very important to the health of our lodges.

I will now read a list of the reports which we will ask be approved as printed in the Preliminary Reports Book. Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Blood Sharing, Correspondence, Grand Examiners, Board of Mgrs IMCH-LaGrange, Board of Mgrs IMCH-Murphysboro, Board of Mgrs Mason Point, Jurisprudence, Academic Bowl, Coins for Children, Daniel Carter Beard Scouter Award, IL CHIP, Insurance, Leadership, Masonic Foundation, Newsletter Editorial, Public Relations, Speakers Bureau, Unfinished Work and Youth Activities.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Committee Reports that were printed in the Preliminary Reports booklet, but that had not yet been presented. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

GRAND SECRETARY’S REPORT

To the Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

I herewith submit this report of my activities as Grand Secretary for the 2007/2008 Masonic year.

This year our office has continued to review necessary operations for efficient and essential needs of the officers, Lodges and the fraternity as a whole. We continue to modify procedures and policies to remain at the forefront of Grand Lodge operations. All code required duties for the Grand Lodge, and necessary duties to operate an efficient office have again been completed by me and our very competent staff. We continue to produce printed products in house to allow us to control the inventory and reduce the cost to operate the office. Many items have been added to the inventory of our Masonic store to provide our lodges with an economical source of needed supplies. Our office has several dedicated and talented employees who perform their duties promptly with courtesy and with efficiency. Many of our Lodge secretaries continually remind me of the friendly, cooperative manner in which the
staff serves their Lodge and the Grand Lodge. It is always good to hear
good remarks about the staff and the services our office provides.

Grand Secretary Workshops were conducted around the state at;
Gillespie, Sesser, Rochelle, Sullivan, Galesburg and Westchester.
These workshops provide an opportunity for direct questioning to me
as the presenter. Not only the attendees have the opportunity to learn at
these schools, I have found over the years that I learn as much about the
Secretary’s problems and needs as they learn from me. The total
attendance at our schools exceeded 400 secretaries, officers and
members of lodges. The presentations about the bylaws and the
questions brought forth by our Secretaries have been recognized by the
Grand Officers, who have encouraged our Area, Assistant and District
Deputies to attend as well. I sincerely thank the lodges listed above for
the use of their buildings and for acting as the host for our schools
during the past year. Without the assistance of the lodges these schools
cannot be successful.

This past year we have continued to update many of the office
procedures and reduce much of the required paperwork. The daily
information shared by e-mail continues to increase. We now have over
350 of our lodge secretaries with computers and working on line,
saving much time and postage expense for the Grand Lodge and their
lodges. As computer operating systems continually change, we have
tried to keep up with our Local Lodge program. The new Vista
operating system has been very challenging but we are about to make
available the new loader for this new operating system.

I continually request that our lodge secretaries and officers participate
in the submission of amendments to the Constitutions and Bylaws to
better our fraternity.

We have again provided each Grand Officer, Committee Chairman,
ADGM, AADGM, and DDGM with Grand Lodge letterhead,
envelopes, name badges and business cards, all produced by the office
of the Grand Secretary. We continue to offer additional products to our
lodges, such as business cards in small quantities and other business
needs. We continue to provide the form filler program for the lodges,
allowing them to print their own forms or to e-mail the forms to us after
completing them online.
We continue our program of sending a letter and a return postcard to each new widow. If requested by the widow, we will send a memorial bible, quarterly copies of Illinois Freemasonry and a birthday card to those wishing to stay in contact with the Grand Lodge. Although the process has created extra workload in the office, it is most gratifying and heartening to read the responses from our Brother’s widows after they have received the memorial bible.

We have incorporated the widows program into the local lodge program so widow data can be shared with the lodges who utilize the local lodge program.

The staff in the Office of the Grand Secretary provides efficient services for our officers, lodges and the entire Fraternity in the state. We strive to be efficient and effective in the delivery of these necessary services while we present a friendly attitude to all inquires.

**Membership Statistics**

*June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008*

- Beginning Membership ........................................ 71236
- Raised ................................................................. 1200
- Reinstated ............................................................ 200
- Suspended ............................................................... 549
- Deceased ................................................................. 2368
- Ending Membership ................................................. 69703
- Life Members .......................................................... 17532
- Fifty Year Members .................................................. 6354

Following this report, in the Grand Treasurer’s and Finance Committee report are the General fund budget and the report on last years income and expenses.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren, it has indeed been an honor and my pleasure to have the opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge of Illinois as Grand Secretary during the Past Year.

Fraternally,

Benny L. Grisham, PGM
Grand Secretary
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
Article 4, 7, 8 and 14 Action Taken by Lodges

At the October 2007 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, a proposal to amend Articles 4, 7, 8 and 14 of the Constitution and By-laws was presented. A motion was made, duly seconded, and approved by majority vote of the delegates present that a ballot be prepared and distributed to the several lodges for their ratification or rejection of these proposals in accordance with Article 97 of the Constitution and By-laws.

Of the 531 lodges eligible to vote on Articles 4, 7, 8 and 14 of the Constitution, 310 voted in the affirmative, 178 rejected the amendment, 43 lodges abstained. The amendment failed.

MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT FUNDS

2007-2008 Contributions and Bequests

(Summary for year ending August 31, 2008)

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| Proceedings of Oct 11, |
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(Included in Lodge Totals)

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In Memory of Lee R. Stout
By James L. Stout, #72 to IMH ........................................... 500.00

In Memory of Eleven Brothers
By Jack A. Buzbee, #287 to HEF ........................................ 1,200.00

In Memory of Robert E. Doetschman
By Kendall Lodge #471 to IMH ......................................... 1,080.00

Richard J. Stephenson, #522 to HEF ................................ 1,000.00

In Memory of Walter Wright
By Edwin D. Magnuson, #587 to IMH .................................. 500.00

APPENDANT BODIES

14th Northeastern District Deputies to HEF ..................... 2,511.52

5th Southern District to IMCH ...................................... 959.19
Collinsville, Marine, Gothic

Illinois York College No. 15 to IMH ............................... 300.00

Masonic Family Health Foundation, Inc. to IMCH ........ 50,000.00

Morris Shrine Club to IMCH ......................................... 500.00

Naperville Masonic Temple Assoc. to HEF ...................... 5,000.00

Operating Engineers Square Club to HEF ....................... 1,000.00

Tri-County Square & Compasses Club to HEF ................. 25.00

White Shrine Assoc Northern Illinois to IMH ................... 100.00
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GRAND TREASURER’S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois,

It is with pleasure I submit to you the report of the Grand Treasurer with a detailed accounting of the estimated income and disbursements of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008. The audited annual report for the period September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008 will be published in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

For the year just ended we have continued to rely on the recommendations of the Investment Advisory Committee and the firm of RSM McGladrey regarding Money Managers and investment strategies for the funds of your Grand Lodge. The monthly reports prepared by RSM McGladrey are of great value to the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors.

The past fiscal year was an extremely harsh period for investors globally. The Standard and Poors 500 Index posted an 11.91 % loss for the first half of calendar 2008. A sharp increase in crude oil prices and
other commodities exacerbated the continuing problems faced by the
global economy resulting from crises in the credit and housing markets. 
Add in a weak dollar, declines in consumer confidence, as well as
prospects for lower corporate profitability and you had the recipe for a
dismal period for most equities globally. This market environment was
particularly challenging for investors employing a long-term strategy
such as ours.

Despite all the problems outlined above, we were able to fund all of the
Grand Lodge charities and show only a modest decrease in overall
value of 4.7% to a total in all funds of $141.1 million. We owe a debt
of gratitude to all of the members of the Investment Advisory
Committee who give of their time and expertise to guide this process.
Their efforts are to be commended.

Thank you brethren for allowing me to continue to serve you as Grand
Treasurer of our Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move
that this Grand Lodge accept the report of the Grand Treasurer as
printed in the Preliminary Reports.

Respectfully submitted,
David W. Miller, PGM
Grand Treasurer

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## Coins for Children Income
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- **Actual:** -$13,108

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- **Budget:** 18,000
- **Actual:** 18,000

## Due from Gallop
- **Budget:** -18,000
- **Actual:** -18,000

### Subtotals
- **Budget:** $319,900
- **Actual:** $275,885

## Grand Lodge Operations

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**Subtotals**

- $ 183,600
- $ 154,970

### Grand Secretary Office Operations

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REPORT OF THE BLOOD SHARING COMMITTEE

Most Worshipful Grand Master Yandel:

The lodges listed are those lodges that responded with a report up to July 31, 2008.

Sixty eight lodges reported participating in blood donation/blood drive activities as compared to forty nine last year for an increase of 37 percent over last year. Local blood centers expressed sincere gratitude to our fraternity for helping to stabilize the local blood supply.

This year our lodges did an excellent job of tracking blood donations by our members and their family members. We were able to record a total of 1226 donations made during the past year. Since one unit of blood can save up to three lives, our great fraternity possibly helped over three thousand six hundred individuals.
I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all brethren and their family members who donated life saving blood and platelets to those in need. To all of the lodges who held blood drives or assisted at local community drives, congratulations for a job well done.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Lucchesi, Chairman

**Participating Lodges & Locations**

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Eureka Lodge No. 69 (Milan)  
Evergreen Park Lodge No. 1171 (Tinley Park)  
Excelsior Lodge No. 97 (Freeport)  
George A. Sentel Lodge No. 764 (Sullivan)  
Gibson Lodge No. 733 (Gibson City)  
Gilham Lodge No. 809 (Mulberry Grove)  
Glen Ellyn Lodge No. 950 (Wheaton)  
Gothic Lodge No. 852 (Fairview Heights)  
Greenup Lodge No. 125 (Greenup)  
Henderson Lodge No. 820 (Kenney)  
Hesperia Lodge No. 411 (Chicago)  
Hinsdale Lodge No. 934 (Hinsdale)  
Horeb Lodge No. 363 (Elmwood)  
Hurst Lodge No. 1004 (Hurst)  
Akin Lodge No. 749 (Thompsonville)  
Arcola Lodge No. 366 (Arcola)  

Pawnee Lodge No. 675 (Pawnee)  
Perry Lodge No. 95 (Perry)  
Pleasant Plains Lodge No. 700 (Pleasant Plains)  
Pleiades Lodge No. 478 (Westchester)  
Rio Lodge No. 685 (Rio)  
Riverside Lodge No. 862 (Riverside)  
Riverton-Lavely Lodge No. 786 (Riverton)  
Rochester Lodge No. 635 (Rochester)  
Shipman Lodge No. 212 (Shipman)  
Springfield Lodge No. 4 (Springfield)  
St. Paul's Lodge No. 500 (Springfield)  
T.J. Pickett Lodge No. 307 (Bushnell)  
Tuscola Lodge No. 332 (Tuscola)  
Tyrian Lodge No. 333 (Springfield)  
Van Meter Lodge No. 762 (Athens)  
Virginia Lodge No. 544 (Virginia)  
Western Springs No. 1136 (Western Springs)  
Wilmette Park Lodge No. 931 (Wilmette)  
Integrity Lodge No. 997 (Skokie)  
Kelvyn Park-Willing Lodge No. 1075 (Chicago)  

Total Participating Lodges: 68  
Total Units Collected – 1226
CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

First I would like to thank The Most Worshipful Grand Master for this appointment. I have had the pleasure to serve as the Correspondence Committee Chairman for this year, as such I have reviewed many Grand Lodge proceedings from all over the world. I have found that all the Grand Lodges have similar problems, and are trying to solve them in much the same ways. I have found that in Illinois we are at the forefront of most programs, sometimes I could have been reading a history of Illinois Masonry when I was reading other Grand Lodge proceedings. We have a very progressive group of Grand Officers, that are working every day to improve our Grand Lodge.

When I accepted this appointment I did not know much about this committee or what it should do, I decided that it should review the proceedings from other Grand jurisdictions and make recommendations to the Grand Lodge Officers during the year. I have tried to look for common problems and the different methods of solving them, and also for unusual, and unique programs.

One problem that every Grand Lodge has in common is suspensions for non payment of dues. Most Grand Lodges are seeing this problem slowing, and most are hoping and expecting their memberships to start increasing in the near future.

Most Grand Lodges are having problems with their retirement homes, these vary from costs that are too high compared to private care, to locations that are not as convenient as they were 100 years ago, to buildings that are obsolete and cost prohibitive to repair. I am sure that our Grand Officers can and will be talking about this a lot this year.

The following are a few of the interesting items that other Grand Lodges are trying.

- The Grand Lodge of Kansas does its ceremonies (rededications, etc.) while open on the First Degree.
- The Grand Lodge of Ohio has passed legislation to allow lodges to do business on any of the three degrees, at the discretion of the Master.
- The Grand Lodges of Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska hold high school band camps, it appears with great success, Kansas had 230 attend their 23rd annual camp.
The Constitution and Regulations indicates (Ref: R3.6.11) that all business of the Lodge may be conducted in the First Degree of Freemasonry at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

Excerpt from the Grand Masters message

It was my privilege and distinct honor, at the request of Griesbach Lodge, to issue an especial dispensation for a Past Master of that Lodge to carry a document of dispensation with him to Afghanistan whereby he, together with other members of that Lodge serving there, and with other Freemasons who may be present, can meet together as Freemasons in a Lodge convened, with the clear stipulation that no man may be made a mason, passed or raised while so convened. Also, because such a meeting would be held under the Charter of Griesbach Lodge, the minutes of any meeting so held shall be dispatched to the mother Lodge as expeditiously as possible.

Nevada

Lodges in Nevada are mandated to open on the lowest degree of attendee. EA or FC cannot visit another lodge without a Master Mason, of his home lodge, in attendance with him.

They use youth groups to help with their Child ID program, they have also done these events at Shrine Circus events.

Indiana

Their retirement home cost is $73,292.00 per person per year.

Utah

WHEREAS, Title III B Regulations Relative to Lodges, Chapter III -Meetings, Section 3-3-1 B Kinds, Paragraph (a) was revised during the 1990 Grand Lodge Proceedings to allow Lodges to hold Regular Business Meetings on the Entered Apprentice Degree. And, also revised during the 2001 Grand Lodge Proceedings to allow Lodges to hold Regular Business Meetings on the Fellowcraft Degree

New Hampshire

The cost for their retirement home is about $59,000 per person per year.
Rhode Island

Walter W. Farnum Fund - The income from this fund is to be used to assist in part or in whole to pay the cost of nursing home care for any needy member of any Rhode Island Masonic Lodge or their widows who are being cared for in a public or private institution in the state of Rhode Island.

Maine

Maine has invited students from one of the Universities to a fellowship night, there were several that accepted the invitation. The results were not complete at the time of their Grand Lodge but were promising.

Iowa

Iowa has had success with pocket petitions. Most of their petitions are received on pocket petitions. Approximately 50% of the operating income of the nursing home comes from Medicaid funds. Their Masonic Home has a cost of $152.00 per day per resident, with Medicaid paying $135.33 per day for those that qualify, with a difference of $16.67.

New Mexico

They are using the Scottish Rite Journal to publish their magazine, at this time they are not saving any money but the Scottish Rite tells them that as more jurisdictions use this method the cost will go down.

A quote from the Grand Masters address, “The lack of membership is the symptom, not the problem”.

Masonry around the World is doing well, the membership continues to decline but the decline is slowing. The finances allow for the things to be done that need to be done. There are a variety of programs being used to address the problems that exist with many success stories to be told. The work of Masonry goes on, there is still much to do, for the work of Masonry will never be done, as long as the cry of the widow, and orphan can still be heard. While we maintain our principles there will always be good men willing to answer the call. We must ready, and willing to accept them into our Fraternity and put them to work.

Submitted,
Cecil R. Bradley, Chairman
SUMMARY OF GRAND LECTURERS SCHOOLS

October 20, 2007 – Vandalia, Illinois

The first Grand Lecturers School of instruction for the 2007-2008 Masonic year was held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at Temperance Lodge No. 16, Vandalia, Illinois.

The school was opened on the 3rd Degree of Masonry in short form, with all ceremonies being exemplified.

The Board exemplified the Secretary’s Discourse and the Board of Grand Examiner’s Rod Drill. The Standard Work of the Master Mason Degree was instructed by the Board of Grand Examiners and demonstrated by Grand Lecturers and Certified Lodge Instructors.

The following brethren were in attendance:

Grand Lodge Officer: Richard L. Swaney, Deputy Grand Master
Past Grand Master: Robert E. Ford
Grand Lodge Officer Appointed: William E. Alwerdt, Grand Marshal
Grand Examiners: Gary L. McGowan, Chairman; Michael E. Jackson, Secretary; David L. Logan, Edwin A. Robinson
ADGM: Stephen F. Oakley
AADGM: David Harris
DDGM’S: A.J. Horstmeyer, Neil Richards
Grand Lodge Instructors: W. E. Alwerdt, Jim Fadely, Steve Poole, Brian Cutler, Ray Chaney
Grand Lecturers: David Harris, Tom Fassler, W. E. Alwerdt, Mark Miller, Ralph Cast, Jim Fadely, Steve Poole, Gerald Lampley, James Middleton, Dale Adams, Brian Cutler, Larry Pruitt, Ray Chaney, Ben Balicki, Charles Kirby, Russ Hankins, Bill Mygatt, Thomas Walter, Ralph Bauer, Harry Dietrich, Robert Broaddus, Patrick Henderson, Stephen Oakley, Kenneth Braye
Certified Lecturer: Curt Peterson
Certified Lodge Instructors: Rick Chamness, Rolland Ray, F. Richard Carlson, Cecil Bradley, J. C. Weems, John W. Jones, Gerald Franklin, Thomas Robertson, Melvin Greg, Randy Baird, Aaron Hardin, Richard Howe, H. Gene Markos, John Barringer
TOTALS:

Grand Lodge Officer Elected...............................................................1
Past Grand Master.................................................................................1
Grand Lodge Officer Appointed...........................................................1
Area Deputy Grand Master...................................................................1
Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master ....................................................2
District Deputy Grand Masters ..............................................................2
Grand Lodge Committee Members.......................................................3
Grand Examiners ..................................................................................4
Past Grand Examiner ............................................................................1
Grand Lodge Instructors ........................................................................5
Grand Lecturers .....................................................................................25
Certified Lecturer...................................................................................1
Certified Lodge Instructors ....................................................................14
Lodge Officers .........................................................................................7
Lodge Members .....................................................................................4
Total Attendance (less duplication) .........................................................59
Lodges Represented .............................................................................35

October 27, 2007 – Jacksonville, Illinois

The second Grand Lecturers School of instruction for the 2007-2008 Masonic year was held on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at Harmony Lodge No. 3, Jacksonville, Illinois.

The school was opened in full form on the 3rd Degree of Masonry. The Standard Work of the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees was instructed by the Board of Grand Examiners and demonstrated by Grand Lecturers and Certified Lodge Instructors.

The following brethren were in attendance:

Grand Examiners: Gary L. McGowan, Chairman; James D. Williams (acting Secretary); Robert T. Fischer; Joseph A. Ward; John W. Miller; David L. Logan
AADGM’S: James Albsmeyer, John Wilson
DDGM’S: Russell Lawson, Denver Echternkamp
Grand Lodge Instructors: Bill Coe, Ray Chaney, Michael Cox, Kenneth Overturf, Jeff Moma
Grand Lecturers: Earl Woodrum, Robert Broaddus, Bill Coe, Ray Chaney, Johnny Wagner, Michael Cox, Ralph Bauer, Ben Balicki,
Kenneth Overturf, Russell Hankins, Jerry Agles, Patrick Henderson, Charles Kirby, Mike Murphy, Jeff Moma

Certified Lecturer: Curt Peterson

Certified Lodge Instructors: F. Richard Carlson, Russell Lawson, Jay Sade, Denver Echternkamp, Michael Noyd, James Davis, Jozef Szadkowski, Melvin Gregg, Randy Baird, Aaron Hardin, H. Gene Markos, Allen Gray, John Barringer, James Albsmeyer

TOTALS:
Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters...........................................2
District Deputy Grand Masters .........................................................2
Grand Lodge Committee Members....................................................3
Grand Examiners ..............................................................................6
Grand Lodge Instructors .................................................................5
Grand Lecturers ................................................................................16
Certified Lecturers ...........................................................................1
Certified Lodge Instructors ...............................................................14
Lodge Officers ...............................................................................14
Lodge Members ..............................................................................7
Total Attendance (less duplication) .....................................................48
Lodges Represented .................................................................30


The third Grand Lecturers School of instruction for the 2007-2008 Masonic year was held on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Grove Lodge No. 824, Downers Grove, Illinois.

The school was opened on the 3rd Degree of Masonry in short form, with all ceremonies being exemplified. The Board exemplified the Secretary’s Discourse and the Board of Grand Examiner’s Rod Drill. The Standard Work of the Master Mason Degree was instructed by the Board of Grand Examiners and demonstrated by Grand Lecturers and Certified Lodge Instructors.

The following brethren were in attendance:

Grand Lodge Officer Appointed: Anthony Cracco, Senior Grand Deacon
Grand Examiners: Gary L. McGowan, Chairman; Michael E. Jackson, Secretary; Robert T. Fischer, David L. Logan
ADGM: Phil Wallin
AADGM’S: Nelson J. Mack, Richard Kayer
DDGM’S: Mark Entwistle, Joseph Pegoraro, Floyd Sullins
Grand Lodge Instructors: Floyd Sullins, Raymond Rickhoff
Grand Lecturers: Russ Hoeppner, Nick Smith, Roger Toms, Gerald Carlton, Glenn Snider, L. Patrick Clemens, Floyd Sullins, Raymond Rickhoff, Alvie Green, A. William Swope, Wayne H. Austin, Bruce A. Maxwell, John W. Essig, Lewis Heap, Roy L. Stastny, Johnathan Barnes, Wallace R. Wilson, Mohsen G. Modaresi
Grand Lecturer Emeritus: George H. Wright

TOTALS:

Grand Lodge Officer Appointed ......................................................... 1
Area Deputy Grand Master ................................................................. 1
Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters .................................................. 2
District Deputy Grand Masters ............................................................. 3
Grand Lodge Committee Members ....................................................... 6
Grand Examiners .................................................................................. 4
Grand Lodge Instructors ....................................................................... 2
Grand Lecturers ................................................................................... 19
Grand Lecturer Emeritus ..................................................................... 1
Certified Lodge Instructors ................................................................. 22
Lodge Officers ..................................................................................... 41
Lodge Members .................................................................................... 14
Total Attendance (less duplication) ....................................................... 106
Lodges Represented ............................................................................ 51

March 8, 2008 – Silvis, Illinois

The fourth and fifth Grand Lecturers Schools of instruction for the 2007-2008 Masonic year were held on the same day Saturday, March 8, 2008 at Silvis Lodge No. 898, Silvis, Illinois and at Fellowship Lodge No. 89, Marion, Illinois.

The Silvis school was opened in full form on the 3rd Degree of Masonry. The Standard Work of the Entered Apprentice and
Fellowcraft degrees was instructed by the Board of Grand Examiners and demonstrated by Grand Lecturers and Certified Lodge Instructors.

Brother Terry L. Seward, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden was in attendance and introduced.

The following brethren were in attendance:

Grand Lodge Officer: Terry L. Seward, Senior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge Officers Appointed: Anthony Cracco, Senior Grand Deacon; Dana E. Barlow, Grand Sword Bearer; James O. Shrum, Grand Steward; Keith L. Coons, Grand Steward; Daniel S. Yandel, Grand Steward; Ron Ganschow, Grand Pursuivant
Grand Examiners: Michael E. Jackson, (acting Chairman); Robert T. Fischer, (acting Secretary); Joseph A. Ward; John W. Miller
Past Grand Examiner: Terry L. Seward
ADGM: John Bracken
AADGM’S: Jack S. Baylor, Lawrence Smith
DDGM’S: Art Hamman, David Jones, Clarence Hedges, Dan Phillips, Harry Silfies, Vernon D. Kness, Orville Shoemaker, Roger Larson
Grand Lodge Instructors: James O. Shrum, Thomas Nipper, Johnny Wagner, Mike Hinds, Lawrence Smith, Dale Corrice, Kent Drawve, Arthur Hemm
Grand Lecturers: Art Hamman, A. William Swope, Reed McDaniel, James O. Shrum, Thomas Nipper, Johnny Wagner, Mike Hinds, Anthony Cracco, Lawrence Smith, Dale Corrice, Kent Drawve, Ronald Kina, Arthur Hemm
Certified Lodge Instructors: Mel Parker, Keith L. Coons, Daniel S. Yandel, Ron Ganschow, Mel Chaney, Don Archer, David Jones, Vern Prestegaard, Clarence Hedges, Glenn Bressler, Dan Phillips

TOTALS:

Grand Lodge Officer................................................................. 1
Grand Lodge Officers Appointed ............................................. 6
Area Deputy Grand Master..................................................... 1
Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master ...................................... 2
District Deputy Grand Masters ............................................... 8
Grand Lodge Committee Members......................................... 1
Grand Examiners .................................................................... 4
Past Grand Examiners ............................................................ 2
Grand Lodge Instructors.......................................................... 8
The fourth and fifth Grand Lecturers Schools of instruction for the 2007-2008 Masonic year were held on the same day Saturday, March 8, 2008 at Silvis Lodge No. 898, Silvis, Illinois and at Fellowship Lodge No. 89, Marion, Illinois. Poor weather adversely affected the attendance.

The Marion school was opened in full form on the 3rd Degree of Masonry. The Standard Work of the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees was instructed by the Board of Grand Examiners and demonstrated by Grand Lecturers and Certified Lodge Instructors.

The following brethren were in attendance:

**Grand Examiners:** Gary L. McGowan, Chairman; Edwin A. Robinson (acting Secretary), David L. Logan

**ADGM:** Stephen F. Oakley

**AADGM:** David L. Harris

**DDGM'S:** James C. Middleton, John W. Jones, Johnnie Lovell, J.C. Weems, Gene F. Horn

**Grand Lodge Instructors:** Brian Cutler, Kenneth Overturf, Steve Poole


**Certified Lecturer:** Curt Peterson

**Certified Lodge Instructors:** Gerald L. Franklin, John W. Jones, Jerry L. Liska, Johnnie R. Lovell, Thomas R. Robertson Sr., Larry Lorton, J.C. Weems, Cecil Bradley

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March 15, 2008 – Morton, Illinois

The sixth Grand Lecturers School of instruction for the 2007-2008 Masonic year was held on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at Morton Lodge No. 352, Morton, Illinois.

The school was opened on the 3rd Degree of Masonry in short form, with all ceremonies being exemplified. The Board exemplified the Secretary’s Discourse and the Board of Grand Examiner’s Rod Drill. The Standard Work of the Master Mason Degree was instructed by the Board of Grand Examiners and demonstrated by Grand Lecturers and Certified Lodge Instructors. Brothers Daniel C. Yandel, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Terry L. Seward, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden were in attendance, received and introduced.

The following brethren were in attendance:

Grand Lodge Officer: Daniel C. Yandel, Grand Master; Terry L. Seward, Senior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge Officers Appointed: Anthony R. Cracco, Junior Grand Deacon; James O. Shrum, Grand Deacon; Daniel S. Yandel, Grand Steward; Ron Ganschow, Grand Pursuivant
Grand Examiners Assigned: Gary L. McGowan, Chairman; Michael E. Jackson, Secretary; James D. Williams, Joseph A. Ward
Grand Examiner: Robert T. Fischer
Past Grand Examiners: Daniel C. Yandel, Terry L. Seward, Wilbur Sweazy, Tom Yingling, Wayne H. Austin,
ADGM: Paul G. Gosset
AADGM: Dan Briscoe
DDGM’S: David W. Jones, Denver Echternkamp, Dan Phillips, Jessie
Schmall, Russell Lawson, Clarence Hedges, Scott E. Gallion, Thomas Nipper

*Grand Lodge Instructors:* John Dorner, Kent M. Drawve, Thomas N. Nipper, James O. Shrum, Johnny A. Wagner, Mike Hinds, Dale Corrice


*Certified Lodge Instructors:* Russell A. Lawson, Jon E. Orr, Dan M. Phillips, Jerald H. Starks, Daniel S. Yandel, Clarence Hedges, Don Archer, Mel Chaney, Michael Noyd, Paul Hammelman, Thomas C. Cox, Bobbyjack Seitz, Ron Ganschow, David W. Jones, Denver Echternkamp, Harold Risinger, Jay Sade, Jozef Szadkowski, Dan Briscoe, Jesse Schmall

**TOTALS:**

- Grand Lodge Officer .................................................................................. 2
- Grand Lodge Officer Appointed .................................................................. 4
- Area Deputy Grand Master ......................................................................... 1
- Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters ...................................................... 1
- District Deputy Grand Masters .................................................................. 8
- Grand Lodge Committee Members ............................................................ 5
- Grand Examiners ....................................................................................... 5
- Past Grand Examiners ................................................................................ 5
- Grand Lodge Instructors ............................................................................ 7
- Grand Lecturers .......................................................................................... 18
- Certified Lodge Instructors ....................................................................... 20
- Lodge Officers ............................................................................................ 13
- Lodge Members .......................................................................................... 9
- Total Attendance (less duplication) .............................................................. 72
- Lodges Represented .................................................................................... 39

**April 5, 2008 – Joliet, Illinois**

The seventh Grand Lecturers School of instruction for the 2007-2008 Masonic year was held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at Matteson Lodge No. 175, Joliet, Illinois.

The Marion school was opened in full form on the 3rd Degree of Masonry. The Standard Work of the Entered Apprentice and
Fellowcraft degrees was instructed by the Board of Grand Examiners and demonstrated by Grand Lecturers and Certified Lodge Instructors. Brothers Daniel C. Yandel, Most Worshipful Grand Master was in attendance, received and introduced.

The following brethren were in attendance:

**Grand Lodge Officers:** Daniel C. Yandel, Grand Master
**Past Grand Master:** James E. Durbin
**Grand Lodge Officers Appointed:** Keith L. Coons, Grand Steward; Don Kalenick, Asst. Grand Tyler
**Grand Examiners:** Gary L. McGowan, Chairman; Michael E. Jackson, Secretary; Robert T. Fischer, David L. Logan, Edwin A. Robinson
**Past Grand Examiners:** Daniel C. Yandel, James E. Durbin, Roy L. Stastny, Wayne H. Austin,
**ADGM:** Phil Wallin
**AADGM:** Nelson J. Mack
**DDGM:** Jesse Schmall, Floyd Sullins
**Grand Lodge Instructors:** Raymond Rickhoff, Floyd Sullins, John M. Essig, L. Patrick Clemens, Jim Brown
**Grand Lecturers:** Gerald Carlton, Roy Stastny, Wayne Austin, Glenn Snider, Don Kalenick, Steve Albro, Raymond Rickhoff, Gerald Vance, Floyd Sullins, John M. Essig, L. Patrick Clemens, Russ Hoeppner, Wallace R. Wilson, Bruce A. Maxwell, Jim Brown, Lynn Linde
**Grand Lecturer Emeritus:** George Wright
**Certified Lodge Instructors:** William O’Connell, Charles Kelly Erwin, Patrick Jones, Jesse Schmall, Phil Wallin, Sal DeCola, Nelson Mack, James Essig, Paul Hammelman, Keith Coons, Edwin Hedlin, Michael Grand, Rick Taman, Wally Herr, Erlindo Derupe, Gail Adkins, Dominick Versetto, Paul Sliva, Jerald Starks

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April 19, 2008 – Decatur, Illinois

The eighth and final Grand Lecturers School of Instruction for the 2007-2008 Masonic year was held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Stephen Decatur Lodge No. 979, Decatur, Illinois.

The school was opened on the 3rd Degree of Masonry in short form, with all ceremonies being exemplified. The full Board of Grand Examiners was present and the Board exemplified the Secretary’s Discourse and the Board of Grand Examiner’s Rod Drill. Daniel C Yandel, Most Worshipful Grand Master was present, introduced, and received in proper ceremony. Brothers; Noel C. Dicks, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master were in attendance and introduced.

The following brethren were in attendance:

Grand Lodge Officers: Daniel C. Yandel, Grand Master; Rick Swaney, Deputy Grand Master; Terry L. Seward, Senior Grand Warden; David W. Miller, Grand Treasurer
Past Grand Master: David W. Miller, Noel C. Dicks
Grand Lodge Officers Appointed: William E. Alwerdt
Grand Examiners: Gary L. McGowan, Chairman; Michael E. Jackson, Secretary; Robert T. Fischer, David L. Logan, James D. Williams, Edwin A. Robinson, Joseph A. Ward, John W. Miller
Past Grand Examiners: Daniel C. Yandel, Noel C. Dicks, David W. Miller, Terry L. Seward, Wilbur H. Sweazy,
ADGM: Tracy L. Bandy
AADGM’S: James Albsmeyer, Earl Harrison
DDGM’S: Neil Richards, Ralph Portlock, A.J. Horstmeyer, William Dillon, Jesse Schmall, Johnnie Lovell,
Grand Lecturers: M.D. Cox, W.E. Alwerdt, Kenneth Braye, Jerry
Agles, Steve Albro, Robert Wright, Art Williams, Mike Murphy, Jeff Moma, John Dorner, John Nolen, Bill Coe, Jim Brown, Kenneth Smith
Certified Lodge Instructors: Rolland Ray, Jesse Schmall, Tracy Bandy, R.H. Howe, C. Kelly Erwin, Jim Albsmeyer, James Davis, Larry Lorton, Johnnie Lovell, Thomas Cox, Harold Risinger, Jon Orr, Jerald Starks

**TOTALS:**

- Grand Lodge Officer .......................................................... 4
- Past Grand Master ............................................................... 2
- Grand Lodge Officer Appointed ............................................. 1
- Area Deputy Grand Master .................................................... 1
- Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters .................................... 2
- District Deputy Grand Masters .............................................. 7
- Grand Lodge Committee Member ........................................... 3
- Grand Examiners ................................................................. 8
- Past Grand Examiner ............................................................ 5
- Grand Lodge Instructors ...................................................... 7
- Grand Lecturers ..................................................................... 14
- Certified Lodge Instructors .................................................. 13
- Lodge Officers ....................................................................... 25
- Lodge Members ..................................................................... 3
- Total Attendance (less duplication) .......................................... 54
- Lodges Represented ............................................................... 37

Respectfully submitted,
Gary L. McGowan, Chairman Robert T. Fischer, Secretary
Michael E. Jackson David L. Logan
John W. Miller Edwin A. Robinson
James D. Williams Joseph A. Ward

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE ILLINOIS MASONIC CHILDREN'S HOME -- LAGRANGE**

The Board of Managers of the Illinois Masonic Children’s Home respectively submits this 121st Annual Report of the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008.

At the Grand Lodge meeting in October, 2007, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Daniel C. Yandel appointed the following Brethren to
serve as the Board of Managers of the Illinois Masonic Children’s Home – LaGrange, and they elected the following officers:

**Chairman**
William J. Bloch – Neighbor Lodge No. 1169

**Secretary**
Stanley P. Boyd – Normal Lodge No. 673

**Treasurer**
Wayne H. Austin – Wilmington Lodge No. 208
Lawn Lodge No. 815

**Member**
L. Patrick Clemens – Rising Sun Lodge No. 115
Frederick J. Martin -- Cary-Grove Lodge No. 1157

**Establishing the Masonic Connection**

For the past several years, public relations efforts have targeted members of the Fraternity, and their Lodges. Despite our best efforts – which include regular features and news items in the Illinois Grand Lodge newsletter, less than half of the brethren are cognizant of the existence of the Children’s Home, both in LaGrange and Murphysboro.

In the past year, special efforts were directed at the Lodges in the LaGrange Home service area. Based on the feedback from the Home’s residents participation in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life program in 2007, it was determined that face-to-face contact with Lodge members provided a connection that was beneficial to both the Fraternity and the Home’s residents.

Last year, in early fall, the Home was approached by Michael Troy, a member of Tinley Park Lodge No. 810 and the President of the Southwest Side Shrine Club. Officers of Tinley Park Lodge asked about the possibility of having some of our kids volunteer at some of their Lodge’s functions. He felt that it would be a great way for Lodge members to meet and talk with the kids, as well as learn about the Home. The concept was positive! The kids were interested! The volunteer tasks were well within the kids’ capabilities.

As a result, seven kids have been helping out the Tinley Park Lodge with such things as a Pancake Breakfast in October, the Lodge
Christmas party and the Shriner’s Hospital Day in June. Feedback from the Lodge members has all been positive. In fact, the kids have been so well received that they have been asked to volunteer for future events.

Of all the comments made, the most important came from Lodge members and Shriner’s who never really knew what kind of kids we worked with and were totally surprised and impressed with the character and conduct of our kids.

**Lodge Involvement in Home Activities Increases Dramatically**

For the past couple of years, the cooperation between various area Lodges and the Home has been increasing. The past year of 2007-2008 was no exception. In fact, more area Masonic Lodges began to take an active role in sponsoring and supporting children at the Home. Picnics, pizza parties and other functions on campus backed by area Lodges has increased to the point that no single month is without a Lodge supported activity.

In addition, area Lodges have sponsored outings (including cookouts, sporting events, swim parties, trips to the auto show, circus, camp overnights, dinner parties, etc.) for the children. Several older residents have even participated in Lodge activities, including installation of officers and dinner at Paul Revere Lodge, No. 998 and Kelvyn Park – Willing Lodge, No. 1075.

The children have enjoyed the numerous opportunities to learn more about Masonry and develop positive relationships with sponsoring Lodges.

Several Lodges not only represent new interest in the Home, but also actually represent a broader geographical base of support outside of the Chicago Metro/Northeast Illinois area. They include:

- Alpha No. 155
  Galesburg, Illinois
- Geneva No. 139
  Geneva, Illinois
- Horeb No. 363
  Elmwood, Illinois
- Lincoln No. 210
  Lincoln, Illinois
- Stephen Decatur No. 979
  Decatur, Illinois
- Wilmington No. 208
  Wilmington, Illinois
Lodge Support for Education Scholarship to Six Graduating Seniors

Pleiades Lodge, No. 478 presented six graduating seniors from the Home with the Scott L. Sojka Scholarship. This was not only a very generous gift, but also was one that contributed to further advance the education for our residents. Each senior received a $500 scholarship to cover school expenses.

In the past, two previous graduates have also received this scholarship from Pleiades Lodge. One of those graduates, David Barajas, is now a member of Pleiades Lodge.

Educational scholarships are an excellent way for Lodges across Illinois to participate in the support of the Illinois Masonic Children’s Home. As more and more residents expand their education through state and community college programs, covering costs for books, tuition, and other school expenses offers Lodges a direct way of supporting kids who are trying to improve their lives.

LaGrange Home Near Capacity for the Year

During the past year, the Illinois Masonic Children’s Home has maintained a 92% occupancy rate. This allows for both efficient operation and maximum dollar return on investment in the physical plant at LaGrange.

Capacity at the LaGrange Home is 38. While maintaining a full house is an ongoing administrative task, public relations efforts have helped through a statewide public service announcement program supported by two target mailings and an ad in the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), applications to the Home have remained steady.

Full capacity also has a side benefit for the Fraternity by allowing more Lodges across the state to participate in a program to sponsor a child at the Home. Sponsorship ties an individual child to a specific Lodge in Illinois. That Lodge sees to it that the child at the Home is not forgotten on their birthday, is accorded special visits and dinner by Lodge members. In short, the sponsoring Lodge personally “cares” for the child while at the Home.
The Personal Touch Creates New Masons

With the lowering of the age for Masonic membership to 18, the movement of the Home’s residents into the Fraternity has been remarkable.

This year, two residents are filing petitions to join the Masons. Angel Hernandez is joining Paul Revere Lodge, No. 998. His petition has been accepted and the Lodge will be voting on his admittance in September.

Alex Segovia is petitioning Tinley Park Lodge, No. 810, the Lodge that sponsored him at the Home. The ties created by the sponsorship have been a personal one. For Alex’s graduation gift, members of the Lodge have offered to pay all the expenses for his degree work.

Angel and Alex join the ranks of other Home residents who became Masons. As of this report, four former members of the Children’s Home are now part of the Brotherhood. In addition, two other residents are anxiously waiting for their 18th birthday so that they too can file petitions to become a member of the Fraternity.

Capital Improvements

During the year, the following capital improvement projects were initiated at the LaGrange campus of the Illinois Masonic Children’s Home:

- Keystone Cottage, home for 9 boys in the elementary grades, had the bedroom furniture replaced.

- Ashlar Cottage, home for 9 girls in the 9th through 12th grades, was remodeled. The renovation included rebuilding all closets, replacing doors, installing new carpeting and window treatments, while giving the entire interior of the cottage a new coat of paint.

- To assist with the costs of the above projects, the Masonic Family Health Foundation, Inc. provided the Home with a grant of $50,000.
Activities for the Fiscal Year

The many Lodges of the Fraternity, together with its appendant bodies, as well as the community-at-large, continued to support the children of the Home by sponsoring many activities. A list of these activities for 2006-2007 were as follows:

2007

09/05 The younger kids and staff were the guests St. Cletus Catholic Church for a circus held at the church.

09/29 The residents of Keystone Cottage were the guests of Marc Ponczek for at a Chicago White Sox game.

10/14 The Home hosted an alumni luncheon. Several of the older residents participated in the Southwest Side Shrine Club pancake breakfast held at Tinley Park Lodge.

10/20 Des Plaines Lodge No. 890 hosted a birthday party for resident L.J. McGowan, whom they sponsor. The party was held at the Home.

10/21 Malissia Pollnitz, a resident sponsored by Kelvyn Park-Willing Lodge No. 1075, and resident Deyonna Phillips attended the installation of officers of Kelvyn Park-Willing Lodge 1075 and dinner at the Medinah Shrine Temple.

10/28 Children and staff were guests of LaGrange Lodge No. 770 at Old Country Buffet for dinner and an evening at a Haunted House.

11/5 Residents Angel Hernandez and Kyle Urbashich received the Cook County Sheriff’s Youth Service Medal of Honor at a ceremony in Chicago.

11/18 Carlos Velazquez, a resident sponsored by Paul Revere Lodge No. 998, attended the installation of officers and dinner at the Lodge.

12/2 The West Suburban Clown Club entertained the residents and staff. Santa and Mrs. Claus also made an appearance, and presented the children with gifts.

Kyle, Hannah and Corey Urbashich were the guests of King Oscar Lodge No. 855 at the Lodge’s annual Christmas party. The Urbashich children are sponsored by King Oscar.

12/6 D.C. Cregier Lodge No. 81 distributed Christmas gifts to all the residents of the Home. They also took Luis Pinto, whom they sponsor, out for dinner.

12/8 Kyle, Hannah and Corey Urbashich were the guests of King Oscar Lodge No. 855 for a Christmas lunch at Dave & Buster’s in Addison.
12/12 The Pleasantdale Garden Club brought cookies and other treats to the Home for all of the residents.
12/14 The children and staff entertained the Grand Lodge officers and other special guests at their annual Holiday party.
12/15 The younger residents of the Home were guests of the Medinah Shrine at their annual Christmas party.
12/16 Tinley Park Lodge No. 810 held a Christmas party at the Lodge and several residents of the Home helped set up and participate in the event.
12/24 The children were guests of Cary Willis for dinner at Al’s Char House.

2008

1/1 Several of the children were the guests of Cary Willis for a New Year’s eve dinner at Great Beijing restaurant.
1/26 Ben Hur Lodge No. 818 took Vennessa Myvett-Atkins, whom they sponsor, to dinner to celebrate her birthday.
2/2 Wayfarers Lodge No. 1001 took the residents and staff to a Northern Illinois University basketball game.
2/7 Garrett Wolfe of the Chicago Bears came to the Home and had dinner with the kids.
2/9 Batavia Lodge No. 404 took Kendra Boggs, whom they sponsor, and another resident out to lunch to celebrate Kendra’s birthday.
Several residents attended the Chicago Wolves game as guests of Tinley Park Lodge No. 810 and Ben Hur Lodge No. 818.
2/15 Keystone and Acacia Cottages attended the Chicago Auto Show as the guests of Westfield Ford.
2/24 Northeastern District Deputy Grand Masters Association enjoyed dinner and fellowship with the children and staff at the Home.
3/12 The children and staff enjoyed an evening of Easter egg coloring with Riverside Lodge No. 862.
3/15 The 56th annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Riverside Lodge No. 862, was held at the Home.
The Lodges from the 11th Northern Area hosted a pizza party for the children and staff at the Home.
3/16 Paul Revere Lodge No. 998 hosted a dinner at the Home for Lodge members, children and staff.
3/17 Western Springs Lodge No. 1136 hosted a pizza party for the children and staff at the Home.
3/30  The staff and residents were the guest of Dundee Lodge No. 190 at the Chicago Wolves game.

4/13  Paul Revere Lodge No. 998 took Carlos Velazquez, whom they sponsor, and another resident to play laser tag.

4/19  Ben Hur Lodge No. 818 took Vennessa Myvett-Atkins, whom they sponsor, and another resident out to dinner.

5/1   Resident Elizabeth Ebey received the Diamond Achievement Award at a dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Countryside. This award is given to one of seventy-five students from Lyons Township High School who significantly improved their grades over a period of time.

5/4   Chicago Lodge No. 437 hosted an ice cream social at the Home for the children and staff.

5/22  Pleiades Lodge No. 478 presented residents Stefanie Anderson, Ryan Cunning, Angel Hernandez, Kyle McDaniel, Deyonna Phillips and Alex Segovia with the Scott L. Sojka Scholarship at their annual Lodge dinner.

5/31  Ben Hur Lodge No. 818 took Vennessa Myvett-Atkins, whom they sponsor, and several residents of Ashlar Cottage to a Kane County Cougars game.

6/1   Several of the older residents participated in Hospital Day at Shriner’s Hospital.

6/7   A graduation party for all of the Home graduates was held at the Home.

6/8   The 94th annual Flag Day ceremony was conducted by Old Glory Lodge No. 141.

6/19  The children and staff were guests of the HAVI Group at the Chicago White Sox game.

6/21-22 Members of Paul Revere Lodge No. 998 and several residents of the Home participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Waukegan.

6/24  The children and staff were the guests of Paul Revere Lodge No. 998 at the Bensenville Aquatic Park.

6/26  The Children and staff of East and Keystone Cottages were the guests of Hinsdale Lodge No. 934 for their Member/Child Dinner.

7/5   Several of the children and staff were the guests of Michael Scheck at the Chicago White Sox game.

7/6   Several of the children and staff were the guests of Michael Scheck at the Chicago White Sox game for the second day in a row.
The staff and residents of Keystone and East Cottages were guests of the Family Christian Stores at their annual breakfast held at their store in Hodgkins.

The children and staff were the guests of Batavia Lodge No. 404 at the Harold Hall Quarry for a swim party and cookout.

El Jaala Grotto hosted a pig roast at the Home for the children, staff and their members.

Neighbor Lodge No. 1169 took Maria Jose Martinez, whom they sponsor, to the Joliet Jackhammers game.

The children and staff were guests of Paul Revere Lodge No. 998 at the Bensenville Aquatic Park.

The 3rd and 4th N.E. Districts hosted a picnic at the Home. Approximately 150 people were in attendance.

Several residents of Keystone and Acacia cottages were the guests of Park Ridge Lodge No. 988 at the Schaumburg Flyers game.

Residents from Keystone and Acacia Cottages were the guests of the Scottish Rite Valley of Bloomington at their camp near Lake Bloomington.

Residents and staff attended the Medinah Family Picnic at the Brookfield Zoo as guests of the Southwest Side Shrine Club.

Residents from East and Ashlar Cottages were the guests of the Scottish Rite Valley of Bloomington at their camp near Lake Bloomington.

Several residents attended the Chicago White Sox game as the guests of the Community Extension Project of LaGrange.

The inaugural Grand Lodge golf outing to benefit the children’s Home in LaGrange was held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club in Bloomingdale. Approximately 60 individuals participated in the event.

Pleiades Lodge No. 478 hosted the annual Lodge picnic at the Children’s Home.

Children and staff enjoyed a pool and pizza party at the Westchester Park District Pool. Anchor & Ark Lodge No. 1027 made a substantial contribution toward the event.

Paul Revere Lodge No. 998 hosted the third annual “Meat-Fest” at the Home for Lodge members, children and staff.

Respectfully & Fraternally Submitted:
William J. Bloch, Chairman
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE ILLINOIS MASONIC CHILDREN'S HOME -- MURPHYSBORO

The Board of Managers of the Illinois Masonic Children's Home respectfully submits this 7th Annual Report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008.

At the Grand Lodge session in October, 2007, Daniel C. Yandel, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois appointed the following Brethren to serve as the Board of Managers of the Illinois Masonic Children's Home/Murphysboro. At their meeting in October they elected the following officers:

**Chairman**  
Bruce Doerr – Murphysboro Lodge No. 498

**Secretary**  
Brad Cole – Shekinah Lodge No. 241

**Treasurer**  
Merle R. Tate – Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 31

**Members**  
Dale E. Adams – Benton Lodge No. 64  
Brian S. Bailey – Vienna Lodge No. 150  
Nelson A. Ferry, Sr. – Cobden Lodge No. 466

At the writing of this report we have 19 children residing at the facility. The Home currently employs 16 staff members who have been hired to oversee daily operations. William E. Kiser currently serves as the Administrator with Theresa L. Miller serving in the capacity of Associate Administrator.

The Board of Managers was saddened in February, 2007 when Board member, Brian S. Bailey stepped down due to personal commitments. The Grand Master appointed Brother Peter E. Pederson a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 51 as his replacement. This appointment marked the first time that an alumnus of the Home (LaGrange, 1963) was appointed to the Board of Managers. Brother Pederson brings a great amount of experience to the position, as both a former resident and from his work in the academic community.
January, 2008 marked the 4th year of operation for the facility. Emphasis has continued to be focused upon public relations, designed to make the Southern Illinois community aware of its services and upon continued staff development. The Board of Managers is pleased that this year marked the first year of high school graduates. Max Braun, the first admission to the facility in January, 2004, was one of those graduates.

Staff retention has also continued to improve. Many of our Child Care Staff have marked three plus years of employment. We believe that such stability is beneficial to the children we are committed to serve and will be one of the major cornerstones to improving admissions. The Board and staff of the Home continue to believe in the Home’s mission and its need as a safe and nurturing place for the many dependent and neglected children in the southern Illinois area.

Over these four years the Home has become a positive institution in the community. Many of our children excel academically in the public school system and several others have become well known for their athletic abilities. Our children work in the community in service jobs, such as, McDonald’s while others have become active in local clubs and organizations.

Throughout the year, the Home has continued to receive support from the Masonic community in the form of active participation with our children, or in the form of donations. The Board of Managers wishes to thank all those who have made these contributions. We believe that it is important that all Masons remember that our Fraternity is built on the tenets of faith, hope and charity. To watch the children placed in our care grow and excel is indeed a chance to see these beliefs in action.

Activities for the Fiscal Year

The many Lodges of the Fraternity, together with its appending bodies, as well as the community have continued to support the Home by sponsoring many activities. A partial list of these activities is as follows:
2007

8/7 The Southern Illinoisan donated tickets to the Cascade of Colors at the Southern Illinois University airport. All staff and children attended the event.

8/8 Brethren of Cobden Lodge treated the children and staff of the Home to a pizza party at the facility.

9/16 Murphysboro Lodge No. 498 along with the staff and children of the Home participated in the Murphysboro Apple Festival. A booth was manned to provide information and literature to fair goers.

9/21 Pat’s Barbeque (National Barbeque Champion) donated barbeque for our kids at the Murphysboro Barbeque Cook Off.

9/23 Raleigh Lodge 128 provided a birthday dinner for Cedreaunna Neal, one of the residents at the Home, who is sponsored by the Lodge.
Fairfield Lodge No. 206 treated Kady Bowman, a resident of the Home that they sponsor out for a birthday dinner.

10/6 The children and staff were guests of Rosiclar Lodge No. 1144 at their pancake breakfast. They also enjoyed a parade and fun fair compliments of the Lodge.

10/12 Children and staff attended the Blue Grass festival in Alto Pass.

10/27 Leikah Stone sponsored by Harrisburg Lodge No. 325 was treated to a birthday dinner by Lodge members.

10/30 Children and staff were guests of the Anna Moose Lodge at their annual Halloween party.

10/31 Children enjoyed an evening of trick or treating throughout the Murphysboro community.

11/3 Children and staff were guests of Anna Moose Lodge for dinner.

12/8 Children were treated to a day of shopping and lunch in Carbondale, compliments of members of the Anna Moose Lodge.

12/12 Children and staff attended a Christmas party at the Carbondale Civic Center compliments of the Southern Illinoisan.

12/1 Children, staff, Grand Lodge officers and other distinguished guests enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship at the Home’s annual Christmas party.

12/19 Children and staff were guests of the Anna Moose Lodge at their annual Christmas party.

12/20 Children of the Home enjoyed a visit from Santa and annual gift opening.

12/22 Children and staff enjoyed an evening at a Southern Illinois University basketball game.
1/4 Children and staff were treated to a pizza party compliments of community members, Mr. and Mrs. Huppert.

3/14 Children and Staff attended the Christ Community Easter Plan in Murphysboro.

3/16 Members of Cobden Lodge No. 466 and Anna Moose Lodge treated the children to an Easter Egg Hunt at the Home.

5/4 Children and staff were treated to a pizza dinner compliments of the District Deputies.

5/25 Children and staff were guests of the Williamson County Shriners Club for a day of fishing and a picnic.

6/6 Children and staff of Cottage One spent the day at the St. Louis Zoo.

6/7 Children and staff of Cottages Two and Three enjoyed an outing to the St. Louis City Museum.

6/8 Children and staff attended the Shriner’s Circus in DuQuoin.

6/14 Members of Galatia Lodge No. 684 along with Brother Terry Stevens and his family hosted a pizza party at the Home for all the children and staff.

7/4 Children and staff enjoyed the annual fireworks display at Riverside Park.

7/8 Children and staff enjoyed a picnic and a day of fishing at Bleyers Lake.

7/9 Children and staff participated in the SIU Museum Craft day held on the campus of Southern Illinois University.

7/16 Children and staff participated in a day of leather crafting compliments of Brother Walter Jones a member of Rosiclare Lodge No. 1144.

7/18 Children and staff enjoyed a tour of the Anheuser Bush Building in St. Louis.

7/20 Children and staff hosted its annual Neighborhood/Friends of the Home picnic on the lawn of the facility.

7/27 Children and staff of the Home were treated to a pizza party compliments Stone Arch Lodge #953.

7/28 Several children enjoyed an evening in Marion attending the local Minor’s baseball game compliments of Scott Satterlee of Image Architects.
Children and staff enjoyed a day of caving in Makanda.

Children and staff enjoyed an overnight camping excursion at Bell Smith Springs.

Several of the children and staff were treated to a Cardinal Game in St. Louis compliments of a generous family from the community.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted:
Bruce Doerr, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF MASON POINT (ILLINOIS MASONIC HOME)
SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois.

The Board of Managers, along with the Administration is pleased to present the Annual Report for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2008.

The Board of Managers and Administration of Mason Point provide this information as a preliminary report, due to the time requirement to submit this report prior to the annual audit.

A final report will be submitted to the Grand Lodge upon the conclusion of the annual audit scheduled in October of 2008.

As of August 31, 2008 there was a total population of residents on the Mason Point campus residing in the following programs:

Licensed Care (Nursing and Sheltered Care) ......................... 107
Independent Living (Duplexes and Apartments) ...................... 57

Miller and Hart Apartments – 25
Ashlar Estates – Duplexes – 32

The discharge history of the year September 1st, 2007 till August 31st, 2008 includes:
Total discharges ................................................................. 96
Affiliated deaths ............................................................... 32
Affiliated discharges ........................................................... 53
(Includes deaths, respite stay, rehabilitation to home)

The average age of our residents by program is as follows:

Licensed Care (Nursing and Sheltered Care) ......................... 86.28
Independent Living (Duplexes and Apartments) ..................... 83.63

Fiscal year 2008 closed on August 31, 2008. The final operational
expenses will be determined upon close and completion of the annual
audit that is scheduled for the month of October, 2008.

The summary of the budgets for fiscal year 2006, 2007, 2008 are
presented below. Fiscal year 2009 is continuing without a budget at the
request of the Board of Managers.

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It is important to note within this report that there has been a significant
decline in the amount of Endowment Fund transfers over the past four
years. This is partially due to an increase in revenue generated through
not only private pay programs but also Medicare/Medicaid programs.

A decrease in overall expenses has also contributed to a reduction in
costs related to operations. Fiscal year 2008 operations at Mason Point
are projected to outperform the budget by approximately $450,000.
This in turn will require approximately $630,000 less to be taken from
the Endowment Fund than budgeted.
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In November of 2007, Karen Noffke, who had been serving Director of Health Services for the community in Sullivan, was appointed Administrator by the Board of Managers and Board of Directors. Mrs. Noffke filled the vacancy left by Brenda Winskill in October of 2007.

As we begin a new fiscal year at Mason Point in Sullivan we, the Board of Managers and the Administration, are confident that the Board of Directors will take the time needed to make the best decisions possible for developing a plan that will benefit the fraternity as well as Mason Point and the residents that reside within this community.

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford Sullivan, Chairman
Karen Noffke, Administrator

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois: Your Committee on Jurisprudence submits the following report.

The Grand Master reports the expulsion of thirteen members under the provisions of Code 469A.

In each case, conforming to the respective provision of the Code, a certified copy of the judgment of the Court was provided to the Grand Master before he imposed the sentence where applicable.
Expulsions pursuant to Code 469A:

A member of Friendship Lodge No. 7 was convicted of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child, a felony.

A member of Olive Branch Lodge No. 38 was convicted of Unauthorized Production or Possession of Cannabis Sativa Plant, a felony.

A member of Gilham Lodge No. 809 was convicted of Aggravated Battery and Unlawful Possession of Weapon by a felon, both felonies.

A member of Cave-In-Rock Lodge No. 444 was convicted of Mail Fraud and Money Laundering, both felonies.

A member of York Lodge No. 313 was convicted of Theft of More than $300 but Not More than $10,000, a felony.

A member of De Witt Lodge No. 84 was convicted of Driving While License Revoked, a felony.

A member of New Salem Lodge No. 218 was convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, a felony.

A member of Kankakee Lodge No. 389 was convicted of Racketeering, Mail Fraud, Making Materially Fraudulent Statements & Representations, Obstruct/Impede administration of Internal Revenue Service and Filing False Income Tax Returns, all felonies.

A member of Flora Lodge No 204 was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a felony.

A member of Herrin’s Prairie Lodge No 693 was convicted of Criminal Damage to Property in Excess of $300, a felony.

A member of Odin Lodge No 503 was convicted of False Report of a Motor Vehicle Theft, a felony.

A member of Flat Rock Lodge No. 348 was convicted of Residential Burglary, a felony.

A member of Anna Lodge No.520 was convicted of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine Manufacturing Material and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, both felonies.
Conclusion:
The Grand Master has conformed to the provisions of the code in assessing necessary disciplinary or other action. It is a difficult, but necessary duty imposed on the Grand Master to remove from membership or discipline those who have violated the principles of the fraternity. All actions taken by the Grand Master set forth in this report should be affirmed.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert B. Powers, Chairman
Norman R. Buecker E. Gene Ross William J. Warmoth

ILLINOIS MASONIC ACADEMIC BOWL REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

The 25th Anniversary Tournament for the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl was held in 2008. What a great accomplishment – 25 consecutive years of giving positive recognition to the high school youth of Illinois for their academic accomplishments! A grateful "THANK YOU" is extended from the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Committee to the Masons of Illinois for supporting this very important, worthwhile, and highly visible program for the high school youth of Illinois. These youth are the future of our great fraternity!

For the first time in the history of our annual tournament, we had to have 16 regional sites due to the increased number of schools registering to participate. All sixteen regional tournaments were held on February 16, 2008. A total of 254 high schools registered to participate in our academic tournament in 2008, which were 10 more than in 2007. A severe ice storm hit southern Illinois in the Vienna area that prevented a few teams from attending the Carbondale regional site. Twenty of the schools registered withdrew prior to competing due to last minute scheduling conflicts within the schools and icy road conditions the day of the tournaments. We ended up with 234 schools actually competing in the regional tournaments, which made our 25th Anniversary Tournament a record tournament for the number of schools actually competing. The winners from the 16 regional
tournament sites advanced to our state tournament in Chatham on March 1, 2008. Monetary scholastic awards at each of the 16 regional sites amounted to $1,500, or a total of $24,000 for the state-wide regional tournaments.

**Regional Tournament Results, February 16, 2008 and monetary awards presented:**

**Site #01 hosted by Erie High School at Erie:**
- Regional Champ: Riverdale High School at Port Byron $500
- 2nd Place: Lena-Winslow High School $400
- 3rd Place: Morrison High School $300
- 4th Place: Fulton High School $100
- Consolation: East Dubuque High School $200

**Site #02 hosted by Rock Falls High School at Rock Falls:**
- Regional Champ: Sterling High School $500
- 2nd Place: Newman Central Catholic High School at Sterling $400
- 3rd Place: Byron High $300
- 4th Place: Bureau Valley High School at Manlius $100
- Consolation: Moline High $200

**Site #03 hosted by Winnebago High School at Winnebago:**
- Regional Champ: Rockford Auburn High School $500
- 2nd Place: Winnebago High School $400
- 3rd Place: Boylan Catholic High School at Rockford $300
- 4th Place: Woodstock High School $100
- Consolation: Rockford East High School $200

**Site #04 hosted by Wheaton Warrenville South H.S. at Wheaton:**
- Regional Champ: Wheaton North High School $500
- 2nd Place: Wheaton Warrenville South High School $400
- 3rd Place: Naperville North High School $300
- 4th Place: Waubonsie Valley High School at Aurora $100
- Consolation: Crete-Monee High School $200

**Site #05 hosted by New Trier High School at Winnetka:**
- Regional Champ: New Trier High School at Winnetka $500
- 2nd Place: Adlai E. Stevenson High School at Lincolnshire $400
- 3rd Place: Main South High School at Park Ridge $300
- 4th Place: The Latin School at Chicago $100
- Consolation: William Fremd High School at Palatine $200
Site #06 hosted by Farmington High School at Farmington:
Regional Champ Peoria Christian High School$500
2nd Place Galesburg High School$400
3rd Place Farmington High School$300
4th Place Aledo High School$100
Consolation Peoria Heights High School$200

Site #07 hosted by Eureka High School at Eureka:
Regional Champ Bloomington High School$500
2nd Place Eureka High School$400
3rd Place Illinois Valley Central High School at Chillicothe$300
4th Place Roanoke-Benson High School$100
Consolation Normal Community West High School$200

Site #08 hosted by Seneca Township High School at Seneca:
Regional Champ Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School$500
2nd Place Bishop McNamara High School at Kankakee$400
3rd Place Pontiac Township High School$300
4th Place Hall High School at Spring Valley$100
Consolation Seneca Township High School$200

Site #09 hosted by PORTA High School Petersburg:
Regional Champ PORTA High School at Petersburg$500
2nd Place Macomb High School$400
3rd Place Havana High School$300
4th Place West Prairie High School at Sciota$100
Consolation Pleasant Plains High School$200

Site #10 hosted by Springfield High School at Springfield:
Regional Champ Springfield High School$500
2nd Place Morton High School$400
3rd Place Quincy High School$300
4th Place Dunlap High School$100
Consolation Jacksonville High School$200

Site #11 hosted by St. Teresa High School at Decatur:
Regional Champ Lutheran School Asse High School at Decatur$500
2nd Place Blue Ridge High School at Farmer City$400
3rd Place Williamsville High School$300
4th Place Warrensburg-Latham High School$100
Consolation Meridian High School at Macon$200
Site #12 hosted by Unity High School at Tolono:
Regional Champ......Jamaica High School at Sidell .........................$500
2nd Place ...............High School of St. Thomas More at Champaign ....$400
3rd Place ................Tuscola High School ......................................$300
4th Place ...............Charleston School ..........................................$100
Consolation ..............Paris High School .......................................$200

Site #13 hosted by Carlinville High School at Carlinville:
Regional Champ.....Litchfield High School.........................................$500
2nd Place ..............Southwestern High School at Piasa ..................$400
3rd Place ...............Marquette Catholic High School at Alton ..........$300
4th Place ...............Bunker Hill High ............................................$100
Consolation ..............Auburn High School at Auburn .....................$200

Site #14 hosted by Belleville Township High School West at Belleville:
Regional Champ......O’Fallon Township High School ..........................$500
2nd Place ...............Marissa High School .......................................$400
3rd Place ...............Belleville Township High School West ..........$300
4th Place ...............Gibault Catholic High School at Waterloo ......$100
Consolation ..............Althoff Catholic High School at Belleville ....$200

Site #15 hosted by Fairfield Community High School at Fairfield:
Regional Champ......Fairfield Community High School .....................$500
2nd Place ...............Cisne High School .........................................$400
3rd Place ...............Teutopolis High School .................................$300
4th Place ...............Mt. Carmel High School .................................$100
Consolation ..............Effingham High School ...............................$200

Site #16 hosted by Carbondale Community H.S. at Carbondale:
Regional Champ......Carbondale Community High School ...............$500
2nd Place ...............Murphysboro High School ..............................$400
3rd Place ...............Carterville High School .................................$300
4th Place ...............Massac County High School at Metropolis ......$100
Consolation ..............Marion High School ...................................$200

The 16 regional tournament champions advanced to the state tournament held at Glenwood High School in Chatham on March 1, 2008. Since there were 16 regional sites this year, no second-place teams advanced to the state tournament as only 16 teams participate at a tournament site. At the state tournament, the monetary scholastic awards totaled $6,400.
State Tournament Results, March 1, 2008
and monetary awards presented:

State Champion ........ Rockford Auburn High School ......................... $2,000
2nd Place ................ Carbondale Community High School ................. $1,250
3rd Place ............... Sterling High School ................ $950
4th Place ............... PORTA High School at Petersburg ............... $450
Consolation ........ Springfield High School ............................... $650

Each of the following 11 high schools received participation awards of
$100 each for participating in the state tournament: Bloomington H.S.,
Bradley-Bourbonnais Community H.S., Lutheran School Association at
Decatur, Fairfield H.S., Litchfield H.S., O’Fallon Township H.S.,
Peoria Christian H.S., Riverdale H.S. at Port Byron, Jamaica H.S. at
Sidell, Wheaton North H.S., and New Trier H.S. at Winnetka.

The James E. Durbin traveling trophy was presented to the State
Champion, Rockford Auburn High School.

One hundred ninety-two Masonic Lodges financially contributed to the
Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl program in 2008. This amounted to
13 fewer lodges participating in 2008 than in 2007. The 192 lodges
contributed $26,845 in 2008 to support this important program. This
amounted to a decrease of $1,730 being contributed by lodges
compared to the previous year. Again, the Illinois Masonic Academic
Bowl Committee says “THANK YOU” to the Masonic Lodges that
provided financial support. Also, this committee greatly appreciates
the work of many lodges throughout the state that assisted with the
organization and operation of the regional tournaments. Brethren, you
are the ones that make this program possible, because the committee
alone cannot cover the entire state!

The cost of the lunch at the state tournament was paid for by the
Chapter of Rose Croix, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of
Springfield. The lunch was provided at no cost to all in attendance.
“THANK YOU” to the Chapter of Rose Croix for their continued
support. The lunch was prepared by, and served by, members of
Central Lodge No. 71 in Chatham with assistance from members of
Chatham Lodge No. 523 in Chatham and Tyrian Lodge No. 333 in
Springfield and .... “THANK YOU” to these three lodges for providing
this valuable contribution to the state tournament.
The total expenses for the 2008 Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl amounted to $49,392.34, which was $1,875.16 higher than in 2007. Of the total expenses in 2008, $30,400 was awarded in scholarship money to qualifying high schools ($24,000 at the regional tournaments and $6,400 at the state tournament). Money paid to the 16 host schools for the regional tournaments totaled $9,760. Money paid to the state tournament host school totaled $900. The money paid to the host schools is used by the schools to pay the judges and to offset some of their school’s expenses for hosting our tournament. Additional expenses for the regional and state tournaments amounted to $4,379.50, which included purchase of medallions and plaques for the regional tournaments, and plaques and t-shirts for the state tournament. The questions for both the regional and state tournaments were purchased from Aegis Questions, Inc. in Chicago at a cost of $625.00. The remaining $3,327.84 in expenses was for postage/shipping, mileage for committee members, envelopes, paper, shipping boxes, copying costs, etc.

The cost of one regional site was $2,327 which includes $610 paid to the host school for judges and incidental expenses, $1,500 for scholastic awards to the 5 schools finishing in the final five, $169.50 for 10 medallions for each team member of the 5 schools finishing in the final five, and $47.50 for 5 plaques for the winning schools. Due to adding one regional site in 2008 (a total of 16 regional sites were required) the expenses for the regional tournaments increased by $2,237. Therefore, with 16 regional sites, the total cost of those sites came to $37,232. The cost of the state site was $8,087.50 which includes $150 for the host school operational expenses, $200 for the host school Tournament Manager, $400 for 4 Moderators ($100 each), $50 for 1 Scorekeeper, $50 for 1 Timekeeper, $50 for the Tournament Central Manager, $5,300 for scholastic awards to the 5 schools finishing in the final five, $1,100 for the other 11 schools qualifying for state ($100 per school), $122.50 for 5 plaques for the winning schools, and $665 for t-shirts for team members and coaches of all schools competing at the state tournament. In 2008, the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Committee provided 3 Scorekeepers and 3 Timekeepers for the state tournament, thereby saving $300 in expenses for these tournament officials.
The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Committee continues to organize and coordinate the annual statewide academic competition for high schools. Our challenges seem to be the same from year-to-year: how to get more high schools to participate, and how to get more Masonic Lodges to assist with the tournaments. Your committee has concentrated on these challenges this year, and believes that good progress is being made in getting more high schools to participate. However, we were not successful in getting a greater number of Lodges to assist with financially supporting the tournament. Over the 25 years of sponsoring this tournament, we have gradually increased the number of high schools participating and have increased the involvement among our Lodges. However, this year we did have some new schools enter our tournament for the first time, and a few came back to our tournament after being absent for a couple of years. We had 1 school that registered to participate very late, and was placed on a “waiting list” in case of a cancellation in their area. There were no cancellations in their area, so they did not compete. We are always faced with scheduling conflicts on the days of our tournament. There are many activities scheduled within the schools, therefore it is very difficult to completely avoid a scheduling conflict.

“THANK YOU” to the Grand Lodge Officers for being present at many of the tournament sites and supporting this program with great enthusiasm. A special “THANK YOU” is given to the Grand Secretary and his entire staff for their assistance, and time expended by them, in making this program work as smoothly as it did this year. Without their help, this program would not have been as successful as it was. “THANK YOU” to the District Deputies, Area Deputies, and Assistant Area Deputies for promoting this program when they visited the Lodges, and for being present at the tournaments.

The Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coach’s Association (IHSSBCA) held their third annual Recognition Banquet on April 12, 2008, on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal. This banquet is held to honor the inductees to the IHSSBCA Coach’s Hall of Fame; honor the IHSA State Champs for Class “A” (small schools), the IHSA State Champs for Class “AA” (large schools), and the State Champs for the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl; and present the annual “Friend of Scholastic Bowl” award. The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Chairman, Dale Thayer, was unable to attend this
banquet, so committee member Ron Croy attended. Many of the high school scholastic bowl coaches and many student participants gave high praise for the financial support the Masons of Illinois give to high school academics in our state and gave many congratulatory compliments on the quality of our tournament. The Masons of Illinois can be proud that the IHSSBCA recognizes our tournament as a quality tournament.

Brethren, it has been a very rewarding experience working with the high school scholastic bowl coaches throughout the state this year. The coaches and students greatly appreciate our financial support of this program, but they enjoy talking to us, getting to know us, and seeing first-hand the principles for which we stand. The coaches are a great group of people giving a lot to the high school youth of our state. This committee encourages you to get out and meet some of these coaches and students, and get to know them. This is the easiest way to promote the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl, and this will allow the coaches and students to know Masons in person and to realize that we are personally interested in them.

The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl in 2008 was a very successful tournament. Many of the high school scholastic bowl coaches and many student participants gave high praise to the Masons of Illinois for supporting high school academics in our state. They also gave many congratulatory compliments on the quality of our tournament. Many of the coaches continue to remark that it is wonderful that we do not charge the schools an entry fee to participate in our tournament. Brethren, the payback for this program is seeing first-hand the expressions on the faces of the student participants when they are awarded the medallions and their school receives the monetary scholastic awards, and hearing the compliments that the coaches give for the way our tournament is organized and operated. The Masons of Illinois can be very proud of this program.

The committee has already started working on the 2009 tournament. The 2009 tournament will be the 26th Annual Tournament for the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl. The regional tournaments will be held Saturday, February 21, 2009, at various locations throughout the state. The number of regional sites and their locations will be determined after the schools register for the tournament. The
The committee is planning on needing 16 regional sites again in 2009, but we will not know exactly until the schools register. The state tournament will be Saturday, February 28, 2009, at Glenwood High School in Chatham. Please note that there is only 1 week between the regional tournaments and the state tournament in 2009. This change was necessary due to some school conflicts on the first Saturday in March.

The committee met at Riverton Lodge on April 19, 2008, to discuss the 2008 tournaments and possible improvements for the 2009 tournament. In 2007 and 2008, we had at least one committee member present at each of the tournament sites, and plan to do the same in 2009. The committee decided to continue to use Aegis Questions, an Illinois company, as the question source for the 2009 tournament. The questions for 2009 were ordered on May 22, 2008, with the delivery of the regional tournament questions by November 1, 2008, and the state tournament questions by December 1, 2008. Aegis has agreed to write the questions in our standard format for a cost of $800. Information for the 2009 tournament will be mailed to all lodges during the first or second week in September 2008. The 2009 tournament information will be mailed to all IHSA-member high schools during the first week in September 2008. We are looking forward to another exciting tournament for 2009, with more high schools participating and more lodges supporting this great program. This program is a great way for your Lodge to get more involved in your local community by sponsoring a high school in our tournament!

Remember the goal of the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl:

*Providing Positive Recognition for Academic Excellence.*

Respectfully & Fraternally submitted,

Dale F. Thayer, Chairman
Phillip S. Pinney
Tom Wickham
Donald L. Anderson
Thomas O. Warner, Sr.
Ronald D. Croy

Christopher Toth
Robert F. Raukohl
Larry Lawson
Jeff Fox
James (JT) Lewis

Jim Albsmeyer
Jason Allen
Steven L. Walker
Dale H. Satorius
Ronald V. Cronau
Perry Steward
COINS FOR CHILDREN COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois.

On a positive note, financial support for the Illinois Grand Lodge, **Coins for Children Program** increased this past year. The total income of $12,318.59 was received from 120 Lodges and 2 individuals. That was nearly a 15% increase over last year.

We were disappointed that only 27 applications, for matching fund, from 25 Lodges were submitted. Of those requests, 23 were approved for a total of 6847.14. Some of the matching funds were used for restoration and construction of baseball diamonds, assisting blind students climbing Andes Mountains, providing clothes and boots for children in need, Summer reading program and books for RIF, medical expenses for children with cancer and Lou Gehrig’s Disease, learning kits, kidney shaped reading tables, computers in the youth section of a library, youth camp and a nature preserve, and a skate board park.

Applications from 4 Lodges totaling $503.62 were not approved. Reasons for these actions included, reimbursing a Lodge for expenses incurred while sponsoring a youth activity, identical requests submitted for the past 3 years, which were matched for 2 years, and no catastrophic expenses listed for financial difficulties of raising 3 children.

The committee wishes to express their appreciation to all the Lodges and brethren who continue to support the Illinois Grand Lodge **Coins for Children Program** through donations.

We sincerely encourage ALL Lodges to submit applications for matching funds from this program.

**The money is available and waiting to be used.**

Fraternally Submitted,
Paul E. Mealiff, Chairman
H. Jay Sade Randy M. Zaerr
### COINS FOR CHILDREN LODGE DONATIONS

**Donations from 120 Lodges in 2007-2008 totaled $12,118.59**

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Steven Bashaw
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2007 – 2008 Action Summary for Coins for Children Program

Approved Applications – August 20, 2008

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DANIEL CARTER BEARD COMMITTEE REPORT

During the past Masonic year, the Boy Scouts of America honored eight Illinois Masons with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award.

This award, named after one of the founders of American Scouting (and a Mason) is presented to individual Masons who have provided distinguished volunteer service to the Scout program in one or more of its several components (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, etc.).

One of the unique features of the award is that unlike most adult Scouting awards, one cannot apply for it, but must instead be recommended by both his Lodge and local Scout office. Final Approval rests with the National Office of Boy Scouts of America.

The recipients during the past Masonic year were:

Martin S. Markiewicz  (Paul Revere 998)
Julian C. Blount    (Bunker Hill 151)
REPORT OF THE IL CHIP COMMITTEE

As the IL CHIP program is nearing the completion of its third year, we have made great strides in improving and promoting this great program throughout the State of Illinois. At the beginning of this program, we had ten sets of equipment in the five areas; we now have 40 sets of equipment in the five areas. The IL CHIP software has been improved and CD burn times have been drastically shortened. Lodges are now able to purchase their own sets of equipment through the Grand Lodge of Illinois, thereby increasing our ability to provide this service throughout the state.

In the first two years of the IL CHIP program, we processed more than 14,000 children. So far in our third year we have processed more than 7,600 children bringing the total as of the end of July to approximately 21,600 children. At this current rate, we should exceed 10,000 children identified this year at more than 125 IL CHIP events.

One of the highlights of this past year was attending the Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls held in Springfield the first week of July. The past Grand Worthy Advisor for the State of Illinois, Mattie McNeal had chosen the IL CHIP program as her charity. The Rainbow Girls all over the state worked many hours volunteering at IL CHIP events and raising money to donate to our program. Grand Master Yandel and I were presented a check for the Grand Lodge IL CHIP Program in the amount of $6,443.00. What an outstanding effort put forth by these young ladies! We give them our most sincere thanks in choosing us as their charity, and for all their hard work.
The IL CHIP Committee for Grand Master Yandel’s first term was Steven L. Walls, Chairman; Richard L. Burton; Gary W. Hardesty; Jethro Smith and Cary Willis.

The Area Coordinators are, for the Northern Area, Richard Burton; Northeastern Area, Martin Markiewicz; Eastern Area, Bill Tanner; Western Area, Bob Beaty; and Southern Area, Michael Lovell. Each of the Area Coordinators had several Assistant Area Coordinators in each of the areas.

The IL CHIP Committee, Area Coordinators, and Assistant Area Coordinators wish to thank all Masons and their families for all their hard work and dedication to the IL CHIP programs that have been held throughout the State of Illinois.

Since its inception, the IL CHIP program has grown by leaps and bounds. The Grand Lodge of Illinois and IL CHIP Committee are continually working to make the IL CHIP program one of the best and most consistent Child Identification Programs throughout the State of Illinois. We continue to work with the Illinois State Police and the Amber Alert program to improve the program to provide the best possible service to the parents and children of Illinois.

Submitted,
Steven L. Walls, Chairman

INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

This has been, and will be an interesting year for the Insurance Committee as we rearrange the policies due to organizational changes within the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Illinois. With the closing of Mason Point, we are currently working on the best options for providing Workers Compensation Insurance for the employees of all our operating entities. The loss experience for the Life Services Network Trust is running at a very large deficit, resulting in assessments for all members. We are responsible for our prorated assessment for the past 5 years. It will be due January 1, 2009, or will be payable over 5 years if we continue with the trust. Since Mason Point is closing, obviously its employee will not be part of the LSN Trust.
There is a possibility of moving the Children’s Home Workers Compensation insurance to a guaranteed cost plan with First Non-Profit Insurance Company. This would preclude additional assessments from future poor loss experience with the LSN Trust. Nursing Home exposures have always been the toughest types of workers compensation risks to place. The Grand Lodge Office can be written with the General Casualty Insurance Company at a guaranteed cost.

The problem with the LSN Trust is that the “soft” insurance market continues to bring carriers into the market place, looking for immediate cash flow. They tend to insure the nursing homes with better than average loss experience. As soon as the reinsurance markets tighten, these carriers will exit the market place and the trust will again attract nursing homes with better loss experience, thus provide excess surplus, rather than a deficit. Since we will be out of the nursing home business, we will be unaffected by those market forces.

Another issue, with which we will have to deal, is that of the “Tail of Liability”. Since our policy with the LSN Risk Retention Group is a “Claims Made” policy, we will need to purchase “Tail” coverage so that if any claims are made within the next couple of years, we have insurance to protect us. The Illinois Masonic Children’s Home and the Grand Lodge Office is unaffected by these changes.

We will continue to make certain that our entities are properly protected. The elimination of Mason Point will simplify this process for the future but complicate it for the next few months.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Rylowicz - Chairman
George “Joe” Black          Wallace J. Buya
Ahmed “Andy” Hassan         Gary D. Hermann
Donald L. Shewmake          Don Cheatham – Consultant

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Members of the Committee have been writing bi-monthly newsletters called “Leadership Chips from the Quarry.” We are on issue No. 4 and are planning at least 18. They are available to anyone via the website and are also distributed electronically to elected Grand Lodge officers.
The Committee has been involved with the membership program, specifically with the first presentation for training and presently re-writing the programs section for the second edition.

The Committee also puts forth a leadership workshop at the annual Grand Lodge session. The emphasis last year was membership, this year’s is still to be determined.

Submitted,
Brad Cole, Chairman

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT

When I resumed the editorial direction of Illinois Freemasonry in January 2007, I set some goals for the magazine – all of which have now been accomplished. The objective of these goals was to make our state magazine a more valuable interactive informational resource for all Masons in Illinois. These goals were to:

1) redesign the magazine to make it easier to improve readership and provide full-color coverage throughout the publication;

2) make the magazine a resource for our brethren to more readily obtain information about all Masonic activities in the state;

3) provide a stronger interface with our excellent Grand Lodge Web Site;

4) expand the coverage of all Grand Lodge activities and programs on a regular, issue-to-issue basis;

5) establish a network of Editorial Correspondents throughout Illinois to provide more in-depth coverage of local lodge activities.

The redesign of the magazine enabled us to provide full-color photos of lodge and Grand Lodge activities in each issue. Special attention was given to making all articles short, concise and to-the-point to make them easier to read. The addition of a “Resources” page permits all members to make direct contact with all Grand Lodge officers and
committees to encourage their participation in our many and varied activities. We also recognize the importance of our internet and e-mail communications with our members by providing links to our excellent Grand Lodge Web Page, which includes more up-to-date information that a printed, quarterly publication can provide.

In the past year (with the help of many Grand Lodge Committee chairmen and other individuals around the state) we have greatly increased our coverage (on a regular basis in each issue) of our Masonic Youth groups, homes, educational programs, community activities and Masonic charities. This could not have been accomplished without the outstanding help and cooperation of these dedicated members and friends of our fraternity.

Recognizing the importance of Masonic activities on the local level – in the towns and cities throughout Illinois – we took steps to improve our coverage of the activities of our lodges and individual Masons. My special thanks to the brethren who have served as Editorial Correspondents for *Illinois Freemasonry* during the last year and a half. They are: Bros. Jerry Agles, Michael Holt, John Sutherland, Carl Aten, Ed Robinson, Collin Lyerla, Woody Logsdon, Bogie Boguszewski and Jack Colvis.

Thanks also to Bro. Jack Gladin, Grand Lodge Historian, for providing many of the photos we have published in the magazine over the years. And, of course, to my wife, Susan, who has been instrumental in the production, layout and editorial quality of *Illinois Freemasonry* since I became involved with it.

After nearly 12 years of involvement with *Illinois Freemasonry*, as a contributor, consultant and Editor, I am stepping down from my responsibilities with our state magazine. I would like to express my appreciation to the several Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers who have presided during the last decade for giving me this wonderful opportunity to be of service to all my Masonic brethren in Illinois. I leave my present duties with confidence that, in *Illinois Freemasonry*, we have a strong foundation upon which to build our communications efforts with our members in the years ahead.

Clarence Casson, Chairman
REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS MASONIC FOUNDATION
FOR THE PREVENTION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL
ABUSE AMONG CHILDREN

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and
Brethren all:

There are so many new and promising situations that have occurred
within the Foundation this past year. Our new Program Director, Sue
Rentsch, has completed her first year as Director and has done an
exemplary job. She has set up a line of communication with many of
the Regional Superintendents of Schools in the central and southern
counties of Illinois. Sue has involved the Regional Offices in the set-up
stages of the Training sessions, which has resulted in increased
attendance.

Training Sessions for 2007/08

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“The Illinois Masonic Foundation has been providing high quality
Student Assistance Program Training to educators in Illinois since
1990.” In completing our 19th consecutive year, we have continued to
maintain that high quality of training while providing program changes
in order to better meet the needs of the School Districts of Illinois.

In the aforementioned Training List, you will note that the training
sessions have been condensed from three days to two days beginning
with the April 2008 training. School district administrators have been
requesting a two-day training on the basis that they are not able to
release their teachers and obtain substitutes for three consecutive days.

The training session on August 11 and 12 in Litchfield was one of the
largest held in the last several years with 70 registered and 63
completing the training. The training session being held in Springfield
during the 2008 Grand Lodge could be even larger, since this is a
statewide training for the Illinois Coalition of Alternative and Safe Schools.

Our future holds new challenges and opportunities. In addition to providing Student Assistance Team Training for educators, we have the opportunity to help develop and provide SAP training for the Administrators’ Academy. (In order to keep their administrative endorsements, all administrators are required to attend a yearly course or workshop.) There is also the possibility of providing examples and guidelines in order to demonstrate the incorporation of our Student Assistance Program into the state’s newly required RTI (Response to Intervention) initiative.

The Program Director and Board of Managers have continued to inform our brethren and the public of the purposes of the Illinois Masonic Foundation and our Grand Lodge’s commitment to the program and to the school children of Illinois. Some Lodges have asked for speakers to inform their membership of this wonderful program, and many of you have visited our table at Grand Lodge or Wardens’ Night.

As indicated on our website www.imsap.org/, “over 10,000 teachers have been trained, 450 schools served, and thousands of students helped through SAP teams and the charitable commitment of Illinois Masons.” Training costs are covered through the Illinois Masonic Foundation. You can also help support this program through the purchase of the State of Illinois Master Mason license plates.

On behalf of all my fellow board members, we appreciate this opportunity to serve our great Fraternity and the children of Illinois as members of this Committee.

Fraternally submitted,
Noel J. Kalis, Chairman
Dr. William Alwerdt Angelo Deserio
Phillip Pinney Ronald Blue
Ira S. Gilbert Denver Tolbert
PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING
COMMITTEE REPORT

This is the first public report of the Committee on Public Relations and Marketing for our Grand Lodge. This committee was established in conjunction with the TEAM Membership initiative and first announced at Grand Lodge session in October 2007. Following his installation, Grand Master Yandel assigned Brother’s Rick Kohn (Chairman), William Bloch and Jim Grimm as the initial members of this committee. We are extremely grateful to our Grand Master for the appointments. It has been an exciting year representing our fraternity.

In our efforts to inform the public about our fraternity in print media our Grand Lodge has contracted with Outdoor Advertising Placement Services (OAPS) for over 100 outdoor billboards throughout our state. Additionally, we have contracted with G.M. Anderson Advertising in Springfield and through them have contracted with ten college area newspapers placing over 150 public awareness ads in these papers. We initiated a new web site targeting non-Masons (www.askamason.us) which has received over 52,000 hits during the campaign period (March – August), many of which have resulted in petitions for membership. The site had 521 hits in February. Following the campaign launch in March, there were 24,000 hits for periods of March and April. During the first six months of the campaign, historical Masonic figures George Washington, Ben Franklin, John Hancock and Paul Revere were used in the media. Flash video clips of Ben Franklin extolling his concerns for the loss of leadership in the country were also used. The next six month phase will feature a policeman, a fireman, a military member and a doctor. This phase will be implemented the third week of September.

We worked with Comcast Newsmakers to provide 10 five minute interviews (inserts) on CNN Headline News. Each interview was telecast randomly over a one week period on the 24 and 54 minute of the hour time slot in areas where Comcast is the cable provider. These spots highlighted the Grand Lodge Student Assistance Program, ILCHIP, famous Masons and other philanthropic topics. The day following the airing of the first interview, we experienced a 200% increase in website hits.
As of September 15th sixty-two space available ads were provided and published by Convergence Publishing, Village Profile. These ads were totally free of charge to the Grand Lodge and we gratefully acknowledge Brother Joseph C. Nugara Sr. for his service.

Our Grand Lodge has received numerous positive comments from throughout the state concerning these efforts. The Committee looks forward to continuing the above Public Relations and Marketing programs. We anticipate that there will be new additions for local Lodges in the coming year. We again thank our Grand Master for our appointments and the opportunity to serve Illinois Freemasonry.

Submitted,
Richard E. Kohn, Chairman
Jim Grimm William J. Bloch

SPEAKERS BUREAU COMMITTEE REPORT

The members of the Grand Lodge Speakers Bureau are charged with dispensing light and Masonic knowledge to our brethren, their families and friends.

Our speakers are chosen for their expertise in a myriad of subjects, their skill of presentation and their special ability to stimulate audiences.

The Speakers Bureau is most fortunate in numbering among its membership such distinguished participants as Illustrious Brother Norman Buecker, PGM, 33°, Illustrious Brother J. Garrie Burr, PGM, 33°, and Illustrious Brother Hugh Cole, 33°, together with Illustrious Brother John Cozzie, 33°. This fine group of speakers is enhanced by a large number of additional brethren who lend their considerable abilities in the execution of programs of great merit to be presented around the state.

The continuing nature of our programs is augmented by the addition of a monograph entitled, “A Guide to Effective Public Speaking”, authored by the Chairman, Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg. This publication is available from the office of the Grand Secretary.

All brethren, their families and friends are welcome to attend any of the
programs that we provide for Masonic bodies, for civic organizations, church groups and for senior citizen retirement centers.

A formal listing of our current speaker membership together with the subjects offered by each speaker is available from the office of the Grand Secretary in Springfield, Illinois.

The current topics are largely devoted to fraternal subjects along with additional subjects such as travels, biographies of historic persons and some humorous subjects.

Our bureau always welcomes new speakers who desire to join with us. This year we are fortunate to include the name of Brother Richard Vanderhoef, whose interest is in Masonic history in America. His skill in writing and research will be appreciated by everyone.

It is anticipated that in the coming years, the Grand Lodge Speakers Bureau will continue to grow successfully within the bounds of our great fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen R. Greenberg 33°, Chairman
John Cozzie 33° Ira Gilbert

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED WORK

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois.

Statistically our unfinished work has grown from what was reported at our last Grand Lodge session. In September 2007 we had 1,783 candidates waiting to complete their degree work. However, in January 2006 records indicate we had 3,691 who were waiting to complete their degree work. As of September 2008 we have 2,150 candidates in various stages of completing their degree work. The good news, based on conversations I have had with a number of secretary’s, is that many candidates have in fact completed their degree work and those that remain are new petitioners to Freemasonry. This was confirmed at a number of District meetings I attended when the topic of conducting
business on any degree was discussed. Those lodges participating seemed to get a higher percentage of people not only completing their degree work, but doing so in a timely manner.

Going forward our plans are to continue to work with the Area Deputy Grand Masters, Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters, and District Deputy Grand Masters to monitor our unfinished work, and share successes lodges are having in getting candidates to complete their degree work.

Respectively submitted,
Gregory L. Clark, Chairman

MASONIC YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and member of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois continue to provide support in the areas of financial, moral, new membership, and adult advisors to our Illinois Masonic Youth Family, DeMolay, Job’s Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.

Financial support came through our annual donation to the Illinois Masonic Youth Foundation. Your Grand Lodge also continued their individual financial support of DeMolay, Job’s Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls. Your Grand Lodge financially supported the Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow for Girls, and Grand Bethel Honored queen of the Job’s Daughters with their in-state travel expenses.

The Grand Lodge newsletter continued to provide a sections called “Masonic Youth Happenings” for the youth to discuss their organizations.

Each Youth organization has named an Advisor of the Year who will be recognized with a certificate for presentation at a latter date.

The Masonic Youth Committee requests continuation of these programs in 2009.
The Committee planned and executed an extremely successful Masonic Youth Rally in 2008, meeting at the DeMolay Brotherhood Center in Sullivan. The event featured leadership training by guest presenters designed to assist these young people in their effectiveness within their respective organizations as well as an interchange of ideas between the various groups. They had a lively interchange the entire weekend and asked some thought provoking questions. A special thanks goes to our R.W. Grand Junior Warden Barry Weer for his participation in a question and answer session Sunday morning. As a bonus, utilizing the Brotherhood Center, saved over 50% in cost compared to the using off campus facilities. The chairman, Steve Lair, Wendell Haney, and special assistant Karen Colby were in attendance representing the committee.

A Masonic Youth Rally for 2009 is in the planning stages with a site to be determined. It is tentatively scheduled for January 17th / 19th. Previous to this event, we will meet with two members of each youth organization and provide intensive training for them to utilize in their planning MYR.

Brethren, we thank you for the privilege of service to our future leaders of America and Freemasonry.

Respectfully submitted,
David Poffenbarger, Chairman
Jay Keeran      Bill Graber      Russell W. Pratt, Jr.
John Wendell Haney      Steve Lair      Karen Colby

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Thank you very much brethren. I would like to ask a member from Gothic Lodge No. 852 to come forward I know they have a presentation they would like to make.

Jim L. Tackett, Senior Warden of Gothic Lodge No. 852 presented the Grand Lodge with a check for each of the Illinois Masonic Children’s Home’s of donations raised during their 3rd Annual Bowlathon.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Thank you very much on behalf of the Children for what you guys do. I will now call on Brother Robert Wright the Chairman of our Mileage & Per Diem Committee.
MILEAGE & PER DIEM COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Master and my Brethren All:

The checks for Mileage and Per Diem have been prepared for those who are entitled to receive them.

Robert H. Wright, Chairman
Lars LaBounty    Don F. Lair, Sr.
Jim Reder        J. Robert Stockner

A motion was made, and seconded to adopt the Mileage & Per Diem Report as given. The motion was carried by the Grand Lodge.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: At this time I am going to call on Most Worshipful Brother Norman Buecker who will do the honor of installing the Officers for this year. Brother Grand Marshal will you please escort Brother Buecker to the East.

M.W. Brother Norman R. Buecker, PGM, performed the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Wardens, and other Grand Lodge Officers, elected and appointed, to govern this Grand Lodge and proclaimed they have been regularly installed for the ensuing Masonic year.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Thank you Brother Buecker, it was our privilege to have you do this installation for us. Brother Grand Marshal when you are ready, you will make the official proclamation.

The Official Proclamation was made by
William E. Alwerdt, W. Grand Marshal

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Thank you Brother Grand Marshal. Before we begin to close, I would like to thank all of those who helped make this Grand Lodge Session go as smooth as it did. It went very well and I am very proud of everyone who took part in it. A special thank you to Jeff Derrick our Grand Tyler, Don Kalenick our Assistant Grand Tyler and all the gentlemen that helped get everything set up.
We have had a very great year this year, I feel we got a lot accomplished. At the close of Grand Lodge last year I made some remarks and asked all the Masons in the State of Illinois to quit using a couple of terms. Such things as “we have always done it that way” or “we never did it that way before” and I kind of put a challenge to you, that I did not want to hear that. That I would like to see the lodges move forward, to do some things that were different. The fact that you have always done it that way, doesn’t make it exactly right. We have carried that out through the year, and I have been very happy that the many places I have traveled, that I have heard those words given back to me. “We tried something new”, “I did what you said, we didn’t do it that way as we always did before” and I have seen lodges that are very happy in what they have done. We made some changes, we tried something different, and I am quite sure that we don’t all agree or that we need to change that. A lot of the things we do, need to be changed, we need to move into the twenty-first century. As you heard in my remarks yesterday, we cannot afford to fall any further behind with Illinois Masonry. We need to keep it moving forward.

We tried some technology this year, with the screen, a young man spent two days running a camera for us, and we thank you very much for that. Something new we tried and brethren I hope you enjoyed it. At the banquet last night we also had two screens set up there. The changes we suggest we have talked over at great length. We have thought them out and we know they are a good movement. Please accept the changes we make in a token that we need them. They are all designed to move Illinois Masonry forward. To make your lodges a little bit better. A little bit easier to get members. Hopefully everything we are doing will meet with your satisfaction.

I look forward to the next year of working with you, and again, enjoying the company and visiting around the state.

Brother Grand Secretary, you will read the new appointments for the year 2008-2009.
GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Daniel C. Yandel................................... .................. M. W. Grand Master
Richard L. Swaney ........................................ R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Terry L. Seward ............................................. R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Barry D. Weer................................................ R. W. Junior Grand Warden
David W. Miller, PGM ............................... ......... R. W. Grand Treasurer
Benny L. Grisham, PGM .............................. R. W. Grand Secretary
Anthony R. Cracco .................................. ........ W. Senior Grand Deacon
Gregory L. Clark................................... ........... W. Junior Grand Deacon
Cary M. Willis ............................................ R. W. Grand Chaplain
J. Wendell Haney....................................... R. W. Grand Orator
Franklin E. Cline .................................. ........ R. W. Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Ronald E. Ganschow................................. .............. W. Grand Secretary
William E. Alwerdt................................ ................... W. Grand Marshal
Arlo R. Sloan ...................................... ........... W. Grand Standard Bearer
Dana E. Barlow..................................... ............ W. Grand Sword Bearer
Keith L. Coons..................................... ...................... W. Grand Steward
Kenneth R. Pfeifer ........................................ W. Grand Steward
James O. Shrum ..................................... .................... W. Grand Steward
Daniel S. Yandel ................................... ..................... W. Grand Steward
Jeff Derrick ......................................... .................. Bro. Grand Tyler
Donald D. Kalenick .................................. Bro. Asst. Grand Tyler
Thomas R. Osborne, Jr.............................. ............. Bro. Grand Organist
Jeffrey W. Miller .................................... Bro. Asst. Grand Organist
Russell A. McCulley ................................ Bro. Grand Soloist
Howard L. Graff ............................................. Bro. Grand Chancellor
Roy L. Wyckoff........................................ R. W. Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Robert Kalb ................................................. R. W. Grand Secretary Emeritus
AREA DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Phil Wallin ......................................................... Northeastern
John W. Bracken .................................................. Northern
Steve Oakley ......................................................... Southern
Tracy L. Bandy ...................................................... Eastern
Paul Gossett ......................................................... Western

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David P. Lynch .................................................... Northeastern
Gary W. Haire ...................................................... Northeastern
Robert D. Nielsen, II ............................................. Northeastern

Jack S. Baylor ..................................................... Northern
Richard C. Kayer .................................................. Northern
Lawrence L. E. Smith ............................................ Northern

Ray Chaney ......................................................... Southern
David L. Harris .................................................... Southern
Merle “Bud” Tate .................................................. Southern

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Mexico (Guerrero) .......................................... ........ Max D. Balding
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Mexico (York Grand Lodge) .............................. ....... Jethroe J. Smith
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Peru ............................................................. ....... Thomas L. Bates
Philippines ...................................................... .... Macario J. Ramos, Jr
Poland ............................................................ .... Lawrence D. Inglis
Portugal ......................................................... ....... James D. Williams
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Prince Hall (Connecticut) ............................................. .... Frank Welter
Prince Hall (Illinois) .................................................. Charles H. Sullins
Prince Hall (Indiana) .................................................. J. Larry Martin
Prince Hall (Oregon, Idaho & Montana) .................................... Reed McDaniel
Prince Hall (Wisconsin) .................................................. Roy L. Stastny
Puerto Rico ................................................................. Robert H. Wright
Rhode Island .............................................................. Roy L. Wyckoff
Romania ................................................................. John A. Campbell
Russia ................................................................. Eugene Steingold
San Marino ................................................................. Collin W. Lyerla
Scotland ................................................................. Lawrence D. Inglis
Serbia (Yugoslavia) ...................................................... Michael Toth
South Carolina ........................................................ J. Garrie Burr
South Dakota ........................................................... August A. Candioto, Jr
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Sweden ................................................................. Donald D. Kalenick
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Wisconsin ............................................................... James L. Tungate

BENNY L. GRISHAM, GS: Most Worshipful Grand Master that concludes the reading of the new appointments.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: Thank you Brother Grisham. Again brethren, it has been a pleasure to be here with every one of you. Thank you for your attention today, to the Committee Reports, to the things that needed to be done. Thank you for your consideration in the votes that were taken. A lot of good things have happened, a lot of decisions were made, made by you, and I do appreciate your input for all the things that have to take place in this Grand Lodge.
If there is nothing further, I will now proceed to close the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Yandel proceeded through the closing ceremony

The Grand Chaplain gave the closing Prayer

BRETHREN ALL: So mote it be.

DANIEL C. YANDEL, GM: By virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, I declare this 169th Annual Communication closed in ample form.

Brother Junior Grand Deacon through the Office of the Grand Pursuivant, inform the Grand Tyler. Brother Senior Grand Deacon, take charge of the lights.

[Signature]
Daniel C. Yandel
Most Worshipful Grand Master

Attest:

[Signature]
Benny L. Grisham, PGM
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2007-2008

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Robert Kalb.................................................. R.W. Grand Secretary Emeritus
GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2008 – 2009

Grand Lodge Officers 2008-2009

Row 1-Elected Officers (left to right): Benny L. Grisham, Grand Secretary; Barry D. Weer, Junior Grand Warden; Richard L. Swaney, Deputy Grand Master; Daniel C. Yandel, Grand Master; Terry L. Seward, Senior Grand Warden; David W. Miller, Grand Treasurer

Row 2-(left to right): William E. Alwerdt, Grand Marshal; Russell A. McCulley, Grand Soloist; Thomas R. Osborne, Jr., Grand Organist; Keith L. Coons, Grand Steward; Daniel S. Yandel, Grand Steward; Cary M. Willis, Grand Chaplain; Dana E. Barlow, Grand Sword Bearer; Ronald E. Ganschow, Grand Pursuivant; Jeffrey W. Miller, Asst. Grand Organist; Kenneth R. Pfeifer, Grand Steward

Row 3-(left to right): Jeff Derrick, Grand Tyler; Donald D. Kalenick, Asst. Grand Tyler; Howard L. Graff, Grand Chancellor; Greg Clark, Junior Grand Deacon; Arlo R. Sloan, Grand Standard Bearer; Anthony R. Cracco, Senior Grand Deacon; James O. Shrum, Grand Steward; Franklin E. Cline, Deputy Grand Secretary

Not Pictured: J. Wendell Haney, Grand Orator; R.T. ‘Jack’ Gladin, Grand Historian; Merle T. Fox, Asst. Grand Historian

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COMPLETE DETAILED SUMMARY

Statistics on Lodges for year ending May 31, 2008:

Number of Chartered Lodges as of May 31, 2007 ........................................ 533
Lodges Chartered .................................................................................................. 0
Lodges removed by consolidation or surrender ................................................. 16
Number of Chartered Lodges as of May 31, 2008 ............................................ 517

Statistics on Membership for year ending May 31, 2008

Number of Members as of May 31, 2007 ......................................................... 71236

Increase
Raised .................................................................................................................... 1200
Reinstated ............................................................................................................. 200
Affiliated ................................................................................................................. 1122
Affiliated Plural ..................................................................................................... 223
Added For Error .................................................................................................. 39
Total Increase ....................................................................................................... 2784

Decrease
Suspended .............................................................................................................. 549
Expelled ................................................................................................................. 13
Dimitted .................................................................................................................. 1253
Withdrawn Plural ................................................................................................ 104
Died ......................................................................................................................... 2368
Deducted For Error ............................................................................................... 30
Total Decrease ..................................................................................................... 4317

Number of Members as of May 31, 2008 ......................................................... 69703
50 – Year Members .............................................................................................. 6354
Life Members (Active) ....................................................................................... 17532
Other Exemptions .............................................................................................. 30
Total Exemptions ............................................................................................... 23916
Dues paying members ......................................................................................... 45787
Total Initiated ..................................................................................................... 1280
Total Passed ......................................................................................................... 1126
Total Rejections .................................................................................................. 23
GRAND LODGE CONSOLIDATIONS/SURRENDERS

The following consolidations/surrenders/revocations were approved:
Beginning: June 1, 2007 - Ending: May 31, 2008

**Surrendered**

Huntsville Lodge No. 465, Huntsville, Illinois located in Schuyler County (8W) Surrendered Charter. Members consolidated with Camden Lodge No. 648, Camden, Illinois located in Schuyler County (8W). Effective Date was November 7, 2007.

**Revoked**

Belknap Lodge No. 822, Belknap, Illinois located in Johnson County (19S), Charter Revoked. Members consolidated with Stone Arch Lodge No. 953, Cypress, Illinois located in Johnson County (19S). Effective Date was April 15, 2008.

Grand Chain Lodge No. 660, Grand Chain, Illinois located in Pulaski County (19S), Charter Revoked. Members consolidated with Stone Arch Lodge No. 953, Cypress, Illinois located in Johnson County (19S). Effective Date was April 15, 2008.

**Consolidations**

Rock Island Lodge No. 658, Rock Island, Illinois located in Rock Island County (12N) consolidated with Trio Lodge No. 57, Rock Island, Illinois located in Rock Island County (12N). Effective Date was June 20, 2007.
Louisville Lodge No. 196, Louisville, Illinois located in Clay County (8S) consolidated with Flora Lodge No. 204, Flora, Illinois located in Clay County (8S). Effective Date was October 11, 2007.

Ashton Lodge No. 531, Ashton, Illinois located in Lee County (7N) consolidated with Horicon Lodge No. 244, Rochelle, Illinois located in Ogle County (7N). Effective Date was November 7, 2007.

Blandinsville Lodge No. 233, Blandinsville, Illinois located in McDonough County (4W) consolidated with La Harpe Lodge No. 195, La Harpe, Illinois located in Hancock County (4W). Effective Date was January 1, 2008.

Belle Rive Lodge No. 696, Belle Rive, Illinois located in Jefferson County (11S) consolidated with Jefferson Lodge No. 368, Opdyke, Illinois located in Jefferson County (11S). Effective Date was January 1, 2008.

Lovington Lodge No. 228, Lovington, Illinois located in Moultrie County (14E) consolidated with Arthur Lodge No. 825, Arthur, Illinois located in Moultrie County (14E). Effective Date was January 1, 2008.

Colchester Lodge No. 496, Colchester, Illinois located in McDonough County (8W) consolidated with Macomb Lodge No. 17, Macomb, Illinois located in McDonough County (8W). Effective Date was January 7, 2008.

Loves Park Lodge No. 1145, Loves Park, Illinois located in Winnebago County (3N) consolidated with Rockford Lodge No. 102, Loves Park, Illinois located in Winnebago County (3N). Effective Date was January 9, 2008.

Findlay Lodge No. 831, Findlay, Illinois located in Shelby County (17E) consolidated with Jackson Lodge No. 53, Shelbyville, Illinois located in Shelby County (17E). Effective Date was February 12, 2008.
Woodhull Lodge No. 502, Woodhull, Illinois located in Henry County (1W) consolidated with Rio Lodge No. 685, Rio, Illinois located in Knox County (5W). Effective Date was March 11, 2008.

Broadlands Lodge No. 791, Broadlands, Illinois located in Champaign County (12E) consolidated with Ogden Lodge No. 754, Ogden, Illinois located in Champaign County (12E). Effective Date was April 7, 2008.

Parkersburg Lodge No. 509, Parkersburg, Illinois located in Richland County (8S) consolidated with West Salem Lodge No. 866, West Salem, Illinois located in Edwards County (8S). Effective Date was April 15, 2008.

Melvin Lodge No. 811, Melvin, Illinois located in Ford County (7E) consolidated with Gibson Lodge No. 733, Gibson City, Illinois located in Ford County (7E). Effective Date was April 23, 2008.
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