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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF WISCONSIN**

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301 Wisconsin Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin**

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MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

FRANKLIN J. STRUBLE

Masonic Biography

Symbolic Lodge

Valley Lodge #60, Sparta, WI

Initiated-September 20, 1978, Passed-October 21, 1978, Raised-January 3, 1979

Past Master 1981, 2001, Chetek Lodge #277, Chetek, WI – Plural Member

York Rite

Smith Chapter 13 Royal Arch Masons, May 10, 1980

Smith Council 10 Royal & Select Masters, May 17, 1980

Super Excellent Master, May 17, 1980

Knights Templar, Commandery #9, Order of the Temple, July 10, 1980

Scottish Rite

Valley of Eau Claire, WI 2009

Shriners International

ZOR Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.), Madison, WI

Order of Eastern Star

Sparta Chapter #18, Sparta, WI

Affiliated Memberships

Order of DeMolay – Senior DeMolay, DeMolay Dad, Legion of Honor

National Sojourners #27, MIP, 25 February 1992...Hero of '76, 2008

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

Grand Orator, 2004 and 2005

District Deputy, District 2, 2007

Junior Grand Steward, 2008

Senior Grand Steward, 2009

Junior Grand Deacon, 2010

Senior Grand Deacon, 2011

Junior Grand Warden, 2012

Senior Grand Warden, 2013

Deputy Grand Master, 2014

Grand Master, 2015



FRANKLIN J. STRUBLE
Grand Master
2015-2016

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

DONALD W. HENSIK

Masonic Biography

Symbolic Lodge

Lake Lodge #189, Milwaukee

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, February 28, 1985

Worshipful Master, 1990

Served as Trustee, Counselor

Member, Lake Lodge Pipes and Drums

Scottish Rite

Valley of Milwaukee, Mo Holtan Class 1985

York Rite

West Allis Chapter #84

Ivanhoe Commandery #24

St. Wilfred Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Puissant Sovereign, 2016

Wisconsin College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis

Shrine

Tripoli Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S., 1985

Tripoli Shrine Highlanders, Pipe Major Emeritas

Lake Shore Shrine Club, Past President

Other

Sovereign Grand Commander, Southern Jurisdiction, Loyal Order of the Stormy Knights

Grand Lodge F&AM of Wisconsin

Area Administrator, 1990-1991

District Deputy 2005 – 2008

Junior Grand Steward 2009

Senior Grand Steward 2010

Junior Grand Deacon 2011

Senior Grand Deacon 2012

Junior Grand Warden 2013

Senior Grand Warden 2014

Deputy Grand Master 2015

Grand Master 2016



DONALD W. HENSIK
Grand Master
2016-2017

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
172nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
of the
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
F. & A.M. OF WISCONSIN**

OPENING OF GRAND LODGE

The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin met in its 172nd Annual Communication on Friday and Saturday, June 3rd and 4th at the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin.

A Lodge of Master Masons at 8:30 a.m. o'clock was declared formally opened by the following officers from the Grand Master's Lodge, Valley Lodge No. 60 F. & A.M.:

Worshipful Master.....	Jerry McDonald
Senior Warden	Mark Jerdee
Junior Warden	Ron Malcom
Senior Deacon.....	Jarrett McDonald
Junior Deacon.....	Matt Brigson
Senior Steward	Roger Matson
Junior Steward.....	Al Brueggen
Chaplain	Burt Hamm
Tiler.....	Terry Loper
Secretary.....	Mark Jerdee

**ENTRANCE OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND
OPENING OF GRAND LODGE**

The Senior Deacon was asked by the Worshipful Master to escort Deputy Grand Master Donald W. Hensiak and the 2015-2016 Grand Lodge officers into the lodge. The Deputy Grand Master was brought to the east where he and the Grand Lodge officers were given the Grand Honors. The Grand Lodge officers assumed their stations. Grand Master Franklin J. Struble was then escorted to the east by the Deputy Grand Master, and given the Grand Honors. The Deputy Grand Master presented Grand Master Struble with the gavel.

INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

Grand Master Struble asked the Senior Grand Deacon, with the assistance of the Grand Marshall, the Senior Grand Deacon and the Junior Grand Deacon, to assemble the Past Grand Masters and guests and escort them into the Grand Lodge. He gaveled all to rise and give the Past Grand Masters the Grand Honors. The Past Grand Masters present were as follows:

Allan E. Iding, (1981), Robert E. Moore (1989), Carl J. Wussow (1993), Stanley R. Jagow (1994), Jack C. Allord (1996) John W. Hein (2001), James H. Olson (2002), Michael A. DeWolf (2003), Dr. John W. Wilke (2008), Craig S. Campbell (2009), Joseph B. Harker (2010), Davey L. White, Jr., (2011), and Dennis V. Siewert (2012), Daniel L. Slavik (2013), William Beetcher (2014)

Past Grand Masters unable to attend were as follows: Charles E. White (1970), Denman G. Kramer (1971), Herman A. Friess (1977), Rusell R. Selbo, (1980) Kenneth W. Shannon (1983), William E. Day (1985), Bruce A. Christianson (1988), James A. Zimmerman (1992), Dean T. Massey (1990), Beecher Daniels (1995), Bruce S. Sim (1997) Lawrence L. Myers (1998) and Richard E. Black (1999), Stephen D. Willett (2000), Roger L. Magoon (2005), Rodney A. Paulsen (2006), J.B. Van Hollen (2007)

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The Grand Senior Deacon introduced the visiting dignitaries, after which they were given the Grand Honors of Masonry. They were as follows:

R. W. Eric Shaw, Senior Grand Warden of Ohio
M. W. George Braatz, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America
M.W. Robert Darling, Grand Master of Minnesota
M.W. Joseph H. Rival, PGM of New Jersey, Honorary PGM of Wisconsin
R. W. Carl E. Coleman, Senior Grand Warden of Indiana
R. W. Bill Davis, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, in the province of Ontario, Algoma District.
M. W. Stan Barclay, of the Jurisdiction of Manitoba
R. W. David Hill, Senior Grand Warden of Michigan
M. W. Minor King, II, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin
R. W. Richard Smith, Deputy Grand Master of Missouri
R. W. Ty Treutlauer, Senior Grand Warden of Missouri
M. W. Art Crandon, Grand Master of Iowa
M.W. Craig Davis, PGM and Grand Secretary of Iowa
R. W. Frank Cline, PGM and Grand Secretary of Illinois

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Grand Master Struble asked the Junior Grand Deacon to retire and admit the color guard. The Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar in the state of Wisconsin presented the flag of the United States of America. The assembly was asked to join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, after which the first stanza of the Star Spangled Banner was sung, led by Jon Grinde.

Grand Master Struble declared the 172nd Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin opened in ample form. Grand Master Struble then declared the lodge informal, for the purpose of hearing from the representatives of the Masonic Youth Groups.

Grand Master Struble asked the Junior Grand Deacon to retire and escort the State Master Councilor for the Order of DeMolay, and the Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Job's Daughters to the east for their remarks.

“Good Morning. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak this morning. As Grand Bethel Honored Queen for Wisconsin Job's Daughters, I have been given the opportunity to travel around the state and represent the amazing girls that make

up Wisconsin Job's Daughters. Although I am mainly representing Jobies, and try to inform the public about what we do, I am also representing the Masonic Family as a whole. So when a young lady comes up to me, pointing and yelling, 'Oh look a princess,' or 'Mommy look it's Elsa,' I not only acknowledge the little girl, but her family as well. All of them have an opportunity to join at least one of our organizations. I am proud to be a Job's Daughter, but I am more proud to be part of the Masonic Family. As Job's Daughters we are proud to call each of you 'Dad'. All of you truly are like a family to each of us. Your support as Masons make us who we are. You are always invited to our meetings and I encourage you to come and see the amazing work that the girls do. Some of you may know about the change that occurred to our bylaws on the international or 'Supreme' level last year. For those who are unaware, in the past, to be a member of Job's Daughters you had to be between the ages of 10 and 20 and also related to a Master Mason. This was changed in case we are unable to find Masonic relationship after a long and strenuous search. If no heritage is found during the search, a girl can be sponsored by a Master Mason in Good Standing, and a Majority Member of Job's Daughters. Although this change was made and not everyone in our Order may have a Masonic relative upon joining, we are still proud to call you our Masonic family. The Masonic Youth Groups are glad that we have your support and I hope that more of you are encouraged to support the Masonic bodies as a whole. If you would like to know more about the groups that make up our Masonic Family, please come and learn more about us near the booth we have set up when you get the chance. I am sure each organization is more than willing to answer any questions you might have. Thank you all again for all that you do for Job's Daughters and all of the Masonic bodies. Enjoy the rest of your day. Thank You."

"Good Morning. I would like to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Dad Struble and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin for the invitation to your 172nd Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. It is a pleasure to be able to speak to you today, and as State Master Councilor of Wisconsin DeMolay, I want to express our gratitude for the support that the Grand Lodge has shown Wisconsin DeMolay over many years. I would like to congratulate Dad Struble on an outstanding year as Grand Master. You have worked diligently for the advancement of the Grand Lodge. To Dad Hensiak, I wish you much success during your year as Grand Master, and Wisconsin DeMolay looks forward to working with you and your line of officers. Through your unending support, I am proud to say that Wisconsin DeMolay has grown and prospered. For the past thirteen years, Wisconsin DeMolay has achieved positive growth, with current membership at 347 young men, of which have high likelihood to join the Masonic Fraternity, only due to your continued support. As I close, at this time, I ask, would all Senior DeMolay and Masonic Youth Advisors please rise. Please give these gentlemen a huge round of applause. I hope that when we ask for all Masonic Youth Advisors to rise again next year, that everyone in this room will be standing along with these great individuals. Thank you again for your hospitality and please enjoy the rest of your Annual Communication. Thank you."

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Michael A. DeWolf made a preliminary report on behalf of the Credentials Committee and reported to the Grand Lodge that 141 Lodges in the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin registered for this Annual Communication. A quorum was present and the Grand Lodge was in order to proceed with any business that may come before it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Past Grand Master William Beetcher was introduced for remarks. *“Brethren, the Unfinished Business from last year’s Annual Communication is found on page 52 and 53 of your Pre-Proceedings. The report is self-explanatory, so I am not going to elaborate on it, I move for acceptance of this report and to have it spread upon the minutes of this Annual Communication.”* The motion was seconded and carried.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Wisconsin, Franklin J. Struble, and to the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin:

At the close of business of the 171st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin; Ten (10) resolutions were referred to the Esoteric Committee for additional review and recommendation.

The following report has been received and the Esoteric Committee Recommendations are noted.

Resolution 5-2014: Found on Page 140 of the 2014 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of WI.

Esoteric Committee Comments: “The ritual described by Brother Art is a beautiful and a fitting tribute, but none felt that it should be added to the Esoteric work in the cipher. It could be rewritten and included as an optional ceremony. Since it contains both esoteric and exoteric work, it will need to be rephrased so it can be used as a public (exoteric) document. This should be reviewed and worked on by Brother Art and the Grand Chaplain along with the Grand Lecturer.”

The Esoteric Committee does not recommend adoption of this resolution.

Resolution 4-2015: Found on Page 23 of the 2015 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of WI.

Esoteric Committee Comments: “The committee members felt that the Pledge of Allegiance was in the proper place, so there is no need to make a change. Moving the pledge before the lodge is declared open could impact the continuity of the opening ritual and pose sequencing issues of, for instance, the flag is to be presented in lodge, which is a ritual unto itself that is preformed after the lodge is open. Changing it would require modifications to all of the opening rituals.

The Esoteric Committee does not recommend adoption of this resolution.

Resolution 5-2015: Found on Page 23 of the 2015 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of WI.

This Resolution has been withdrawn by M. W. G. M. Franklin J. Struble.

Resolution 14-2015: Found on Page 24 of the 2015 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of WI.

Esoteric Committee Comments: “The conferral of degrees should be done individually to maintain the intimacy of that experience and focus on the candidate’s experience.”

The Esoteric Committee does not recommend adoption of this resolution.

Resolution 15-2015: Found on Page 24 of the 2015 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of WI.

Esoteric Committee Comments: “The committee members expressed that learning and repeating the obligation is a part of the apprentice experience and are important components of learning and reflecting on the lessons that were conveyed during the degree. Memorizing the obligation sets the tone and expectations for learning the ritual and bonding with the fraternity.”

The Esoteric Committee does not recommend adoption of this resolution.

Resolution 16-2015: Found on Page 24 of the 2015 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of WI.

Esoteric Committee Comments: Since the Man-to-Mason resolution 4-2015 was rejected, this resolution is also rejected.

The Esoteric Committee does not recommend adoption of this resolution.

Resolution 19-2015: Found on Page 24 of the 2015 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of WI.

Esoteric Committee Comments: There were concerns about the proper accountability and tracking of copies of the Pure Work if it is distributed at the lodge level. We are trying to reinforce the need for more ritualists and encourage the mentoring experience to learn the ritual.”

The Esoteric Committee does not recommend adoption of this resolution.

Resolution 25-2015: Found on Page 25 of the 2015 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of WI.

Esoteric Committee Comments: “Rather than have a cipher open, solve the issue of not knowing the work by encouraging a ritualist or proficiency man to be a prompter. This will reinforce the need to have our brethren learn the ritual and become ritualists and proficiency men.”

The Esoteric Committee does not recommend adoption of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

William Beetcher, PGM, Chairman
Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, Grand Secretary
Jeffrey Bryden, Grand Treasurer

APPROVAL OF 2015 PROCEEDINGS

The Grand Secretary reported that the proceedings from the 171st Annual Communication have been printed, distributed per Code and are also available online on our website. I would move for the receipt of those proceedings and that they be spread upon the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT LECTURERS AND AREA ADMINISTRATORS

Grand Master Struble then asked the Area Administrators and District Lecturers to please rise. He thanked them for their outstanding service to the Craft all year, after which they were given a round of applause.

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Daniel L. Slavik, PGM

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brothers all, Good Morning. It is indeed an honor and pleasure to bring you greetings on behalf of the Past Grand Masters, both present and absent. Rather than this being a recital of my thoughts, I reached out to my fellow PGMs for their input as well. This year’s remarks are a collection of those comments. The Past Grand Masters have been and are willing to help in whatever capacity is required of us. Whether it be on Boards, Committees, as Trustees or other offices. But mostly we work as mentors, helping to guide Brothers by passing along some bit of wisdom gathered over the years. Grand Master, this past year can be summarized in two words: ‘Proactive’ and ‘Reactive.’ This year you were proactive, in that you created a tressleboard, you presented the tressleboard one year ago and successfully executed it. You are to be commended for reaching out to the Brethren by holding listening sessions around the state. These sessions allowed for a free-flow of ideas including how to make Lodge operate better. Your weekly email messages were enjoyed by many. They provided an uplifting message. You served as a host for the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. This Conference brought in representatives from the 64 member jurisdictions, as well as many visiting jurisdictions and appendant bodies. Everyone that attended commented on how enjoyable the conference was. All the Brothers and their ladies that volunteered to help are to be thanked for their effort that showcased Wisconsin hospitality. A special thanks to Past Grand Master Joe Harker for his dedicated work on the transportation. Just as all Past Grand Masters have, you needed to be reactive, because you were presented with challenges. Challenges that could have cast a black cloud over our gentle Craft. You were thoughtful before proceeding, yet timely in responding. The dark clouds passed quickly and we could return to the business of building our Craft. A recent Facebook post talked about a cup, “Whether it be half full or half empty it is refillable.” Most Worshipful, this year you have worked to refill our cup with everything that is good, amiable and useful. We look forward to joining the ranks of the Past Grand Masters, it has been a good year. On behalf of our ladies, we would like to thank you for all of the hospitalities extended to us. We look forward to the remainder of the Annual Communication. Thank you and God Bless.”

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. Arthur Crandon, Grand Master of Iowa

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Visiting Dignitaries, and Brethren All, it is my privilege and honor to bring greetings to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin on behalf of the sister jurisdictions in attendance today. We thank you for all the hospitalities and amenities offered to us, and look forward to an enjoyable session. Masonry is a universal experience and it is important that we share with each other ideas that can promote the good of the Order throughout the world. I believe that we stand upon the threshold of what could be our finest hour and at a time when society needs the principles and tenants of Freemasonry more so than at any other time in our history. My program in Iowa this year is entitled, “Let’s Try Masonry.” It centers on three points: Recruitment, Retention and Ritual. The most important of these is recruitment, for if we as Masons don’t sell Masonry, nobody else in the world is going to do it for us. It is not a Masonic offense to solicit membership, we just can’t coerce them. We still have to be mindful of guarding the

west gate. Degree work will put activity back into the Lodges and thus give reason for members to return to Lodge and instill the best Ritual in our members. I believe it is a circle of events that are dependent upon each other. It seems to be working for us this year. We congratulate Most Worshipful Brother Frank on the completion of a successful year, and extend a Brotherly 'Good Luck' to Brother Don and to his officers in the future. Thank you."

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF WI, INC.

R.W. Minor King, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Prince Hall

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master my dear friend, to all of the visiting dignitaries, and Brothers all, Good Morning. I do bring you greetings on behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons for the state of Wisconsin, where I serve as the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the next ten days. Most Worshipful Grand Master I would be remiss if I didn't first thank you for all of the amenities and hospitality and Brotherly Love all the Brothers have shown me throughout my stay here. I always have had this date on my calendar for the last ten years, and I did not want to miss this one. I enjoy coming to the session and it gives me a great opportunity to see so many of my friends and in hopes of making new friends. I want to say that the Fraternal Relations in the jurisdiction of Wisconsin makes me proud to be a Mason. It makes me proud to go out and travel throughout the jurisdictions, and I just want to say that throughout my travel, I'm often asked, 'How do we do it?' I just have one simple phrase for them Brothers. We do it because we are Brothers. It's not rocket science. We do it because we are Brothers, and I just want to say that the Prince Hall doors are always open...under my administration I've made that possible, and that they will continue to be open for any Brother wishing to visit. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I'd also like to thank you for the friendship that you have afforded me, the conversations that we have had, the stance that you have taken on some sensitive issues, and just being a dear friend. I just want to personally thank you for that, and I know that your time is short and I just want to say that whatever you have planned I wish you the best. Once again, thanks for having me, and I wish you peace, love, harmony and brotherly love for the remainder of your 172nd communication. Thank you so much."

GEORGE WASHINGTON, "IN HIS OWN WORDS"

M.W. Franklin Struble gave introduction:

"We turn to our roots to review what we should be doing today. That includes our Ritual, it includes the work that we do in Lodges, and it includes our history. The father of Masonry in the United States was George Washington and we all know that. You may not know the kind of leader George Washington was. George Washington took his army into Valley Forge, and there was one structure...one house at Valley Forge. George Washington could have moved into that house and had his troops there, but George Washington said, 'I'm pitching a tent outside that house and I will live in that tent until every one of my soldiers is under a hard roof.' And he did. He did things like create contests between his units for who could build the best and the fastest barracks. He didn't like living in that tent. But he was the kind of leader who understood, that the troops eat first. He was the kind of leader that understood, you have to have all your soldiers under one hard roof before you can go under one. And

he lived his life that way. So I thought that it would be an interesting thing today to hear from George Washington in his own words.

We have Brother Michael Kugler here to help us with that.”

Applause.

“It is with deepest appreciation and humility that I come before you today to speak of the days surrounding our noble quest for independence. I shall offer my remarks with a sincerity which ought to characterize a man of candor. And with the freedom that may be used in providing useful information without incurring the imputation of presumption. At a time when our Lordly masters in Great Britain would be satisfied with nothing less than the complete deprivation of American freedom, it seemed highly necessary that something must be done to avert the stroke, and to preserve the liberty which we have derived from our ancestors, so that no man should scruple or hesitate for a moment to take up arms in defense of so valuable a blessing. Nothing short of independence it appeared to me could possibly do. A contemplation of the complete attainment of the object for which we contended against so formidable a power, cannot but inspire us with astonishment and gratitude. The disadvantageous circumstances on our part under which this war was undertaken can never be forgotten. The singular interpositions of providence in our feeble condition were such as could scarcely escape the attention of even the most unobserving. The unparalleled perseverance of the armies of the United States, through every conceivable discouragement and suffering over the span of eight long years was little short of a standing miracle. I believe I may, with great truth affirm that no man perhaps since the first institution of armies ever commanded under more difficult circumstances than I have done. Yet despite every exertion on the part of Great Britain, divine providence smiled upon us, to bring what my mind could scarcely conceive as a vision of a dream...as a thing of actual existence, no matter how strange and wonderful it appeared to me. Even as the war happily ended, I could not presume to forget that we were still a young and struggling people. Yet I dreamed of a day when we shall be a nation, rather than a mere Confederation of States. A nation, one and indivisible, whose duty and delight it shall be throughout all the centuries to exemplify to the world the blessings of true and perfect liberty. But as first we needed to circumscribe the boasted virtue of America, and avoid a triumph for the advocates of despotism, we could scarcely allow them to learn that we were incapable of governing ourselves, and that the systems founded upon the principle of equal liberty were merely ideals and fallacious. While my utmost exertions now turn toward the establishment of our national character, by steering a steady course and preserving this country from the horrors of a desolating war, I had the consolation of knowing, which is the result of conscious rectitude, of the desires of Congress and the approving voice of my country. And it was of utmost importance that we stamp a favorable impression upon our national character, for it is only in our United character as an empire that our independence is recognized, our power regarded and our credit supported among the foreign nations. And as we have now been placed among the nations of the Earth, how we shall acquit ourselves is an honor only time shall discover. I perceived however unimportant America was regarded at present, there would come a day when this nation shall have some weight in the scales of empires. As we now contemplated perfection in the science of government through an assemblage of men of opinion and wisdom, it became apparent that the diversity of opinion would make our task more arduous than originally anticipated. But I had my faith, that the continuance of the Union would still be the primary object of patri-

otic desire. And many of my opinions were not shared by all these men. Nonetheless, I shall be pleased if you permit me the vanity to share with you four things which I humbly conceive are the essential, and I might even venture to say to the United States as an independent power. First, an indissoluble union of states under one federal head, because the blood and treasure which have been spent on this endeavor will have been lavished to little purpose if we cannot be better cemented. Secondly, a sacred regard to public justice. The liberty enjoyed by the people of these United States to worship almighty God agreeable to their own consciences, is the choicest of their blessings and their rights. The path of our duty is plain before us. Honesty shall be found on every experiment to be the best and only true policy. Let us therefore as a nation be just. Let us fulfill the public contracts that Congress undoubtedly has the power to make for the purposes of the general welfare. In the meantime, let an attention to the cheerful performance of our private engagements under the protective hands of government, grudge to yield a very little of our property to the common interest of society and stand justified in the sight of God and man. Thirdly, the adoption of a proper peace establishment, beginning with the Obligation we owe to those who have shed their blood or lost their limbs in service to their country must be considered a debt of honor. It can never be considered a pension or an annuity, nor can it be cancelled until it is fully discharged. It is only then that attention will be paid to the importance of establishing our militia on a regular and well-regarded footing for the future defense of our republic. Fourthly, the prevalence of that pacific and friendly demeanor among the people of the United States which will induce them to make those common concessions necessary to support the general prosperity and in some cases to sacrifice their own individual advantages to the interest of the community. These are the pillars on which the glorious fabric of our independence and national character must be supported. Liberty is the basis, and whosoever shall attempt to sap the Foundation or overturn the structure shall merit the bitterest execration and severest punishment which can be inflicted by his injured Country. Experience has taught us, that men will not adopt and carry into execution measures that best calculated for their own good, without the invention of coercive power. Let the reigns of government be braced and held with a steady hand, and let every violation of the constitution be reprehended. If it is defective, let it be amended, but not suffer it to be trampled upon whilst it still has existence. The Constitution will provide stability, consistency and dignity to the Union. It is important that the general government be not invested with any more power than is indispensably necessary for the performance of the functions of good government. But should be invested with more checks and barriers against the introduction of tyranny. Let us be vitally aware, that there is no more dangerous a practice than that of borrowing money. Contracting new debts is no way to pay off old ones, for if money can be had in this way, repayment is seldom thought of in time. In the meantime the debt accumulates like a snowball rolling. Neither should we ungenerously throw upon posterity the burden, which we ourselves should bear. There is an opinion that political parties in free countries serve as useful checks against the administration of government and keep alive the spirit of liberty. The alternating domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of political revenge, natural to political dissension, is sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it. Understanding that ultimately it will incite the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual on the ruins of public liberty. And it opens the door to foreign influence and corruption. I wish the Constitution as it was presented had been made more perfect, but I sincerely believed that it was the best that could be obtained at the time. And as the constitutional door was opened for amendment thereafter, the adoption of it was, in

my opinion desirable. The power will always be in the hands of the people, and it is entrusted to representatives of their own choosing, and if it is executed contrary to their wishes, their servants can and will be recalled. After the arduous task of serving as President, I surrendered my public trust to those who had committed it to me. It was my wish to make known even in the shade of my retirement, my earnest prayer, that God will hold all of you in his Holy protection, that he will incline in the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of obedience and subservience to government. To entertain brotherly affection and love for one another for the citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for those who have served in the field. And finally, that he would be most graciously pleased to dispose all of us to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which are the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religions. It was the first wish of my heart, that the enlightened policies of that age should diffuse to all men those blessings to which they are established, and lay the foundation of happiness for future generations. The name of 'American,' which belongs to all of you, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism. You have in common cause fought and triumphed together. The independence and liberty, which you know possess, are the work of joint counsels and joint efforts in common dangers, sufferings and successes. If these lessons are not forgotten, this Republic, united in the bonds of brotherhood, and with the assistance of almighty God shall endure in honor."

PERSONAL THANK YOUS FROM GRAND MASTER STRUBLE

At this time Grand Master Struble thanked his Brothers from Sparta and Chetek Lodge for doing a fine job opening the Grand Lodge. A hearty round of applause was given by the assembly.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Section 29.09 (Nominating Committee) of the Wisconsin Masonic Code states that it shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to recommend to the Grand Lodge at it's annual communication suitable and eligible candidates for election as Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and to the Board of Trustees, the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board and the Wisconsin Masonic Journal (Section 45-05).

The Nominations Committee submits the following names for election:

Jeffrey Bryden, Grand Treasurer
Michael DeWolf, Grand Secretary
Jim Goldsmith, Grand Trustee, 5 year term
Monte Steiber, Wisconsin Benevolent Activities Board, 3 year term
Jan Talaga, Wisconsin Benevolent Activities Board, 3 year term
David Larson, Wisconsin Benevolent Activities Board, 3 year term
Lowell Scott, Journal Board, 3 year term

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Hensiak, DGM
Arby Humphrey, SGW
Scott Pedley, JGW
Robert Strader, SGD
Ken Gorgen, JGD

Deputy Grand Master Hensiak asked for adoption of the report. The motion was seconded and carried, the report of the nominating committee was accepted.

BALLOT DECLARED OPEN

Grand Master Franklin Struble asked all to cast their vote by using the official ballot. The ballot boxes are positioned outside the Lodge Room and are being monitored by the Grand Marshal and the Grand Treasurer. The ballot will remain open until after lunch, and the ballots will be counted while you are in break out sessions.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

James Olson, PGM, Dodge County #72

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, my name is James Olson, PM of Dodge County Lodge #72, and a Past Grand Master of this jurisdiction. On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, the report is found beginning on page 54 of the Pre-Proceedings, at this time I move for the approval of the resolutions as set out in the report. There are a number of resolutions that for various reasons are recommended not to be brought forth and in particular, Resolution #6, and I believe the Most Worshipful Grand Master has a comment on that.”

MWGM, Franklin Struble

“We’re not going to consider Resolution #6 for a variety of reasons, not the least among which is that this would bar any veterans scarred in battle from being part of the Fraternity. It would cause to question any Brother with a tattoo or piercing and I’m simply not going to allow that to come before the floor.”

“Unless there are other questions Most Worshipful, I call the question.”

The motion was made, seconded and carried.

2016 RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Number 1-2016

Submitted By: Expenditures Committee

Vote required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: To adopt a budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Resolved, that the attached budget, which has been mailed to all constituent Lodges in accordance with Section 29.05 (c), calling for expenditures of \$818,650 be adopted.

Resolutions Committee Report: Approved as to form.

Jurisprudence Committee Report: Resolution is approved to go to the floor.

Resolution Number 2-2016

Submitted By: Expenditures Committee

Vote required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: To provide for a Per Capita Tax

Resolved, that the annual per capita tax upon each member of record of a Chartered Lodge on December 31, 2015, be and here is established at the sum of Thirty-nine dollars and no cents (\$39.00) for the fiscal year 2016-2017 be adopted.

Resolutions Committee Report: Approved as to form.

Jurisprudence Committee Report: Resolution is approved to go to the floor.

Resolution Number 3-2016

Submitted By: Executive Committee

Section(s) Affected:

Vote required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: Designate the place of holding Annual Communication in June, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin for the year 2018 shall be held in the City of Madison, Wisconsin.

Resolutions Committee Report: Approved as to form.

Jurisprudence Committee Report: Resolution is approved to go to the floor.

Resolution Number 4-2016

Submitted By: Jefferson County Lodge No.9

Section(s) Affected: 101.03 Discipline by Grand Master

Vote required for Adoption: Three-Fourths Vote

Purpose: Regulation of suspension, expulsion, and deprivation of Masonic rights or benefits in consequence of a detention, arrest, or proceeding in a criminal court.

RESOLVED that Section 101.03 be amended as follows.

101.03 Discipline by Grand Master.

- (a) Prior to the close of the 1992 annual communication of the Grand Lodge, if a Mason has been convicted of a felony or a sexual assault misdemeanor, or has pled guilty or no contest thereto, in a court of competent jurisdiction, the Grand Master may discipline him to such extent as is provided for in the Trial Code and the Grand Master feels appropriate, without the preferring of charges and Masonic trial.

- (b) Effective upon the close of the 1992 annual communication of the Grand Lodge, if a Mason is convicted of a felony or a sexual assault misdemeanor, or shall plead guilty or no contest thereto, in a court of competent jurisdiction, the Grand Master shall expel him without the preferring of charges and Masonic trial.
- (c) If a Mason has been convicted of a felony prior to becoming a Mason the Grand Master may discipline him to such extent as provided for in the trial code and to the extent the Grand Master feels appropriate, without the preferring of charges and a Masonic trial.
- (d) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) above, no action shall be taken by the Grand Master while proceedings for reversal of the judgment of said court shall be pending and undecided.
- (e) A copy of the information, judgment and any other court records as may be available shall be sufficient evidence to justify such discipline or expulsion. Other evidence, as determined by the Grand Master, will be sufficient evidence to justify such discipline or expulsion. Other evidence, as determined by the Grand Master, will be sufficient if such information, judgment or other court records are not available.
- (f) A Mason disciplined under (a) or (b) above shall have a right of review as provided in Chapter 108.
- (g) **No Mason shall be suspended, expelled or deprived of Masonic rights or benefits in consequence of a detention, arrest, or proceeding in a criminal court of the United States, or any State or Territory thereof, unless (1) said Mason has been convicted of or pled guilty to a felony as defined under the laws of the aforesaid authorities, or (2) said Mason has twice in ten years pled *nolo contendere* (“no contest”) to a felony as defined under the laws of the aforesaid authorities, or (3) said Mason makes public admission to the commission of a felony as defined under the laws of the aforesaid authorities.**

Resolutions Committee Report: Not in proper form. Resolution is not in compliance with Wisconsin State Statutes.

Jurisprudence Committee Report: Resolution cannot go to the floor in its present form. It is not in compliance with State and Federal Criminal Law.

Resolution Number 5-2016

Submitted By: Jefferson County #9

Section(s) Affected: 22.04

Vote Required for Adoption: Three-Fourths

Purpose: Prohibit voting on any matter at the Annual Communication that has not been published to all Lodges.

RESOLVED that 22.04 Tenth shall be created.

TENTH: that no matter shall be brought to a vote at an Annual Communication unless (a) the matter has been published as a Resolution in the Preliminary Proceedings for the Annual Communication, (b) the Preliminary Proceedings for the Annual Communication have been distributed to all Lodges or conspicuously

published upon the official web site of the Grand Lodge, and (c) all Lodges have been instructed to distribute personal copies of the Preliminary Proceedings for the Annual Communication to all member Masons so requesting or to communicate to all member Masons the availability of the Preliminary Proceedings on the official web site of the Grand Lodge not less than forty-five (45) days before the Annual Communication.

Resolutions Committee Report: Not in proper form. The resolution is too vague and indefinite and could prevent the Annual Communication Body from ‘Suspending the Rules’ should the entire body wish to do so.

Jurisprudence Committee Report: It removes the inherent right of the body to ‘Suspend the Rules’ and vote on a resolution of its choice.

Resolution Number 6-2016

Submitted By: Janesville-Western Star Lodge #55

Vote required for Adoption: Three-Fourths

Purpose: To provide guidance for Lodges regarding individuals who have permanently or that seek to change their bodies through medical intervention, including but not limited to hormones and/or surgeries.

Resolved, that Chapter 66.01 be amended to read as follows:

66.01 Qualifications Defined. An applicant for the degrees must be a man, of good report, unmutilated, well recommended, a believer in Deity, literate, of lawful age, mentally and morally sound. The lodge shall judge the qualifications when the ballot is spread after the petition has been received by the lodge.

Resolutions Committee Report: The resolution is not in proper form and will not be considered. It is in violation of Masonic Code.

Resolution Number 7-2016

Submitted By: Noah Schultz, PM of Jefferson County #9

Section(s) Affected: 74.02

Vote required for Adoption: Three-Fourths

Purpose: To provide an enforcement mechanism for completion of Master Mason examination. To ensure knowledge of work done in the symbolic lodge before petitioning any appendant bodies. To remove rarely followed 60 day examination requirement. To allow lodges which go “dark” greater ability to adhere to Master Mason examination requirement.

Resolved, that Chapter 74.02 be amended to read as follows:

74.02 Examination in the Master Mason Degree Mandatory. All Master Masons within 60 days after receiving the Master Mason Degree, unless for good and sufficient reasons further time is granted by the Master, shall demonstrate proficiency by passing an examination in open lodge on the posting lesson as defined by the Grand Lodge for the Master Mason Degree to the satisfaction of the Master. It shall be the duty of the Master upon conferring of the Master

Mason Degree to inform the Brother of this regulation and advise him as to how instruction in such posting lesson may be obtained.

Upon passing such an examination he shall be entitled to receive a certificate of proficiency in testimony thereof with the seal of the lodge thereto affixed and signed by the Master and Secretary of his lodge. No Master Mason raised after June 5, 2016, shall petition any organization which predicates its membership on being a Master Mason, or shall be eligible to serve as an elected lodge officer, unless he has first demonstrated proficiency in the Master Mason Degree by passing an examination in open lodge.

Resolutions Committee Report: Approved as to form.

Jurisprudence Committee Report: Proper to go to the floor.

Resolution Number 8-2016

Submitted By: Noah Schultz, PM of Jefferson County #9

Section(s) Affected: 89.01

Vote required for Adoption: Three-Fourths

Purpose: The Lodge Excellence Award encourages the issuing and publishing on the subject of Freemasonry in newspapers, websites, TV, and radio. This resolution would allow public publication and discussion, websites, Facebook posts, etc., on the subject of Freemasonry, without approval of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, as long as such publications or discussions are not represented to be the official position of Wisconsin Freemasonry. Also, to strengthen code so a Mason does not have to be both “of and within” the jurisdiction, but rather “of or within”, to be in violation. A web post can be made anywhere in the world, and as long as a Mason “of” this jurisdiction is not also “within” Wisconsin when a publication is made, he would be free of any requirements for approval. Simple change from “and” to “or” strengthens the code.

Resolved, that Chapter 89.01 be amended to read as follows:

89.01 Publications Forbidden. A Mason of ~~and~~ or within this jurisdiction is strictly prohibited from issuing or publishing in any manner, form or character whatever, or causing the same to be done, any book, work, magazine, pamphlet, document, report or instrument whatever, ~~upon the subject~~ representing the official position of Masonry, the Grand Lodge, its policies, activities or functions, or from circularizing the lodges or Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction on any subject except by means of its lodge bulletin, ~~or trestleboard~~ or website, without first having obtained permission of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, such permission to be in writing, under the official seal of the Grand Lodge and countersigned by the Grand Secretary who shall keep a record thereof and file a copy of such document.

Resolutions Committee Report: Not in proper form.

Jurisprudence Committee Report: Resolution is too vague and indefinite to go to the floor in its current form.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Roth, Freemasons Lodge #363, & Crandon Lodge #287

“The Masonic Jurisprudence Committee Report will be found on page 40 of the Pre-Proceedings. It contains as part of its report the Resolutions which you have just reviewed. It also identifies the additional activities of the Grand Master and the Committee during the year. We had 21 different changes to bylaws, the Grand Master had the usual collection of Dispensations, which were found to be in order, and in connection with Edicts we had various annual edicts that were renewed, you are familiar with them regarding processes and so forth, you can see them spread upon the report. There was an Edict which was issued in connection with out of bounds activity and problems in the Sheboygan Lodge, you can read about that... we found it to be appropriate and reasonable, and there were Expulsions. All of the expulsions this year were a function of either: Unmasonic Conduct found by trial, or Convictions for Felonies, and in one case a Misdemeanor for Sexual Assault which is a special exception for expulsion and approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. The other matters of advice to the Grand Master were ministerial in nature. I would move the adoption of the Jurisprudence Report at this time.”

The motion was seconded and Grand Master Struble called for the vote. The motion was carried.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS OF CONSTITUENT LODGES

Twenty-One (21) Lodges requested By-Laws Changes (changes in dues, meeting dates/places/ times). The Committee reviewed them in detail for legality and conformity with the Code.

DISPENSATIONS OF THE GRAND MASTER

During the term of his office, Grand Master Franklin J. Struble issued eighty (80) dispensations #4292-4371, from (June 6th, 2015 – May 1st, 2016). They are listed as follows:

Permission To Serve Wine Or Beer At A Table Lodge Or Event....	54
Permission To Confer Multiple Degrees On More Than One Candidate At A Time Simultaneously.....	5
Permission To Temporarily Change State Communication Time Or Date	1
Permission To Hold A Special Meeting	2
Permission To Hold A Special Election Of Officers	2
Permission To Bestow The Title Of Honorary Past Master For A Member Who Has Not Served All Chairs.....	1
Permission To Temporarily Change A Meeting Location	5
Permission To Waive The Minimum Requirements Between Degrees.....	3
Permission To Hold Stated Communication To Confer Or Exemplify Degrees Either In A Sister Jurisdiction Or Elsewhere When Officially Invited Provided Both Lodges Obtain Dispensation From The Grand Master.....	6
Permission Certificate To Approve A Degree Team To Exemplify Any Work In Any Lodge From The Grand Master And Attested By The Grand Secretary.....	1
Total	80

The Committee is of the opinion that all the dispensations were properly issued pursuant to the Masonic Code.

EDICTS

The Grand Master issued three Edicts this year as follows:

1. **WHEREAS:** The Grand Lodge F&AM of WI is designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(10) organization, and

WHEREAS: Section 54.04 of the WI Masonic Code designates the final disposition of a lodge's assets if it surrenders its Charter or has it revoked, and

WHEREAS: It is the Fiduciary responsibility of the Grand Master and the Grand Trustees to manage present and future assets in the best interests of our fraternity.

IT IS THEREFORE, my Edict that:

no lodge shall seek a tax status (including but not limited to 501(c)(3) status) that places limits (under tax law) on the ability of such lodge to exercise all of its Masonic purposes.

IT IS ALSO my Edict that:

no lodge shall seek a tax status (including but not limited to 501(c)(3) status) that places limits (under tax law) on the ability of such lodge to support and maintain the Grand Lodge. Similarly, no lodge may seek a tax status that places limits (under tax law) on the use of property transferred to the Grand Lodge upon the surrender or forfeiture of the charter of such lodge.

IT IS ALSO my Edict that:

no lodge shall organize a supporting organization with a tax status (including but not limited to 501(c)(3) status) that places limits (under tax law) on the use of funds raised by such organization.

IT IS ALSO my Edict that:

no lodge shall mortgage, pledge, lease, sublease, assign, encumber, transfer, distribute, donate, place a lien on, gift, contribute, sell, grant any easement or other contractual rights in or to or otherwise transfer and/or encumber in any manner real property leased or owned by such lodge, unless or until approved by the Grand Master pursuant to the Wisconsin Masonic Code.

2. In June of 1998 the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin while in Annual Session adopted the following Decision.

WHEREAS: The insurance program of the Grand Lodge F&AM of WI has given added protection to all covered Lodges at very competitive prices, and,

WHEREAS: It is possible to obtain more favorable insurance as a group,

IT IS THEREFORE MY DECISION, that each Constituent Lodge becomes covered under the Grand Lodge group policy, including real estate, personal property and liability coverage.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE DECISION,

- The Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin recognize the importance of ensuring that all Constituent Lodges protect their lodges and lodge functions with appropriate liability, P&C and D&O insurance coverage.

- The Grand Lodge has a fiduciary responsibility to secure a master liability insurance plan that will provide protection for the specific activities of the Grand Lodge and all Constituent Lodges.

- Since all Constituent lodges are members of the Grand Lodge by virtue of the Charter issued to them,

IT IS THEREFORE MY EDICT that all Constituent Lodges will participate in and share in the cost of the Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin

Insurance Plan. Cost sharing for the liability coverage will be based on the End-of-Year Primary Member Count listed on the Recapitulation Report for each lodge.

The Grand Lodge periodically reviews proposals from competing insurance carriers to evaluate appropriate levels of insurance coverage and to be certain we are offering the best level of coverage, service, and price for itself and all Constituent Lodges.

3. **WHEREAS:** As Grand Master it is part of my responsibility to ensure that every Lodge in Wisconsin is a safe place for Brothers to come together, learn and practice the tenets of Freemasonry. The Craft is structured to cause a man to engage in self-reflection and come to grips with his behavior, his role as a man, and his relationships. The Entered Apprentice learns responsibility, he learns why to help the destitute, and where he puts his trust. He is taught to subdue his passions, circumscribe his actions and improve himself in Masonry. Next he is given a perspective on how we fit into and influence the fabric of history. As a Master Mason he actually acts out the role of one who holds truth, honor, and fortitude above his own life. And,

WHEREAS: Most of our Brothers adopt these lessons and develop a healthy Masonic self-awareness. This is part of how we make good men better. Unfortunately, some fail to assimilate these teachings. I have come to the realization that the behavior of the Brethren listed below is not consistent with the principles of the Craft. Frankly this documented behavior toward our Brotherhood and the Brothers is unacceptable.

THEREFORE, effective immediately, it is my order that the following Brethren may not attend any Masonic lodge meeting in Wisconsin. They may not enter any Masonic building at anytime or wear any Masonic pins or jewelry displaying a Square and Compasses in the State of Wisconsin, or resign from the fraternity pending the results of a Masonic trial for Unmasonic conduct.

- Job Edmund Hou-Seye – Sheboygan Lodge No. 11
- Matthew F. Elliott - Sheboygan Lodge No. 11& Cassia No, 167
- Derrick A. Rupp - Sheboygan Lodge No. 11

Specifics will be provided through the Trial Commission once appointed by the Deputy Grand Master. You may choose to be represented by counsel, but it will be at your own expense.

For the record, I do this as a last resort. The evidence has convinced me that no other remedy is possible. Your final disposition will be based upon the decision of the Court Commission.

It is the opinion of the Committee Chair that these Edicts were lawfully issued, subject to annual review by the Committee on June 2nd, 2016. They are effective until the close of the 2016 Annual Communication.

EXPULSIONS

The Grand Master expelled William F. Kramer, Gerald S. Brebner, Keith E. Mass, Christopher J. Nighbor, and Ryan M. Barbian from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, per Section 101.03 of the Trial Code.

OTHER MATTERS

The Jurisprudence Committee has also given advice to the Grand Master during the year, and may submit supplementary post-proceedings reports if deemed appropriate as a consequence of events that transpire during these proceedings.

Robert W. Roth, Chairman
Jurisprudence Committee

RESOLUTION 3-2016

Grand Master Struble called upon RW Brother Scott Pedley to present.

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren All, on page 54 of the Pre-Proceedings, is Resolution #3, Submitted by the Executive Committee, the vote required is a majority. To designate the place of holding the Annual Communication in June of 2018. Resolved that the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin for the year 2018 shall be held in the City of Madison, Wisconsin. Most Worshipful Grand Master I move for the adoption of Resolution #3.”

The motion was seconded and Grand Master Struble called for the vote. The motion was carried.

GRAND MASTER’S REPORT

“My written report is in the Pre-Proceedings. My travels are in the Pre-Proceedings on the website but due to a clerical error did not make the printed variety, and they will be in the final Proceedings. I’m proud of the service of your Grand Lodge Officers this year. We faced up to many things that we determined were important and it was obvious to us that many of the Brothers throughout the state had an inkling that Grand Lodge got a little too Grand. And so we took that to heart. Last June I told you I viewed this job as serving as your advocate. In light of that promise, we started a process of reviewing long-standing practices and seeing if they fit in today’s world. The first one that stood out to us was for five years before, we’ve been requiring Lodges to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley Regulations. But guess what? We had not done that with the Grand Lodge. Much to the chagrin of some people in administrative work, we changed that, and the Grand Lodge is now fully compliant with Sarbanes-Oxley. Not only did we send out all the statement and disclosures, we also developed a Code of Conduct for Grand Lodge Officers. That was sent out on one of my emails this year, so that you could see them. We enforced that Code twice this year, and it did not go unnoticed...even outside of Wisconsin. We got a letter from Shrine International, thanking Wisconsin, stating that “The Imperial Shrine has adopted Wisconsin’s Code verbatim as their own new standards of behavior for Imperial Officers.” The next thing we did was we started to listen to what your concerns and thoughts were. We took a step of establishing some new administrative restrictions. For example we made a firm rule stipulating that the cost of alcoholic beverages would not be paid from Grand Lodge funds, period. So now if we use the Governor’s Club upgrade at the Concourse, the individual pays the portion of that upgrade that involves the complimentary drinks. At any time a Grand Lodge Officer turns in an expense, he will have to pay for any drink costs, and may not roll them into a meal bill. It may seem like a small step, but we think its one in the right direction. We found some unpleasant things to face this year. We had a Masonic Trial Case that had been dangling without closure, that’s now history. We found Masons not behaving like Masons and dragging down a Lodge. We stepped in there also. Since this report has been written, Masonic Trials have been concluded and those three individuals have been expelled for Unmasonic behavior. We had a wake-up scare due to a thwarted attack on the Humphrey Masonic Center. We handled that. A panel on Lodge Safety and Security has been established to study our future in that area in light of today’s world. Your Grand Lodge hosted the North American Conference of Grand Masters and I’m proud to recognize the planning team headed up by Past Grand Master Dan Slavik and his Lady Laura. Many volunteers stepped up...many

of you stepped up to help, and it made a huge difference. Wisconsin is apparently the first single hosting Grand Lodge to ever host that Conference and come out in the black. In Baltimore, the Grand Lodge of Maryland lost \$75,000 hosting that Conference. In Vancouver, \$55,000. We wound up in the black in the neighborhood of \$15-18,000. That's a real compliment to how we laid things out and planned and to how your committees worked. And your volunteers. When we first talked last June I asked each of you to do a few things. First realize that the only place Masons can act is in Lodges. Secondly that the Lodges needed to act, and I asked each of you to bring in a new Brother. I didn't get full participation in all that, but I do thank you for the improvements you made. Petitions are up at this writing. When I wrote this it was April 2016, and we figured out that we had brought in 350 petitions in the 12 months before that date. 12 months before that, we served up 292, so I'd like to see our next goal be about 500. Let's keep those successes coming in. More of your Brothers have been returning to Masonry than in previous years, and it is significant that a higher percentage are going through the degrees, but it's still not as high as we need to make it. Your Grand Lodge Planning Committee to address this has developed a new Posting Procedure, which your next Grand Master will tell you all about. Acting as your advocate I joined many of you with 30 listening visits to the Lodges throughout Wisconsin to establish a two-way link of communication. It worked. There's a huge pool of creative, smart Brothers out there and their families that had ideas tucked away that we'd never even heard of. Your thoughts and ideas have been published in three articles in the Journal and I placed them in this report in the Pre-Proceedings. I tried to put everything in the article, so that everything is out in the open. I did not have the band with at home, or I'd have done YouTube conversations with you each week, but I had to rely on the emails. One thing you asked for is you asked for the Care Bears to come back. They're here. They're available in the store and your Lodges can get them now. They're a little bigger, a little nicer and a little cheaper than they were before. I learned some important concepts. I learned that big Lodges have a problem because a guy can go 10 minutes down the road and attend a different Lodge. Big population Lodges need to develop a sense of community within their Lodge. Chetek and Sparta and places like that, we have that sense of community because we're in a community. That's something they have to create in Big City Lodges, and it's a challenge I never realized. Believe me, we can all learn. We've got many Lodges that are trapped in their buildings. Some through neglect, some through lack of planning, some due to energy costs, some from lack of long-term maintenance. As we move to our future Grand Lodge needs to consider how to help Lodges find real estate solutions and identify root causes of problems sooner. Is there more to do? Absolutely. There's a lot more to do. We can always get better... if we don't know anything else, we know that. The good news is, we have Brothers standing ready to mold our future. Thank you for the honor of serving you as Grand Master. Trust me, this is the best job in the world. Since the most significant material to move us forward came from you, the majority of this report is the ideas that came from those listening sessions. I ask that you always ask yourself, "Am I preserving the past, serving the present and preparing for the future?" I make a motion that this report be spread upon the minutes."

The Grand Master's Report was accepted.

Your input:

- Call-em-all.com: This system is being used successfully by several lodges keeping their brothers informed. Good news - Any Masonic organization or affiliated

- organization can receive a 10% discount Details in Journal
- 5th Tuesday or Thursday whole Lodge goes out to dinner together. Key to success is that the wives pick the place. Same idea works in two different lodges.
 - Craftsman Club...to refine quality of ritual work. This idea works under different names in multiple lodges. Some meet this way once a month, others twice and some meet on off lodge nights one meets on a Saturday morning.
 - Make it clear that a Brother can leave his career at home and just be a brother in Lodge.
 - Ladies club for wives and significant others one such group meets in dining room while lodge conducts a Stated Communication upstairs.
 - Float in parades with kids on the float...a family event.
 - School your children/grandchildren about the Fraternity. Let them wander around Lodge room see the symbols build their curiosity and let them know we do good works.
 - Group Rummage sale with proceeds to Shrine Children's Hospital. Have a sign, "Every Shriner is a Mason, but not every Mason is a Shriner."
 - Christmas Season Dinner for all. Families look forward to this event.
 - Ladies at the Table Lodge. Include honored Ladies (widows), wives, sisters, and significant others with toasts to the Ladies.
 - Round table discussion meeting once a month/quarter. Several lodges do this once a month one suggested once a quarter would work better.
 - Honor Law Enforcement/Veterans/Teachers/First responders/ Firemen. Different lodges have had success with these events for different groups.
 - Annual fishing trip for a group of Lodge Brothers.
 - Lodge Fishing Tournament
 - Lodge family fishing outing...at lodge on river with kids fishing.
 - Brothers Bunny Hunt...an organized rabbit hunt.
 - Brothers go to Game Farm and shoot birds together.
 - Honor Boy Scouts and their leaders. In one lodge this has become a large part of the lodge's identity in the community all but one adult working with Scouts is a Mason...and they are working on him.
 - 4 Wheeling/snowmobiling with Lodge Brothers.
 - One night a year a Masonic Education night for the ladies of the Lodge Family.
 - Every member gets a call once a month from an Officer of the Lodge. Members no longer get lost.
 - New Brother (EA) calls Lodge Brothers and introduces himself. Suggests they come to his next degree so they can meet.
 - Meals before lodge.
 - Building Projects. Promotes teamwork and pride.
 - Partner back up with Eastern Star and help make both viable.
 - Monthly family meal nights.
 - Brother-to-brother help for Lodge Brothers, widows, and shut ins. Brings all together in common purpose and reminds all what Brotherhood feels like.
 - Annual Fish Boil
 - Halloween at Lodge bringing community into Lodge building.
 - When initiating an EA get 2 FC to serve as Stewards in the degree. They don't have to be from your Lodge...borrow some.
 - Raffles...guns, lawn tractors, money.
 - Make Guitars for Vets. Contact Hudson Lodge for details.
 - Sell Christmas trees to support scholarships and funds to help teachers with out of pocket expenses.
 - Why the minutes process? It does not seem to make sense asking Brothers

- who were not at a meeting to vote to approve minutes.
- AED purchases earn us a lot of public goodwill they should have a Square and Compass on them. WI Masonic Foundation has stickers available.
 - Repeat events that families look forward to... Valentines (Sweetheart) Dinner, PM night, Summer picnic, sunfish/catfish feed.
 - Task your new younger Masons to develop ideas on how to be more family friendly, improve ritual, upgrade Lodge building, etc.
 - Teams of 2 Brothers, one older, one younger to deliver holiday baskets to widows and shut ins. Then the younger one report the result to the Lodge.
 - Short business meetings. No committee work in open lodge just reports then a program. The Master has to enforce this.
 - Why doesn't someone build a computer game based on our symbolism? (non-violent)
 - "My husband loves his Lodge, but I don't know anything about it." Possible program for spouses??
 - Learn to settle disagreements with a win-win approach. "Sometime my husband comes home from lodge angry." Discussion lead to a suggestion for the Masonic College to include some training on reaching mutual consensus.
 - Once the Masonic Square Electronic Store is available on our WI website, offer us a way to get no drip candles for lesser lights.
 - Remind the Brothers that quality ritual is a lesson in humility, "All these men did this for me."
 - Be open to considering a different schedule to reach a broader slice of the population.
 - Consider a ladies program while a business meeting is underway.
 - The cipher is a tool, not a crutch.
 - Charity Bowl (bowling) event with all Masonic organizations participating.
 - Take part in activities that are not the "property" of the Masons. Examples given Boy Scouts, ring bells for Salvation Army, help with a Habitat for Humanity house.
 - Better use of trestle board ...need to be on web.
 - More lodge-to-lodge visits and events.
 - Cover all night, cammo night, blaze orange night...all promote more attendance.
 - Host an art show displaying local children's art at the Lodge building. Coordinate with the school system.
 - Invite other lodges to attend when you have a degree. The more Brothers on the sidelines the better impression on the new candidate.
 - Lodge/lodges get together on a regular basis trying to develop better ways to present the parts of the ritual and can give it more meaning.
 - We need a few read-up or read ahead documents for wives.
 - Every brother has an assignment on lodge night. e.g. Welcome every Brother, arrange furniture, hand out jewels/aprons, make coffee, stress teamwork.
 - Pamphlet, or even a coloring book, for kids about Dad a Mason.
 - Donations and work assistance to animal shelter or rescue efforts.
 - Challenge coin system like the military has.
 - Lodge meals/refreshment to draw interest advertise ahead...e.g. desert night, chili night, oyster stew, meatball night, pie night, Sub night, etc.
 - Successful/suggested Lodge Programs. ID theft and how to protect yourself, Living wills (leave with one in your hand), family budgeting techniques, life estates, drug interaction problems, how to use technology.
 - Group package for bus to sporting event...Green Bay, Brewers, or even local teams.

- Pumpkin carving at Lodge building.
- Parade water point at Lodge.
- Santa available for community at Lodge building.
- Friday video night at Lodge.
- Community dinner with various town sponsors coordinated by Lodge. Steamboat model at Sturgeon Bay.
- Easter egg hunt at Lodge open to public.
- Assign Masonic Education Programs to newer Masons.
- Shooting teams trap, skeet, combat and bowling pin pistol competition.
- Holiday time coordinate a food pantry drive with other community organizations...gives them a look at us.
- Work with other lodges, put together a visit to Shrine Hospital...include wives!
- Gentlemen 101. A homerun! Details in Journal
- When you give Scholarship two Brothers go and wear their Aprons!
- Breakfast with Santa.
- Every time a Brother comes to lodge he brings a canned good...save up and donate to food pantry at holiday season.
- Make use of the Newshawk Program.
- Fund raisers the entire family can work on such as Farm Tech Days food tent, Turn 3 café, and County Fairs.
- Away from the Lodge a wine and cigar event to discuss Masonry with friends.
- Practice real relief it is more than a scholarship.
- Every widow has a contact point of a Brother in the Lodge.
- Visit Brothers at home...if shut in have a Lodge meeting at his location.
- One lady said it gets her husband out of the house..."may have saved his life."
- I love it when I come to lodge and a Brother is there to say Hello and shake my hand.
- Hold a Career Night for students at the Lodge Building.
- For proficiency and Lodge decisions coach don't Boss.
- Can we come up with a Wisconsin version of "Masonry for Dummies"?
- Create a dialogue between Appendant Bodies and Blue Lodges.
- Ask and answer...What event/activity links the Lodge to the Community?
- Have the Jurisprudence Committee rule on Resolutions before they are published in the Journal so lodges don't waste their time discussing Resolutions that will never make it to the floor at AC.
- Deer Camp Night...let your imagination go.
- We have to stop selling tickets to the Titanic and start booking passage on the Queen Mary!
- We have to do things brothers will want to brag about at work.
- More DeMolay Chapters are needed.
- We need a college club with student Masons (Platteville).
- Annual Family Camp out at a Camp Ground, aka, food and fun.
- Make Masonic business cards available through the Square Store so we just input our name, address, e mail, and telephone #s. Artwork done, no setup costs, let us order in amounts of 100 to 500 at a time. Masonic message on back with GL website.
- Develop a Masonic wall calendar with masonic teachings as illustrations for each month...helps educate family on real meanings of Freemasonry.
- GL Develop a Jeopardy-type game that the lodge can play and learn more about Masonry during meetings.
- Make the book "50 ways to act like a Gentleman" available for Lodges to give to young men.

- Shuttle widows to public events.
- Set up chairs on parade route then bring your widows to the parade use the route seats...provide them with cold water.
- Over time keep track of Scholarship Recipients report to lodge invite to events.
- Make a tiled simulcast available of AC for those Masons who don't get to go.
- GL website should practice automatic Remarketing/Digital targeting.
- GL Website or MORI should have a template where a Lodge can fill in the blanks and have an active website linked to GL Website.
- Community Easter egg hunt @ Lodge (hint use plastic eggs).
- Poinsettia plants delivered to Widows and shut-ins for Xmas.
- Lodge supports fundraiser events for local High School sports teams. Encourage kids to work the events and get to know Masons...many will join later and some of their Fathers join now.
- Bring back Care Bears.
- Help lodges that don't know how to create ideas/programs that communicate with our community or neighborhood with some ideas from our DDGM.
- Announce degrees in nearby lodges.
- Apply standard business practices to make lodge meetings more efficient and effective.
- Build a Table Lodge around an EA Degree...they do this in MN
- All degree work move from Stated Communications to Specials.
- Masons, Masonic Wives, and Eastern Star volunteer to read at Public Library.
- Text and e-mail alerts for lodge meetings/events.
- Camping out event AC weekend.
- Use YouTube!!! More heavily watched by young people than TV networks.
- Masons support at Community Library a spelling bee. Prizes from Masonic Bodies in area.
- Publicize Brother to Brother relief outside of WMJ.
- Each member chips in to help restore Lodge building.
- Fruit baskets to widows delivered ask about grand kids looking for potential Scholarship winners.
- Chicken fry for the Community.
- YouTube items on what Masonry means to me.
- Neosho has a Carillon that can be enjoyed by entire town need to determine how to best serve the community with that asset.
- Lodge does stretch of road cleanup and has a sign that tells motorists.
- Masonic theme centerpieces at meal events educating/inspiring families.
- Lodge offers shade and water point at 4th of July Parade.
- Valentines day dinner with a Dating Game type of contest...widely enjoyed!
- Sand box fills for the community by Lodge. Sand was donated.
- Lodge provides speakers to other organization events... historic and or Masonic subjects.
- Discount cards for Lodge Members at local businesses. Including florists, wedding merchandizers, formal rentals, cleaners, furniture stores.
- Scholarship idea: write a letter to George Washington.
- Contact local college to make meeting space available.
- Lily at Easter to wives and widows.
- Lodges may choose to adopt a family (families) for maintenance, father figures, lawn care, shuttle service. Same things should apply to widows.
- #229 has a stand at Pierce County Milk Daze, balloons and refreshments. Balloons have Square and Compasses.
- Use today's technology to provide music into lodge meetings...and degree work.

- Move all degree work to Special Communications so we aren't trying to do business on top of degree work. We also open and close on that appropriate degree.
- One lodge "adopts" a local cemetery each spring Details in Journal
- Text alerts of lodge meetings; informal breakfasts, coffee clutches, etc. go out the day before.
- Announce all surrounding Degree dates through DDGM reports.
- Annual Golf outing...best ball including friends and spouses with Dinner after... Bar B Que pork chops were a big hit.
- Lodge raised \$'s toward Town Police force to establish a K-9 unit. Details in Journal
- A dinner last Saturday of month, families, widows and friends invited.
- Historic Society meetings at lodge building.
- Short story contest for youth.
- Easter Egg Hunt (eggs have masonic symbols on them)
- Milk Days celebration give away balloons to youngsters with Square and Compasses printed on them
- Fund-raiser to help Brother or a widow always pulls Lodge together.
- Have a receptacle outside Lodge for cigarette butts so they do not wind up on the lawn.
- Plant flowers around Lodge building. It forces you to do upkeep and makes the Lodge look more inviting.
- If you have room for a flagpole put one up and make sure you allow for a light.
- Suggest that GL look into what another state is doing (brother thought it might be California) with a program called bikes for books.
- Have a Broken Column Pin for the widow at every funeral and explain the meaning. Make them available to lodges through the on-line store.
- Every Lodge should have a spring-cleaning weekend. The Master uses this as a team building exercise. Details in Journal
- Replace windows with thermal glass. Where we had put up Styrofoam we now let the light in and it makes a big difference.
- DeMolay work with VFW and Legion for fund raising 22/22 run funds toward fighting PSTD in Vets.
- Fish Boil... We live in a heavy Catholic area we invite the Knights of Columbus and all ladies establishes genuine friendships and tamps down any perceived animosity.
- Christmas Wreaths delivered to Lodge's Honored Ladies (Widows).
- Spring Garden Team to help around widows and shut ins houses.
- Free Vets Lunch 22 April. Stress awareness of 22 suicides.
- Play open to public, "December's Rose"...Green Bay.
- Magic show at Lodge for Masonic kids/grandkids and their friends.
- Local baseball team Masonic day...lodge underwrites part of ticket.
- Youth contest for scholarship...write a letter to George Washington. Works best in February.
- Family Movie night.
- George Washington Celebration...lodge serves Cherry pie.
- Reach out to educate your community using YouTube products.
- We need lawn signs for every mason's lawn...one side "Mason's Make a Difference"... other side "Every Shriner is a Freemason" on both sides the website address.
- Fishing Tournament with family and friend dinner after.
- Some of us did not start getting your (GM) weekly e-mails until after they had been going on for some time. Can we get the messages that we missed?

- Find a way you can add to the website a place where Masons can put their own testimonials on what Masonry has meant to me.
- Grand Lodge should have a team that could be called on by Lodges to come and talk with Clergy that oppose us.
- Meat and gun drawings are great fund-raisers.
- In Lodi the Lodge opens the Lodge building to local high schools sports teams for fundraising events such as dinners, helps the group stage and pull off the event with their labor, food etc. Then the lodge guarantees the team that it will make \$1000 in profit.
- Recognition dinner for Honored Ladies and achievement of members.
- 5 scholarships dinner recognizing students also an open house and friends and family...great turnout.
- Grand Lodge Committees need to provide timely assistance to a lodge making building decisions.
- Cribbage and Euchre Tournament every 3rd Tuesday
- Whitewater Lodge has dinner before lodge invites students and vets as guests.
- After Lodge social time at Culvers.
- Organize a Charity Event.. Columbus Lodge offers to help any lodge with the particulars. They make \$1000-3000 each time. Time is more effectively used than organizing 10 brat feeds.
- Summertime lodges have an event...normally a cookout all invited every month to keep in touch.
- For security around lodges ... Details in Journal
- From Roosevelt Lodge in Green Bay, I hope future Grand Masters continue these listening programs. This is a first.
- Kingfish (local baseball team) tailgate party.
- Have attending members close lodge (volunteers) while WM still in attendance.
- Washburn Lodge has a special program for widow of a Brother. Details in Journal
- MORI, can it be used for e-mail blasts in the future? Details in Journal
- There is confusion if at AC one rep shows for a lodge can he vote 3 times or is it one person one vote?
- I send letter and e-mails to DL and GL about ritual no one ever answers. That should be common courtesy.
- LEA Achievement, review in lodge after results submitted, what should we do better next year?
- Washburn Lodge founded what is called Wisconsin Masonic rib-fest. All lodges from the state are welcome to come and compete. Details in Journal
- I would like to see the continuing of educational resources and managing skills be provided to lodges so they can properly run and educate the brethren and keep that spark of being a mason alive. Maybe quarterly district meetings with new information instead of by-annual meetings with fresh ideas. Masonic history always gets me fired back up.
- We host a Boy Scout Troop. They meet every Wednesday evening in our building. Details in Journal
- Our website (kenoshamasons.org) continues to attract prospective members. Details in Journal
- Kenosha Lodge has participated in Kenosha Expo for the past several years. Details in Journal article.

Grand Master Schedule 2015-2016

June

- 6-7 Summer Staff @ Madison Center and Concourse Hotel – Madison, WI
- 8 Prince Hall 90th Annual Grand Communication & Banquet – Sheraton Hotel Brookfield, 375 S. Moorland Rd. Brookfield WI 53005
- 18 Thursday – York Rite Banquet – Wisconsin Grand Council Assembly, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, WI
- 27 Saturday 11:00 am – Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #128 – Honoring Veterans Day -Start 11am, 2321 2nd Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
- 28 Sunday – North American Conference of Grand Masters Planning Meeting 11am – Madison, WI

July

- 4-9 Shrine Imperial – Saturday-Thursday – George Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX.
- 11 Saturday 6:00pm-11:00 pm – WGM OES Reception with Lady Wendy, 3117 N. 21st Street, Superior, WI
- 14 Tuesday 7:00pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Eagle River Lodge #248 Hosting, 610 E. Division Street, Eagle River, WI 54521
- 24 GL office – Dousman, WI
- 25 Masonic Youth Soccer Camp
- 25 Waukesha Lodge #37
- 31 Dousman GL Office

August

- 1 Saturday 8:00am-12:00 pm – Annual Home Board Meeting, Dousman, WI
- 6 Charles White Memorial Service – Cumberland, WI
- 8 Saturday Outdoor degree – Eagle River Lodge, Oatmeal Lake
- 9 Sunday 3pm – Blue Hills Lodge – Honor Br Ellwood Thomas
- 11 Tuesday 7:00pm -10:00 pm – GMLV Ancient Landmark Lodge #210/Barnes Lodge #365 Hosting, 7575 West Mill Street, Iron River, WI 54847
- 16 Annual Picnic – Olive Branch Lodge #6, New Diggings, WI
- 22 GL Hosts Summit Meeting for All Masonic Organizations – Dousman, WI
- 23 Address Job's Daughters – Green Lake, WI
- 29-Sept. 1
Scottish Rite Supreme Council – Indianapolis, IN. J.W. Marriott Hotel - 10 S. West Street, Murat Shrine Theater - 502 N New Jersey Street, Indianapolis
Scottish Rite Temple - 600 N. Meridian Street

September

- 2 1st Wednesday 7:00pm-10:00 pm – MWGM visit to Valley Lodge #60 (Home Lodge), 603 Court Street, Sparta, WI 54556
- 10 2nd Thursday 7:00pm-10:00 pm – MWGM visit to Chetek Lodge #277 (Home Lodge), 216 Morrison Street, Chetek, WI 54728
- 12 Saturday – MWGM & GLO's Rededication Landmark Lodge #244, 109 United Way, Frederic, WI 54837
- 13 PGM George Wallinger Memorial Service – Green Bay, WI
- 14 2nd Monday 7:00pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Rice Lake Lodge #234 Hosting, 225 W. South Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868
- 15 Widow's Dinner – Eau Claire Masonic Center
- 18-20 GLO's Full Staff – Oshkosh, WI

- 20 Planning Meeting NA Conf GM/GS – Oshkosh, WI
- 22 7:00pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Virginia Falls Lodge #226 Hosting, 916 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452
- 24 7:30pm-10:30 pm – GMLV Henry S. Baird #174 Hosting, 31 S. 3rd Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54325
- 26 WI Masonic Foundation – Dousman, WI
- 27 Installation and celebration of PH Joppa Lodge moving into Unity Center in Kenosha, WI
- 29 WMBAB – Dousman, WI

October

- 5 7:00pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Twin Cities Lodge #61 Hosting, 241 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956
- 6 5:30 pm-9 :00 pm – GMLV Sheboygan Lodge #11 Hosting, 411 St. Clair Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 54956
- 7 WMJ Meeting – Madison, WI
- 8 7:00pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Lake Lodge #189 (Hosting), 1235 Howard Avenue, Milwaukee, WI
- 9 Three Pillars – GM and DGM meet with Masonic affiliated residents w/ Ladies – Dousman, WI
- 10 11:30 am- 2:00 pm – Wayland Academy Cornerstone Ceremony, GLO's practice 10:45-11:10, Beaver Dam, WI
- 12 7:30 pm-10:30 pm – GMLV Janesville-Western Star #55 (Hosting), 2322 E. Milwaukee Street, Janesville, WI 53545
- 13 7:30 pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Barneveld Lodge #319 (Hosting), 108 S. Jones Street, Barneveld, WI 53507
- 14 Tour fire damage at Darlington Lodge, Visit Dodgeville Masonic Historic Center, Dodgeville, WI
- 16 Dick Werner's Memorial Service – Chetek Lodge
- 17 La Crosse Valley, Council of Deliberation – La Crosse, WI
- 21 7:00pm-10:00 pm – GMLV La Crosse Masonic #190 (Hosting), 188 S. 8th Street, La Crosse, WI 54601
- 22 7:00pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Tomah Lodge #132 (Hosting), 520 E. Saratoga Street, Tomah, WI 54660
- 23 Friday – GM Visits Tomah VA, Volunteer Dinner, Tomah, WI
- 24 Veterans event and Century award – 9 am Kenosha, WI
- 29 District 2 Meeting 6pm – Blue Hills Lodge, Rice Lake, WI
- 30 Visit Madison VA, Volunteer Dinner, Madison, WI

November

- 3 7:30 pm-10:30 pm – GMLV Chippewa Falls Lodge #176 Hosting, 650 Bridge-water Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
- 4 7:00 pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #128 Hosting, 2321 2nd Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
- 5 7:00 pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Fond du Lac #26 Hosting, 500 W. Arndt Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
- 6 GL Office work – Dousman, WI
- 7 Saturday 8:00am-12:00 pm – Masonic Unity Support to Milwaukee Vet Day Parade, Milwaukee, WI
- 9 Janesville Past Master Night Rededication – Janesville WI
- 17-21 Wednesday-Saturday – World Conference of Regular Masonic Lodges – California Masonic Memorial Temple, 1111 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94108

December

- 2 LaBelle # 84 Installation – Viroqua, WI
- 3 7:30 pm-10:30 pm – GMLV Warren Lodge #4 Hosting, 112 S. Main Street, Potosi, WI 53820
- 5 Saturday – Multiple Lodge Installation, Shawano Lodge #170, Shawano, WI 54166
- 6 Multiple Lodge #315 and #364 Installation – Dousman, WI
- 7 GM takes GLOW employees to Holiday Lunch – Dousman, WI
- 8 7:00 pm-10:00 pm – Social Lodge #245 Installation, 105 S. Spring Street, Cambridge, WI
- 9 Wednesday – GM Multiple Lodge Installation, Eau Claire Masonic Center, 616 Graham Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701
- 12 Saturday – GM Multiple Lodge Installation, Superior, WI
- 14 Installation – Phillips, WI
- 15 7:30 pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Dousman Lodge #315 Hosting, 214 N. Main Street, Dousman, WI 53118

January

- 5 7:00 pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Neosho-Mayville-Horicon #108 (Hosting), 315 E. Anthony Street, Hustisford, WI
- 6 5:30 pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Freemasons Lodge #363 (Hosting), 790 N. Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, WI
- 7 7:30pm-10:30 – GMLV McKinley Lodge #307 (Hosting), 4550 N. Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, WI
- 8 7:30 pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Henry L. Palmer Lodge #301 (Hosting), 4315 N. 92nd Street, Wauwatosa, WI
- 9 Saturday 8:00 am- 12:00 pm – WMHB Meeting, 410 N. Main Street, Dousman, WI 53118
Zor Installation – Madison, WI
- 16 Secretary's Conference – Simulcast Eau Claire and Madison, GM in Chipewewa Falls, WI
- 20 7:00 pm-10:00 pm – GMLV Collins-Spring Valley Lodge #192, 790 Main Street, Baldwin, WI
- 22-24 Friday-Sunday – GLOW Full Staff, Oshkosh, WI
- 30-Feb. 6
Florida Visit – Sarasota, FL

February

- 13 Ivanhoe Cmdry #24 Inspection – Milwaukee, WI
- 16 GMLV Middleton, WI
- 20-24 Wednesday-Sunday – GL of WI hosting NACGM/GS, Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI
- 24 Tom Tourville Interstate Table Lodge – Tomah, WI

March

- 1-5 GM Visit to AZ – Mesa, AZ
- 9 8:00 pm (Hosting) – GMLV Evening Star Lodge # 64, 433 Wells Street, Shullsburg, WI
- 10 VA Visit and Volunteers Dinner – Milwaukee, WI
- 17 7:30 pm GMLV Dells Lodge #34 (Hosting) – 108 2nd Street, Wisconsin Dells, WI

- 21 6pm W Br Dan Walters – Masonic Memorial Service, Altoona, WI
- 22 7:30 pm – GMLV Geneva Lodge #44 (Hosting), 335 S. Lakeshore Drive, Lake Geneva, WI
- 29 6:00 pm – Prince Hall/GLOW Combined Table Lodge, 600 W. Walnut Street, Milwaukee, WI

April

- 2 Wisconsin Masonic College Management Module, Eau Claire, WI
- 3 Daughters of the Nile Installation – Beja Shrine Center, 1950 Bond St, Green Bay, WI
- 4 7:00 pm – GMLV Oconto Falls Lodge #293 (Hosting), 170 N. Washington, Oconto Falls
- 5 6:30 pm – GMLV Theodore Roosevelt Lodge #322 (Hosting), 525 N. Taylor Street, Green Bay, WI
- 11 2nd Monday 7:00 pm – GMLV Columbus Lodge #75 (Hosting), 318 N. Ludington Street, Columbus, WI
- 12 2nd Tuesday 7:00 pm – GMLV Kenosha Lodge #47 (Hosting), 115 56th Street, Kenosha, WI
- 13 4pm Cornerstone Ceremony – Boys And Girls Club, Sturgeon Bay, WI
- 15-17 Friday-Sunday – GLOW Full Staff, Eau Claire, WI
- 21 Robert Burns Table Lodge – Lake Lodge, Milwaukee, WI

May

- 1-3 GL of NY – New York City, NY
- 5 “River-chicken a la Potosi” – Potosi, WI
- 13 College of Rosicrucian – Madison, WI
- 20-21 Job’s Daughter International Conf – 1 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI

June

- 2-4 Annual Communication – Madison, WI

GRAND MASTER’S MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

MWGM Franklin Struble

“Worshipful Brother Chris Gans, will you come to the East. This man has done a job this year as the Chair of the District Deputies and he has given of himself in more ways than I can tell you in time and effort. He goes anywhere, he does anything that he can for Masonry, and he’s truly a living embodiment of what we want a Mason to be. So, the 2015-2016 Grand Master’s Meritorious Service Award is awarded to Arthur Christopher Gans. Worshipful Brother Gans was raised a Master Mason in the state of Wisconsin on March 12, 2002, and is a member of Waupaca Lodge #123. He has faithfully served his Lodge as a Worshipful Master and Trustee and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin as a District Deputy Grand Master. His virtuous conduct and demeanor have brought credit and honor to himself and distinction to the ancient Craft of Freemasonry. I hereby issue this Meritorious Service Masonic Service Award. Franklin J. Struble, Grand Master.”

RW Brother Arthur Christopher Gans

“Personally, I don’t think I deserve it, but I guess when you’re given a job, you just do the job you know? Wow. Brother Frank, Most Worshipful, thank you, thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with these Brothers. I really owe this to each and

every one of my fellow deputies. They have proven to be unbelievably dedicated people. I think Brother Frank has moved the pendulum forward and expects a lot more out of us, and I think we should give it. Not just to Brother Frank, to all the Brothers of the Craft, because that's who we serve. We're not here for us, we're here for you."

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE REPORT

MW James Olson, Havasu Masonic Lodge #64, Lake Havasu, AZ

"While Brother Gans received an award for hard work, I got the opportunity to handle appeals and grievances...there's hardly anyone who volunteers for this job, but we do it. The Appeals and Grievances Committee has a duty set out in the Masonic Code to review all Masonic trials and appeals to report to the Annual Communication and recommend what actions should be taken on review, also to consider petitions for restoration. The review of discipline by this committee is not a new trial, it is simply a review of the procedures to see whether or not there was any abusive discretion, and whether the matters followed appropriate rules and regulations. The report by tradition refers to former Brethren by initials, and with your permission Worshipful Master I would like to follow that, even though they may be set out in other areas with their names. They all have been properly noticed. I have the actual documents in my briefcase. For purposes of this report, I would like to use the initials.

On the 11th day of November 2015, Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a degree of Expulsion that RBM be expelled from membership in Ozaukee Lodge #17, having been found guilty of a felony, there being no pending appeal, the felony convictions include possession of THC and possession of narcotic drugs. The committee reviewed the record, and recommends a decree of Expulsion be approved.

On the 8th day of December 2015, Grand Master Struble issued a decree of Expulsion that CJN be expelled from membership in Washington Lodge #21, having been found guilty of a Class C felony, there being no pending appeal, the felony convictions include maintaining a drug trafficking place. The committee reviewed the record, and recommends the decree of Expulsion be approved.

On the 8th day of February 2016, Most Worshipful Grand Master Franklin Struble issued a decree of Expulsion that KEM be expelled from membership in Baraboo Lodge #34, having been found guilty of a felony, there being no pending appeal, the felony conviction includes false imprisonment. The committee reviewed the record and recommends that the decree of Expulsion be approved.

On the 15th day of March 2016, Most Worshipful Grand Master Struble issued a decree of Expulsion that GSB be expelled from membership in Theodore Roosevelt Lodge #322, having been found guilty of a felony, there being no pending appeal, felony convictions include theft, business setting, two counts. The committee reviewed the record and recommends that the decree of Expulsion be approved.

On the 25th of April, 2016, Most Worshipful Grand Master Struble issued a decree of Expulsion that WFK be expelled from membership in Waukesha Lodge #37, having been found guilty of sexual assault misdemeanors, there being no pending appeal, the misdemeanor convictions include fourth degree sexual assault, two counts. The committee reviewed the record, and recommends that the decree of Expulsion be approved.

Brethren, all of these are Expulsions based on the Code, which basically requires as Brother Roth pointed out, that upon a felony conviction or a sexual assault

misdeemeanor conviction, that the former Brother shall be expelled by the Grand Master. There's another category of Expulsions that are found in the Code under, "Unmasonic Conduct."

On the first day of December 2015, Most Worshipful Grand Master Franklin J. Struble issued an Edict that is his order that the following Brethren may not attend any Masonic Lodge Meeting in Wisconsin. They may not enter any Masonic building at anytime, or wear any Masonic pins or jewelry displaying a square and compasses in the state of Wisconsin, or resign from the Fraternity pending results of a Masonic Trial for Unmasonic Conduct. Those persons were named JEH-S, Sheboygan Lodge #11, MFE, Sheboygan Lodge #11, and Cassia #167 and DAR, Sheboygan Lodge #11. The committee reviewed the record pertaining to the Edict and recommends that the Edict be approved.

On May 17th, 2016, the matter came on for a Masonic Trial for a Trial Commission dually assembled by the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin. Defendant Brother JEH-S, Sheboygan Lodge #11 appeared in person (without an attorney) defended Brother MFE, Sheboygan Lodge #11 and Cassia #167 and defended Brother DAR, Sheboygan Lodge #11, who did not appear. By not appearing they are in default. The Trial Commission heard evidence, the Trial Commission's Rules and Regulations are set out in detail in our Masonic Code, and they followed those rules and regulations according to the Code. The Trial Commissioner, the President of the Commission then made findings of fact, conclusions of law and judgment in proper form. The conclusions of law is that each of the defendants violated the Wisconsin Masonic Code by engaging in Unmasonic Conduct, which has brought Masonry into disrepute, further that each defendant has violated the Code by engaging in Unmasonic Conduct, which is in violation of his Masonic Obligation. The judgment of the Trial Commission is that the three be and hereby is Expelled. The only one who can actually expel is the Grand Master. The committee reviewed the record and recommends that the findings of fact, conclusions of law and the judgment be approved.

Following that then, on the 26th of May, 2016, Most Worshipful Grand Master Franklin Struble, based on the judgment of the Trial Commission, issued a degree of Expulsion that JEH-S, be expelled from membership in Sheboygan Lodge #11, F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, the Committee reviewed the record and recommends that the decree of Expulsion be approved.

On the same day, May 26th, 2016, Grand Master Struble, based on the judgment of the Trial Commission, issued a decree of Expulsion that DAR be expelled from membership in Sheboygan Lodge #11, and again the committee has reviewed the record and recommends that the decree of Expulsion be approved.

Finally, on the 26th day of May, the same day, the Grand Master, based again on the judgment of the Trial Commission, issued a decree of Expulsion that MFE be expelled from membership in Sheboygan Lodge #11. The committee reviewed the record and recommends the decree of Expulsion be approved.

Those are the expulsions that have come before the committee to date.

On a happier note, on March 15th, 2016, Most Worshipful Grand Master Franklin J. Struble restored Brother EJM to Good Standing, effective January 1, 2016. The committee has reviewed that record and recommends that the restoration be approved.

The committee respectfully submits this report dated the 3rd of June, 2016, signed by myself as Chair. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move the approval of the Appeals and Grievances Report as presented.”

The motion was made and seconded, and Grand Master Struble called for discussion. As none were apparent, he called for the vote. The motion was carried.

WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME SHARES “BLAZE A TRAIL VIDEO”

Grand Master Struble called upon Jeffrey Bryden, as Chair of the Home Board.

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Good Morning. As Chairman of the Board of your Masonic Home, Three Pillars, I have the wonderful opportunity to share a video with you today. Each May is officially ‘Older Americans Month,’ and the annual observation offers the opportunity to learn about, support and celebrate our Nation’s older citizens. This year’s theme, ‘Blaze a Trail,’ emphasizes the way older adults are reinventing themselves. Three Pillars Senior Living Communities has used older Americans month as an opportunity to focus on how residents in OUR community are leading and inspiring others, how we can support and learn from them, and how we might follow their examples to blaze new trails in our own lives. For a second year in a row, Three Pillars Marketing and Communications Department has worked with talented students from KM Perform, an arts focused Charter School within the Kettle Moraine School District. These students filmed and edited the video, set to a familiar 1960s tune. I am pleased to share with you the results of this fun intergenerational collaboration, and I trust it will make you feel good and bring a smile to your face. Thank you very much.”

At this time the video was shared with the assembly

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARD TO RICH RYGH, EDITOR, WISCONSIN MASONIC JOURNAL

MWGM Franklin Struble

“I get publications from all over the country, that other states have, like we have our Masonic Journal...nothing compares to our Masonic Journal. Lowell [Scott] is going to help me make a presentation to the Editor of the Masonic Journal. This is a proclamation, “The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin hereby proclaims, its undying respect for his work and on behalf of the Craft of Freemasonry of Richard A. Rygh, Editor. Whereas, Brother Richard Rygh has dedicated his many talents to producing a professional newspaper called the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, whereas Brother Rygh has added a level of integrity to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, Brother Rygh has consistently provided extensive coverage of Masonic activities throughout the state of Wisconsin, whereas Brother Rygh has provided a highly professional level of photography in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, whereas Brother Rygh has successfully provided balance and fair reporting in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, and is held in high esteem within this Masonic Fraternity. Signed this 3rd day of June, 2016, Franklin J. Struble, Grand Master and Michael A. DeWolf, Grand Secretary.”

Rich Rygh, Editor, Wisconsin Masonic Journal

“Well, I really don’t know what to say. I’ve really enjoyed this and I could never begin to do it without the help of all the Brethren and all the Lodges that send me information and that keep me apprised of what’s going on. I attend as many events as I can and have a wonderful job with the Brethren. I’ve had a lot of jobs and this is the greatest job I’ve ever had, it’s a pleasure every day. I would like to especially thank the Grand Lodge Officers for all the co-operation and help they give me throughout the year. I never expected anything like this, thank you so much.”

RESOLUTION 5-2014

Found on page 52 of the Pre-Proceedings.

MWGM Franklin Struble

“The first resolution that was referred to the Esoteric Committee had to do with some Esoteric work being added into the Cipher, which came to us in a condition that the author would like to re-write it. It is before you as an item for your consideration. The Esoteric Committee does not recommend adoption of this Resolution. Is there any discussion? Seeing as there is none, Frank asked for acceptance of the Esoteric Committee’s recommendation to not approve this, and to refer it back to the author for re-write.” The recommendation of the Esoteric Committee not to adopt Resolution 5-2014 is upheld.

RESOLUTION 4-2015

MWGM Franklin Struble

“Propose to move the Pledge of Allegiance into part of the opening rather than after the opening. This is something that the Esoteric Committee did not recommend adoption of, because it would involve a lot of re-writing for basically no purpose, because you do the Pledge of Allegiance anyway. At times it would make things rather cumbersome, we couldn’t have done for example what we did here with the flag presentation after the opening if we had incorporated this. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, do I have a motion? It has been moved that we accept the recommendation of the Esoteric Committee.”

The motion was carried, the recommendation of the Esoteric Committee is upheld.

RESOLUTION 5-2015

MWGM Franklin Struble originally submitted this resolution and explained that, *“After hearing the Esoteric Committee’s input, I have withdrawn the resolution which called for being able to split up the Master Mason Degree. They argued very convincingly that we may lose candidates in between that split, and we can’t afford to do that. Therefore I withdrew that resolution, and it will not come before us.”*

RESOLUTION 14-2015

Jerry Reick, Freemasons Lodge #363 and Grand Lecturer was called upon to speak

“This resolution was to allow the completion of a degree by multiple candidates at the same time, similar to the old ‘Man to Mason’ program, which was done several

years back. The recommendation of the Esoteric Committee was that the conferral of degrees should be done on an individual basis to maintain the intimacy of the experience and allow each candidate to get the full impact of what they're going through, one-on-one. We should focus on the candidate experience rather than just doing groups. We do understand that in some Lodges they do not have the manpower to put on degrees and that some Lodges might have to collectively put on degrees in one single event. We took that under consideration. The vote on this was not unanimous, however the majority felt that we should maintain the intimacy and individuality of degrees and not do a 'Man to Mason' type program."

Grand Master Struble called for discussion. Seeing none, he called for a motion. It was moved and seconded to support the finding of the Esoteric Committee and not accept this resolution. The motion was carried.

RESOLUTION 15-2015

Jerry Reick, Freemasons Lodge #363 and Grand Lecturer was called upon to speak

"One note on this resolution...it was to modify the method for demonstrating or proving up degree proficiency, so following each degree the candidate must prove their proficiency, and the resolution was to give the candidate an option to reaffirm the Obligation, instead of memorizing it and repeating it. I would say as a note, the Committee met back in October of last year, and since that time, as Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Don will tell us, we have adopted a new system for doing the postings which kind of gets away from this Resolution, so at the time, we did recommend that candidates probably should develop their understanding and as a result memorize the Obligation to get the full meaning of what they were agreeing to. However, with the new Posting Process, we believe that just through the experience we've had, just by them saying in their own words what the different sections of the Obligation mean, it does meet this requirement, while not requiring them to necessarily 'memorize' it. Most Worshipful, I would like to suggest that we Table this until we've had a chance to get some experience with the new Posting, and maybe we'll just withdraw it or strike it all together."

A motion has been made by the Esoteric Committee that this resolution, 15-2015, be tabled, until the impact of the new Posting Program can be determined. The motion was seconded and discussion was called for. Seeing none, the Grand Master called for the vote. The motion was carried.

RESOLUTION 19-2015

Jerry Reick, Freemasons Lodge #363, Grand Lecturer

"Most Worshipful, Resolution 19 was a recommendation to provide one copy of the Pure Work to each Constituent Lodge. Right now copies of the Pure Work are controlled by the Grand Secretary and only given out to the Grand Lecturer and to the District Lecturers. The intent of this was to provide that Pure Work to the Lodges. I can tell you that this was a topic that got a lot of discussion. We had a pretty good debate and people were passionate about both sides of doing this. There are issues and concerns, primarily by the committee, such as 'How are we going to control the use and non-abuse of doing this?' First thing you know, you get copies out and all of a sudden people are making copies. The big issue is 'What could go wrong with doing this,' not necessarily placing the work at the Lodge levels. In light of the fact

that we do not have adequate controls in place to control the distribution of this, we recommended to reject this. We are also trying to enforce the idea of getting District Lecturers out, and having them work more closely with the Lodges and start doing more practice to develop more competency, and that would in fact lead to us not having to have Pure Work, but rather use the Cipher. There are a couple issues at play here, but the majority recommendation from the Esoteric Committee was to reject this resolution.”

MWGM Struble called for discussion.

Kenneth Gorgen, McKinley Lodge #307

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, this might be a little bit of piling on, but I’ve thought long and heavy about this and the thing that I ask myself is, ‘If the Pure Work went into every single Lodge, what effective change would there be?’ The only effective change I would see would be a negative, because right now, the Brothers of any Lodge are a phone call away from someone who has the Pure Work. We took the Pure Work and put it in the hands of the District Lecturers so that if someone is studying their work at night and they need the answer to a word, they can’t get it when the Grand Lodge Office is closed. And by only being in the hands of the District Lecturers it is controlled and it is not copied. I just say that if we remember our prudence which is supposed to regulate our lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason, I believe putting individual copies in the Lodges we’ll have several thousand out there before long. It is not a reasonable thing to do it is not a prudent thing to do. Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.”

Daniel Maughan, Linden Lodge #206

“In some respects this is kind of moot point, because anyone with a smart phone and internet access can pull it up whether it’s completely 100% correct or not, it’s out there already. I’m just stating a fact.”

Jerry Reick, Freemasons Lodge #363, Grand Lecturer

“One of the things we’re challenging our newest members to do is to quickly ramp up and learn the Ritual, take on parts and as my Esoteric Committee Report outlines, we’re facing a shortage in the number of Certified Ritualists and Proficiency Men, so it’s about 1% of all Masons in the state of Wisconsin that are formally recognized. Were it like in the past days, instruction was done through watching and observing. It might have taken years to develop somebody into Ritual parts, where now we’ve compressed that, so if we’re going to enable these people, we do need to get the proper information into their hands as soon as possible. Again, to discourage what our Worshipful Brother mentioned about, going out on the internet and finding pirated copies, but they’re not truly syntactically correct. I would just throw that out there for the consideration of all present as well.”

It was moved and seconded to support the position of the Esoteric Committee on this resolution, which was to reject it. The motion was carried, the resolution was rejected.

RESOLUTION 25-2015

Jerry Reick, Freemasons Lodge #363, Grand Lecturer

“Most Worshipful, the next resolution, 25-2015, was a resolution to allow the use of a key or cipher to be open during a ceremony. The idea was that one copy would be open in a central location to use as a prompting tool only, so in the event that a lecturer, or somebody was giving some ritual they could be prompted with the next word to move them through. This is another topic of very passionate debate on both sides of the Esoteric Committee and again, the issue of what could go wrong with something like this, is if you start with one copy, pretty soon there are multiple copies and ultimately the fear would be that people would then be using that as a perpetual crutch, and actually be reading the ritual out of the cipher, rather than just using it as a prompting tool. The solution to this of course again all gets back to increasing the organic number of Ritualists and Proficiency Men and learned expositors in the Lodges themselves, so that they can prompt. One technique we’ll talk about in schools of instruction is before you start, you have an identified prompter and they are the one that prompts...then you would not need to have a cipher open. Again, it was argued on the other side and understood that in some Lodges they just do not have the depth of experience or strength to actually perform this...and would we rather have ritual done incorrectly just to get through it, or would we rather use some kind of prompting tool to help people get through. Those are the two sides of the argument, this was not a unanimous vote again, but the majority of the Esoteric Committee moved to reject this recommendation.”

MWGM Struble called for discussion.

James Van De Hey, Jr., Theodore Roosevelt Lodge #322

“I understand not having a cipher open, but that’s the problem...we want to do good work, and I would rather see a Lodge do good work and have a Secretary have a light on at his desk to be able to prompt somebody if they don’t have somebody who is Proficiency or Ritual Man, to have those Lodges do good work. I attended a couple Lodges who struggle and it’s hard to watch them miss a lot of points and guys not seeing them. Moses Adams, who is our District Lecturer has said that once a guy ‘sees’ them doing that and they do it continuously like that it becomes ingrained in them and it’s hard to break that from them. So I think that it’s a good idea to have at least the Secretary or somebody be able to help that Lodge when they need it.”

Aaron Petersen, Superior Lodge #236

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, I agree with our Brother that there should be at least one cipher open. Not every Lodge has a Ritualist. Not every Lodge has a Proficiency guy. Giving ritual up there and having that moment where you stumble and you are completely lost can totally mess a Brother up. If we are trying to make a good impression, why not have a safety net? To give that Brother that one word that will help him. Now, if we put this in and adopt it, is it not part of Code, and then we have to follow the rule that there is only one allowed, because we all agree to follow the Masonic Code. If it is in the Code, the fear of multiple books open should not be an issue. If we are agreeing to follow the Code, that says it right there. Thank you.”

Andrew Meyers, McKinley Lodge #307

"I believe that we're ignoring something that's important to all our Ritual work here in this, that we need to practice before we go in. There's nothing preventing us from having the cipher open during a practice and having somebody there reading along in the cipher. Perhaps a Past Master or a member that does not have the particular parts. With enough practice and following the cipher we should be able to prompt within the degree if necessary. Thank you."

Allen Mazuk, Sanctuary Lodge #347

"The pure work being written in English, I would venture to guess that half of everybody here already has a copy of it. I would say that because I think that they do. It's all over, and it is correct, and if you go through the cipher, it's verbatim. There's many, many states that the cipher is in English, it's not a cipher and they read it so they get it correctly. This is one of those things where there's an old dog that doesn't want to change how things are going whatsoever and I think this is having a truly profound effect on people coming into the Lodges. I think we need to get with it. Thank you."

Davey White, Jr., Warren Lodge #4

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you for the introduction. First I must apologize to our Past Grand Master, Brother Craig Davis...he asked if I was going to speak today, and I told him no. He was here for my Installation, so he got a rather lengthy one. My Brothers, having a book open in the Lodge will be detrimental to this wonderful jurisdiction that we have. I heard the gentleman talk about the Code. The Code right now says there are no books open in Lodge. Obviously there is a problem with books being open in Lodge, or we wouldn't be having this discussion. That's what started it all in the first place. The Grand Master last year was at a degree and the Master not only had a book open, but a computer open, and several of the Lodge Officers had a book open, reading their parts. Is that the integrity that we want in our great jurisdiction? I don't know who put the ritual on the internet, nor do I care. I took an obligation at the altar for all three of my degrees that I wouldn't write, print, stain, stamp, cut, carve, mark or engrave them and I was sworn to uphold the Code and what really touches my heart about Masonry is our ritual. There's a Past Grand Master sitting in this room who had one of the most powerful messages that anyone has ever put forth. He happens to be our Grand Secretary. Everybody remember his pin, 'Never Forget?' Never forget where we came from and the heritage and tradition that our Brothers, our forefathers put forth before us. Masonry was intended in its ritual form to form the bonds of Brotherhood and Friendship and it is the greatest mentoring system that I have ever seen invented, and I have seen a lot of them. We need to utilize it my Brothers. I learned a lot of my memorization from a 97 year old man who learned his ritual in Illinois. Sylvan Chapman, we called him Chappie. Never opened a book in his life. Learned it mouth to ear, and if you think about it my Brothers we learn a lot of it from mouth to ear yet today. I remember doing the second section historical lecture of the Master Mason degree, and my good friend and Brother and past Grand Lecturer Craig Campbell came up to me afterwards and he said, 'You did a wonderful job,' and patted me on the back, 'but, you had three words that were wrong.' And he was right, and I changed them. Brother Gordy Spink from District 8, was a District Lecturer. He pulled me aside after a lot of my degrees and taught me the right words...instead of 'conduct your

attention' it was 'sight your attention' to the letter G. We have a lot to be thankful for as Masons and the Brother shortly before me summed it up. Practice. Don't look at your book five minutes before you go to Lodge. Study it. I would call your attention to a District 9 Lodge, Waucoma and Evansville, Union Lodge. They meet once a month in Waucoma south they call it, in a Brother's garage and they go through the ritual and yes, they may have their books open, they learn it right. Are we going to trade our ritual for the easy way? Brother Tom Jackson had a great paper in 2012 on how the United States has cheapened the experience of Freemasonry. We're so eager to get people into the Fraternity that we're willing to take away tradition, start eroding the foundation of Masonry...we can't do that my Brothers. I would ask you all to defeat this. Stand up for what we believe in. Our ritual is a great mentoring system. If you need practice, follow Waucoma south. They send out a monthly bulletin on when it's going to be and what they're going to cover. It's a great thing. As a Master, isn't it your duty to provide practices of ritual in your Lodge? Put it on your calendar. If you can't open and close a Lodge after 24 times in a year, you're not studying enough. I don't expect everyone to be a Ritualist or a Proficiency Man, but I know, and Jerry and I have had this conversation, there are hundreds of Ritualists out there that know a particular degree, and we all know in our district who knows them. Brother Bill Keene is one of the best Ritualists in the state of Wisconsin from Linden Lodge. He's a great man. He doesn't have a card. He does it because he cares and because he loves Masonry and he travels to Lodges to do it. I think my two minutes are up. My brothers, I strongly urge you to defeat this. Are we going to start having the Secretary follow the Junior Deacon out to do the Junior Deacon's address, and take his book with him when he does the constitutional questions? Let's be proud of who we are and what our forefathers have provided for us and do the same for the Brothers following us. Thank you."

Thomas Ryan, Nathan Hale Lodge #350

"I don't recall whether the 'againsts' have met their quota yet, but I just wanted to comment on the votes in support of the Esoteric Committee's recommendation. I don't know what the previous Brother was talking about when he said that he could find the Pure Work on the internet. I have not found any such thing and I will confess this, not for lack of trying. I will also echo the previous Brother's comments that practice is what we need to solve the problem. Practice will solve the problem. More Ritualists and Proficiency Men will solve the problem, and an open cipher book at the Secretary's desk will help. I believe that should only be used for opening and closing a Lodge, never for a degree. If any of the Masters are having a problem in their Lodges with a Brother who is using an open book as a crutch to do his work, I would suggest upholding the Edict against having an open book, in the Lodge and make that Brother do his work from memory with prompts if necessary, but you may find that he will know the Ritual better than he thinks he does, and that will uplift his spirits and his confidence in performing the Ritual. Thank you."

Christopher Luedke, Waukesha Lodge #37

"In terms of the recommendation of the Esoteric Committee I would be against the recommendation, or for the motion. Gentlemen, perfection can be the death of an organization. We can sit here and say, you know what, we all know the parts, but look at the positions you are in. We have Brother Bob Moore from my Lodge who probably has forgotten more Ritual than has ever existed in Masonry...we are surrounded by lecturers and Worshipful Masters who have had the chance to do

this, but we're trying to draw in new younger members. When I joined, I originally joined the Oconomowoc-Hartland Lodge, I worked with Brother Eric Fuhrer, Brother Dave Wrenly, Brother Robert Jewell to learn my Obligation, to learn my material, but at the same time, having that cipher is what has allowed me to work with the Master Mason historical, and second section historical. Having Henry Pynnaker on the sidelines, yelling at me in his hoarse, mean voice that I was getting it wrong and being able to prompt me the first few times that I went through the material from the book...incredibly useful. Let's not overlook what we're trying to do...making good men better by focusing entirely on a perfection that we cannot get on this terrestrial realm that exists only in that temple not made with hands. Thank you Worshipful."

"Worshipful Master, I'm an old dog. 67 years worth, three different states...I'm a Ritualist. I would like to make sure that we don't...whether we vote to support this or reject, we have one duty here that I don't want you to forget. I think any Master should appoint someone to be his prompter. When I was Master, I had my Chaplain be my prompter, because he was the nearest to me. And he could prompt me without the whole Lodge necessarily being aware of it. I had my Senior Warden be the prompter for those in the back part of the Lodge in those chairs, so the same could be done. When I visit a Lodge, I am totally embarrassed when things come to a halt because someone doesn't know a part. No one has been given the responsibility of making sure that the Ritual proceeds...that should be the job of this back-up mentor in the Lodge. When I'm in Lodge and things stop, here I am a Ritualist...do I speak up? Or do I keep quiet? My position has been that if I speak up I am interrupting and inserting myself into your Lodge ritual and I have not been invited to do so. So I have a problem with this. I will tell you that I was raised in North Dakota. We had at that time, the Code said that we could have one book open. It was interesting over the years there, and I loved to visit Lodges. I think I have visited Lodges in at least 20 different states. Everywhere I go, I try to use that opportunity, so I've seen this problem handled in many different ways. In North Dakota often, some of the Masters would give the book to the newest made Mason and let him follow the book, and I have observed that they are almost always impressed at the detail and the ability of the people in those chairs to have delivered the Ritual from memory, and they are more anxious to learn it. I think if we had a prompting system with an open book we would have more Ritualists, and I would support this motion."

L. Arby Humphrey, Acacia-Itasca Lodge #329

"I love the discussion and I love the ability to meet on the level and part on the square and still remain Brothers, but I am going to respectfully disagree with some of my best Brothers, or favorite Brothers and support this motion and reject the motion of the Esoteric Committee. The reason for that is that I am a Ritualist, I love the Ritualist and it took me many hours to learn that and most of those hours were done behind the wheel of my car talking to myself where I do my most perfect Ritual work by the way. There's been many, many times that I've done parts in degrees and I get a little lost, usually during that time I get prompted. Three or four times with three or four different prompts. That's not beautiful. Now I also have the opportunity to travel many times up to Canada and our Canadian Brothers...we have a Canadian Lodge that is a Brother Lodge to our Lodge and comes down and does some of the most incredible and beautiful degree work that you'll ever see, and I would invite you to come up to an Installation and see that in Superior sometime. And I've seen this practice in place by there Lodge...they have one book open at the Secretary's station for a prompter, and when the person needs a prompt he's not just given it,

he usually turns to the Secretary and says "light." It's beautiful. And there's not a bunch of different prompts and it takes nothing away in my mind from the beauty or sanctity of our degree work. I respectfully ask you all to consider this motion. Thank you Worshipful Master."

McGregor Czynscon, Mystic Tie Lodge #280

"I'll make this short, because I know a lot of people have been talking. Where maybe some of these guys are old dogs, I'm a puppy...I've been a Mason for about eighteen days now. So I won't pretend to be an expert on Masonry because I know that's one of the last things that's going to happen for me, but if I do think I know one thing, it's how my generation, is, behaves and thinks. I spent some time at college and while I was there I couldn't believe the thinking. There is such an "easy way mentality" from what I've seen. If you can find the easy way out, or I think it should be done for me...I think that having a cipher open in Lodge, while with the right group of guys and the right motivation would be beneficial, I don't think that this would help new Masons join, because of the mentality my generation has right now, is that they would use it as a crutch from what I've seen. And while I admire the determination that the generations before me had, I'm striving to be like your generations, not mine. So I would say that I would side with the Esoteric Committee on not having ciphers open in Lodge, because if we truly hold our members to higher standard, like we say we do, then why would we make it easier on us instead of making ourselves better?"

Jerry Reick was asked to read the original proposal verbatim.

"To use a key cipher during a ceremony allowing one copy to be opened to be used as a prompting tool."

The Grand Master explained that we will be voting on this measure, not the Esoteric Committee's opinion. There's enough discussion here where we need to hear from the whole body. It takes 75% to pass this.

It was moved and seconded to entertain this Resolution. Votes were physically counted by the DDGMs. The count against the motion was 88. The count for the motion was 237. 264 was needed to carry the motion.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

MWGM Struble introduced George Braatz

"Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, before I get into my formal remarks, as an outside who has been to your Grand Lodge a few times, I admire some of the things you're doing. This just completed debate shows a lot of power of discussion and vote and the accuracy of getting something done that you wanted to do, and how all you talk. And I might say, when I was an 18 day Mason, I never would have stood up before Grand Lodge, I'll tell you that. I also really approve of a couple of other things I saw this morning...your Meritorious Service Award that was presented and your honoring of your editor of your publication. Like you Grand Master I see publications from all over the country and I must say, the news and articles and presentation in yours is outstanding and I honor you for honoring your editor. I do want to thank the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for all of the hospitality and for this opportunity to say a few words about the Masonic Service Association.

Among the greatest man-made wonders of the world, are the great Pyramids, which lie in a desolate desert in Egypt. I would love to see those Pyramids one day. They are magnificent reminders of men who lived thousands of years ago. Those Pharaohs of ancient times may not have done much memorable in their lives, but they left behind magnificent structures for us to see and admire today. And I think there's a message here for each of us. Each of us may not be able to leave a Pyramid for future generations to view, but I believe that we should each strive to do some good in our lives that will be remembered when we are gone. The Masonic Service Association likes to view its mission in the same way...to spread the seeds of light and education...of illumination and inspiration across North America, that some may benefit from its good works that we may experience today as Masons and be remembered by those in the future. MSA has three major areas of work that it accomplishes. 1) Education- the providing of the monthly 'Short Talk Bulletins' and dozens of other publications and booklets to spread the light of Freemasonry to our members and to the general public. Now each Wisconsin Lodge receives a copy of the Short Talk Bulletin monthly, as do hundreds of other Masons with subscriptions. And I might say, we have here in this room a number of writers who have had their articles published in the last few years, with Brother Dave Ritchie and Most Worshipful Brother Bill Beetcher have had their articles published...so if you have a good one, send it in. In recent years we've been creating a collection of Short Talk Bulletins, gathering together all of this great reading from more than 90 years and we are already offering Volume 4 of this series. If you happen to buy Volume 4 before September 1st, you'll get a substantial reduction in the price. We have also just recently brought out a new publication called 'Masonic Mentoring.' I've read a lot about Masonic mentoring over the years and I find that this publication is one of the most concise, clearest descriptions of a good mentoring program for your Lodge, and it could mean the difference between a new member taking an active role, or one day neglecting to pay his dues. The information on Volume 4 and this Mentoring Book are all on our web page.

The second area that MSA gets involved in is Disaster Relief. MSA has become the central point in funneling Masonic Disaster Relief to those areas of need. While there is no active appeal going on right now, I did want to say that late last year and into the first part of this year, MSA received and distributed more than \$110,000 to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina following some of the epic flooding that took place there. We want to thank the generosity of Masons from here, and from all over the country for providing relief to our Brethren.

MSA's third major area is the hospital visitation program. This has been the cornerstone of MSA since the organization was created. Here in Wisconsin, Masons are visiting our veterans and VA Medical Centers in Madison, Milwaukee, Appleton and Tomah, and the other Wisconsin Veteran's Home in Chippewa Falls, King. Across the country, Masons are volunteering at some 150 VA locations providing a true service to our military veterans who have done so much to serve us all. I want to thank our new Meritorious Award winner, Brother Chris Gans, who is MSA's State Coordinator, and is doing a good job in that position and I'm sure it is among some of the work he has done for MSA that he is also lauded today with this award. Also thanks to our highest Hospital Representatives, Vandy Prior, Charles Wallens, Jesse Long, Hilbert Netteshiem and Thomas Dowman for their efforts for our Veterans. MSA has a special relationship with the team of hospital volunteers in Wisconsin and they are doing outstanding work to benefit our veterans. If any brother here is interested in becoming part of this outstanding program, please contact one of these

brothers. The rewards you get from visiting and providing services to these Veterans will be of far greater reward than what effort you put into it. Hopefully, this pyramid of service that we are providing in our service to Veterans will be remembered for many generations into the future. As the Masonic Service Association does its best to continue its service to this great Fraternity, we encourage each of you through your actions to leave something for the next generation of Freemasons. And now, Most Worshipful, to recognize the MSA's appreciation for what the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has done, I have a presentation for you.

"The Masonic Service Association of North America Certificate of Appreciation presented to Frank Struble, Grand Master, Wisconsin, given in sincere appreciation for your abiding interest in and strong support of the Masonic Service Association's programs, giving time to our national hospital visitation program, and for encouraging MSA Representatives, Deputies and Volunteers in Wisconsin. With this Certificate go our best wishes for continued success and service to our gentle Craft."

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Allan Iding, James M. Hays Lodge #331

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, the report of the Foreign Relations Committee is on page 46 and the top of page 47 of the Pre-Proceedings. One of the Past Grand Masters I most respect is someone many of you never met, Walter Helwig. Walter Helwig was Grand Master of Wisconsin in 1950, and in his office he had a sign right behind him that said, 'Always tell the truth,' and as a DeMolay boy I went into Walter's office a lot of times and that put me in awe... 'Always tell the truth.' So I have to tell you I didn't write this report. I would have made it much shorter, but the comprehensive report you have was done by our Grand Secretary and I thank him for the terrific historical report about it. The situation is this: Paraguay has a couple of Grand Lodges. We recognize one. Now there's another one we don't recognize. There have been years of fighting and years of debate and this issue comes before the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Grand Master's Conference and they have finally made a recommendation on this whole problem, and frankly they know more about the situation than we do. Therefore, I move that the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin sever all bonds of recognition with the Grand Lodge of Paraguay and grant recognition to the Grand Lodge Symbolica of Paraguay, of which Most Worshipful Brother Edgar Sanchez Cabelero is Grand Master."

To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Paraguay

In order to have a better understanding of this request we offer the following timeline.

In 2008 the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America reported:

"A split has developed in the Grand Lodge of Paraguay. A group of dissidents have now proclaimed themselves to be the Grand Lodge Symbolic of Paraguay. After a questionable investigation, the Interamerican Masonic Confederation has declared this group headed by Mendoza Unzain to be legitimate. This was an unusual act since the by-laws of the CMI prohibits the interference in the internal affairs of a Grand Lodge. This ruling is being contested by the existing Grand Lodge of Paraguay, but they have not been allowed to see the report of the investigation, or to offer a

response. Nemecio Lichi was legally elected to be the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Paraguay, and the Commission is of the opinion that this Grand Lodge is still the only Grand Lodge in Paraguay that meets the standards for recognition.”

In 2009 the Commission reported:

“It was reported last year that a split had developed in the Grand Lodge of Paraguay, in which two Grand Masters, Nemecio Lichi and Ignacio Mendosa claimed to be the legal authority for the Grand Lodge. Attempts by various parties during the year to resolve the problem had proved futile. At a meeting at this Conference, prior to the Commission meeting, representatives from a number of jurisdictions met with these Grand Masters and members of their delegations. Among those attending this meeting were Tom Jackson, Executive Secretary of the World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges; Jean Claude Tardivat of the GLNF; Alan Englefield of the United Grand Lodge of England; Diego Delora of the Grand Lodge of Spain, and Tullion Colacioppio of the Grand Orient of Brazil. At the conclusion of the meeting, an agreement titled, California Agreement on the Future of Paraguayan Freemasonry, was signed by those present. The document contains five points on which they were in full agreement, in order to bring unity to Freemasonry in Paraguay.”

In 2012 The Commission reported:

“The agreement of unification of the two Grand Lodges that was reached in 2010, has been broken, and the situation has reverted back to two Grand Lodges claiming to be the legitimate source of Freemasonry in that country. There is also evidence that negotiations for unification have ceased. This being the case, the Commission is of the opinion that neither Grand Lodge now meets the standards for recognition.”

In 2013 The Commission reported:

“Matters of recognition in Paraguay are still in question. One Grand Lodge led by Grand Master Quinonez is reported to be closely connected with the Supreme Council of Paraguay. The Interamerican Masonic Confederation recommends and the United Grand Lodge of England recognizes the Grand Lodge led by Grand Master Euclides. The Commission will continue to study this matter and report in the future.”

In 2014 The Commission reported:

“Over the last six years, the Commission has continued to study the split in the Grand Lodge of Paraguay that resulted in the two Grand Lodges. The information the Commission has gathered leads it to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge Symbolic whose Grand Master is M.:W.: Bro Euclides, is the only Grand Lodge in Paraguay that meets the standards for recognition.”

In 2016 the Commission reported:

“In 2014, the Commission stated in its report: “Over the last six years, the Commission has continued to study the split in the Grand Lodge of Paraguay that resulted in two grand lodges [with similar names and addresses]. The information the Commission has gathered leads it to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge Symbolica whose Grand Master is M.:W.: Bro. Euclides, is the only Grand Lodge in Paraguay that meets the standards for recognition.” The Commission’s position on this matter is unchanged. This is the regular grand lodge. The current Grand Master of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Paraguay is M.:W.: Bro. Edgar Sanchez Caballero. The address of that grand lodge is: Gran Logia Simbolica Del Paraguay Avda. de la Victoria No 690 esq Lopez Moreira Asuncion – Paraguay”

At the present time the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin is in amity with the Grand Lodge of Paraguay who is now considered irregular. The Grand Lodge Symbolica of Paraguay has petitioned the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for recognition. It has been the policy of Wisconsin to follow the guidelines on recognition that are issued by the Commission on Information for Recognition.

Therefore, I move that the Grand Lodge F&AM of Wisconsin sever all bonds of recognition with the Grand Lodge of Paraguay and grant recognition to the Grand Lodge Symbolica of Paraguay, of which M.: W.: Brother Edgar Sanchez Caballero is Grand Master.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan E. Iding, P.G.M – Chairman
Michael A. DeWolf, P.G.M. – Foreign Correspondent
Craig S. Campbell, P.G.M
Daniel L. Slavik, P.G.M
John W. Wilke, P.G.M

MWGM Struble stated that it has been moved and seconded to follow the recommendation of the Foreign Relations Committee, which is consistent with the opinion of the North American Conference of Grand Masters. The motion was passed.

NECROLOGY REPORT

MWGM Struble called upon Curt Campagna, Grand Chaplain for the Necrology Report.

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored Guests and Brothers all, the Necrology report will be printed in the final proceedings with the most up to date list of our Brothers that have passed. I think many of us can remember back when we took that first walk into our Lodges and noticed that there were a certain amount of older men in attendance. These wise, older men in fact, taught us how to be Masons. They shared with us history. They shared stories about being good Brothers, good husbands, good fathers and more especially, good men of faith. We experienced that the best way to learn about Masonry was to listen first and speak later. From these men we absorbed life lessons, as they presented the concept of family. We were encouraged to attend and participate in all our religious organizations. This wisdom has evolved throughout the years of Masonic light, emphasizing the eternal tenants that forged our Fraternal development. The core virtue that binds us is that of being men of faith. As we become used to the company of these great preceptors eventually the sands of time fall for every man. The appearance of these men become more and more scarce. We would visit and offer assistance but because our bodies were never meant to last we find we must all end our earthly labors. We learn the lessons of the clay, or our mother earth. Because of our faith in our creator we learn that our journey has not ended but has just begun. Just as our souls never end, so is the enlightenment found in the hidden mysteries of our organization. It seems as the years moved on we began to look around the Lodges and see new Candidates looking at the old men and it was us. Life is uncertain and only the Creator is aware of our life’s duration. Honor our forefathers by being examples and teachers to our newest members. By doing this, you perpetuate the legacy that this Fraternity stands for. By doing this you also share your Creator’s greatest gift, the gift of love. We honor these men today by

listing their names, and all they taught us. We especially remember, A.D. Anderson, PGM, George Wallinger, PGM and Lowell Tainter, Past Grand Trustee. They live in our hearts and their words and deeds carry in our actions. I now ask each of you to rise, if you are able. To honor our departed brothers, let us remember our brothers by replicating the actions we were taught in front of our departed brother, followed by a moment of silence and remembrance and then a prayer. Together we commend their spirits unto God who gave it and will cherish their memories in our hearts. Supreme Architect of the Universe, we ask that you bless the souls of the departed, these good men and brothers have journeyed well in the world, and now start a new journey with you. May their words and actions be an example to each one of us on our earthly journeys. May your promise of eternal life comfort all that face the prospect of mortality and comfort those who still mourn. Your holy writings teach, guide and lead us in all we do. When we end our labors here on earth, may we have the doors to the Lodge eternal open unto each of us. Amen. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that this report be spread upon the minutes.”

The MWGM stated that it has been moved and seconded that the report be spread upon the minutes. The motion was carried.

DECEASED BRETHERN BETWEEN 06/05/15 AND 06/02/16

James Adams (367)	Loren Addison (206)	A.D. Anderson (180)
Arnold Anderson (176)	Olaf Anderson (56)	Ernest Aschliman (319)
Thomas Ashworth (5)	George Austin (105)	Robert Austin (74)
William Badciong (37)	Nicolas Balazs (358)	Earl Balliett, Jr. (252)
Glenn Balzer (189)	Ronald Bane (182)	Robert Bartelme (65)
Harry Batchelder, Jr. (337)	George Bausch (189)	Denis Bay (174)
Harold Behnke (291)	Santo Bellante (218)	Harley Bennett (128)
Dale Bickle (69)	Arden Bierman (248)	James Blair (217)
Everett Blakeley (112)	Russell Blyth (28)	Orville Boeck, Sr. (31)
Claude Bohn (21)	Allan Bond (26)	Donald Botsford (18)
Joseph Bowen III (37)	J. Bradley (293)	Robert Brainard (130)
William Brave (164)	Arnold Brawders (9)	Ronald Breitkreutz (120)
Roger Bristol (215)	Archie Britt (50)	Charles Brown (234)
John Brown (319)	Theodore Brunnelson (18)	Robert Brunsell (32)
Richard Brust (195)	George Burgess, Jr. (337)	Michael Busko (63)
Charles Campbell (322)	Robert Campbell (188)	Royal Cass (370)
Arnold Chambers (1)	Paul Chapman (31)	Roger Christenson (214)
Donald Christoffersen (56)	Brian Cleary (368)	Donald Clement (138)
Herman Clough (263)	Wilbur Cook (182)	Lowell Cox (138)
Phillip Crawford (1)	Jack Crosby (356)	James Cudmore (215)
Ernest Daufenbach (42)	Vernon Davis, Jr. (263)	Wesley Denny (190)
Gerald Dexter (225)	Robert Donath (138)	Boyce Dougherty (307)
Alfred Draper (55)	Derek Dueck (120)	David Dumbleton (21)
William Dyke (119)	L. Eichelberger (277)	Orville Einsiedel (189)
James Emery (325)	J. W. Engeldinger (225)	Steven Fairchild (10)
William Faris (26)	Milan Fischer (21)	Robert Fischer (368)
Charles Flaum (3)	Raymond Fogel (360)	Robert Froesch (28)
Wayne Fulleylove-Krause (172)	Jerry Funk (367)	John Galliford (329)
Gerald Gappa (130)	Russell Gasser (180)	George Gates (189)
Clyde Gehring (189)	Steve Gerretson (95)	Edward Gerstenkorn (33)
Robert Gill (25)	Thomas Godfrey (123)	William Godfrey (80)
Lawrence Goetsch (108)	Frank Goffe (18)	Donald Golden (149)
Donald Goodrich (164)	Richard Gotchy (242)	Philip Grefsheim (73)
Milton Gregory (18)	Kevin Griep (18)	Maron Grill (197)

Peter Grunder (219)
 Darrell Gust (45)
 Earl Hansen (244)
 Philip Harper (350)
 Clarence Hauser (145)
 Louis Hebert, Jr. (176)
 Otto Heinz (3)
 Hoyt Hennig (10)
 Marvin Hinz (226)
 James Hoover (367)
 William Hughes (330)
 Harry Hutchison (1)
 Alvin Ingles (362)
 Robert Janicki (329)
 Donald Jeske (138)
 Floyd Johnson (130)
 Isaac Joles, Jr. (244)
 Floyd Jones (180)
 Richard Jorgenson (347)
 Edwin Klema (356)
 Douglas Knuth (85)
 Fred Kraatz (370)
 Bob Kuhn (176)
 Jacob Larsen, Jr. (5)
 John Lawrence (55)
 Jerome Lee (176)
 Earl Lindsay (174)
 J. Lovejoy (42)
 Lee Luenser (42)
 Norman Manis (26)
 George Marshall (66)
 Robert Mattfeld (183)
 Cyrus Mc Colley (65)
 Harold McDonough (32)
 Merle Meister (183)
 Louis Metallo (367)
 Harold Miller (9)
 Wayne Mohr (189)
 John Mueller (349)
 John Neiding (3)
 Richard Nelson (143)
 Henry Niemeyer, Jr. (33)
 Richard Northey (9)
 Warren Osborn (247)
 John Pake (8)
 Wallace Partlow, Jr. (263)
 Clyde Pederson (176)
 Duane Pillar (27)
 John Presslein (21)
 Roi Prueher, Jr. (112)
 Elmer Queram (8)
 Daniel Rainer (189)
 John Reinkey (229)
 Dana Richter (57)
 Wayne Riegler (9)
 James Roach (189)
 Donald Rosandich (189)
 Johann Gruner (174)
 Dale Habermann (267)
 Howard Hansen (66)
 George Hatzenbuehler (3)
 Hans Hausmann (13)
 Harold Heggerness (105)
 Charles Henderson (73)
 Donald Hilger (329)
 Charles Hobbs (330)
 Herbert Huber (143)
 Richard Hugill (206)
 Robert Illing (37)
 Oliver Jacobson (26)
 Carlos Jaramillo (31)
 George Jevne (351)
 Robert Johnson (322)
 Burton Jolivet (317)
 Howard Jones (128)
 Robert Julius (21)
 Floyd Kleppe (325)
 Robert Koch (364)
 Rolland Krauss (229)
 Raymond Lang (5)
 Frederick Lavey (307)
 Robert Le Sage, Sr (224)
 Norman Leiser (128)
 Donald Lipsy (279)
 Richard Lowater, Sr. (176)
 Douglas Lundholm (112)
 Carol Manley (95)
 Jack Martin (28)
 Durwood Mattson (51)
 Warren Mc Coy (307)
 Donald Mead (329)
 Gary Melstrom (105)
 Roy Metzker (9)
 Donald Mintzlaff (370)
 Robert Moody (109)
 Ellsworth Munroe (189)
 Edwin Nelson (73)
 John Nesvold (244)
 Glen Nodgaard (128)
 Kevin O' Brien (60)
 Donal Otto (330)
 Alfred Palmer (217)
 Alan Peabody (331)
 Carroll Peterson (358)
 Richard Pitts (287)
 Steven Prewitt (318)
 John Pugh (315)
 Gerald Raaflaub (236)
 David Randall (244)
 Elmer Ricchio (18)
 Joseph Rickun (370)
 Arthur Riese (94)
 Ralph Roberts (325)
 Arthur Rosenow, III (337)
 Jason Guinn (174)
 Milton Halls (229)
 Floyd Hanstedt (360)
 John Hatz (331)
 Alfred Hebert, Jr. (370)
 Kevin Heinlein (225)
 Daniel Hendrickson (123)
 Hilman Hilt (177)
 Roy Hodsdon (224)
 Lyle Huebner (252)
 Charles Hunter Jr. (95)
 Melvin Ingersoll (2)
 Frederick Jaggi (31)
 Dennis Jensen (112)
 Richard Jobelius (21)
 Conrad Johnstad (112)
 Eldon Jones (151)
 Earl Jones, Jr. (21)
 Steven Kidd (57)
 Lawrenz Knowles (97)
 Eldon Komplin (319)
 Warren Krueger (350)
 Robert Lapp (37)
 Thomas La Violette (349)
 Eugene Lee (57)
 Robert Lepien (120)
 William Loehrer III (138)
 Harold Ludeman (74)
 William Malkow (42)
 Ronald Marks (37)
 Rodney Marty (310)
 Brannon Mayer (248)
 Royal Mc Ewen (234)
 James Meeks (128)
 Roger Mertes (367)
 Fred Meyer (261)
 David Miracle (363)
 William Morrison (32)
 Howard Murphy (192)
 Frederick Nelson (84)
 Daniel Neuroth (219)
 Lawrence Norem (44)
 Ralph Oftedahl (252)
 Karl Paetow, Sr. (170)
 Glenn Parish (236)
 Robert Pearson (109)
 Phillip Peterson (143)
 Gene Pope (109)
 Robert Pringle (28)
 Carl Putman (56)
 Gordon Raddatz (27)
 Paul Refkin (261)
 Charles Richter (367)
 Robert Riegel (307)
 Charles Rietz (188)
 Charles Rohloff (55)
 George Sadlon (21)

Isadore Sand (261)	Arthur Sandner (307)	Harry Savagian (80)
Malcolm Schelong (337)	Carl Schluter (252)	Willard Schmidt (221)
Kenneth Schneider (21)	Glenn Schriber (319)	David Schubring (34)
Leslie Schultz (113)	John Seaman, Jr. (337)	Marvin Severson (151)
Jack Shlimovitz (261)	Arthur Siebers (51)	Robert Sisco (351)
Bert Sjostrom, Jr. (189)	James Skavlen (73)	Jack Smart (10)
Jerry Smerling (27)	Frank Smith (120)	Robert Sneller (322)
Raymond Snopek (350)	Curt Soderholm (356)	Bernard Soltau (143)
Willard Sprague, Jr. (50)	Bennie Stanfield (5)	Jerome Steck (57)
Harold Steineke (27)	Earl Steinke (28)	Robert Stene (164)
Erwin Stenzel (170)	Kenneth Stevens (79)	Robert Stewart (182)
Charles Strand (9)	Morris Streich (5)	Frank Stuiber (189)
John Swafford (113)	Robert Swan (33)	Ralph Swanson (210)
Leslie Swenson (192)	Lowell Tainter (17)	Terry Thomas (51)
David Todd (8)	Thomas Tomlinson (176)	Harold Trapp (291)
Burton Trok (229)	William Tutaj (301)	Virgil Tyrolt (224)
John Tzioumis (301)	Heron Van Gorden (279)	Scott Verville (9)
Donald Volk (307)	Lee Wackman (301)	Joseph Waddell, Jr. (356)
Jack Walker (189)	George Wallinger (72)	Dan Walters (149)
Ralph Wanie (370)	Harold Warner (277)	Rodney Warner (217)
William Waters (301)	Clayton Watkins (178)	Roth Watson (319)
Rush Watson, Jr. (319)	Eugene Webber (310)	William Wedeking (217)
Robert Weiland (66)	George Welch, Jr. (12)	Leroy Welke (28)
Rodger Wells (288)	Robert Wenke (3)	Andrew Westerback (281)
Charles White (234)	Leon White (130)	William Wick (167)
Clinton Wilde (310)	Wallace Wilkening (123)	Gary Wilkins (2)
James Williams (34)	Winston Williams (267)	Billie Williams (65)
Robert Willman, Jr. (56)	Roger Wilson (197)	Terrence Wilson (55)
Thomas Winters (37)	Edward Wisniewski (13)	Herbert Witt (370)
Gene Wittenberger (120)	Howard Wohlfert (148)	Elmer Wokosin (27)
Roger Wold (112)	Helmut Wolff (37)	Lavern Youngs (33)
Robert Zemple (112)	George Zinser (12)	

APPROVAL OF ALL OTHER BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this time MWGM Struble called for approval of all other reports as printed in the Pre-Proceedings. The motion was seconded and carried, and these reports will be spread upon the minutes.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

It is a pleasure and a privilege to continue to serve our fraternity. My activities include some travel, lots of planning and lots of communicating. Grand Master Struble has made this year extremely rewarding as he has continually encouraged and shared.

One of the benefits of serving as Deputy Grand Master is that the Grand Lodge Planning Committee works on projects that the Deputy Grand Master charges them with. Grand Lodge Planning was chaired by JGD Ken Gorgen this year and the committee knocked it out of the park! Our Strategic Planning process helped to identify several areas of concern. We realized that our current posting program for candidates was not being well followed throughout the state. Candidates were not digging into the symbolism of their degrees and unfortunately we were losing too

many candidates along the way. As a result of this strategic review we are proposing major changes to the Wisconsin Program, which we believe will improve candidate knowledge and retention. The proposed posting program relates more specifically to the degrees, their lessons and symbolism. The program includes a new “study guide” style of learning which helps the new brothers to conduct some of the study on their own. Most importantly the new posting program very clearly instructs the candidate on the meaning and importance of our obligations. The program was beta tested in eight different lodges and was extremely well received. As a result of this work and this testing, the Executive Committee reviewed the program and recommends that we move forward with this new program for the entire state. We will address this at this Annual Communication.

Traveling to the Illinois Annual Communication was very worthwhile. I was able to connect with five other Deputy Grand Masters to share common concerns and camaraderie. I obtained hard copies of the Illinois Intender Program, which is a very detailed posting program. Our Planning Committee was able to review this program in light of our own work. California has also changed their candidate learning recently and interestingly enough all three of our jurisdictions have independently moved in a very similar direction regarding the content and importance of candidate posting.

One of the great values of attending other jurisdictions is the fact that you can connect with counterparts and get the “real scoop” on how things are working. Illinois sold its Masonic Home a while back. They have gone to an Illinois Outreach model, which endeavors to help brothers around their state as opposed to limiting their help to one geographic area. We have noticed that other jurisdictions watch Wisconsin very closely as well, and are particularly impressed with our Strategic Planning Process.

This year, I was honored to receive the DeMolay Legion of Honor. While we don't campaign for “honors”, I was greatly touched, as I was never a member of DeMolay. This award was more of a reflection on our Grand Lodge commitment to supporting youth groups than on me personally.

Some great ideas were exchanged during a recent Masonic Journal meeting I attended via Webex. One particular development was to “Celebrate Excellence” by featuring lodges doing good work. When lodges see that other lodges are having success we hope that they will adopt a similar model. We also would like to feature upcoming lodge events to help promote them, as opposed to only reporting events that have already happened.

I was able to spend some quality time in the western part of our state. The District Meeting in Viroqua was very productive. There were excellent presentations from the Scottish Rite and Shrine. A spirit of fraternal cooperation was evident. Great conversations about the relationship that Viroqua has with the local Scout troop were very enlightening. I also attended the Zor Shrine Ceremonial in LaCrosse. The new Potentate had also attended the D5 meeting. There is a real enthusiasm to work together between the Shrine and local lodges to grow the Fraternity. It was especially evident that the Zor Ceremonial was conducted in a family friendly manner. Kudos!

Our officers joined again for a fraternal meeting with the officers of Prince Hall. Great friendships have developed and very candid discussions were held regarding

the possibility of extending our fraternal recognition of each other to even further levels. Our close relationship with Prince Hall is a real model for other jurisdictions and we sincerely hope that it will continue to flourish.

It is an honor to currently serve as the “Puissant Sovereign” of the Red Cross of Constantine in Milwaukee. It is a Christian based organization and for those who care Puissant Sovereign roughly translates to “all-knowing boss” – not sure I fit the bill!

My “western swing” included the near northwest of Chippewa Falls. The remote participation in the Secretaries Conference was a great success. About 20 lodges participated from Chip. The remote broadcast worked very well and the comments on the conference were that it “was the best yet.” I handled the “sexy” topic of building a lodge audit.

Board meetings have been interesting. WMBAB, the Masonic Foundation and the Home Board are all active, and serving as an active board member requires a good deal of energy.

The Masonic Unity Conference is an organization that has existed since the 1960s and has been largely underutilized. The goals of the Conference are to gather leaders from our many Masonic groups and share ideas, plans and concerns. Calendaring has always been important, but this year we have attempted to move toward shared projects as well. Currently the Unity Conference is working on a shared Charities book which will detail many of the charities supported by our various bodies, from Grand Lodge to Shriners, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, York Rite, Amaranth and youth groups as well. The group is also working to support a “Second Saturday” initiative, which will encourage our lodges and appendant bodies to work together on a “Wisconsin Freemason Day” to be held on October 8, 2016. Our hope is to host Friends Events and public awareness campaigns throughout the state around that date.

Fraternally submitted,

Don Hensiak, Deputy Grand Master

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN REPORT

To The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your Senior Grand Warden. The brotherly love, warmth and hospitality that you extended to me as I traveled across the state visiting lodges and attending various events was heartwarming and much appreciated. Additionally, it was a distinct honor to attend and help host the North American Conference of Grand Masters in Madison and to represent the Grand Master and Wisconsin Masons at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Minnesota.

It's been a busy and productive year serving Wisconsin Masons on several fronts. It was my privilege to serve as Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Wisconsin Masonic Home Board Oversight Committee. I continued to serve on the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Executive, Expenditures, Annual Communication, and Nominations Committees. In addition, I served on the Wisconsin Masonic Home Board and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Board of Governors where I did a

short stint as interim Board President and continue to serve as a Board member and Chair of the Investment Team. Each of these appointments proved both challenging and rewarding providing me with greater insights into the workings of our fraternity and its charities.

For the second time I was pleased to coordinate the Spruce-Up Awards which addresses two important strategic initiatives: to improve our public perception and to increase Grand Lodge Service to the Craft. Our lodges reflect of our brand in the community, our pride in the Fraternity, and make an important first impression on new members, families and visitors. This year 35 lodges across the state documented 2,389 volunteer hours and spent \$128,483 to improve their facilities. Spruce-Up projects varied from lodge to lodge, examples include: remodeling, painting, utility repairs, landscaping, door and window replacement, concrete work and redecorating. A few lodges made their facilities greener by retrofitting lighting, which immediately reduced expenses and will provide a very short return on investment timeframe. Congratulations and well done to all the lodges that participated in the 2015-16 Spruce-Up Award program.

The Help for Hero's program we kicked off last year continues to evolve. I encourage every lodge to contact me personally to find out how you can actively assist the brave men and women in your communities who are currently serving in our Armed Forces. Our Armed Forces members need and deserve your support!

I was happy to play a part in putting technology to work to capture savings while providing convenience for our hard-working Lodge Secretaries. A few Grand Lodge Officers teamed up with the Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire to set up and simultaneously broadcast the Secretaries conference between Chippewa Falls and Madison using web based video and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) communication technology. Twenty-four Brothers took advantage the technology saving time and travel expenses. By all accounts the broadcast was a success. As an added bonus the secretaries from the western area of the state were home in time that night to watch the Packer game!

Nothing is more enjoyable than spending time with my Masonic Brothers and their families. I just can't say enough about the high caliber people who make up our magnificent Masonic family. A very special thank you to my Lodge Brothers in Acacia-Itasca Lodge #329 and Barnes Lodge #365 who continue to support, encourage, and inspire me and to my wife and traveling partner Cindy for all her loving support and assistance.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Senior Grand Warden.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Arby Humphrey
Senior Grand Warden

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Greetings Brethren all!

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Junior Grand Warden during this Masonic Year. One of the roles of the Junior Grand Warden is to act as a direct link to our Masonic youth groups. Along these lines, this has been fulfilling and rewarding from the standpoint of increasing my knowledge of the workings of the youth groups our fraternity sponsors and, most important, seeing firsthand and learning of the extremely valuable life-quality enhancement experiences these groups offer and truly provide to their membership.

The Order of DeMolay and Job's Daughters, International have valuable traditions tied to a deep and meaningful heritage. The adult leaders I have encountered have made a truly extensive commitment to these most prized organizations. These bodies are in good hands and I want to thank Executive Officer W. Br. J. Patrick Storrs and Grand Guardian Wendy Muelling for their diligent efforts on behalf of DeMolay and Jobs Daughters, respectively, throughout Wisconsin.

I feel compelled to share a somewhat somber note regarding our Rainbow for Girls. All of my repeated attempts to engage the Rainbow statewide officer corps. went unanswered. In spite of what appears to be unfortunate inactivity, funds have been set aside by the Youth Funding Committee which could assist Rainbow in the event they become reinvigorated in the future.

Jobie Bethel and DeMolay Chapter Installations were attended whenever my calendar permitted. I had the pleasure to attend the DeMolay Conclave held at Lakeland College, as well as the Jobie Jamborie at the Green Lake Conference Center (as Elvis would say; "Thank you, thank you very much...") and the Imperial Session of Job's Daughters, International held in Palatine, IL. Each of these experiences helped me to further understand the significant contributions being made each and every day by our youth to make an incredibly positive impact upon the world we live in. I'm so very proud of our Jobs Daughters and DeMolay members and adult leaders. Their work is fantastic! Our youth are exciting, dynamic kids and I encourage every Mason to embrace these youth groups as never before!! They are a part of our future and we, as individual Masons and as a Grand Lodge, need to step up our support of them.

The Junior Grand Warden also has other assignments, which include memberships in: The Masonic Home Board (Three Pillars is a great facility!!-successful management and staff!!), WI Masonic Home Finance & Audit Committee, WI Masonic Home Oversight Committee, WI Masonic Foundation Board, WI Masonic Benevolent Activities Board, Nominations Committee, United Masonic Board for DeMolay, Youth Funding Committee (Chair), Executive Committee, Expenditures Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and Membership Committee.

I had the opportunity to attend the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges in Cedar Rapids, IA this year and found it to be very worthwhile. Along with other Grand Lodge Officers, I, too, participated in Lodge and building Rededication ceremonies, the Joint Table Lodge with Prince Hall Masons, our Grand Lodge Staff Meetings, as well as many Lodge meetings and consequently travelled thousands of miles to

do so. I truly enjoy the Lodge Meetings and, as a matter of fact, I've always had the chance to encounter fine men along the way.

Once again my Brothers, thank you for this opportunity to serve our beloved Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

Scott E. Pedley
Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden
2015-2016

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Complying with Section 24.02 and 34.02 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code, Laws of the Grand Lodge, I hereby submit the Grand Treasurer's Annual Report:

This being my first year as Grand Treasurer, I had much to learn about the business of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and managing the related financial responsibilities. In addition, Grand Lodge was converting to a new accounting system that required the accounting personnel to learn new accounts, formats and processing requirements. As with any major system upgrade there were challenges, but throughout the year we have adjusted and modified both the system and our procedures. We believe the new system will provide meaningful improvements in both financial reporting and budgeting in future years.

At the time of writing this report, 22 lodges are delinquent in filing their Annual Financial Statements. The data requested is necessary for the Grand Lodge to file the required IRS tax forms on your behalf. The Grand Secretary has revised the report to make it much easier for each lodge to provide the information. Additionally, 15 lodges have not yet paid their per capita contributions. Section 31.03 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code provides for both of these items to be completed on or before March 1 of each year. Within the same section, penalties are outlined. We ask for your cooperation in completing these requirements. Should you have a specific hardship or issue in meeting these obligations we ask that you contact the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer.

Our Independent Auditors, Clifton Larson Allen will audit the financial condition of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, which comprise the statements of financial position as of April 30, 2016 and 2015, the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. Once presented and accepted by the Executive and Expenditures Committees, the audit report, in full detail, will be on file in the Grand Lodge office for review by any member of the Craft. Also, the audit report will be printed in the official proceedings of this 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin.

Following the budget format from the past year, included are fiscal year ending results for 2013, 2014 and 2015. For fiscal year 2016, actual income and expenses are provided through March together with the fiscal 2016 approved budget. A combination of disciplined expense allocations and controls will likely result in favorable fiscal 2016 comparisons to budget. With one month yet to be recorded,

the final numbers won't be available until after this report is filed. As mentioned earlier, the audit will provide all the closing details.

Working with the Expenditures Committee, a proposed fiscal 2017 budget has been developed and will be presented at the Annual Communication for adoption. Included in the budget is a \$2.00 increase in per capita to \$39.00. While likely concerning to some members, it is unrealistic to believe an ongoing business such as the Grand Lodge can continue to operate without increasing revenues. Basic costs of operation increase annually, notably employee benefits, building maintenance, and necessary office supplies and equipment. The last increase in per capita was 6 years ago. During that period CPI-U, a measure of urban inflation, has increased 10.3%. This requested per capita increase represents a 5.4% increase. My personal opinion is that annual per capita increases should be indexed to CPI-U to avoid the adverse consequences of delaying necessary increases to maintain our standard of business.

To fund annual shortfalls, we are required to invade the Grand Lodge General Investment Fund. While not available at this time, it appears that the fiscal 2016 budget shortfall will be favorable to budget and notably below the recent annual shortfalls. In order to annually balance the budget without General Investment Fund support would require an estimated \$19.00 additional increase in per capita. Tapping the General Investment Funds to meet annual budget shortfalls is a common strategy in Masonic organizations. That works fine as long as investment returns and contributions are generous. To effectively maintain and support Masons in Wisconsin serious consideration needs to be given to alternative solutions to stabilize our financial future.

In compliance with Section 24.01 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code, mileage and per diem checks for the representatives attending the 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin will be computed by the Grand Secretary. In conformity to Section 30.06 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code, these checks will be mailed following the Annual Communication to all Lodges with an attendance record that has been properly scanned both days.

I am thankful for the opportunity that Most Worshipful Grand Master Franklin J. Struble offered me to serve the Fraternity as Grand Treasurer. While I felt confident about my ability to analyze, review and offer suggestions regarding the Grand Lodge financial position, I was naïve about the business activity embedded into the management of the Fraternity. Behind all the Masonic formality is a multidimensional organization with complex legal and business relationships. With limited paid staff, the organization relies on the goodness and commitment of our Brethren. As your Grand Treasurer I can truly say your Grand Lodge Officers are dedicated, honorable and worthy financial stewards.

I just wish they would have told me about the new accounting system.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jeffrey L. Bryden, Grand Treasurer

Grand Lodge F&AM of Wisconsin

Proposed Budget - May 1, 2016 thru April 30, 2017

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proposed Budget	Actual thru March	Proposed Budget
Revenue						
Per Capita	\$ 370,326	\$ 355,829	\$ 338,612	\$ 341,150	\$ 330,768	\$ 353,350
Per Capita from PMP	43,557	45,165	46,102	48,400	48,400	48,400
Compass Point / SNF Rehab.	100,000	120,000	155,000	155,000	155,000	155,000
Rents - OES, York Rite, D of D Office	20,956	18,704	22,733	19,400	20,806	20,806
Adm. Fees	15,775	15,775	15,775	15,780	14,460	15,780
Annual Comm. Fees	9,213	7,146	1,037	7,000	7,719	7,000
Supply Sales, Misc. Income	16,413	17,298	11,106	11,500	4,375	11,500
Operating Income	\$ 576,240	\$ 579,917	\$ 590,365	\$ 598,230	\$ 581,528	\$ 611,836
Transfer from General Investment Fund	\$ 305,000	\$ 318,251	\$ 306,228	\$ 217,570	\$ 158,870	\$ 206,814
Net Total Income	\$ 881,240	\$ 898,168	\$ 896,593	\$ 815,800	\$ 740,398	\$ 818,650
Expenditures						
GL Employees						
Wages, Payroll Tax, Benefits	\$249,242	\$250,808	\$218,673	\$225,000	\$ 200,235	\$ 225,000
Total	\$249,242	\$250,808	\$218,673	\$225,000	\$ 200,235	\$ 225,000
GL Buildings & Lands						
Grand Lodge Building	\$ 65,122	\$ 58,532	\$ 47,660	\$ 50,000	\$ 52,883	\$ 60,000
Total	\$ 65,122	\$ 58,532	\$ 47,660	\$ 50,000	\$ 52,883	\$ 60,000
GL Officers & Committees						
Grand Master Exp.	\$ 37,470	\$ 27,525	\$ 40,020	\$ 28,000	\$ 19,463	\$ 18,500
Other GL Officers Exp.	65,676	68,722	64,826	45,000	29,934	42,750
District & Area Exp.	22,844	19,828	16,926	18,000	18,470	17,100
Staff & Committee Meeting Exp.	67,392	52,732	64,257	44,000	30,684	45,000
Total	\$ 193,382	\$ 168,807	\$ 186,029	\$ 135,000	\$ 98,551	\$ 123,350
GL Annual Communication						
Hotel & Facilities Exp.	\$ 34,993	\$ 33,180	\$ 42,466	\$ 35,000	\$ 41,197	\$ 42,500
Food Service	30,763	26,771	30,827	26,000	17,685	18,500
Mileage & Per Diem	34,230	33,188	35,137	35,000	24,756	26,000
Printing, Postage, Committee, Misc. Exp.	14,414	21,153	21,408	18,000	17,419	18,000
Total	\$ 114,400	\$ 114,292	\$ 129,838	\$ 114,000	\$ 101,057	\$ 105,000
GL Service to the Craft						
Awards, Books, Office Sup.	\$ 22,555	\$ 66,471	\$ 45,001	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,850	\$ 25,500
Phone, Computer, Lease Exp.	28,782	39,165	26,322	27,000	38,388	37,000
Social Media & Advertising Exp.	-	-	-	10,000	350	17,500
Postage, UPS, Printing, Photo Exp.	10,536	10,224	11,758	12,000	9,869	10,000
Sec. Conf. WI Masonic College, Misc. Exp.	875	-	21,295	18,000	12,831	15,000
Legal, CPA, Bank & Other Service	29,139	22,500	20,455	21,000	29,339	20,000
New Accounting System	-	-	17,993	10,000	10,000	10,000
Investment Management Exp.	4,805	3,796	3,909	3,800	2,974	3,800
GL Contribution to WMJ	141,600	145,000	146,400	145,000	145,000	145,000
Total	\$ 238,292	\$ 286,156	\$ 293,133	\$ 271,800	\$ 273,601	\$ 283,800
GL Dues & Membership						
George Washington Memorial	\$ 13,027	\$ 12,342	\$ 11,065	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,472	\$ 12,500
MSA Dues & Contributions	7,775	7,231	10,195	9,000	1,599	9,000
Total	\$ 20,802	\$ 19,573	\$ 21,260	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,071	\$ 21,500
Total Expenditures	\$ 881,240	\$ 898,168	\$ 896,593	\$ 815,800	\$ 740,398	\$ 818,650

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin:

This report is submitted in compliance with Chapter 25 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin

Tabulated Report

2015 RECAPITULATION REPORT

Summary of all lodges

Primary Members - start of period: **10,998**

Gains

Raised:	187
Reinstated:	59
Affiliated:	66
Total Gains	312

Losses

Died:	451
Suspended:	83
Resigned:	141
Expelled:	2
Total Losses	677

Primary Members - end of period: **10,633**

Perpetual Members Recap

Living Primary:	1848
Deceased Primary:	1302
Living Plural:	116
Deceased Plural:	77
Memorial:	109
Total Perpetual Members:	3,452

Total Per Capita Membership **8,785**

(Primary Members at year end less Living Primary Perpetual Members)

Per Capita Tax due for 2016 (\$37.00/Primary Member) **\$325,045.00**

Additional Fees incurred during 2015

Master Masons Raised:	187 @ \$5.00	\$935.00
Members Reinstated:	59 @ \$5.00	\$295.00
Entered Apprentices Initiated:	268 @ \$10.00	\$2,680.00

Total due to Grand Lodge **\$328,955.00**

Total Lodge Membership at the end of the current recap year - 2015

Primary Members:	10,633
Plural Members:	926
Total Membership:	11,559

Grand Master's Jewel and Apron

In accordance with the provisions of Section 25.05 of the Masonic Code, a Past Grand Master's Collar and Jewel for our 2016-2017 Grand Master Donald W. Hensiak and a separate Past Grand Master's Jewel for our 2015-2016 Grand Master Franklin J. Struble have been procured.

Grand Lodge Proceedings

In accordance with the provisions of Section 25.06 of the Masonic Code, the Journal of Proceedings of the 171st Annual Communication was prepared by me with the assistance of the Grand Lodge office and printed by Ripon Community Printers. The proceedings were distributed in January 2016.

- 1 copy to each District Lecturer
- 1 copy to each Constituent Lodge Secretary
- 1 copy to each Grand Lodge officer
- 1 copy to each Past Grand Master
- 1 copy to each Permanent Member
- 1 copy to each Grand Lodge Trustee
- 1 copy to Jurisprudence Committee Chairman
- 1 copy to C.E.O, Wisconsin Masonic Home
- 1 copy to each Scottish Rite Valley
- 1 copy to Prince Hall Grand Lodge
- 1 copy to Masonic Service Association
- 1 copy to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association
- 1 copy to Milwaukee Public Library
- 1 copy to the Cedar Rapids Masonic Library in Iowa
- 1 copy to State Historical Society

A copy of our proceedings was placed on the Grand Lodge of WI web site. I contacted all Sister Jurisdictions in the U.S and Canada by email to let them know that should they desire a copy of our proceeding it was available via download from our web site.

Fifty Year Certificates

As of April 1, 2016, seventy-four 25-year certificates, seventy-two 50-year certificates and forty-six 60-year certificates were prepared by the Grand Secretary's staff for presentation to deserving Brethren. These certificates were signed by Grand Master Franklin J. Struble and the Grand Secretary. The names of the 50-year recipients will be printed in the Proceedings.

Unfinished Business and Proposed Legislation

On April 19, 2016 a complete account of all unfinished business and a copy of all proposed legislation, including the Grand Lodge budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, was sent to each constituent lodge Secretary, for the Master and Wardens, complying with the terms of Section 25.07 and 29.05(c) of the Masonic Code.

Financial Reports

The accounting firm of Clifton Larson Allen, LLP. will conduct the annual audit of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundations, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015. These reports will be printed in the Proceedings.

Lodge Consolidations, Charter Surrenders & New Dispensations

During this year a number of lodges have merged to form a successor lodge that

I hope will be stronger and more vibrant than either of the individual lodges. As of May 1, 2016, there were three Lodge consolidations. Ashlar Lodge #93 merged with Waukesha Lodge #37 and remains Waukesha Lodge #37. Myron Reed Lodge #297 and Elmbrook Lodge #354 merged to become Brookfield Lodge #370. Poynette Lodge #173 merged with Ft. Winnebago Lodge #33 and remains Ft. Winnebago Lodge #33.

There were no surrendered Charters this year. All are reminded that if your Lodge is contemplating the eventual Surrender of your Charter, it is a Masonic offense to dispose of your assets, even for a noble or charitable purpose in contemplation of closing your lodge. The property rightfully should be transferred to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge for use in assisting other lodges that may be in need of furniture. Any funds are held and invested for a period of time to be used as start-up capital should the lodge decide to be reconstituted.

Grand Lodge Master Insurance Policy

The Grand Lodge has recently completed the process of reviewing its insurance contracts for the 2016-17 contract period. With the assistance of our insurance broker, Spectrum Insurance Group, renewal terms have been reached with West Bend. Insurance premiums for the Liability portion of the program will see no rate change for the coming contract year. Your own individual lodge premium may increase or decrease slightly depending on lodge member count.

Those insuring lodge buildings, paraphernalia, and other lodge contents will see a rate increase of 15% on property insurance premiums. This past year we submitted eight property insurance claims nearing \$200,000 of total loss. This exceeds the premium volume paid to West Bend annually and was a direct cause for the rate change. Given historical property claim volume, we are prepared for a similar rate change next year.

West Bend continues to demonstrate their commitment to our fraternity and have been fair with their pricing. It is important for all to retain a positive working relationship with all parties in order to maintain the integrity of the insurance program. Further, it is critical to keep our lodge buildings in good repair. We are all tasked to be diligent in our efforts to keep pipes unfrozen, sidewalks free of ice and snow, roofs and gutters free of debris, and heating/cooling systems in proper working order. Please keep in close contact with our insurance broker, Spectrum Insurance Group, should your lodge need assistance with any risk management or insurance related issues.

The Grand Lodge property and casualty insurance program is designed to meet the unique needs of our fraternal activities. A complete copy of the insurance contract can be reviewed by contacting The Grand Lodge offices for an appointment. Important coverage includes:

- Extensive liability insurance limits
- Hired and non-owned auto liability coverage for those operating their own personal autos for lodge purposes
- Special events coverage for various lodge activities
- Crime coverage including forgery/alteration and theft of monies from lodge buildings
- Extensive property coverage for lodge buildings, contents, and degree paraphernalia
- Directors and Officers liability insurance for all lodges and members

- Building values for those participating in the property portion of the insurance program have been increased by 4% to account for inflation which will have some nominal affect on property premiums.

In addition to the Property & Casualty coverage, NSI also provides our D&O coverage for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin as well as all constituent lodges. Thank you to our representative from Spectrum Insurance Mr. Jesse Furrer and his entire staff. Jesse has traveled to many of the District Meetings and Secretaries Conferences. His expert advice is most appreciated. You will find him at a booth in the parlor available to answer any questions you may have regarding your coverage.

MORI: Masonic On Line Registry Interface

MORI is a Software as a Service (SaaS) application that manages all phases of our masonic registry. We continue to work with Enable Labs on improvement of the product. We anticipate that Enable labs will roll out the new website program for all lodges in the state. Additionally they are finishing development of their smartphone App. Mark Menard the President of Enable Labs is with us for our Session and is available to discuss your needs at the MORI help desk in the parlor.

Statewide Secretary Training

In January of 2012 we held our first Statewide Secretary training session. Since then we have continued our January training sessions with a normal attendance of approximately 130 brethren. This last year marked a new phase in our training program. The main session was held at the Madison Concourse; additionally, we linked via WebEx to a conference set-up at the Chippewa Falls Masonic Center. Presentations were given in both locations and other than a few small glitches it worked very well. It is our hope that we can increase the training attendance reducing the cost to the individual to attend. Building on the success of last year we anticipate linking into a third center in the North Eastern part of the state next January.

Communications

Times change. People change. The tools we use to communicate continue to evolve. We have made major efforts to adapt contemporary technology to accomplish our traditional needs. Our millennial Masons are accustomed to instant communication, and we are employing such technology to satisfy their needs. We still use snail mail for some of our communications. But more and more we have engaged our Brethren with the electronic mechanisms with which they are familiar. They are using Facebook, Instant Messaging, Pinterest and similar methods. Some even use old-fashioned email. Our Grand Lodge is aggressively adapting to new methodologies. We must continue to adapt and change. Once such tool is Constant Contact, an email marketing service. We have used it in the past for generating email blasts to the Craft on specific events. This year marks the first time we have used it on a weekly basis. Every Monday morning the Grand Master has delivered a short inspirational message to our membership. There has been an overwhelming positive response to this approach. We will continue to employ new technology in our communications.

Square Store

This year marks the launching of our Masonic Square Store. Our site handles supply sales as well as items of general membership interest from personalized lodge shirts to Square Bears. Please take a minute and stop at our display in the parlor. You can look at some samples and even place orders while you are at the Annual Meeting.

Conclusion:

Brethren, may I express to you my gratitude for the confidence reposed, all courtesies extended, cooperation accorded and friendships cemented. I offer you my continued support and offer assistance whenever needed. It is my hope that the Craft will continue to grow in numbers bearing in mind that the Mission of Freemasonry in Wisconsin is to teach and demonstrate a fraternal way of life that promotes brotherhood and self-improvement through education, moral standards, charity, and community involvement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. DeWolf, P.G.M.

FIFTY YEAR SERVICE AWARDS 06/05/2015-06/02/2016

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| Wayne Affeldt | K. Allen | Arvid Alvin |
| Ronald Anderson | Richard Balliette | Robert Bartelme |
| John Bennethum | Terry Blasing | Robert Block |
| Dennis Caldwell | Robert Chatterton | Harold Christensen |
| Leo Cigale | Howard Cook | Jimmy Dakof |
| Eugene Danielson | Terrance De Vinck | Donald Denny |
| John Dodge | Theodore Duncan | Everett Ellingson |
| Harry Evans Jr. | George Fehrenback | Wesley Fischer |
| David Foster | Karl Gant | Edmund Gessert |
| Thomas Gunderson | Allen Gutzel | Jerry Halbrooks |
| Albert Hardy, Jr. | Kenneth Harland | Leon Haslam |
| Larry Hinze | James Hogg | Donald Hollman |
| Albert Huber | Duane Huber | Stephen Hunt |
| Gerald Jansky | Roger Jensen | Robert Koehn |
| Donald Kress | Paul Kronberg | George Kropp |
| Charles Kunde | Milton Laufenberg | Richard Lowater Sr |
| Merrill Maahs | Kenneth Mattison | Harold Maury |
| Merle Meister | Richard Mitchell | Michael Moffitt |
| Norman Moshou | Lowell Mueller | Burton Nelson |
| Franklin Neumann | Charles Niebler | Robert Nowicki |
| Donal Otto | John Parkyn | Kenneth Pauer |
| Theodore Penfield | John Perkins | Ronald Pollpeter |
| Vernon Rasmussen | Troy Reed | Edward Respondek |
| John Reynolds | Loren Riemer | Danny Rossow |
| Lee Saunders | William Schneider | Arthur Schrock |
| James Sedall | John Seim | Richard Sell |
| Jerome Slaasted | William Slate | Wayne Sumpter |
| Thomas Taylor | Laverne Torgerson | Paul Voight |
| Donald Waage | John Wheatley | Fredric Williams |
| Duane Young | Allen Zaug | |

GRAND LODGE TRUSTEE’S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Brother Franklin J. Struble, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Master, and delegates to the 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Pursuant to Chapter 28 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin which requires the Grand Trustees to submit to the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication a report on their official acts. This is our report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016.

The Wisconsin Statutes and the Wisconsin Masonic Code, with annotations, delineate the number of qualifications of Grand Trustees, their election and tenure, vacancies, custody of securities, annual report, and supervision of property requirements. There are five Grand Trustees of the Grand Lodge, elected to five-year terms, with one elected at each Annual Communication, who shall not be eligible for re-election to such office for a successive term. A Grand Lodge Trustee is a statutory, not a Grand Lodge or Masonic officer.

At the conclusion of the 2013-2014 Masonic year, all Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Trustees submitted their resignations. During the 2014-2015 Annual Communication Brother Joseph E. Thompson was elected to a 5 year term as Trustee. Additionally Brothers, James D. Goldsmith, Richard J. Eisenmann, and Andrew J. Niebler were elected to fill the unexpired terms of those Trustees who resigned in 2014. Brother Niebler was elected to a 3 year term, Brother Eisenmann was elected to a 2 year term and Brother Goldsmith was elected to a 1 year term. These Trustees are completing the unexpired terms of those brothers who resigned in 2014. These men are eligible for election to a complete 5-year term.

Chapter 188 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as it relates to Masonry, vests title in the Grand Trustees of all real and personal property that shall have been conveyed by devise, gift, grant, purchase or otherwise to the society (fraternity).

Pursuant to Chapter 188 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter 28, and other references to the Wisconsin Masonic Code, the Grand Trustees have legal custody of all bonds, obligations and securities, and legal title to all real estate. The Grand Trustees exercise a general supervision over the property, both real and personal, including trust funds of the Grand Lodge, unless otherwise provided by regulation of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Trustees are governed by the “prudent man” rule for the investment of funds of the Grand Lodge.

During the 2015-2016 Masonic year, your Grand Trustees met numerous times, in person, by telephone, conference calls, WebEx, and E-mail. Grand Trustees govern by two sub-committees: real estate and finance. We generally determine policy, goals and objectives by reaching a consensus.

Investments

Our fiscal year is May 1 to April 30. BMO Harris (“BMO”) is our depository.

Grand Lodge Investments in Marketable Securities: Grand Trustees oversee Grand Lodge investments. The investment policy adopted by the Trustees provides for a target for marketable securities of 70% equities and 30% fixed income asset allocation. The equity portion is further allocated 35% large cap, 7.50% mid-cap, 7.50% small cap and 20% international. The investment policy is currently under review and we will be meeting with potential advisors once the investment policy review is completed.

The Grand Trustees continued to retain BMO to provide advice on investment during the 2016 fiscal year to be our investment managers. J.B. Investment Management is our fixed income manager.

At the beginning of our fiscal year, May 1, 2015, Grand Lodge’s total marketable securities investments were \$11,511,679. On March 31, 2016 the assets have a value of \$10,894,441. The market value of the investments as of the end of our fis-

cal year, April 30, 2016 will be reported to the Grand Secretary prior to the Annual Communication for inclusion in the final report for the Official Proceedings. At the request of our Grand Treasure, net cash withdrawals of \$391,342 were made by the Grand Trustees during the first eleven months, including \$324,000 withdrawn for operations. The difference of \$67,342 was spread across the following special funds (PMP, Youth, Service & Assistance, etc.).

Of the \$10,894,441 in Trustee assets, \$5,990,147 is restricted by use (PMP, Youth, Service & Assistance, etc.) thus not available for general purposes. Leaving \$4,904,294 unrestricted.

As required by the Masonic Code, we are to report annually on the financial activity in the PMP account. May 1, 2015 the balance in this account was \$1,722,099. The balance as of March 31, 2016 is \$1,360,234. This account experienced unrealized losses due to market conditions. The PMP account assets are included in the total investments stated above.

As allowed by Chapter 33, Wisconsin Masonic Code, the Grand Trustees hold promissory notes and real estate mortgages securing the loans, on one constituent lodge property and sale of the Mauston Lodge building. The balances on these loans as of March 31 of 2015 and 2016 are:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Island City Lodge #330	\$42,155	\$45,159
Land Contract (Mauston Bldg.)		\$91,386

Please note the Grand Trustees no longer provide mortgage loans to lodges.

The Trustees received monies from the Ronald F.H. Molitor trust in the fall of 2015. These funds (\$85,848.93) are restricted. Bro. Molitor left a will designating how and where the money is to be used.

Lodges

Northern Lights Lodge: Northern Lights Lodge #81, Mauston, Wisconsin, surrendered their charter on December 11, 2014. The building has been sold via land contract which was finalized during March 2016. Northern Lights Lodge’s Masonic furniture has been refurbished and placed on loan with the Jerome J. Holtz Lodge Room at Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee. Funds from the Molitor Trust Fund were used for refurbishing of this furniture.

Duplex: Grand Trustees have made verbal recommendation to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Executive Committee that the duplex be razed along with the other two structures near it. We are currently finalizing the demo request for bid and will be going out for bids soon. This building is uninhabitable and would require extensive refurbishing. Demo will reduce the tax rate on this site.

Farm: Our farm land is approximately 190 acres lying north of Highway 18 across from our Grand Masonic Center. A land survey and appraisal has been obtained. A new 2-year lease for the tillable land has been signed with Mr. Daniel Nettseheim. He continues to use good farming practices. Late last summer we were informed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that there is present along the river an invasive wetland species along the Bark River, which makes up our southeast land border. We will be further investigating it this summer.

The farm should appreciate in value over time due to growth to the north of the Village of Dousman. The farm remains to be a very valuable asset of our Grand Lodge. The Master Plan for the Village of Dousman indicates that the land should be developed as a mix of business park and residential-type development. The Grand Lodge Trustees will continue to analyze any and all options that present themselves for this farm/developmental land.

Wisconsin Masonic Homes, Inc.: The Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. (WMH) board is responsible for operating our Three Pillars Senior Living Communities located on our campus at Dousman. Many years ago, the Grand Trustees began leasing approximately 62 acres to the Home.

Van Brunt Hall: Van Brunt Hall been brought down. The site is returned to its natural state awaiting a future project to complement resident needs on our Three Pillars Campus.

Grand Masonic Center: We maintain the Grand Masonic Center office building on our Dousman Campus. Grand Lodge offices are located in this building, including the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's offices, and our office staff.

We also rent space to several appendant bodies. This past year, The Order of the Eastern Star paid rent of \$10,203 and the York Rite bodies paid \$7,312. Officers' and Directors' Liability insurance coverage of \$1 million to protect the Grand Trustees, Grand Lodge Executive Committee members, other Grand Lodge officers, and constituent lodges is provided.

General Operations: General operations continue to run smoothly. We recognize with gratitude the cooperation and assistance provided by Most Worshipful Michael DeWolf, PGM, Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Jeffery Bryden, Grand Treasure and our Grand Lodge office staff, consisting of Alicia Darr, Cheryl Martin and Erika Miller, for their outstanding contributions.

We also recognize the assistance provided by the staff of the Wisconsin Masonic Home for maintenance of the Grand Masonic Center lead by Brother Mark Strautman, CEO and Dan Berg, Director of Environmental Services.

Recommendations: Continue to review our investment policy to be positioned for the needs of our Grand Lodge. We continue to strongly urge that Grand Lodge officers pursue an aggressive plan for the proper solicitation of bequests and gifts for our Grand Lodge general operating fund.

Conclusion:

On a personal note, I want to thank my fellow Grand Trustees for their hard work and time commitments. These men truly exemplify what it is to be a Mason and a Grand Trustee. The honor, character, integrity and expertise that each of them brings to the table is invaluable.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Joseph B. Harker, Chairman,
Joseph E. Thompson,
James D. Goldsmith,
Richard J. Eisenmann,
Andrew J. Niebler



Independent Auditors' Report

Executive Committee and Trustees
Grand Lodge Free and Accepted
Masons of Wisconsin
Dousman, Wisconsin

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, which comprise the statements of financial position as of April 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin as of April 30, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of activities - unrestricted is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 8, 2016

**GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF WISCONSIN
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
April 30, 2016 and 2015**

ASSETS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 370,255	\$ 307,326
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,252 in 2016 and 2015	65,565	37,868
Investment income receivable	18,783	18,130
Inventory of supplies	7,979	7,727
Prepaid expenses	6,241	8,121
Current maturities of notes receivable	<u>5,304</u>	<u>3,271</u>
Total current assets	<u>474,127</u>	<u>382,443</u>
INVESTMENTS AND LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES		
Investments	10,859,655	11,511,679
Notes receivable, less current maturities above	<u>127,958</u>	<u>41,888</u>
Total investments and long-term receivables	<u>10,987,613</u>	<u>11,553,567</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Grand Lodge	933,672	933,672
Farm	<u>258,148</u>	<u>260,112</u>
Total, at cost	1,191,820	1,193,784
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,005,822</u>	<u>975,990</u>
Total property and equipment	<u>185,998</u>	<u>217,794</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 11,647,738</u>	<u>\$ 12,153,804</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 52,202	\$ 45,915
Total current liabilities	<u>52,202</u>	<u>45,915</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted:		
General	4,510,563	4,688,297
Investment in property and equipment	185,998	217,794
Designated for:		
Replacement and improvements of Grand		
Lodge buildings and equipment	757,273	725,477
Service and assistance	2,819,665	2,920,214
Masonic Youth Fund	671,129	706,832
Perpetual Membership Plan	<u>1,508,461</u>	<u>1,722,099</u>
Total unrestricted	10,453,089	10,980,713
Temporarily restricted - Van Brunt Fund	942,447	927,176
Permanently restricted - Van Brunt Fund	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total net assets	<u>11,595,536</u>	<u>12,107,889</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 11,647,738</u>	<u>\$ 12,153,804</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF WISCONSIN
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended April 30, 2016**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUES				
Per capita tax	\$ 372,238	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 372,238
Contributions	192,735	-	-	192,735
Interest and dividends	142,239	15,791	-	158,030
Net gain (loss) on investments	(456,233)	2,040	-	(454,193)
Building rental	14,909	-	-	14,909
Wisconsin Masonic Home lease income	35,000	-	-	35,000
Masonic Journal advertising sales	20,707	-	-	20,707
Farm rental income	28,195	-	-	28,195
Rehab facility lease income	120,000	-	-	120,000
Sale of Masonic supplies	1,169	-	-	1,169
Administrative fees charged to affiliated entities	14,461	-	-	14,461
Gain on sale of property and equipment	27,071	-	-	27,071
Other	87,485	-	-	87,485
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>2,560</u>	<u>(2,560)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenues	<u>602,536</u>	<u>15,271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>617,807</u>
EXPENSES				
Program expenses:				
Perpetual Membership Plan	77,787	-	-	77,787
Charitable activities	89,007	-	-	89,007
Grand Lodge officers and committees	180,163	-	-	180,163
Annual Communication	102,074	-	-	102,074
Wisconsin Masonic Journal	193,870	-	-	193,870
Farm	13,206	-	-	13,206
Fundraising	1,957	-	-	1,957
Management and general	<u>472,096</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>472,096</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,130,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,130,160</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(527,624)	15,271	-	(512,353)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>10,980,713</u>	<u>927,176</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>12,107,889</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 10,453,089</u>	<u>\$ 942,447</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,595,536</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASON'S OF WISCONSIN
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended April 30, 2015**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUES				
Per capita tax	\$ 387,314	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 387,314
Contributions	4,167	-	-	4,167
Interest and dividends	177,741	17,971	-	195,712
Net gain on investments	610,703	62,548	-	673,251
Building rental	18,933	-	-	18,933
Wisconsin Masonic Home lease income	35,000	-	-	35,000
Masonic Journal advertising sales	24,601	-	-	24,601
Farm rental income	34,850	-	-	34,850
Rehab facility lease income	120,000	-	-	120,000
Sale of Masonic supplies	8,255	-	-	8,255
Administrative fees charged to affiliated entities	15,775	-	-	15,775
Loss on sale of property and equipment	(14,536)	-	-	(14,536)
Other	45,824	-	-	45,824
Net assets released from restrictions	18,551	(18,551)	-	-
Total support and revenues	<u>1,487,178</u>	<u>61,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,549,146</u>
EXPENSES				
Program expenses:				
Perpetual Membership Plan	74,783	-	-	74,783
Charitable activities	102,796	-	-	102,796
Grand Lodge officers and committees	221,056	-	-	221,056
Annual Communication	128,802	-	-	128,802
Wisconsin Masonic Journal	204,322	-	-	204,322
Farm	23,779	-	-	23,779
Fundraising	792	-	-	792
Management and general	432,441	-	-	432,441
Total expenses	<u>1,188,771</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,188,771</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	298,407	61,968	-	360,375
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>10,682,306</u>	<u>865,208</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>11,747,514</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 10,980,713</u>	<u>\$ 927,176</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,107,889</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years Ended April 30, 2016 and 2015**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (512,353)	\$ 360,375
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	31,796	29,545
(Gain) loss on sale of property and equipment	(27,071)	14,536
Contribution of land and building	(64,469)	-
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments	454,193	(673,251)
Effects of changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, inventory of supplies, and prepaid expenses	(26,722)	22,632
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>6,287</u>	<u>22,447</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(138,339)</u>	<u>(223,716)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments	(2,725,632)	(2,229,382)
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,923,463	2,382,660
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	-	110,464
Collections on notes receivable	<u>3,437</u>	<u>3,151</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>201,268</u>	<u>266,893</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH	62,929	43,177
CASH , BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>307,326</u>	<u>264,149</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 370,255</u>	<u>\$ 307,326</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE

During 2016, the Grand Lodge sold property and provided financing to the buyer in the amount of \$91,540.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin (the Grand Lodge) is a nonprofit fraternal organization founded in Wisconsin on December 18, 1843. The Grand Lodge serves as the organizing body of Freemasonry in the State of Wisconsin, in which 178 separate lodges are affiliated. The Grand Lodge's revenues are derived primarily from investment income, per capita tax, and contributions. The fiscal year ends on April 30. Significant accounting policies followed by the Grand Lodge are presented below.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, gains, losses, and other changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are uncollateralized obligations and are stated at the invoice amount. The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of amounts that will not be collected. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based on management's assessment of the collectability of specific accounts and the aging of the accounts receivable. All accounts or portions thereof deemed to be uncollectible or to require an excessive collection cost are written off to the allowance for doubtful accounts.

Notes Receivable

Notes receivable are stated at the principal amount and secured with the debtor's property. Interest on the notes receivable is recognized as payments are received over the term of the note. Payments are allocated first to unpaid interest with the remainder to the outstanding principal balance. The Grand Lodge does not formally place notes receivable on nonaccrual status as the amount of interest that may accrue after an account becomes delinquent is considered immaterial. During 2016, there were no extensions, modifications, or delinquencies as of year-end.

The carrying amount of notes receivable is reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of amounts that will not be collected. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based on management's assessment of the collectability of specific notes receivable. An account is considered delinquent when a contractually scheduled payment has not been received by the payment due date. All accounts or portions thereof deemed to be uncollectible or to require an excessive collection cost are written off to the allowance. No allowance is considered necessary on the notes receivable.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Inventory of Supplies

Inventory of supplies is stated at lower of cost or market, with cost determined on the first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value and are held by a trustee bank. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements. The bank executes investment transactions at the direction of independent investment managers.

Unrealized appreciation and/or depreciation is recognized in the statements of activities. The determination of realized gains or losses on sales of securities is based on cost and is determined using the specific identification method. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Investments are pooled for investment management purposes. Under the pooling arrangement, investment income and gains and losses on investment transactions are allocated to the individual funds based on their relative market values to the entire pool at the beginning of the monthly measurement period.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Grand Lodge maintains various investments, including mutual funds, which are exposed to various risks including, but not limited to, interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risks associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Donated property and equipment are recorded at fair value at the date of donation, which is then treated as cost. The assets are depreciated on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, ranging from five to forty years.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Grand Lodge reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of carrying amount or the fair value less costs to sell.

Net Assets

Net assets are classified into one of three classes of net assets based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The following is a description of each class.

Unrestricted

Unrestricted net assets include all net assets which are neither temporarily nor permanently restricted. Unrestricted net assets of the Grand Lodge consist of the following:

General - This represents the portion of unrestricted funds available for the general operating purposes of the Grand Lodge.

Investment in property and equipment - This represents the net book value of Grand Lodge property and equipment.

Property and equipment replacement - This represents the portion of unrestricted funds designated for replacement and improvements of Grand Lodge buildings and equipment. This reserve was established in a prior year by the Board of Trustees. This reserve is funded to the extent of annual depreciation and disposals, and decreased for actual acquisitions of property and equipment.

Service and assistance - This portion of the unrestricted fund represents funds designated, by the expenditures committee, for the provision of relief assistance to certain lodge members or their surviving spouses. These activities are administered by the Service and Assistance Board.

Masonic Youth Fund - This represents funds designated for the funding and assistance of Masonic Youth activities. These activities are administered by the Youth Funding Policy Committee.

Perpetual Membership Plan - This represents the portion of unrestricted funds designated to support the Grand Lodge's Perpetual Membership program.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Temporarily Restricted

Temporarily restricted net assets include contributed net assets for which donor-imposed time and/or purpose restrictions have not been met and the ultimate purpose of the contribution is not permanently restricted. Temporarily restricted net assets of the Grand Lodge consist of the expendable portion of the Van Brunt Fund, the annual income of which is distributed to the Wisconsin Masonic Home, an affiliated entity, in accordance with the restrictions of the donor.

Permanently Restricted

Permanently restricted net assets includes contributed net assets which require, by donor restriction, that the corpus be invested in perpetuity and only the income be made available for program operations in accordance with donor restrictions. Permanently restricted net assets of the Grand Lodge consist only of the unexpendable principal of the Van Brunt Fund.

The Board of the Grand Lodge has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds, absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. Consequently, the Grand Lodge classifies permanently restricted net assets as:

- The original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, and
- The original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment.

The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund not classified as permanently restricted is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Grand Lodge's Board. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Grand Lodge considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purpose of the Grand Lodge and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the Grand Lodge
- The investment policies of the Grand Lodge

The Grand Lodge has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to the program supported by the endowment. The endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce investment growth comparable to the Consumer Price Index, while assuming a moderate level of investment risk.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Net Assets (continued)

Permanently Restricted (continued)

The Grand Lodge relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through capital appreciation and current yield (interest and dividends). The Grand Lodge targets a diversified asset allocation that emphasizes equity and fixed income securities to achieve its long-term objectives within prudent risk constraints.

The Grand Lodge has a policy of appropriating a portion the endowment funds' annual earnings for distribution. In establishing this policy, the Grand Lodge considered the long-term expected returns on its endowment investments. Accordingly, over the long-term, the Grand Lodge expects the current spending policy will allow its endowment to retain the original fair value of the gift.

Revenue Recognition

Per capita tax revenues are recognized in the fiscal year in which the member receives the privileges that membership offers.

Lease income is recorded on the straight-line basis.

Contributions

Donated property is recorded at fair value at the date of donation, which is then treated as cost. Contributions represented by bequests are recorded when the Grand Lodge receives notice from the donor's estate that it is a beneficiary to the estate.

Program Expenses

Perpetual Membership Plan

Contributions to this plan, plus the earnings thereon, are used to pay the lodge dues and per capita taxes of the plan participants. Under this plan, a Grand Lodge member pays a one-time fee to the plan, as defined. The plan then pays the member's annual lodge dues to his lodge and annual per capita tax to the Grand Lodge, in perpetuity. According to the Masonic Code of Wisconsin, a dividend is to be paid to the respective lodges at least every five years to the extent that the plan has produced income in excess of amounts reasonably necessary to meet projected plan obligations. No such dividends were paid during 2016 and 2015.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Program Expenses (continued)

Charitable Activities

Consists primarily of expenditures for the provision of relief assistance to certain lodge members or their surviving spouses. Other expenditures for charitable activities represent support provided for various other Masonic related activities.

Grand Lodge Officers and Committees

Expenditures necessary for the operation and support of Grand Lodge committees and officers in the dispensation of their required duties.

Annual Communication

Expenses incurred directly related to the planning and execution of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Masonic Journal

Expenses incurred in the publishing and distribution of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, a monthly Masonic newsletter.

Farm

Represents expenses incurred for the maintenance of the farm land, buildings and equipment which are leased to an outside party.

Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a determination letter granting the Grand Lodge an exemption from federal income tax under IRS Code Section 501(c)(10). However, income received from certain activities is subject to income tax as unrelated business income. Management is not aware of any items that could cause revocation of the tax-exempt status.

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NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS

Cost and fair value of investments are summarized as follows:

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Bonds	\$ 2,725,868	\$ 2,754,170	\$ 2,720,316	\$ 2,737,700
Equity mutual funds	6,211,841	7,921,281	6,010,999	8,647,980
Money market funds	<u>184,204</u>	<u>184,204</u>	<u>125,999</u>	<u>125,999</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,121,913</u>	<u>\$ 10,859,655</u>	<u>\$ 8,857,314</u>	<u>\$ 11,511,679</u>

The Grand Lodge does hold investments that are in unrealized loss positions as of April 30, 2016. Management believes that the unrealized losses on investments are temporary in nature and that they will be recovered through future stock market recoveries.

NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Generally accepted accounting principles establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Grand Lodge has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Grand Lodge at year-end.

Corporate bonds are valued based on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. When quoted prices are not available for identical or similar bonds, the bond is valued under a discounted cash flows approach that maximizes observable inputs, such as current yields of similar instruments, but includes adjustments for certain risks that may not be observable, such as credit and liquidity risks.

U.S. government bonds are valued at the most recent price of the equivalent quoted yield for such securities, or those of comparable maturity, quality, and type.

Money market funds represent ownership of units of participation rather than ownership of specific assets. The value of a unit of participation is the total value of the fund divided by the number of units outstanding.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Grand Lodge believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Grand Lodge's assets at fair value as of April 30, 2016:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds:				
Small cap	\$ 643,471	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 643,471
Mid cap	1,100,355	-	-	1,100,355
Large cap	4,252,997	-	-	4,252,997
International	1,924,458	-	-	1,924,458
Corporate bonds:				
Domestic	-	1,365,359	-	1,365,359
Foreign	-	78,343	-	78,343
U.S. government bonds	-	1,310,468	-	1,310,468
Money market funds	<u>-</u>	<u>184,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,204</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 7,921,281</u>	<u>\$ 2,938,374</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,859,655</u>

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Grand Lodge's assets at fair value as of April 30, 2015:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds:				
Small cap	\$ 709,410	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 709,410
Mid cap	1,141,926	-	-	1,141,926
Large cap	4,916,994	-	-	4,916,994
International	1,879,650	-	-	1,879,650
Corporate bonds:				
Domestic	-	1,280,292	-	1,280,292
Foreign	-	180,566	-	180,566
U.S. government bonds	-	1,276,842	-	1,276,842
Money market funds	<u>-</u>	<u>125,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,999</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 8,647,980</u>	<u>\$ 2,863,699</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,511,679</u>

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NOTE 4 - NOTES RECEIVABLE

Notes receivable consists of amounts due from an affiliated member lodge and the purchaser of a former affiliated member lodge. The notes bear interest at 4.125% and 5.000%, and are secured by the related properties. The notes mature in May 2026 and March 2019, respectively.

Future maturities of notes receivable are as follows:

2017	\$ 5,304
2018	5,544
2019	91,201
2020	3,857
2021	4,019
Thereafter	<u>23,337</u>
Total notes receivable	<u>\$ 133,262</u>

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The carrying value of property and equipment is as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Land and land improvements	\$ 167,430	\$ 169,394
Buildings and improvements	717,546	717,546
Equipment	<u>306,844</u>	<u>306,844</u>
Total, at cost	1,191,820	1,193,784
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,005,822</u>	<u>975,990</u>
Total	<u>\$ 185,998</u>	<u>\$ 217,794</u>

NOTE 6 - RETIREMENT PLAN

The Grand Lodge has a supplemental savings and retirement plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan is available to substantially all employees. Eligible employees may contribute up to 15% of their eligible salary. The Grand Lodge may make matching contributions equal to a percentage of each participant's salary reduction contribution, plus additional amounts determined at the discretion of the Executive Committee. For the years ended April 30, 2016 and 2015, the Grand Lodge has contributed to participants' accounts 4.5% of their compensation under the plan. The Grand Lodge's expense under the plan for the years ended April 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$10,963 and \$11,679 respectively.

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NOTE 7 - LEASED PROPERTY

The Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Masonic Village on the Square, Inc., and Masonic Health Care Center, Inc. (collectively, the Three Pillars), affiliated Masonic entities, lease a portion of land owned by the Grand Lodge under 99-year leases at \$1 per year each. The lease agreements provide that land improvements, building additions, and equipment purchased by the Three Pillars shall become the property of the Grand Lodge if certain conditions are not met. The Masonic Village on the Square, Inc. has used its property as collateral under a mortgage obligation.

The investment in land, land improvements, buildings, building improvements, furniture and equipment under these leases is stated on the Three Pillars' most recently audited financial statements at June 30, 2015 and 2014, as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Land and land improvements	\$ 2,819,633	\$ 2,617,111
Buildings and building improvements	43,982,508	43,294,493
Furniture and equipment	<u>4,714,336</u>	<u>4,590,483</u>
	51,516,477	50,502,087
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>22,910,357</u>	<u>21,547,408</u>
Net land, land improvements, buildings, building improvements, furniture and equipment	<u>\$ 28,606,120</u>	<u>\$ 28,954,679</u>

The Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. also leases another portion of land owned by the Grand Lodge for its Compass Point facility. The lease began in 2005 and continues for a period of 30 years. The Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. is to pay \$35,000 per year in rent to the Grand Lodge.

The Three Pillars entered into a lease agreement in January 2010 with the Grand Lodge in connection with the Masonic Center for Health and Rehab, Inc. SNF/Rehab project. Under this lease, the members of the Three Pillars agreed to pay \$120,000 annually to the Grand Lodge through 2034.

The Grand Lodge also leases land for use in farming activities. The lease extends through December 2017 with annual rent payments of \$23,728. The Grand Lodge has a right to terminate all or part of the lease upon 30-day written notice.

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NOTE 7 - LEASED PROPERTY (continued)

Future minimum lease payments to be received under these leases are as follows:

2017	\$ 178,731
2018	170,822
2019	155,003
2020	155,003
2021	155,003
Thereafter	<u>2,231,062</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,045,624</u>

NOTE 8 - ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

Grand Lodge assumed a property previously owned by one of their member lodges in Stevens Point, Wisconsin in lieu of payment on a note receivable in 2012. The property assumed consisted of a land and building parcel which was sold in 2015 for \$110,464 at a loss of \$14,536.

NOTE 9 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Grand Lodge is affiliated with the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation and the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. through representation on the Board of Directors. The Grand Lodge provides facilities as well as administrative and clerical services to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation paid administrative charges to the Grand Lodge of \$6,012 during the years ended April 30, 2016 and 2015. The Grand Lodge also incurs fundraising costs on behalf of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, as well as the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. Total fundraising expenses charged and reimbursed by related parties in 2016 and 2015 were \$18,652 and \$28,226, respectively. Total amounts receivable from related parties for administrative, clerical, and fundraising services were \$6,487 and \$6,274 at April 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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NOTE 10 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Grand Lodge maintains the majority of its cash and investments in one commercial bank. Balances on deposit are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), respectively, up to specified limits. Balances in excess of these limits are uninsured.

NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management evaluated subsequent events through November 8, 2016, the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued. Events or transactions occurring after April 30, 2016, but prior to November 8, 2016 that provided additional evidence about conditions that existed at April 30, 2016, have been recognized in the accompanying financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2016. Events or transactions that provided evidence about conditions that did not exist at April 30, 2016 but arose before the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued have not been recognized in the accompanying financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2016.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED
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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - UNRESTRICTED
Year Ended April 30, 2016

	Designated for						Total
	General	Investment in Property and Equipment	Property and Equipment Replacement	Service and Assistance	Masonic Youth Fund	Perpetual Membership Plan	
SUPPORT AND REVENUES							
Per capita tax	\$ 330,768	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,470	\$ -
Contributions	188,604	-	-	4,131	-	-	-
Interest and dividends	72,282	-	-	40,402	7,905	21,650	-
Net gain (loss) on investments	(265,240)	-	-	(109,316)	(21,594)	(60,083)	-
Building rental	14,909	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin Masonic Home lease income	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Masonic Journal advertising sales	20,707	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farm rental income	28,195	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rehab facility lease income	120,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Masonic supplies	1,169	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative fees charged to affiliated entities	14,461	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on sale of property and equipment	27,071	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	87,485	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets released from restrictions	2,560	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>677,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(64,783)</u>	<u>(13,689)</u>	<u>3,037</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenues							602,536

**GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED
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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - UNRESTRICTED (CONTINUED)
Year Ended April 30, 2016**

	General	Investment in Property and Equipment	Property and Equipment Replacement	Service and Assistance	Designated for			Lodge Closings	Total
					Masonic Youth Fund	Perpetual Membership Plan			
EXPENSES									
Program expenses:									
Perpetual Membership Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,787	\$ -	\$ 77,787
Charitable activities	35,322	-	-	31,921	21,764	-	-	-	89,007
Grand Lodge officers and committees	180,163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180,163
Annual Communication	102,074	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102,074
Wisconsin Masonic Journal	193,870	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	193,870
Farm	13,206	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,206
Fundraising	(1,638)	-	-	3,595	-	-	-	-	1,957
Management and general	471,346	-	-	250	250	250	250	-	472,096
Total expenses	994,343	-	-	35,766	22,014	78,037	-	-	1,130,160
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(316,372)	-	-	(100,549)	(35,703)	(75,000)	-	-	(527,624)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,688,297	217,794	725,477	2,920,214	706,832	1,722,099	-	-	10,980,713
Perpetual Membership Plan per capital tax	47,095	-	-	-	-	(47,095)	-	-	-
Purchases of property and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals of property and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prior year reclass	91,543	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation:									
Annual provision	31,796	(31,796)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funded	(31,796)	-	31,796	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 4,510,563	\$ 185,998	\$ 757,273	\$ 2,819,665	\$ 671,129	\$ 1,508,461	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,453,089

WISCONSIN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES BOARD REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

The Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board (commonly referred to as WMBAB) is charged with overseeing and helping to coordinate our Masonic charities. WMBAB reviews plans, budgets, investments and programs for each of our boards. These charities include the Masonic Foundation, the Masonic Home Board, and Masonic Service and Assistance. As an oversight board it is WMBAB's job to look at the 'big picture' and aid in coordinating efforts so our organizations do not overlap.

The Wisconsin Masonic Home continues to be the crowned jewel of Masonry in Wisconsin. They have maintained an industry standard for several years and this last one was no exception. Moving forward with computer and communication system upgrades as scheduled will help us to stay ahead of the curve. The team led by Mark Strautman, CEO is to be commended in their efforts.

Masonic Service and Assistance has had a rather quiet year. Not as many requests for assistance have been received as they have had in the past. This is something we would like to see grow in the future. Many times Brothers are hesitant in asking for help, while this committee is here to do just that, offer help. If you know of a Brother who may be in need please contact them so the Brother and/or his family is able to benefit from this committee's resources. This committee is dedicated to caring for our Brothers, and their widows and orphans (or children of the Brother).

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation is continuing to grow and expand their efforts. The veteran's fund has been named for two past Grand Masters, Kingman Loomis/Keith Chamberlain Veterans Support Fund. Efforts are underway in this Foundation to see how we can better serve those in our Fraternity as well as in the community over all.

The WMBAB Board has had a successfully efficient year due to the efforts from the leadership of the Masonic Charities and they are all to be commended. Joseph Thompson of Service and Assistance, Scott Baron of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and Jeff Bryden of the Masonic Home Board have all worked diligently to assure that our benevolent organizations are prospering and fulfilling their mission statements as we move into the future.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

Jan F. Talaga
President, WMBAB

BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE & ASSISTANCE REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

The Board has been very busy over the past year assisting our "Poor, distressed, worthy Brother Master Masons; their widows and orphans." We have assisted many of our Brothers and/or their families, however, some requests feel outside of our parameters.

- During the course of this Masonic Year, \$8,100.00 (my figures) was dispersed in direct assistance to members of the Craft. This amount is considerably lower than 2014-2015.
- All necessary quarterly reports were filed with WMBAB and approved as required by code.
- We attempted to encourage Lodges to participate with assistance to worthy Brothers, their widows or orphans, however, only five request were made. Of these requests, only one was outside of our parameters and assistance could not be acted upon. One other request was handled within the Constituent Lodge after obtaining knowledge of the request.
- The Board would like to continue to make Service and Assistance more visible to the Craft by educating the Constituent Lodges of our availability, which begins at the Constituent Lodge level.

The members of the Board of Service and Assistance continue to take pride in our decisions and are eager to assist our Brothers. It is our honor to represent the Craft.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph E. Thompson, President
 Roger L. Magoon, PGM
 Bruce S. Sims, PGM
 Bob Strader
 Ken Gorgen
 Les Paulson
 Curt Campagna

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

To the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Franklin J. Struble,
Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Brother Masons All:

The Directors of your Wisconsin Masonic Foundation continue to exercise a conservative approach to the fiscal management of our Foundation's assets. In 2016 new advisors were hired to help maintain and grow the funds available for distribution to our many and varied philanthropic programs and events. Through investment returns and new donations we should be able to maintain and grow the support our Foundation provides for years to come.

The Matching Scholarship Program continues to be a highly used charity of our fraternity. In 2016, 264 scholarships valued at \$260,150.40 were provided to worthy high school students throughout Wisconsin with this joint program of funding by local lodges and the WMF.

Throughout the year several Automatic External Defibrillators were placed in schools and other public venues again through the matching generosity of our local lodges and the WMF working together. Because of the longevity of this program more requests are now being made that replace or upgrade AED units that were put in place years ago through this program.

Equal contributions were made to each of the three Wisconsin Scottish Rite Dyslexia Centers.

The WMF continues to support the Masonic Soccer program. The All-Star camp and games are better than ever. The youth camp for underprivileged kids continues to grow. Funds on account and collected from supporters allows this charity to operate in the black.

A new program, Hiram's Helpers has been used by several lodges this year. This program allows lodges to provide immediate assistance to kids in need in their local communities to receive financial assistance in their efforts from WMF. A pair of shoes, a winter coat, a visit to the dentist are examples of the help being provided. Up to \$250 in reimbursement per lodge is available each year for such activities. This program can work in tandem with lodges who have their own Angel funds established for such purposes.

The WMF will be supporting the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin's Lodge Spruce-Up awards with \$14,318.15 being given to 35 lodges who have made improvements to their buildings.

Remember that your Wisconsin Masonic Foundation is a great place for individual Masons and lodges to make donations that will benefit the charities of our fraternity for decades to come. We encourage your consideration and financial participation.

Fraternally submitted,

Wisconsin Masonic Foundation Board

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors
Wisconsin Masonic Foundation
Dousman, Wisconsin

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, which comprise the statements of financial position as of April 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation as of April 30, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of activities are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 27, 2016

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
April 30, 2016 and 2015

ASSETS		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash	\$ 101,167	\$ 290,490
Contributions receivable	250,723	280,192
Investments	<u>23,342,927</u>	<u>25,112,747</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 23,694,817</u>	<u>\$ 25,683,429</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Scholarship checks issued and outstanding	\$ 261,650	\$ 228,100
Accounts payable	67,952	54,438
Donations payable	124,533	142,067
Gift annuities payable	<u>96,262</u>	<u>105,543</u>
Total liabilities	<u>550,397</u>	<u>530,148</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted:		
General operations	2,404,309	2,691,929
Designated for Hiram's Helpers	28,394	31,353
Designated for Narrin Scholarship	23,774	25,593
Designated for Gift Annuity Plans	247,274	247,953
Designated for Veterans Assistance	48,279	20,227
Designated for Soccer Program	<u>24,119</u>	<u>27,209</u>
Total unrestricted	<u>2,776,149</u>	<u>3,044,264</u>
Temporarily restricted:		
Special funds	2,877,978	3,152,265
Youth fund	333,130	345,888
Medical fund	3,123,631	3,251,577
Home Endowment fund	<u>4,509,347</u>	<u>5,851,276</u>
Total temporarily restricted	<u>10,844,086</u>	<u>12,601,006</u>
Permanently restricted:		
Special funds	361,672	366,648
Home Endowment fund	<u>9,162,513</u>	<u>9,141,363</u>
Total permanently restricted	<u>9,524,185</u>	<u>9,508,011</u>
Total net assets	<u>23,144,420</u>	<u>25,153,281</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 23,694,817</u>	<u>\$ 25,683,429</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended April 30, 2016

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Contributions	\$ 101,394	\$ 8,870	\$ 21,150	\$ 131,414
Interest and dividends	87,225	654,063	536	741,824
Realized and unrealized losses on investments	(194,472)	(1,412,613)	(5,512)	(1,612,597)
Other program revenues	8,737	-	-	8,737
Net assets released from restrictions	1,007,240	(1,007,240)	-	-
Total support and revenue	1,010,124	(1,756,920)	16,174	(730,622)
EXPENSES				
Program expenses:				
Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	756,509	-	-	756,509
High school scholarship programs:				
Matching program	55,725	-	-	55,725
Perpetual scholarship program	103,900	-	-	103,900
Special funds	227,160	-	-	227,160
Symbolic Lodge Health Care				
Matching program	24,447	-	-	24,447
Soccer program	15,910	-	-	15,910
Other	59,139	-	-	59,139
Total program expenses	1,242,790	-	-	1,242,790
Fundraising	20,511	-	-	20,511
General and administrative:				
Investment service fees	7,267	-	-	7,267
Professional fees	2,368	-	-	2,368
Administrative fees	1,118	-	-	1,118
Miscellaneous expenses	4,185	-	-	4,185
Total expenses	1,278,239	-	-	1,278,239
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(268,115)	(1,756,920)	16,174	(2,008,861)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,044,264	12,601,006	9,508,011	25,153,281
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,776,149	\$ 10,844,086	\$ 9,524,185	\$ 23,144,420

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended April 30, 2015

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Contributions	\$ 37,664	\$ 3,830	\$ 32,507	\$ 74,001
Interest and dividends	115,240	900,577	769	1,016,586
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	34,251	448,774	1,106	484,131
Other program revenues	8,803	-	-	8,803
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>1,042,990</u>	<u>(1,042,990)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>1,238,948</u>	<u>310,191</u>	<u>34,382</u>	<u>1,583,521</u>
EXPENSES				
Program expenses:				
Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	752,595	-	-	752,595
High school scholarship programs:				
Matching program	54,143	-	-	54,143
Perpetual scholarship program	103,600	-	-	103,600
Special funds	266,307	-	-	266,307
Symbolic Lodge Health Care				
Matching program	26,058	-	-	26,058
Soccer program	15,626	-	-	15,626
Other	<u>36,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,336</u>
Total program expenses	1,254,665	-	-	1,254,665
Fundraising	14,998	-	-	14,998
General and administrative:				
Investment service fees	12,323	-	-	12,323
Professional fees	1,717	-	-	1,717
Administrative fees	477	-	-	477
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,284,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,284,930</u>
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	<u>(55,000)</u>	<u>45,068</u>	<u>9,932</u>	<u>-</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>(100,982)</u>	<u>355,259</u>	<u>44,314</u>	<u>298,591</u>
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>3,145,246</u>	<u>12,245,747</u>	<u>9,463,697</u>	<u>24,854,690</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,044,264</u>	<u>\$ 12,601,006</u>	<u>\$ 9,508,011</u>	<u>\$ 25,153,281</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years Ended April 30, 2016 and 2015**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (2,008,861)	\$ 298,591
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Interest and dividends restricted for the Holtan Fund	(536)	(769)
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments	1,612,597	(484,131)
Contributions received for restricted purposes	(30,020)	(36,337)
Effects of changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Contributions receivable	29,469	4,411
Liabilities	<u>20,249</u>	<u>(28,229)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(377,102)</u>	<u>(246,464)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments	6,038,751	9,295,852
Purchases of investments	<u>(5,881,528)</u>	<u>(9,187,369)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>157,223</u>	<u>108,483</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from restricted contributions	30,020	36,337
Interest and dividends restricted for the Holtan Fund	<u>536</u>	<u>769</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>30,556</u>	<u>37,106</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(189,323)	(100,875)
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>290,490</u>	<u>391,365</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 101,167</u>	<u>\$ 290,490</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
April 30, 2016 and 2015**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation (the Foundation) was organized on July 9, 1925. The Foundation provides ongoing support to the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., matching scholarships to local area high schools of member lodges, support to hospitals and health care facilities in Wisconsin, and makes restricted charitable contributions to others in accordance with the wishes of the donor. The Foundation's revenues are derived primarily from contributions and investment earnings. The fiscal year ends on April 30. Significant accounting policies followed by the Foundation are as follows.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, gains, losses, and other changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value and are held by a trustee. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements. The trustee executes investment transactions at the direction of investment managers.

Unrealized appreciation and/or depreciation is recognized in the statements of activities. The determination of realized gains or losses on sales of securities is based on cost and is determined using the specific identification method. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Foundation maintains various investments, including mutual funds and common stocks, which are exposed to various risks including, but not limited to, interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risks associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
April 30, 2016 and 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Gift Annuities

The Foundation administers split-interest agreements, which are primarily charitable gift annuity plans. Assets are invested and payments are made to donors and/or other beneficiaries in accordance with the respective agreements. Revenue from charitable gift annuities is recognized at the date the agreement is established, net of the liability recorded for the present value of the estimated future payments to be made to the respective donors and/or other beneficiaries. The present value of payments to beneficiaries of charitable gift annuities is calculated using discount rates, which represent the risk-free rates in existence at the date of the gift. Gains or losses resulting from changes in assumptions and accretions of the discount are recorded as increases or decreases in net assets in the statements of activities.

Net Assets

Net assets are classified into one of three classes of net assets based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The following is a description of each class:

Unrestricted

Unrestricted net assets include all net assets which are neither temporarily or permanently restricted.

Temporarily Restricted

Temporarily restricted net assets include contributed net assets for which donor-imposed time and/or purpose restrictions have not been met and the ultimate purpose of the contribution is not permanently restricted and the spendable portion of earnings on permanently restricted net assets.

Permanently Restricted

Permanently restricted net assets include contributed net assets which require, by donor restriction, that the corpus be invested in perpetuity and only the income be made available for program operations in accordance with donor restrictions.

Contributions

Donated property is recorded at fair value at date of donation, which is then treated as cost. Contributions represented by bequests are recorded when the Foundation receives notice from the donor's estate that it is a beneficiary to the estate.

If necessary, the carrying amount of contributions receivable is reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of amounts that will not be collected. The allowance is based on management's assessment of the collectability of specific contributions. All contributions or portions thereof deemed to be uncollectible are written off to the allowance for doubtful accounts.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Program Expenses

Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.

The Foundation administers the Wisconsin Masonic Home Endowment Fund (the Endowment Fund). Contributions to this fund are invested in perpetuity and are not expendable. The net investment income of this fund is restricted for use in the general operations of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. (the Home), an affiliated organization.

High School Scholarship Programs

The Foundation administers two high school scholarship programs. Under these programs, the Foundation disburses matching or fully funded scholarships to Wisconsin area high schools as designated by member Masonic lodges or Masonic fraternity members. These scholarships are paid from the general unrestricted operating funds of the Foundation.

Special Funds

This represents various endowment contributions received, in which the Foundation administers the funds in accordance with the donor's specific instructions. These funds are restricted primarily for scholarships and for distributions to other Masonic organizations.

Symbolic Lodge Health Care Matching Program

Under this program, the Foundation's Medical fund will match funds submitted by Wisconsin Masonic Lodges toward contributions to local community hospitals or health care centers.

Soccer Program

This program hosts annual all-star soccer games for Wisconsin's graduating scholar athletes. The proceeds from the games provide funding for an annual youth soccer camp that teaches soccer fundamentals and sportsmanship to underprivileged youth.

Wisconsin Masonic Journal - Widows' Subscriptions

The Foundation pays annual subscription fees to the Wisconsin Masonic Journal on behalf of widowed spouses of Masonic fraternity members. These costs are included in other program expenses on the statements of activities.

Income Taxes

A provision for income taxes has not been made, nor is required, in the financial statements as the Foundation is exempt from state and federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The federal and state income tax returns of the Foundation for 2013, 2014, and 2015 are subject to examination by the IRS and state taxing authorities, generally for three years after they were filed.

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NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS

The fair value and cost of the investments are as follows as of April 30:

	2016		2015	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Money market funds	\$ 255,232	\$ 255,232	\$ 420,674	\$ 420,674
Mutual funds	19,476,512	20,797,879	17,785,112	20,774,414
Common stocks	<u>1,859,827</u>	<u>2,289,816</u>	<u>3,016,003</u>	<u>3,917,159</u>
Total	<u>\$ 21,591,571</u>	<u>\$ 23,342,927</u>	<u>\$ 21,221,789</u>	<u>\$ 25,112,247</u>

The Foundation does hold investments that are in unrealized loss positions as of April 30, 2016. Management believes that the unrealized losses on investments are temporary in nature and that they will be recovered through future stock market recoveries.

NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Generally accepted accounting principles establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Foundation has the ability to access.
- Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
 - quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used at April 30, 2016 and 2015, for assets measured at fair value.

Common stocks are valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the individual security is traded.

Mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Foundation at year-end.

Money market funds are valued at their net asset value.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Foundation believes its valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Foundation's assets at fair value as of April 30, 2016:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market funds	\$ -	\$ 255,232	\$ -	\$ 255,232
Common stocks:				
Mid cap	1,677,578	-	-	1,677,578
Large cap	946,369	-	-	946,369
Mutual funds:				
Taxable bond funds	5,442,082	-	-	5,442,082
Tax-exempt bond funds	79,107	-	-	79,107
Small cap	1,613,184	-	-	1,613,184
Small cap growth	3,299	-	-	3,299
Mid cap	1,428,107	-	-	1,428,107
Mid cap value	3,159	-	-	3,159
Mid cap growth	5,672	-	-	5,672
Large cap value	3,179,920	-	-	3,179,920
Large cap growth	3,429,348	-	-	3,429,348
Dividend income	3,189	-	-	3,189
International	4,948,290	-	-	4,948,290
Alternative	<u>328,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>328,391</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$23,087,695</u>	<u>\$ 255,232</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 23,342,927</u>

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Foundation's assets at fair value as of April 30, 2015:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market funds	\$ -	\$ 420,674	\$ -	\$ 420,674
Common stocks:				
Mid cap	3,014,888	-	-	3,014,888
Large cap	902,271	-	-	902,271
Mutual funds:				
Taxable bond funds	5,962,756	-	-	5,962,756
Tax-exempt bond funds	87,277	-	-	87,277
Small cap	1,390,863	-	-	1,390,863
Small cap growth	3,496	-	-	3,496
Mid cap	495,509	-	-	495,509
Mid cap value	3,480	-	-	3,480
Mid cap growth	6,132	-	-	6,132
Large cap value	3,271,235	-	-	3,271,235
Large cap growth	3,649,649	-	-	3,649,649
Dividend growth	3,044	-	-	3,044
Dividend income	3,892	-	-	3,892
International	5,281,516	-	-	5,281,516
Alternative	<u>615,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>615,565</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$24,691,573</u>	<u>\$ 420,674</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,112,247</u>

NOTE 4 - HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The Foundation sponsors a general high school scholarship program whereby the Foundation matches funds, submitted by the Wisconsin Masonic Lodges, toward scholarships for college bound high school students. Amounts submitted by various lodges for matching by the Foundation were \$54,425 and \$55,850 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. This program distributed matching scholarship funds of \$55,725 and \$54,143 during the years ended April 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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NOTE 4 - HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS (continued)

The Foundation also sponsors a special high school scholarship program. Under this program, the Wisconsin Masonic Lodges or individuals can make a one-time contribution of an amount between \$5,000 and \$25,000 and the Foundation will grant a perpetual scholarship between the amounts of \$400 and \$2,000, proportional to the amount of the contribution made, as defined in the program. The Foundation has received \$1,265,655 in contributions since the inception of the program. These funds are included in the unrestricted net assets general operations. The income generated from these funds is used for general purposes, including funding these scholarships. Contributions received related to this program totaled \$0 in 2016 and 2015. This program resulted in scholarship distributions of \$103,900 and \$103,600 in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

NOTE 5 - SYMBOLIC LODGE HEALTH CARE MATCHING PROGRAM

The Foundation sponsors the Symbolic Lodge Health Care Matching Program whereby the Foundation will match funds submitted by Wisconsin Masonic Lodges, pursuant to certain guidelines as specified by the Foundation's Board of Directors, toward contributions to local community hospitals or health care centers. Amounts submitted by various lodges for matching by the Foundation were \$18,201 and \$22,944 in 2016 and 2015, respectively. Matching distributions paid by the Foundation under this program were \$24,447 and \$26,058 in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

NOTE 6 - GIFT ANNUITIES

At April 30, 2016 and 2015, assets amounting to \$296,200 and \$325,388, respectively, relate to gift annuity plans. As required by the state of Wisconsin, these funds are held in a separate account. Included in gift annuities payable shown in the statements of financial position is the present value of the estimated future payments to be made to beneficiaries. The discount rate used in the present value calculations range from 4.00% to 5.50% for the years ended April 30, 2016 and 2015. Amounts received under the gift annuity plans were \$29,229 and \$0 for the years ended April 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Foundation is affiliated with the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin (the Grand Lodge) through their representation on the Board of Directors. Facilities costs as well as certain general administrative, clerical, and fundraising services are generally provided by the Grand Lodge. The Foundation expensed \$17,364 and \$20,453 in 2016 and 2015, respectively, for such costs. Accounts payable to the Grand Lodge for these costs were \$6,487 and \$6,274 at April 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The Foundation also has a payable to the Home of \$63,223 for earnings on the Endowment Fund.

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NOTE 8 - ENDOWMENTS

The Board of the Foundation has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. Consequently, the Foundation classifies permanently restricted net assets as:

- The original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, and
- The original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment.

The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund not classified as permanently restricted is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation's Board. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purpose of the Foundation and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the Foundation
- The investment policies of the Foundation

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to the programs supported by the endowments. The endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results similar to a blended rate of return on the S&P 500 index and Lehman Intermediate Bond index, while assuming a moderate level of investment risk.

The Foundation relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through capital appreciation and current yield (interest and dividends). The Foundation targets a diversified asset allocation that emphasizes equity and fixed income securities to achieve its long-term objectives within prudent risk constraints.

The Foundation has a policy of appropriating 5% of the endowment funds' average balance over the prior four years for distribution on an annual basis. In establishing this policy, the Foundation considered the long-term expected returns on its endowment investments. Accordingly, over the long-term, the Foundation expects the current spending policy will allow its endowment to retain the original fair value of the gift.

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NOTE 8 - ENDOWMENTS (continued)

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of April 30, 2016 is as follows:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor restricted endowment funds	<u>\$ 10,844,086</u>	<u>\$ 9,524,185</u>	<u>\$ 20,368,271</u>

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended April 30, 2016 is as follows:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 12,601,006	\$ 9,508,011	\$ 22,109,017
Investment income (loss)	(758,550)	(4,976)	(763,526)
Contributions	8,870	21,150	30,020
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	<u>(1,007,240)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,007,240)</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 10,844,086</u>	<u>\$ 9,524,185</u>	<u>\$ 20,368,271</u>

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of April 30, 2015 is as follows:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor restricted endowment funds	<u>\$ 12,601,006</u>	<u>\$ 9,508,011</u>	<u>\$ 22,109,017</u>

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NOTE 8 - ENDOWMENTS (continued)

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended April 30, 2015 is as follows:

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 12,245,747	\$ 9,463,697	\$ 21,709,444
Investment income	1,349,351	1,875	1,351,226
Contributions	3,830	32,507	36,337
Interfund transfers	45,068	9,932	55,000
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	<u>(1,042,990)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,042,990)</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 12,601,006</u>	<u>\$ 9,508,011</u>	<u>\$ 22,109,017</u>

NOTE 9 - CONCENTRATIONS

The Foundation maintains a significant portion of its cash and investments in two financial institutions located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Balances on deposit are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) respectively, up to specified limits. Balances in excess of these limits are uninsured.

NOTE 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management evaluated subsequent events through October 27, 2016, the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued. Events or transactions occurring after April 30, 2016, but prior to October 27, 2016 that provided additional evidence about conditions that existed at April 30, 2016, have been recognized in the accompanying financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2016. Events or transactions that provided evidence about conditions that did not exist at April 30, 2016 but arose before the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued have not been recognized in the accompanying financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2016.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - UNRESTRICTED
Year Ended April 30, 2016

	Designated					Total
	General Operations	Hiram's Helpers	Narrin Scholarship	Gift Annuity	Veterans Assistance	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE						
Contributions	\$ 39,040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,229	\$ 28,875	\$ 101,394
Interest and dividends	76,045	866	1,007	8,716	571	87,225
Realized and unrealized losses on investments	(151,036)	(1,759)	(1,918)	(38,624)	(1,135)	(194,472)
Other revenues	-	-	-	-	-	8,737
Net assets released from restrictions	1,007,240	-	-	-	-	1,007,240
Total support and revenue	<u>971,289</u>	<u>(873)</u>	<u>(911)</u>	<u>(679)</u>	<u>28,311</u>	<u>1,010,124</u>
EXPENSES						
Program expenses:						
Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	756,509	-	-	-	-	756,509
High school scholarship programs:						
Matching program	55,725	-	-	-	-	55,725
Perpetual scholarship program	103,900	-	-	-	-	103,900
Special funds	226,284	-	876	-	-	227,160
Symbolic Lodge Health Care Matching program	24,447	-	-	-	-	24,447
Soccer program	-	-	-	-	-	15,910
Other	57,456	1,683	-	-	-	59,139
Total program expenses	<u>1,224,321</u>	<u>1,683</u>	<u>876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,242,790</u>
Fundraising						
General and administrative:						
Investment service fees	20,016	233	-	-	150	20,511
Professional fees	7,130	83	-	-	54	7,267
Administrative fees	2,302	27	22	-	17	2,368
Administrative fees	1,033	12	10	-	8	1,118
Miscellaneous expenses	4,107	48	-	-	30	4,185
Total expenses	<u>1,258,909</u>	<u>2,086</u>	<u>908</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>1,278,239</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>(287,620)</u>	<u>(2,959)</u>	<u>(1,819)</u>	<u>(679)</u>	<u>28,052</u>	<u>(268,115)</u>
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,691,929</u>	<u>31,353</u>	<u>25,593</u>	<u>247,953</u>	<u>20,227</u>	<u>3,044,264</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 2,404,309</u>	<u>\$ 28,394</u>	<u>\$ 23,774</u>	<u>\$ 247,274</u>	<u>\$ 48,279</u>	<u>\$ 2,776,149</u>

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED
Year Ended April 30, 2016

	Special Funds											
	Filing Masonic Charitable Trust	Excelsior Tool Grant Scholarship	Excelsior School Scholarship	Hayne Masonic Scholarship	Hayne Masonic Journal Scholarship	Holtan Masonic Scholarship	Rabino Masonic Scholarship	Walton Fund	Scottish Rite	Ozaukee Lodge	Humphrey Fund	Adela E. Helwig Charitable Trust
SUPPORT AND REVENUE												
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest and dividends	14,048	2,980	1,217	709	3,245	2,357	1,002	629	1,052	421	19,842	3,062
Realized and unrealized losses on investments	(26,768)	(5,677)	(2,319)	(1,352)	(6,184)	-	(1,908)	(1,198)	(2,005)	(802)	(37,807)	(5,834)
Total support and revenue before net assets released from restrictions	(12,720)	(2,697)	(1,102)	(643)	(2,889)	2,357	(906)	(669)	(953)	(381)	(17,965)	(2,772)
Net assets released from restrictions:												
Program expenses:												
Scholarships	-	3,759	1,536	884	3,817	3,654	1,269	796	-	1,000	-	-
Masonic Entitles	13,330	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	3,874
Other	4,443	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,096	-
Prior year (over) under accrual	(805)	(144)	(69)	(361)	(1,985)	(144)	(27)	(32)	1,307	500	(15,448)	(175)
Total program expenses	16,967	3,615	1,477	533	1,832	3,510	1,242	764	2,307	1,500	9,648	3,698
Investment service fees	591	126	51	30	137	122	42	26	44	18	835	129
Professional fees	305	65	26	15	70	63	22	14	23	9	431	66
Administrative fees	133	28	12	7	31	28	10	6	10	4	189	29
Board expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets released from restrictions	17,996	3,834	1,566	585	2,070	3,723	1,316	810	2,384	1,531	11,103	3,922
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(30,716)	(6,531)	(2,668)	(1,228)	(4,959)	(1,366)	(2,222)	(1,379)	(3,337)	(1,912)	(29,068)	(6,694)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	217,139	76,850	29,725	18,014	82,419	(8,266)	15,433	15,971	26,721	10,688	503,989	38,817
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 186,423	\$ 70,319	\$ 27,057	\$ 16,786	\$ 77,460	\$ (9,632)	\$ 13,211	\$ 14,592	\$ 23,384	\$ 8,776	\$ 474,821	\$ 32,123

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED (CONTINUED)
 Year Ended April 30, 2016

	Special Funds											
	George Walker Scholarship Fund	Hiram's Helpers Fund	Hornstell Fund	Hillsboro Masonic Scholarship Fund	Dopp Fund	Haliborn Fund	Woods Fund	Gillett Fund	Lodge 13 Fund	Three Pillars	Krause Scholarship Fund	Dousman Fund
SUPPORT AND REVENUE												
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest and dividends	4,792	809	2,939	1,818	8,167	797	45,045	455	1,982	842	910	499
Realized and unrealized losses on investments	(9,131)	(1,542)	(5,600)	(3,465)	(15,562)	(1,519)	(85,931)	(868)	(3,777)	(1,804)	(1,734)	(950)
Total support and revenue before net assets released from restrictions	(4,339)	(732)	(661)	(1,647)	(7,395)	(722)	(40,786)	(413)	(1,795)	(762)	(824)	(451)
Net assets released from restrictions:												
Program expenses:												
Scholarships	6,061	-	3,498	-	10,347	-	47,000	576	3,423	-	1,084	543
Masonic Entities	-	996	-	2,303	-	1,015	-	-	-	1,000	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prior year (over) under accrual	(308)	65	57	(227)	(484)	-	3,000	(25)	(1,274)	1,250	(1,006)	7
Total program expenses	5,753	1,061	3,555	2,076	9,863	1,015	50,000	551	2,149	2,250	78	550
Investment service fees	202	34	124	76	344	34	1,895	19	83	35	38	21
Professional fees	104	18	64	39	177	17	978	10	43	18	20	11
Administrative fees	46	6	28	17	78	8	429	4	19	8	8	5
Board expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets released from restrictions	6,105	1,121	3,771	2,208	10,462	1,074	53,302	584	2,294	2,311	144	587
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(10,444)	(1,854)	(4,432)	(3,855)	(17,857)	(1,796)	(94,088)	(987)	(4,089)	(3,073)	(988)	(1,038)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	40,217	20,548	74,638	46,719	207,407	20,242	1,143,948	11,567	50,346	21,376	13,282	12,867
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 29,773	\$ 18,694	\$ 70,206	\$ 42,324	\$ 189,550	\$ 18,446	\$ 1,049,860	\$ 10,570	\$ 46,257	\$ 18,303	\$ 12,284	\$ 11,629

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED (CONTINUED)
 Year Ended April 30, 2016

	Special Funds										Total	
	Robert E. Smith Fund	Poynette Fund	Freiwald Fund	Alma Fund	Myron Reed Fund	Victory Fund	Lafin St. James Fund	Soccer Fund	Youth Fund	Medical Fund		Home Endowment Fund
SUPPORT AND REVENUE												
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,820	\$ -	\$ 8,870
Interest and dividends	196	1,371	1,371	2,740	2,833	3,499	447	5,951	13,620	107,152	395,264	654,063
Realized and unrealized losses on investments	(374)	(2,613)	(2,613)	(5,220)	(5,397)	(6,667)	(851)	(11,340)	(25,952)	(208,309)	(919,840)	(1,412,613)
Total support and revenue before net assets released from restrictions	(178)	(1,242)	(1,242)	(2,480)	(2,564)	(3,168)	(404)	(5,389)	(12,332)	(94,337)	(524,576)	(749,680)
Net assets released from restrictions:												
Program expenses:												
Scholarships	-	1,728	1,728	3,416	2,370	4,413	616	7,529	-	-	-	111,057
Masonic Entities	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,447	756,509	804,724
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,539
Prior year (over) under accrual	-	(69)	(168)	(1,268)	(1,370)	(513)	1,483	(455)	-	-	-	(18,672)
Total program expenses	250	1,659	1,570	2,148	1,000	3,900	2,099	7,074	-	24,447	756,509	926,650
Investment service fees	8	58	58	115	119	147	19	250	-	6,226	37,708	49,764
Professional fees	4	30	30	59	62	76	10	129	296	1,365	10,284	14,963
Administrative fees	2	13	13	26	27	33	4	57	130	440	4,356	6,246
Board expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,131	8,486	9,617
Total net assets released from restrictions	264	1,760	1,671	2,348	1,208	4,156	2,132	7,510	426	33,609	817,353	1,007,240
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(442)	(3,002)	(2,913)	(4,828)	(3,772)	(7,324)	(2,536)	(12,899)	(12,758)	(127,946)	(1,341,929)	(1,756,920)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	(13)	34,820	34,820	69,578	71,944	88,852	11,339	151,138	345,888	3,251,577	5,851,276	12,601,006
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	(455)	31,818	31,907	64,750	68,172	81,528	8,803	138,239	333,130	3,123,631	4,509,347	10,844,086

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED
Year Ended April 30, 2016

	Special Funds							Total
	Eiring Masonic Charitable Trust	Holtan Scholarship	Rabino Scholarship	Adela E. Helwig Charitable Trust	George Walter Scholarship Fund	Krause Scholarship Fund	Robert E. Smith Fund	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE								
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,150
Interest and dividends	-	536	-	-	-	-	-	536
Realized and unrealized losses on investments	-	(5,512)	-	-	-	-	-	(5,512)
Total support and revenue	-	(4,976)	-	-	-	-	-	16,174
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	-	(4,976)	-	-	-	-	-	16,174
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	139,638	81,730	10,000	38,932	81,485	9,863	5,000	9,141,363
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 139,638	\$ 76,754	\$ 10,000	\$ 38,932	\$ 81,485	\$ 9,863	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,162,513

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC.
THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING
ANNUAL BOARD REPORT**

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin:

The continuing implementation of the Affordable Care Act requires ongoing assessment and need to re-evaluate our business and financial models. Both the Home Board and the Management Team remain committed to adapting as necessary to meet the new requirements while maintaining fiscal discipline. We continue to balance the difficult challenges of providing the best quality of care with the realities of declining medical reimbursements, newly adopted medical care requirements and the implications of residents limited financial resources.

Leading the way, the Home's Management Team has accepted the "new normal" and under the Home Board's direction, executed key components of the recently approved strategic plan. We remain focused on internal operational efficiencies, external strategic partnerships and conservative financial practices. Our five year plan continues to guide our efforts and in Fiscal 2016 significant resources were committed to further evaluation and prioritization of our goals. As mentioned in the past, our Masonic affiliation gives us pause and purpose to consider the difficult challenges of Mission versus Margin.

Having moved further away from the great recession, we are experiencing strength in occupancy levels across our campus. This, along with better management of key financial objectives, revenue and expense per patient day, have led to improved financial results and a strong balance sheet. The Board of Directors has prioritized improving operating results and remains steadfast in directing the Management Team to maintain this objective.

Expanding on our 2015 Board Member Retreat, the Board has advanced the following strategic initiatives:

- IT integration: Upgrade systems and track data like hospitals
- Establish partnerships with hospitals
- Expand our reach: technology based services utilizing the IT upgrades
- Evaluation of our Capital Capacity/Effectiveness
- Business & Fraternity: Mission versus Margin
- Facility needs and requirements: Maintenance & Storage
- Health Center obsolescence
- Integrated communication systems

Each initiative will be fully vetted and, if warranted, prioritized for future implementation.

As I have stated before, your Board of Directors of Three Pillars Senior Living Communities is mindful of our responsibilities to the Craft and the Masonic beliefs that guide our endeavors. As the Grand Lodge's largest charity, our dedication to our residents remains at the top of our priorities.

On a personal note, after over 20 years of active Board and Committee involvement at Three Pillars, I have decided the time is right for me to step aside. Many of the goals and objectives that I advocated have been achieved. The organization has a strong leadership team, the financial strength is well documented and a strategic plan has been put in place to lead the organization forward. Personally, I am honored to have been a part of what the Masons in Wisconsin offer to the Fraternity and the Senior Living Community. The Vision Statement that reads in part, "grounded in all we do on Masonic Principles," has made a lasting impression on me. What I have learned, witnessed and participated in at Three Pillars has led me to be a better Mason, a more accomplished businessman and a more thoughtful husband and father.

Fraternally & Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey L. Bryden
Chairman, Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. Board of Directors

WISCONSIN MASONIC JOURNAL BOARD REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Your Wisconsin Masonic Journal is continuing to improve and provide you with a quality publication keeping you informed with items of interest and information relating to Wisconsin's Freemasons. This publication is receiving positive comments from its readers in this jurisdiction as well as other jurisdictions.

Working with NewsHawks remains a popular means of communication between the lodges and the Masonic Journal. The submission of articles is not restricted to NewsHawks. Any member may submit information to be published.

The Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board of Directors thanks Brother and Editor Richard Rygh for his outstanding efforts in putting the Journal together each month and continuing to upgrade the publication to keep it on the cutting edge. The Board also thanks Advertising Manager Diane Igl for her continued efforts seeking advertisers and bringing additional revenue to the Journal.

The new Masonic year will bring challenges as well as rewards and the Board members and Journal staff will continue to bring you the quality publication you deserve.

A great deal of appreciation goes to the Grand Lodge Officers for their understanding of the important service the Wisconsin Masonic Journal provides. We also thank each member of the craft for the ongoing support and input provided to this publication. That support continues to make this publication successful. We could not do this without you so please continue to submit lodge news and information.

Finally, if you have any constructive comments please submit them to Editor Richard Rygh.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the
Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board Of Directors,

Lowell Scott, President
Richard Rygh, Editor
John Donaldson
Milton Helmer
Craig Schultz
Chris Conrad

ESOTERIC COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Long Range Planning Committee

Worked closely W Brother Ken Gorgen and the Planning Committee to review and update the new Degree Study Guides and posting Exams for the EA, FC and MM degrees. The guides for all three degrees have been updated and sent to the Planning Committee for review and approval.

I've worked closely with the beta test Lodge in District 12 to guide and direct them on its use and get their feedback. I have personally witnessed 8 Brothers

prove up in open Lodge using the new format. The results have been impressive. The response and reception by the Brothers proving up, the Lodge Counselor and observers in Lodge has been very positive and there is a new, genuine enthusiasm and excitement about the new program. This initiative has paid dividends and I hope that the new format is approved and rolled out to a wider audience.

Strategic Planning Committee

Primary Objective: Increasing the number of Proficiency Men in each District by 2 or more.

Task 1: Progress towards objective in 2015-2016 – 11 New Ritualist and 2 New Proficiency Men, Even though we are far short of the stated goal, these results are encouraging. It indicates that we are moving in a positive direction and ramping up our number of Ritualists who will eventually become Proficiency Men. Based on the efforts this year to bring more attention and focus on being a Ritualist, I sense a renewed interest in Brothers seeking this identifier.

Challenges: Basic record keeping. The completeness and accuracy of the numbers reported are subjective. Not all of the Districts are reporting in a consistent or reliable fashion. We are not using a standard process or central record repository to communicate and maintain data on who the Ritualists and Proficiency Men are, when they were awarded and re-certified. This information needs to be easily entered and maintained by the DLs, or their representative, and accessible by the GLO's on demand. Generally, the DL should know who the Ritualists and Proficiency Men are in their District, but I've seen discrepancies and inconsistencies in reporting and re-certifying this data which makes me question it's accuracy. MORI is probably the best place to enter and maintain this information. Not all DLs have access to MORI yet and some modifications might be needed to make the information easier to enter, maintain and report.

My observation is that the number of Proficiency Men has been at a plateau for a number of years and is actually on the decline evidenced by the number of new Emeritus Proficiency Men we've seen this year and few Proficiency Men to replace them. The number of new Ritualists has not been at a level that is increasing Proficiency Men faster than we are losing them. I believe that it takes two or more years for a Brother to become a practicing Ritualist in all three degrees and be at a level of competency that qualifies them for becoming a Proficiency Man.

Task 2: Creation of a new recognition award for Ritualist and Proficiency Men: I am pleased with the progress we've made on this task in 2015-2016. To date, 56 Ritualist/Proficiency/Emeritus Proficiency Awards have been requested and almost all have been awarded. 16 new requests were submitted in Q3-Q4 2016 alone. The awards are being presented at various Lodge and District events. Word is getting out, Brothers are asking about it and the results have been positive. Pictures of recipients have been popping up in the WMJ and I expect this trend to continue.

Creation and adaptation of the Proficiency Passport to track and document candidate progress towards qualifying as a Ritualist and Proficiency Man. At least 6 Districts are using the new Proficiency Passport document to track progress. I've heard positive comments and feedback from the Districts that are using it. Will continue to promote and encourage its use in all Districts.

Challenges: Same communication and record keeping challenges noted in task 1. Basic record keeping and a method to record and pass data between the DL's and GL is very basic and manual. It requires a level of communication and sharing of information that is not in place yet.

All Districts have not yet adopted or promoted the use of this tool or following the processes. In order to get to the level of accountability, record keeping and transparency in reporting that I'm looking for it will challenge the District Lecturers to adopt new processes for administration and technology for automation of data by using things like spreadsheets, collaboration sites, etc. I understand that there are varying comfort levels and capabilities with using the technology and processes that I'm requesting. I will continue to work with each District Teams on rolling out the process and tools.

Task 3: Evaluate the ways that Schools of Instruction (SOI) are being conducted. Determine if changes are needed to enhance the format of SOI's to provide additional learning and training opportunities. Conduct Ritualist Clinics – No districts have scheduled or conducted clinics yet. In addition to continuing to encourage Districts to use this type of event, one of my goals in 2016-2017 is to personally organize and conduct a ritualist clinic and use it as a train-the-trainer opportunity.

Review and Evaluate Schools of Instruction - The first step in the process is an honest evaluation of the effectiveness of the method being used, how well it serves the audience and if it is meeting the objective of improving ritual work. There are indeed some Lodges that are very solid, but my observation is that there is a clear need to modify our SOI approach and put the "school" back into the SOI. Developed an SOI guidance document and distributed it to the District Lecturers. The document contains ideas and examples of a modified format that uses small group instruction, and techniques that make the experience more engaging and interactive. Developed a learning module focused on rodwork. Some District Lecturers have reported using the new SOI format and results are positive. The message that I am trying to convey with the Districts is that how we get there is less important than achieving the results we're looking for, but if we're not getting the results we need, we should consider changing the approach.

Schools of Instruction progress – As of Q4, 10 Districts have reported scheduling and conducting 61 SOI's.

Challenges: Again, same communication and record keeping challenges noted in task 1. Some Districts are still using an SOI format which is a demonstration methodology with certain Lodges performing assigned ritual tasks. Overall involvement and engagement by a majority of participants is low. While this might be a good method for Lodges that are proficient in ritual work, there are Lodges that would benefit from an educational and training type environment so participants can learn and practice.

Task 4: Conduct an Annual Degree Competition for the State of Wisconsin – Holding a State-wide degree competition get Lodges and Brothers involved in ritual work and serves as a showcase to recognize the quality Ritual being performed. This is as much an awareness event as it is a competition, and is intended to focus attention on, and generate interest in, ritual work. A peripheral benefit is getting more Brothers at the Lodge level involved and interested in learning the Ritual and getting certified as Ritualists. An event was being scheduled for April

30, 2016, but it was cancelled due to there being no applications received by the Feb 29 deadline. Planning and communication of the event can be improved, feedback and comments from some Districts indicate that rules, qualification criteria and scoring might need to be re-visited and overhauled. In April 2016, I requested that the District Lecturer's discuss the Degree Competition in their Districts Lodges and find out what we want the degree competition to be, what do they, and we, expect out of this event and what is the purpose of holding the competition. Feedback will be fed into the process.

Esoteric Committee

The Esoteric Committee met twice during the 2015-2016 year. One planning and strategy session immediately following the AC. The second session was conducted in November 2015 at the Wisconsin Dells Lodge. At this session a variety of topics were discussed including the discussion of 10 resolutions from the previous year AC. Recommendations on these resolutions were made to the Grand Lodge Officers as follows:

Resolution # or Submitted by	Description	Reference / Changes to	Committee Recommendation	Comments
5-2014	create a dedication memorial for inclusion in the esoteric work	Art Pftzinger	Do not adopt as an additional esoteric ritual in the cipher	The ritual described by Br Art is beautiful and a fitting tribute. But no one felt that it should be added as esoteric work to the cipher. Consider re-writing and being included as an optional ceremony. Since it contains both esoteric and exoteric work it will need to be re-phrased so it can be used as a public (exoteric) document. To be reviewed and worked on by Br Art, the Grand Chaplain and Lecturer.
4-2015	move the pledge of allegiance to it occurs before the lodge is declared open	cipher and WMC 88.02	Do not adopt as a change to the Cipher or Masonic Code	Committee members felt that the pledge of allegiance was in the proper place, so no need to change. Moving the pledge before the lodge is declared open could impact the continuity of the opening ritual and pose sequencing issues if, for instance, the flag is to be presented in Lodge, which is a ritual unto itself that is performed after the Lodge is open. Changing it would require modifications to all of the opening rituals.
5-2015	Allow Lodges to split the MM degree over two meetings, complete the lectures, presentations and charges over two meetings - RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN by MWGM Struble	WMC 73.10	Do not adopt as a change to the Masonic Code	The committee felt that entire degree experience should be done at one time for continuity and re-enforcement of the lesson and experience. The concern is if the degree is split up, what are the implications and ramifications a candidate does not complete in the recommended 30 day period? Would they need to complete 2nd section over again? There is a possibility of having the degree work become fragmented and Brothers then being in various stages of qualification. Brothers know what is involved in putting on a degree and how long it takes. If time is of concern, Lodges should consider modifying the start time or date to make it more agreeable.
14-2015	Allow completion of a degree by multiple candidates at the same time, similar to the man to mason pgm	WMC 73.09	Do not adopt as a change to the Masonic Code	The conferral of degrees should be done individually to maintain the intimacy of that experience and focus on the candidates experience.

15-2015	modify the method for demonstrating (posting) degree proficiency; give the candidate the option to re-affirm the obligation instead of memorizing it	WMC 74.03	Do not adopt as a change to the Masonic Code	Committee members expressed that learning and repeating the obligation is a part of the apprentice experience and is an important component of learning and reflecting on the lessons that were conveyed during the degree. Memorizing the obligation sets the tone and expectation for learning the ritual and bonding with the fraternity
16-2015	Proper examination of a new MM when the Man to Mason program is used	WMC 73.09, 74.02.1	Do not adopt as a change to the Masonic Code	This resolution is related to 4-2015 and is not recommended for the same reason.
19-2015	Provide one copy of pure work to each constituent Lodge	WMC 88.03	Do not adopt as a change to the Masonic Code	There were concerns about the proper accountability and tracking of copies of the pure work if it is distributed at the Lodge level. We are trying to re-inforce the need for more ritualists and encourage the mentoring experience to learn the ritual.
25-2015	Use of a key or cipher during ceremony, one copy allowed open	WMC 73.13	Do not adopt as a change to the Masonic Code	Rather than have a cipher open solve the issue of not knowing the cipher by encourage a ritualist / proficiency man be a prompter and reinforce the need to have folks learn ritual and become ritualists and proficiency men

Miscellaneous Activities

Conducted nine Lodge visits. Assisted in degree work, presented Ritualist Cards/ awards. Discussed the challenges and need to increase Ritualist/Proficiency Man numbers, provided an overview of the new Proficiency Passport process and the Ritualist Award Request process.

Conducted two Schools of Instruction introducing the new SOI format discussed in task #3.

Completed my term as Worshipful Master in December 2015 and maintained an active schedule of meetings and degree work in my home Lodge throughout the 2015-2016 year.

Served as Installing Master at two Lodge Installations.

Presented at the 2016 Grand Lodge Secretary's Conference to discuss the new Ritualist Awards and the use of the Proficiency Passport. Emphasized the importance of celebrating the achievement of gaining Ritualist status and the need to generating interest among Brothers to get certified and perpetuate the ritual.

Respectfully submitted,

W Brother Jerry A Reick
Grand Lecturer

EXPENDITURES COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

One of your Grand Lodge officers' greatest challenges each year is carving out a budget and recommending a per capita tax amount. The Expenditures Committee

has begun utilizing the Grand Lodge Strategic Plan as the guideline for driving budget considerations.

Two considerations impact budget considerations greatly. First and foremost is the undeniable fact that membership continues to drop each year. While we are seeing increased petitions in our lodges, our average age is still very high. The Grand Architect will be calling our older members home. The other reality is that we need to take a substantial sum from our general investment account each year in order to balance our budget. We rely heavily on our investments.

The budget that is being proposed to the Grand Lodge members at this year's Annual Communication includes an increase of just \$2,850. This nearly flat budget proposal calculates to less than a 1% increase (0.35%). This proposed budget is roughly 9% lower than just a few years ago.

Over the last several years your Grand Lodge officers have reduced costs in the areas of Personnel, Buildings, Officers & Committees as well as the cost of the Annual Communication. In line with our Strategic Plan, these costs savings are being invested primarily in educational initiatives, cost savings initiatives and communication. Educational programming includes the Masonic College and the Secretaries Conference. Other investments include a new accounting system which allows us to better track expenses, and proposed website and social media upgrades have also been budgeted. We have partnered with the Scottish Rite to utilize a Webex system which allows your officers, boards and committees to conduct many of our meetings online. This has greatly reduced travel and also opened up opportunities for brothers around the state to serve.

As mentioned earlier, each year balancing your budget relies on taking money from our Grand Lodge investment accounts. Your officers have implemented a guideline that we will not recommend transferring more than 5% of the rolling average of our general fund investments to balance the budget.

In order to achieve our goals of maintaining a flat budget while reducing our reliance on investment income your Expenditures Committee is recommending an increase of \$2 to the per capita tax.

The \$2 increase would move the per capita up to \$39. The last increase was six years ago in 2010 when per capita increased by \$6.

We look forward to your discussion of these issues at the upcoming Annual Communication and thank you for your consideration of these recommendations!

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Hensiak, DGM, Chairman
Arby Humphrey, SGW
Scott Pedley, JGW
Robert Strader, SGD
Michael DeWolf, GS
Jeffrey Bryden, GT

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Paraguay

In order to have a better understanding of this request we offer the following timeline.

In 2008 the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America reported:

“A split has developed in the Grand Lodge of Paraguay. A group of dissidents have now proclaimed themselves to be the Grand Lodge Symbolic of Paraguay. After a questionable investigation, the Interamerican Masonic Confederation has declared this group headed by Mendoza Unzain to be legitimate. This was an unusual act since the by-laws of the CMI prohibits the interference in the internal affairs of a Grand Lodge. This ruling is being contested by the existing Grand Lodge of Paraguay, but they have not been allowed to see the report of the investigation, or to offer a response. Nemecio Lichi was legally elected to be the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Paraguay, and the Commission is of the opinion that this Grand Lodge is still the only Grand Lodge in Paraguay that meets the standards for recognition.”

In 2009 the Commission reported:

“It was reported last year that a split had developed in the Grand Lodge of Paraguay, in which two Grand Masters, Nemecio Lichi and Ignacio Mendosa claimed to be the legal authority for the Grand Lodge. Attempts by various parties during the year to resolve the problem had proved futile. At a meeting at this Conference, prior to the Commission meeting, representatives from a number of jurisdictions met with these Grand Masters and members of their delegations. Among those attending this meeting were Tom Jackson, Executive Secretary of the World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges; Jean Claude Tardivat of the GLNF; Alan Englefield of the United Grand Lodge of England; Diego Delora of the Grand Lodge of Spain, and Tullion Colacioppio of the Grand Orient of Brazil. At the conclusion of the meeting, an agreement titled, California Agreement on the Future of Paraguayan Freemasonry, was signed by those present. The document contains five points on which they were in full agreement, in order to bring unity to Freemasonry in Paraguay.”

In 2012 The Commission reported:

“The agreement of unification of the two Grand Lodges that was reached in 2010, has been broken, and the situation has reverted back to two Grand Lodges claiming to be the legitimate source of Freemasonry in that country. There is also evidence that negotiations for unification have ceased. This being the case, the Commission is of the opinion that neither Grand Lodge now meets the standards for recognition.”

In 2013 The Commission reported:

“Matters of recognition in Paraguay are still in question. One Grand Lodge led by Grand Master Quinonez is reported to be closely connected with the Supreme Council of Paraguay. The Interamerican Masonic Confederation recommends and the United Grand Lodge of England recognizes the Grand Lodge led by Grand Master Euclides. The Commission will continue to study this matter and report in the future.”

In 2014 The Commission reported:

“Over the last six years, the Commission has continued to study the split in the Grand Lodge of Paraguay that resulted in the two Grand Lodges. The information

the Commission has gathered leads it to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge Symbolica whose Grand Master is M.:W.: Bro. Euclides, is the only Grand Lodge in Paraguay that meets the standards for recognition.”

In 2016 the Commission reported:

“In 2014, the Commission stated in its report: “Over the last six years, the Commission has continued to study the split in the Grand Lodge of Paraguay that resulted in two grand lodges [with similar names and addresses]. The information the Commission has gathered leads it to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge Symbolica whose Grand Master is M.:W.: Bro. Euclides, is the only Grand Lodge in Paraguay that meets the standards for recognition.” The Commission ‘s position on this matter is unchanged. This is the regular grand lodge. The current Grand Master of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Paraguay is M.:W.: Bro. Edgar Sanchez Caballero. The address of that grand lodge is: Gran Logia Simbolica Del Paraguay Avda. de la Victoria No 690 esq Lopez Moreira Asuncion – Paraguay”

At the present time the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin is in amity with the Grand Lodge of Paraguay who is now considered irregular. The Grand Lodge Symbolica of Paraguay has petitioned the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for recognition. It has been the policy of Wisconsin to follow the guidelines on recognition that are issued by the Commission on Information for Recognition.

Therefore, I move that the Grand Lodge F&AM of Wisconsin sever all bonds of recognition with the Grand Lodge of Paraguay and grant recognition to the Grand Lodge Symbolica of Paraguay, of which M.:W.: Brother Edgar Sanchez Caballero is Grand Master.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan E. Iding, P.G.M – Chairman
Michael A. DeWolf, P.G.M. – Foreign Correspondent
Craig S. Campbell, P.G.M
Daniel L. Slavik, P.G.M
John W. Wilke, P.G.M

FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH PRINCE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin:

The Fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge F.A.M. of Wisconsin and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, Inc. were held again this year. Officers and guests from both Grand Lodges were present and shared friendship and brotherly love. The two events were hosted by Prince Hall Grand Lodge on November 13th 2015 and a Joint Table Lodge on March 31st 2016.

The November dinner was held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel for both Grand Lodge officers. Discussion of further relations between our two Grand Lodges and an enjoyable social and dinner were shared by those in attendance. It was agreed that we need to keep a record of all minutes from all past and future meetings, and to continue looking into honorary memberships and joint fund raisers.

The Combined Table Lodge was held at the Milwaukee Prince Hall facility and was well attended by Brothers from both jurisdictions. This was the 13th year we have celebrated with a good dinner, great toasts, friendship and brotherly love. The usual 7 toasts were made, however, this year a request from the floor for one more was granted. We had an opportunity to hear from Grand Masters, Brother Minor King and Brother Frank Struble.

Brothers from all parts of the state enjoyed this great evening and again we find that everywhere we go we find a brother who is a friend that we just haven't met yet. I challenge every brother to put this on his bucket list and maybe next year you will come and enjoy the great evening.

Fraternally submitted,

Gary Stang, SGS, Chairman

GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

We are pleased to report that the Membership committee has been restructured, renewed, and revitalized! In late October 2015, we began anew. We committed to consistently communicate as we moved forward to change our culture and fix some of our processes. We have met every few weeks since and continue to. Membership is a primary obligation we all share as Masons. Our desire is to create a culture of growth, not one driven purely off the numbers but, rather growing our impact. This impact will be seen in our communities and in our personal development as better men. The fact is that growth in our numbers gives us a better chance to grow our impact in our communities and ourselves. This culture shift will be gradual but, we are already seeing results. **For the fiscal year ending 3/31/16 we were up 20% in petitions received vs. the previous fiscal year!!!** We believe, and I'm sure you agree, we all know the commercials for our Fraternity. Your Membership committee has been focused on flooding you with ideas to help you tell our story. Several examples include:

- ✓ Starter Conversations
- ✓ Wisconsin Masonic Journal Membership articles
- ✓ Standard Operating Procedures for calendaring in our Lodges – 7 key events on your Lodge's calendar at all times
 - EA degree
 - FC degree
 - MM degree
 - Membership event focused on restoration/retention
 - Membership event focused on recruiting
 - Community impact event
 - Military support event

In the very near future you will see:

- ✓ An E.A. Welcome Kit
- ✓ Scripts to call the petitioner references
- ✓ Videos targeting specific markets – Military, Millennials, Empty Nesters

This Fraternity will have a very bright future but, it is critical we are all committed to changing our culture to make it so. We need to establish a culture of growth. Our Country has never needed us more.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Membership Committee,

Dan Bast
Jim Gajdosik
Damon Sanchez
Gary Stang, Liaison
Marc Steiber
Jan F. Talaga
Paul T. Tourville, Chair

GRAND LODGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

To The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

The Grand Lodge Long Range Planning Committee was charged by Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Brother Donald Hensiak to meet the following initiatives in the Wisconsin Grand Lodge Strategic Plan:

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Strategic Plan 2014

Overarching Goal: Grow quality membership

Goal: Excite and engage current Masons throughout their Masonic Journey to retain members we have.

Objectives: Provide effective mentor training.

Action Plan: Create more focus on the “Posting to Mentoring” interval - MM + 6 months.

Action Plan: Revamp Posting materials and make more relevant, combine with the Ashlar program. Focus on a single degree at a time.

Long Range Planning Strategies/Objective for 2015-2016: Review the “Wisconsin Program” with an eye toward assessing its effectiveness to satisfy the objective and action plans of the Wisconsin Grand Lodge Strategic Plan.

Recommended Actions

The committee recommended and completed an overhaul of the current posting and examination material with a focus on candidate education which included the following activities:

1. Produce separate bound booklets containing the Wisconsin Program material.
2. Include a study guide in each booklet to reinforce the Wisconsin Program material.
3. Rewrite the current in-lodge examination material focusing on less memorization with more internalization of the philosophical messages in the materials. Include some direction toward learning parts of the ritual.
4. Separate the Ashlar Award Program into each level of training.

Project Status

All Wisconsin Program Posting and Examination Material is rewritten into electronic versions with the necessary updating and revisions.

1. Wisconsin Program Introduction
2. Seeking Light in Masonry
Includes Ashlar Award activities one and two.
3. Light in Masonry
Includes Ashlar Award activity three.
4. More Light in Masonry
Includes Ashlar Award activity four.
5. Further Light in Masonry
Includes Ashlar Award activities five, six, seven, and eight.

The various booklets contain Wisconsin Program material that relates to introductory information, a specific degree with in-lodge examination material, and a study guide.

The Entered Apprentice posting and examination material was completed first and sent to several lodges for beta testing. The results were extremely positive with feedback from candidates and mentors.

With the testing being extremely successful and well received by the lodges using it, the committee proceeded to complete the remaining segments and degrees and currently all material is written and ready to be released to the lodges. The new material has been approved by the Grand Lodge Executive committee and will be available for use in the lodges no later than September 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary L Stang, Senior Grand Steward
Paul T. Tourville, Junior Grand Steward
Curt A. Campagna, Grand Chaplain
Jerry A. Reick, Grand Lecturer
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MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

To The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

The Masonic year of 2015 – 2016 has seen growth and evolution in terms of Masonic education and the direction of the Education Committee. Throughout the year the committee had three primary areas of focus: continue the Masonic College Workshops, roll out new programs to provide opportunities for Masonic education to the individual member and the Lodge, and work towards transitioning all new and existing education items under the brand of the Masonic College.

In 2014–2015, the Wisconsin Masonic College was developed with the intention of it being a three-year program including programs covering leadership, management and programming/planning. In the 2015 – 2016 year your Education Committee presented one class in Leadership and five classes on Management. As with the

Leadership classes in 2014-2015, the satisfaction ratings from the Management classes was high. More than 150 Brothers attended the Management workshops.

While the attendance for the workshops presented in 2015-2016 was lower than the attendance for those in the previous year, it is clear that the Brethren are finding them helpful not only in their Masonic lives, but also in their personal and professional lives as well. The Education Committee will continue the Masonic College Workshops in 2016-2017 with the Planning/Programming workshop that will be introduced in the summer of 2016. In total, there are planned to be six workshop presentations in 2016-2017: four of the Planning/Programming and one each of the Leadership and Management workshops.

In addition, the Education committee has created two new programs intended to provide educational opportunities to the Brethren. The first program is the Masonic Study Series. The Masonic Study Series is a succession of short articles on Masonic topics released monthly delving into various aspects of the ritual. These are short two- minute reads with a specific focus to initiate discussion about the topics presented.

Book reviews are always a good way to attract one's interest in reading specific topics or doing research. Publishing reviews of Masonic books or books on Masonic topics in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal was also initiated. The initial reviews, originally submitted by the Grand Lodge officers, are now being published by a variety of Brothers from their own libraries. It is an effective method for our Brothers to share their passions and promotes expanding several Brother's personal libraries.

Feedback from the Brethren on both these programs has been extremely positive. While there are many Lodges that have not begun to use these programs, the Brethren and Lodges that are using them have found them to be extremely beneficial in filling their needs for further knowledge and understanding.

Finally, we have begun reviewing the educational programs and manuals to bring them under the "brand" of the Wisconsin Masonic College. The Mentors Handbook and the Wisconsin Program were the first efforts. We are also working on the Warden's, Councilor's and Chaplain's Handbooks with others to follow.

The efforts of the committee will continue in 2016-2017. Not only will we continue the programs that have been successful, the Workshops, the Masonic Study Series and the Book Reviews, but we will also look to implement two additional programs. The first will include a deeper, more in-depth Masonic education program in partnership with the Wisconsin Lodge of Research, Silas Shepherd Lodge #1843. The second will include working with the District Deputy Grand Masters to identify Lodges that have successful education programs in their Lodges and publish photos, information and details about them in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal.

Your Education Committee has worked hard this year to bring educational opportunities to the Brethren and to the Lodges in a consistent manner and to provide value to the members of them. We will continue to evaluate the existing and new programs to ensure they remain effective and consistent with our direction.

Each of us on the committee has learned a lot about themselves and each other this year, and have increased our own Masonic knowledge. We would like to thank each of you for your support, feedback and input.

Fraternally submitted,

Patrick D. Cholka, Chairman
Masonic Education Committee

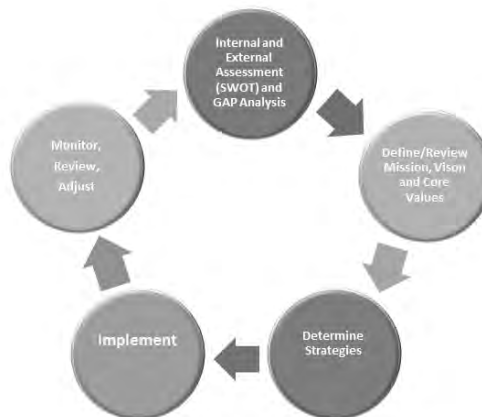
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

There is an old adage and we have all heard it before: “If you fail to plan, then plan to fail.”

In the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Wisconsin we elect a new Grand Master every year, it’s a little like running a business where the CEO changes every 12 months. Without a cohesive plan, few lasting things can be accomplished. A Grand Master can plan for “his big year” and work hard to carry out his plan but the next year everything can change so its important for continuity and overall health and wellbeing of the Fraternity that Grand Lodge Officers work together closely to develop and execute a strategic plan.

Our strategic planning process keeps everyone on the same page and promotes contiguous leadership through common understanding and shared goals.



Our Strategic Plan answers several fundamental questions.

- Where are we now? (Assessment)
- Where do we want to be?
- How will we close the gap
- Then we do those things
- When do we carry out initiatives

We measure our initiatives and actions to determine how are we doing and decide if adjustments need to be made. Then we repeat the cycle.

Another old adage states: “If you don’t know where you’re going, any road will take you there. Strategic planning is a type of roadmap outlining the results to be achieved throughout the journey. In order to talk about where we are going with

Masons in Wisconsin it's necessary to determine where we are and there are two ways of looking at it: glass half full or half empty; both need to be discussed.

On one hand we are in a 60-year decline in membership and have an old infrastructure designed and built for an organization much larger than our current size. We have many large beautiful old facilities that we are attached to, but in many cases can no longer support. Our world is rapidly changing, and the speed of change is ever increasing, and we are an organization steeped in tradition; that can be a good thing or a bad thing

On the other hand, we have many strengths with a diverse and talented pool of over 10,000 members with high moral standards. We have our traditions, and experience. Our finances are in good shape and a worldwide support system. Finally, we have a clearly defined mission or purpose that is well communicated. We ask every Mason our purpose three times before they are made a Master mason: What is the purpose of Freemasonry?

Our Purpose or Mission Statement

To promote personal development by reinforcing moral principles, to assist those suffering unfortunate circumstances, and to foster friendship and cooperation among all people

We also have a collective dream.

Our Vision Statement

We will be the preeminent fraternity of choice for men of quality and vision who seek personal knowledge, moral growth and leadership development; ultimately improving the individual mason, his community and the world

Our real strength lies in our core values, which we also call tenets and virtues.

Our Core Values

Three Principle Tenets

- Brotherly Love
- Relief
- Truth

Four cardinal virtues

- Temperance
- Fortitude
- Prudence
- Justice

Three Theological virtues

- Faith
- Hope
- Charity

These values form the very heart and soul of our organization. We cannot, and will not, sacrifice our tenets and virtues as we pursue our mission and vision because, if we do, we will cease to be who we are.

To achieve our **Vision** we have **Strategic Goals and Objectives**. Our Strategic Goals are divided into three broad functional areas, which include Overarching

Fraternal, Charity and Business goals.

Our strategic goals are short statements, with few words. They are broad in scope and generally cover a long time period. Once Goals are identified, then **Objectives** are developed. Objectives are specific actions to reach the goal. **A Champion** is assigned to each goal or objective. The Champion is a Senior Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Progressive Line Officer. The Champion is charged with enabling the team, helping to identify and obtain needed resources and funds, keeping the team on task and cutting through red tape.

Overarching Goals

Fraternal:

- Grow Quality Membership
- Cultivate Leaders
- Improve Public Perception
- Increase Masonic Knowledge
- Improve Facilities Management Practices
- Strengthen Bonds with Appendant Bodies

Charity:

- Understand and Optimize our Charitable Mission
- Encourage Random Acts of Kindness

Business:

- Increase Revenue
- Increase Financial Transparency
- Expand Communication Tools
- Embrace Value Based Cost Management

Our Fraternal Strategic Goals

Fraternal Overarching Goal: *Grow Quality Membership*

Wisconsin has had a negative growth in Masonic membership in many years. This is contributed to lack of new members, and an inability to keep the members we already have.

Subordinate Goals:

Attract a large number of high quality candidates with a target of 25,000 Masons by 2025

Improve membership retention 25% using 2012 as a baseline year

Re-attract former members lost to resignations and non-payment of dues suspensions.

Fraternal Overarching Goal: *Cultivate Leaders*

The success of our lodges, their continued growth, and the interest of our members is dependent on the quality of leadership shown by our Lodge Masters. With low numbers of new members, sometimes we push new members quickly into officer positions, often directly into Warden positions.

Subordinate Goals: Develop/Nurture Future Leaders

Objective: Work with the Education committee to complete the necessary course material for Statewide Masonic College to develop Masonic leaders. The first phase of study was rolled out in the Fall 2015.

Objectives:

Deploy Leadership Training
Deploy Lodge Management Training
Deploy Lodge Programming Training

Fraternal Overarching Goal: *Improve Public Perception*

In general, the public does not know us. Talk to a person on the street and ask for directions to the Lodge, and they ask you what you mean and “What are Masons?” They do not know who we are or what we do. How do we determine our base line? Where are we now?

Subordinate Goals:

Promote a positive public image with Social Media and the internet
Develop our Brand
Enhance Community Partnerships

Objectives:

Recognize great teachers as identified by our scholarship recipients, awarding special recognition to members of the Masonic family who are, or were, educators, librarians, school board members, and administrators with a special lapel pin.

Promote and develop youth and diversity in the Fraternity

Fraternal Overarching Goal: *Increase Masonic Knowledge*

Masons must feel the value of our fraternity and not be exposed to “business only” meetings.

Subordinate Goals:

Support the continuing operation of a Lodge of Research
Deploy Library of Lodge Educational Content

Objective: Develop and deploy a 9-month Masonic Discussion Series, using educational materials contained in the Mentor Manual.

Objective: Develop and deploy a series of monthly Masonic Book Reviews in the WMJ.

Improve Ritual skills

Objective: By June 4, 2016 increase the number of Proficiency Men in each district by two or more.

Objective: Award and recognize Masons that earn Ritualist and Proficiency status

Fraternal Overarching Goal: *Improve Facilities Management Practices*

Many of our Masonic facilities are in disrepair.

Subordinate Goal:

Encourage Lodge update and remodeling projects

Objective: Provide Spruce-Up incentives.

Instill knowledge and ability so that lodges can keep lodge buildings viable for future generations

Fraternal Overarching Goal: *Strengthen Bonds with Appendant Bodies*

Concern: With lower numbers in all Masonic organizations, we must leverage solutions common to all organizations and strengthen relationships.

Stakeholders: Wisconsin Grand Lodge Executive Committee, high level leadership of appendant bodies.

Subordinate Goals:

Provide forums for ongoing discussions of problems and solutions common to all our organizations.

Objective: Place a renewed focus on the unity committee

Improve coordination and cooperation between the Grand Lodge and the Appendant Bodies.

Objective: Grand Lodge to publish a combined calendar of events.

Our Charity Strategic Goals

Charity Overarching Goal: *Understand and Optimize our Charitable Mission*

Concern: Our charities are not focused. We don't identify (understand) the mission of our charities. We spend a lot of money but its not focused. Its not focused on serving the Fraternity. Its not focused on meeting our fraternal mission or vision.

Subordinate Goals:

Refocus our charities on our fraternal mission and vision.

Objective: By June 6, 2015 create a Spruce Up Award matching funds program within the Masonic Foundation.

Rebalance our areas of charitable impact in order to gain a significant positive charitable effect upon our fraternity.

Understand and Optimize Brother-to-Brother Charity

Objective: By 1 January 2016, Districts will have developed a plan for their Lodges to locate and reach out to their widows and orphans. This program will continue to expand and grow over time into a mission for lodges across the state.

Understand and Optimize Lodge Charity

Understand and Optimize Grand Lodge (State level) Charity

Objective: By September 1, 2015 develop a more user-friendly request form and instructions, for those in need of help from the Masonic Service and Assistance Fund.

Objective: Develop and publish, by January 1, 2016, a Masonic Charity and Scholarship book, which details the wide assortment of charities and scholarships supported by Masons and appendant bodies in our state, for distribution to all lodges and appendant bodies in Wisconsin by June 3, 2016.

Understand and Optimize International/National Charity

Our Business Strategic Goals

Business Overarching Goal: *Increase Revenue*

Subordinate Goals:

Reduce Grand Lodge reliance on investment funds to balance the annual budget.

Objective: Reduce Grand Lodge budget to \$800,000 or less by June 4, 2016.

Improve Grand Lodge Service to the craft.

Objective: By June 6, 2015 create a Spruce Up Award matching funds program within the Masonic Foundation. (See also under Charity).

Business Overarching Goal: *Expand Communication Tools*

Subordinate Goals:

Improve and streamline communication between Grand Lodge officers and between the Grand Lodge and lodges.

Objective: Provide by Annual Communications in 2015 a plan of listening sessions, hosted by lodges with open invitation to local lodges, for the Most Worshipful Grand

Master for discussion of topics of common interests and to facilitate the ability to hear from a diverse set of Masons state-wide,

Reduce travel expenses to the Grand Lodge by better use of technology and communication tools.

Utilize and develop best practices for “new” methods of communication (email, texting, social media, internet based).

Objective:

By the end of the 2014-15 Grand Lodge year Grand Lodge Offices, Boards and Committee Members will utilize the same Web based teleconferencing for meetings. This will open Board and Committee opportunities for outstate Masons. In 2016 utilized WebEx to realize \$10,000 savings in travel expense

Business Overarching Goal: *Embrace Value Based Cost Management*

Subordinate Goals:

Create a financial environment that encourages investment in the craft but also requires demonstration of value, payback and rationale.

Make Grand Lodge spending decisions based on long term impact.

Develop quality indicators associated with expenditures.

Business Overarching Goal: *Increase Financial Transparency*

Subordinate Goals:

Strengthen trust between Grand Lodge, constituent lodges, and brethren.

Improve financial planning

Provide financial training to Grand Lodge officers

Clarify our budget and expenditures

In summary, we have a solid strategic plan. A strategic plan is just another document unless we have leadership buy-in and commitment. Your Grand Lodge Line Officers are committed to the strategic planning process and committed to executing the plan.

Perhaps the greatest value in a strategic plan lies in the journey we take to get there. The discussions, the shared understanding of the challenges and the exercise in prioritization of goals and objectives all lead to mutual understanding. The Grand Lodge Leadership evolved, from new and different programs every year, to (for a while no more new programs), to programs that support our strategic objectives. The future is bright; all the progressive line is committed to the same plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kenneth C. Gorgen, Junior Deacon
Donald W. Hensiak, Deputy Grand Master
Scott E. Pedley, Junior Grand Warden
Gary L. Stang, Senior Grand Steward
Robert C. Strader, Senior Grand Deacon
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RESOLUTION 4-2016

MWGM Struble reported that this resolution was not approved to go to the floor.

MWGM Struble introduced Mark Menard from MORI to speak about his new product.

“OUR LODGE PAGE” PRODUCT COMING SOON

“Most Worshipful Grand, Right Worshipful Brothers, Worshipful Brothers, Brethren All, I was looking over your Permanent Members of Grand Lodge and realized the first time I attended session here was when Most Worshipful Rodney Paulsen was Grand Master in 2006 and the relationship we have had with this Grand Lodge is long and runs deep and it's a great relationship. I love coming to Wisconsin and I love attending your sessions and your events. I don't know how many times I've been out here for Secretary Trainings, for communications and everything and the hospitality that I always receive here stands head and shoulders above most that I receive, and I love coming here. I'm going to be joining your local traditions tomorrow, because it's Friday and I have to go get some Fish Fry. Most Worshipful Mike introduced me to that the first time I was here. I was looking over the Most Worshipful Grand Master's report and looking at the bulleted items here, and I see that I circled a whole bunch of them, because I see things like, 'Meals before Lodge, why the minutes process, it takes so long, can we have a shorter business meeting, better use of the Tresselboard...needs to be on the web, invite other Lodges to attend when you have a degree, we want to draw interest to the meals and refreshments that are going to be at Lodge and what the agenda is for the evening, the Grand Lodge Website or MORI should have a template where a Lodge can fill-in-the-blanks and have an active website linked to the Grand Lodge website, announce degrees in nearby Lodges, text and email alerts for Lodge meetings and events, the Grand Master's Weekly emails and better communications, MORI... can it be used for email blasts in the future, and our website continues to attract perspective members...Lodges should have a website. Grand Master, thank you for putting together my talk for me and thank you to the Brethren. A lot of these things that you've talked about, we have heard the message. We have been working on a new product called, 'Our Lodge Page,' which is going to be an integrated system for a Lodge website that integrates with MORI so all the information will be up to date on your Lodge website and tied into the database in MORI. So no longer will we go to the website where an enthusiastic member created it 5 years ago and there's the picture of the Master of the Lodge from 5 years ago listed as the current Master. Everything will be kept up to date as your Certificates of Election are turned into the Grand Lodge Office that will automatically refresh the website with the current officers. Additionally, we're going to be building our functionality for RSVPs, for being able to pay for your meal before you get to Lodge, finding out on your phone what's going to be at dinner tonight. You'll be able to post the minutes. We're going to be putting in functionality to track who's responsible for tasks that have been assigned or have been volunteered to be done at a meeting. We're going to have discussion areas for your committees, so that the committee work can be done via 'Our Lodge Page,' instead of being done through ad hoc networks or potentially other services you might be using. The final thing that we're doing is, 'We're going to put Masonic engagement right here.' How many of you have cell phones...smart phones? We're going to push content and engagement right into the hands of your members, because particularly, for your younger members, this is where they are

spending their time. When there's a meeting coming up, the system will send the reminders for the meeting automatically...you won't have to do it. I'll be able to push a button that says, 'Yes, Maybe or No I Can't make it.' All of that stuff is going to be automated for you, and that's the new product that we are rolling out over the course of this year. We are currently in beta test with the Grand Lodge of Michigan and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and I'm pretty sure that given the enthusiasm here and what I've heard from your Most Worshipful Grand Master, that Wisconsin is going to be very high up on the list to roll out, when we role this out as a live product ready for the Lodges to consume. I'm going to have a table out here in the entry room if you have any questions about 'Our Lodge Page,' or about MORI, or what is on the product plan moving forward, come out and see me when you have your break and I'd love to talk to you about it. Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you very much."

RESOLUTION 5-2016 AND RESOLUTION 6-2016

MWGM Struble reported that these resolutions were not in proper form to go to the floor.

RESOLUTION 7-2016

MWGM Struble reported that this resolution was approved in proper form to go to the floor.

"Submitted by Noah Schultz to provide reinforcement mechanism for completion of Master Mason examination. Sure knowledge of work done in symbolic Lodge before petitioning any appendant body, remove the rarely followed 60-day examination requirement, simply say they can't go until they've passed. Allow Lodges that go dark greater ability to adhere to the examination requirements. It is approved to form and proper to go to the floor."

Noah Schultz, Jefferson County Lodge #9 moved for the motion to be approved. It was seconded and GM Struble asked for discussion.

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, this has been in Code for about 50-60 years. How Many Brothers here have been raised within the last 60 years? How many posted within 60 days of their Master Mason degree? More than I thought. But I don't think there is an enforcement mechanism, and I don't think the majority of Lodges are following this. I think this provides an enforcement mechanism, and also being a history nerd, I went back. Numerous times this has come up to remove it, and each time it was 'Let's give it a little while longer.'"

Mason Hawes, Olive Branch Lodge #6

"If we do remove the 60 days from it, we must greater the equality of the memorization. We should be expecting our new members to be able to recite what we have verbatim, or if we also go with the new mentoring system as we've talked about, saying things in your own words, making sure that every member knows each of the symbols, each of the virtues. I've seen postings go where a person misses a couple and can't remember at all, and they still get passed. That is something that I think can lower the quality of the Mason that comes through. If he cannot put forth the effort to learn our material, to the full satisfaction of every member, it begs the question, 'What will they be able to do in the future?' and it may not necessarily mean that if they can't

do this in 60 days it doesn't mean that they are not going to be good Masons, but it does speak a lot towards a persons' character and their ability to do what is asked by brothers, and how much they are wanting to do in this Fraternity by just that."

MWGM Struble stated for clarification, that the issue here is the "60 days, correct?" Whatever the official way to be proved up, the idea is to eliminate the 60 days and just say you can't join anything else until you prove up.

Noah Schultz, Jefferson Lodge #9

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, I think a law is as good as its enforceability, this has absolutely no enforceability as it currently sits. I think this adds some teeth to making sure that candidates follow through on that."

MWGM Struble, called for any more discussion.

The motion was carried.

Kenneth Gorgen, McKinley Lodge #307

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, this is definitely the cart after the horse, but the last sentence of paragraph 72.04, is that an addition on there? There is more to this than just the exclusion of the 60 days."

MWGM Struble clarified that, "We mentioned a few times, it also means that you can't petition another body until you've proved up. The motion is passed."

RESOLUTION 8-2016

Robert Roth, Jurisprudence Committee Chair

"One of the things that we try to do in Resolutions and in Jurisprudence Committee when we get something in which has some good ideas in it, but needs cleaning up is go back to the author and try to work with him. PGM Mike got to publication of this stuff and two days later I had an opportunity to meet with Brother Noah, so we have an opportunity today to reconsider, because if you look at the 89.01 draft on the top of page 44, and if you read the paragraph at the front end, his request to change 'and' to 'or' and to add 'website,' was really good for 89.01. It presented the opportunity to close a loop-hole. You have a crazy guy Mason that lives in Wisconsin and he wants to put up a blog that's obnoxious and terrible, and he just wants to drive down to Rockford and can do it down in Rockford and we wouldn't have any control over him, under the current reading of 89.01. However, both the Resolutions Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee had trouble with the words in line 3: "striking out upon the subject of Masonry and adding representing the 'official position,' when you get into that you have all kinds of issues regarding a Landmark. There's one official position for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and that is Grand Master Frank Struble. We didn't want to open the door to any indirect thinking that there could be different modes of communication other than his, so, Brother Noah agreed to take out 'representing the official position,' and leave in, 'upon the subject of Masonry.' With that change Brothers, the Resolution Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee found this particular resolution to be proper as to form and approved to go to the floor. Since I was not able to get to this prior to publication, I turn to the Grand Master and say, your Jurisprudence and Resolutions Commit-

tee find this to be in proper form, but read in the Lodge the way it was, we would have to suspend the rules to allow for a vote. So my motion, would be to suspend the rules with respect to reading, and if the Brothers would agree and by majority vote agree that there would be an opportunity to vote on this resolution without the words, 'representing the official position' and putting back 'upon the subject of Freemasonry,' we could proceed."

MWGM reported that is has been moved and seconded to suspend the rules so that we can proceed. The motion was carried.

Noah Schultz, Jefferson Lodge #9

"Most Worshipful Grand Master I move that Resolution 8-2016 as amended pass."
The motion was seconded and MWGM Struble asked for discussion.

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, how many Brothers here make a Facebook post or do anything about Masonry on the web? How many have written the Grand Secretary and gotten the approval of the Grand Master, with the signature of the Grand Secretary attested that you can make that post? I do think this part of Code is kind of a run-on sentence, and I'd encourage the Code Committees to maybe look at it in its entirety, but the way it is written now you could drive down to Illinois, you could make some scandalous post about Masonry and we wouldn't have any way you could be of and not within. I think Brother Roth agreed that adding the flexibility of on website is bringing us in to the current time period, correct?"

Aaren Petersen, Superior Lodge #236

"Most Worshipful, I guess I need some clarification on what we just amended, so I understand it. The way I'm reading this is, basically you can't post anything Masonically, done. Is that correct? I cannot discuss Masonry at all unless I get permission? So I could not write a book for the 'Short Talk' unless I get the Most Worshipful Grand Master's permission to write that article? Thereby taking away my freedom to discuss about Masonry with like-minded individuals? That then all my thoughts and ideas and discoveries about Masonry must go through the Grand Master before I can publish them? No disrespect, Most Worshipful Grand Master, would you like the duty of reviewing everybody's written article, thought, pamphlet, book, or Short Talk before it can be published? Before it can be disseminated among the Brethren? Or a Tressleboard for that matter? The way this is stated, everything written appears that it must go through Grand Lodge for approval before being disseminated. Am I not understanding the motion?"

MWGM Struble stated that what Brother Petersen was discussing is what is not part of this motion.

Aaren Petersen, Superior Lodge #236

"That's why I'm asking for clarification on what we just amended, because the way its reading is making it look like we can't post things."

Robert Roth, Jurisprudence Committee

"Let's start with the end in mind. This is the Code. The Code strictly prohibits those of us that are Master Masons from issuing or publishing in any manner, or character,

or causing the same to be done any book, work, magazine, pamphlet, document, report or instrument whatever upon the subject of Masonry. That's not when we meet, that's not whether we're having a fish fry, it's exactly what it says, this has been the Code. Now I'm not suggesting to you that they're not having a shock over this. This has been the Code forever. And there's a reason for it, it's called circumspection. Care, control and the preservation of the Grand Lodge's reputation in the community. We could argue all day long about the freedoms that you have as a Mason to speak about almost anything you can think of in Masonry and people write articles constantly. But this is the control function, it is in place. That isn't what the motion is about at all. It's about making sure we can reach out to anyone who's not physically in Wisconsin, and make sure that he abides by what is currently the Code. Brother I would be very happy to see Resolutions come in, dealing with the substance of this Old Code Section, but I will tell you this, there is currently in Florida, right now, a multi-million dollar lawsuit against the Grand Lodge, arising out of the fact that people communicated about a piece of Old Code that went back to 1893 that had not been eliminated from the Code that said you had to be a white man to be in the Grand Lodge of Florida. They had a resolution in the mid-eighties that said we're not doing that anymore, that it was 'bunk,' and federal judges agree that it took that one Mason with that one suit doing one thing like this to create 17 depositions. There is really a reason for this...it's complicated, it's worth taking a good hard look at to see if we want to change our Wisconsin position, but the truth today is all we did when we amended this was take out the words, 'representing the official position,' because we didn't want to impair the Grand Master's role as the only person who should be proffering the official position of Freemasonry in Wisconsin. Again, the change is 'and,' the change is 'website,' that's what we're voting on."

Thomas Ryan, Nathan Hale Lodge #350

"I think I might also be a little confused also, about what the Code would be saying when it's finally put in stone. Are we restricting commentary of Freemasonry that is of a critical nature, of a positive nature, or of any nature? Would this have an effect on the publications of the Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research? Those are my two questions."

Robert Roth, Jurisprudence Committee

"The current Code section requires prior approval. The current Code section is hardly ever enforced. That is the answer, and in all candor, I'm not thrilled that this sits here and reads the way it does. I am responsible for telling you what the Code is. We're going to amend it so that people can't sneak around it and go down to Illinois by way of example and print salacious things and we have no control. This is a control function...we could discuss for hours about this, but that is not what the motion is about."

Thomas Ryan, Nathan Hale Lodge #350

"Brother you used an example in Florida that was of a nature that was critical of Freemasonry or a past practice, you just used the word salacious in reference to the content that you want to avoid...should that not be amended into the Code? To clarify exactly what we're trying to avoid?"

Robert Roth, Jurisprudence Committee

“I would be thrilled to have someone come forward with a resolution that we can look at that deals with those kinds of issues. However, I just would prefer that we deal with the motion that is on the floor now.”

Thomas Ryan, Nathan Hale Lodge #350

“Can it be amended on the floor?”

Robert Roth, Jurisprudence Committee

“I would suggest to you that the minute you get into the question of, the scope of what you want to control, or what you’re trying to do, we could be here for a week and I’d much prefer, and it’s up to the Grand Master, that you submit a resolution we can review.”

Phillip Itzenhuiser, Racine-Belle City Lodge #18

“I know everyone is concerned about us restricting what is being said online, but according to this, you’re saying that “online” is excepted from the rules. It is saying that any subject except by means of its Lodge Bulletin, Tressleboard or website, so you’re saying that we don’t have to get permission to post anything online.”

Robert Roth, Jurisprudence Committee

“The exceptions are as noted, and the website would be included, that’s correct.”

Phillip Itzenhuiser, Racine-Belle City Lodge #18

“Okay, I was just clarifying to make sure that we would have online exception and that some of the explanations I’ve heard didn’t quite understand that.”

Ron Montgomery, Oshkosh Lodge #27

“I understand the resolution. I understand the amendment. I understand the text and I do understand that its rarely enforced. But ‘rarely enforced’ is not the same as ‘never enforced.’ Obviously, in the law you have the statute and then you have the understanding and then you have at some point, the case law. To the extent that it has been enforced at least once. What is the actual case law jurisprudence, either from the Grand Master or from other competent Masonic bodies on the meaning of that text?”

Robert Roth, Jurisprudence Committee

“Well I can’t give you a cite, because I don’t know of one. However, in answer to your question, this particular statute or code section appears to exist for the reasons we’ve previously explained today, which is that there are times and places where you want to disavow something that is being said by a Mason about the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin or its members, and you want to be in a position if that person is a Mason of telling him to not say the things he’s saying because he’s perhaps out of bounds or some other circumstance. Fairly rare circumstance I would think, but that’s why it’s there...to clearly and unequivocally grant to the one person who should speak for Freemasonry in Wisconsin when it’s required, the Grand Master of Masons.”

Ron Montgomery, Oshkosh Lodge #27

“So I assume there has not been a legislative or jurisprudential history of censuring of harmless comments on a website that might be either favorable to Masonry or just neutral, is that correct?”

Robert Roth, Jurisprudence Committee

“Let me refer to an older member of the outfit, introduced James Olson, those are good questions Brother. I was Grand Master in the year 2002, and Past Grand Master DeWolf was my esteemed Deputy, we became aware that the internet was out there. We became concerned there must be some way to not have bad things happen. I think this particular code section was drafted in that attempt. Now, it may be time for some revision and some renewal, but it was an attempt to allow as much discussion as there can be, but on official positions, the Grand Master has to speak. Keep in mind, this whole internet thing for you younger guys has been around your whole life. For a lot of us, this was new...this was stuff that was happening and we just felt it needed to be dealt with.”

Allan Iding, James M. Hays Lodge #331

“Most Worshipful, now that the youngsters have gotten done talking, I was Grand Master 35 years ago, prior to the time that Al Gore invented the internet. We were in serious discussions here in Wisconsin with our brethren from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. We had a brother, a member of the then Garfield Lodge, who started writing letters to Mississippi and Alabama, and Georgia and a few other places saying, ‘Do you know what they’re doing in Wisconsin?’ And as Grand Master, I had to meet with that Brother and tell him what the Code said, and that his communications were inappropriate. I think that what we heard this morning is most interesting. I agree with Brother Roth, but I think that this is more than just putting it into a resolution. I’d like to recommend to the incoming Grand Master that he appoint a special committee to deal with this, because this is a debatable issue and times have changed in 35 years. I’m not sure that I know what the answer ought to be, but I think it requires some interplay and discussion back and forth to come up with a concept. Thank you very much.”

Noah Schultz, Jefferson Lodge #9

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, I will remove the resolution and second the motion that 89.01 be sent to a commission and be re-written.”

Incoming Grand Master Hensiak approves this plan.

Dennis Siewert, Theodore Roosevelt Lodge #322

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, I appreciate all of the discussion, and wanted to let you know that I would second that motion to withdraw Resolution 8-2016. Just to let you know though brethren, we have used this. When I was Grand Master we had people using their Masonic website to ask people to contribute to the relief of poor, distressed, worthy Brethren and that Brother resigned. I certainly agree whole-heartedly that we need to look at that whole situation.”

GRAND LODGE CALLED FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT

Grand Master Struble dismissed the assembly for the span of two hours to reconvene after lunch and breakout sessions.

GRAND LODGE CALLED TO RECONVENE

Grand Master Struble called the meeting back to order, after the breakout sessions were complete.

BALLOT DECLARED CLOSED

At this time MWGM Frank Struble declared the ballot closed.

TELLERS' REPORT

Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf reported that the brethren had elected the following:

M.W. Grand Master, Donald W. Hensiak
R.W. Deputy Grand Master, L. Arby Humphrey
R.W. Senior Grand Warden, Scott E. Pedley
R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Robert C. Strader
R.W. Grand Treasurer, Jeffrey L. Bryden
M.W. Grand Secretary, Michael A. DeWolf
Grand Trustee, W. James D. Goldsmith – 5-year term
Benevolent Activities Board, W. Monte Steiber - 3-year term
Benevolent Activities Board, W. Jan Talaga, – 3-year term
Benevolent Activities Board, W. David D. Larson- 3- year term
Masonic Journal Board, W. Lowell Scott, 3-year term
Masonic Journal Board, W. Keith Wohlfert, 3-year term

All humbly accepted their offices with thanks, saying that it would be an honor and privilege to serve.

NET GAIN MEMBERSHIP AWARD TO LODGES

“We have this year a new award for ‘net gain of membership in Lodges.’ We’ve taken the first three placed Lodges...there are five of them actually, as there was a tie for third place, and we’ve asked the officers to come forward for a new award. This award will be given annually.” First Place was awarded to Collins-Spring Valley Lodge, Second Place was awarded to Ozaukee Lodge, and there was a three-way tie for Third Place: Independence, Social and Laffin St. James Lodges.

SPRUCE UP AWARD PRESENTATION

L. Arby Humphrey, Acacia-Itasca Lodge #329

“Brothers, I just want to let you know that every Lodge that submitted for a Spruce Up Award this year received one. There were 35 total Lodges that participated and \$137,000 was expended repairing and upgrading their building. Awarded projects varied from painting, cleaning up and redecorating to roofs. A lot of Lodges spent their money to improve their energy consumption so new lighting projects and new

furnaces went in. Our Lodges are our brand in the community, if you will. If people see shabby, run-down facilities, that is a reflection on all of us Masons in Wisconsin. A special thank you to the 35 Lodges that participated in the Spruce Up Award and to every Lodge that takes the time and effort to keep our image well-projected in our communities. Thank you Brothers. In addition to the Lodges listed up on screen, La Belle #84, Racine-Belle City #18 and Kenosha #47 will also receive awards.”

MASONRY AND THE MUSLIM WORLD

MWGM Frank Struble introduced Essam Mahamoud Awad, Baraboo Lodge #34 to talk about the history of Masonry and the Muslim world.

“Brothers, bringing you greetings from Egypt. Just a simple note...when Most Worshipful Brother Frank asked me to give this presentation, it came in as a shock to me to deliver it here in front of the Grand Lodge. I was not ready for such an invitation. I was very hesitant, especially with the political climate that is going on nowadays. I actually consulted some of my family before I gave the speech. I also consulted with my commanding officer back in Egypt. He came back to me with some materials and gave me permission to translate and deliver it here. I almost refused this invitation, but I am ready to deliver it. Brethren, Masonry was brought to the Muslim world by the Americans through Egypt during the 18th century.

After Napoleon’s departure from Egypt, and the rise of Muhammed Ali’s dynasty to power at 1800’s, the world was structured around a massive trade road for manufactured products from Europe, and raw materials from Africa and the East. Huge vessels sailed the globe by the Dutch, English, French, Italians, Portuguese, and Spaniards. They headed from Europe to the Indian Ocean. The trade road extended to the new World, where the United States was still a newly independent country, yet it was the most demanding for the products of that trade road.

The ships at the high seas, where East-India-Company was only one of them, carried tea from China and Sri-Lanka, spices from India, rugs from Persia, pearls and jewelry from Kuwait, perfumes from Oman, ointments and gold from Arabia, coffee from Yemen, ebony and ivory from Ethiopia. There was no Suez Canal, as the Nile River had two navigable branches to the red sea and three to the Mediterranean, giving the sailors the chance to travel through all of Egypt on that trip, with chances to buy Damascus steel blades and textiles from Egypt in several Egyptian cities along the river. Almost every country in the trading world had a shop or a harbor in Egypt as a rest area, making it an international trade hub and cosmopolitan.

The Khedive of Egypt, sensing the power of his country expanding, declared war on the Ottoman Empire, managed to surround the Capital for nine months, and forced a partial independent and autonomy for Egypt. He began a massive undertaking of modernizing Egypt to become a part of Europe. It wasn’t long before the American civil war erupted, causing cotton to seize supplies from the new world. The Khedive decided to take advantage of such event politically and economically. He introduced mass production of cotton, and the demand on the Egyptian cotton increased exponentially, giving him sources of finance to dig the Suez Canal, and modernize the country to a near copy of France and Austria. Politically, he did not waste a chance declaring his stand for the United States, and supplied the American armies with the cotton needed for the military applications that they needed.

When the American civil war was over, the prices of Egyptian cotton went down dramatically, ending the monopoly that Egypt had on cotton, causing the prices to plummet in the stock markets, putting Egypt on the verge of default to loans used to modernize. However, the Khedive had another plan to take advantage of the situation, and to expand his military force.

At that moment, the United States had massive military experience after the civil war. The Khedive sent an official request to General Ulysses S. Grant and General William T. Sherman asking them to become the commanders of all armies in Egypt. At that time, Egypt had jurisdiction over Sudan, South Sudan, parts of Kenya and Ethiopia, half of Libya, Jordan river, Jerusalem, Mecca, half of Arabia, and parts of Syria and Iraq. He figured that the commander who has the ability to keep a massive country like the United States united, would have the ability to keep the same, somewhere else.

Both Generals declined the offers, as they were battle weary. However, they cherry-picked fifty-one officers. All the officers, Union and Confederates, were free Masons. They came under the command of Brother Loring. William Wing Loring, military officer; born in Wilmington, N.C. Dec. 4th, 1818; commanded a detachment of volunteers in Florida from 1835 to 1842, and afterwards mounted riflemen in the war against Mexico, where he lost an arm, and was brevetted colonel. He was afterwards colonel of regiment fighting the Indians in New Mexico. He left the army, joined the Confederates, was made a brigadier-General, and afterwards Major-General. He served later in the army of the Khedive in Egypt, becoming a General of a division.

Upon arrival of Brother Loring and the rest of the American force, they endured on the task of initiating 94,000 Egyptian army soldiers and officers to Free Masonry. Needless to say, many did not pass, others were not up to the new military standards that was just fresh out of the battle. The Egyptian Army shrunk to a total 36,000 men. However, the introduction of Dragoon revolvers and Winchester lever action rifles replacing the old muskets have dramatically increased quality and lethality of the active force. Brother Loring and the rest of the Americans have also arrived with memoirs, maps, and written details of fifty major Civil war battles, and several thousand small battles. These logs gave the Egyptian school of War a rich library of military warfare to add to their current education, The Egyptian school of War was already a magnet for all cadets in the Muslim world to come to Egypt and study the latest and greatest military Strategies and tactics.

England and France did like the presence of the Americans in Egypt one single bit, as Egypt's new Suez Canal has become a bottle neck for all trade route from Europe to India and Indochina. Just the thought that the United States, have expanded its influence in joint operations with the Turks in Tripoli Libya a few years ago, and now suddenly in charge of all the fighting forces in Egypt, was not accommodating to their interests at those times. They began communicating their concerns to the Khedive, who decided to lessen the role of the Americans in public view, and publicly demoted General Loring to the leadership of a division, even though General Loring still held the newly made position "The Chief of Staff".

At 1881, an archeological discovery of an Egyptian mummy turned the table on everyone. A French archeologist named Gaston Maspero, discovered a mummy of a king named "Seqenenre", from the seventeenth dynasty 1650 BC, when Egypt were invaded by an Asiatic people called "Hyksos". The "Hyksos" invaded Egypt with

horses and chariots, armed with iron swords, which was no match for the Egyptian bronze swords. "Seqenenre" is credited for building a horsemanship school and the invention of a primitive kind of steel, which tipped the edge of sword making and military capabilities to the Egyptians against the invading Hyksos.

Maspero wrote at 1881 A.D." ...it is not known whether he fell upon the field of battle, or was the victim of some plot; the appearance of his mummy proves that he died a violent death when about forty years of age. Two or three men, whether assassins or soldiers, must have surrounded and dispatched him before help was available. A blow from an axe must have severed part of his left cheek, exposed the teeth, fractured the jaw, and sent him senseless to the ground; another blow must have seriously injured the skull, and a dagger or javelin has cut open the forehead on the right side, a little above the eye. His body must have remained lying where it fell for some time: when found, decomposition had set in, and the embalming had to be hastily performed as best it might. The flesh has been ripped from his arms, and the rib cage has been shattered with strong blow".

This discovery was a battle cry for the new modernized Egyptian army and cadets, giving them the thought that the dead body of Grand Master Hiram Abif was found. Suddenly Masonic teachings were not some foreign military education, it has become, and still is, a part of the National Character of the Egyptian Cadet. The disgruntle from the Egyptian people and army towards the intrusion of England and France in the businesses of the governance of Egypt have suddenly become very vocal, and the Khedive found himself facing a full mutiny from his own modern well equipped army.

The revolt was led by an Egyptian copy of General Loring, named General Ahmad Orabi. General Orabi was a rough religious veteran, with Egyptian farmer roots, conservative social life style, a teacher at the Egyptian school of war, and a booming rallying voice. The similarities between General Loring and General Orabi in character and behavior were so similar, the Khedive once said at his palace during a drill." I don't know which one is leading that brigade of troops down there, Orabi or Loring, they sound and result the same from afar".

England and France have struck a deal with the Khedive against his own army. England has dispatched every available fighting force from the Isles, India, Australia, New Zealand, and made a massive landing in Egypt. The Egyptian fighting force was stretched too thin everywhere in Egypt, with no sufficient intelligence. The Egyptian-American forces collided several times with the English forces, winning some battles, but losing at the end against the English military strategy of big cannons. A few American and many Egyptians were killed, several wounded, the others surrendered. Many were sent on hopeless missions in Africa, including General Loring, and at the end, the majority were deported back to the United States.

When the political situation was settled in Egypt, Gaston Maspero published his findings of Seqenenre officially. General Loring died six months later in New York, Dec. 30th, 1886. He published a book A Confederate soldier in Egypt. Yet what he left behind in Egypt school of war is the Masonic education and lectures, not just the military history of the American civil war. Until today, Egypt school of war teaches and initiates its cadets in the Masonic education. Cadets attend from all the Muslim world, from Morocco to Senegal, from the Arabian Peninsula to Indonesia, from Iraq to Pakistan. Even though that many masonic scholars and historians dispute the relationship between "Seqenenre" the king from the seventeenth dynasty, and Grand

Master Hiram Abif, yet it is part of the moral and allegorical education of military cadets in the Muslim world.

The kings of Egypt that ruled after the Khedive have attempted to replace, or parallel, the military Masonic lodges, by initiating a Civil Grand Lodge of Egypt. It started as a civic organization for the aristocracy. An attempt from a man named Hassan Al Banna to engage in politics was refused and resulted in canceling his membership. However he still endured on building a political religious organization, inventing rituals inspired from the Masonic education. He got financial support from the king of England, who supported them under the strategy of “divide and conquer”.

The year 1951 was the year that the three Masonic lodges collided in Egypt, the Aristocrat of the King, the newly formed Muslim brotherhood, and the military lodge of Egypt. The first two supported the presence of the English military forces in Egypt, while the military utterly objected, resulting in the Great fire of Cairo, which the Muslim Brotherhood has been accused of starting. By the year 1952, there was a massive populous revolt in Egypt against King Farooq, and the military had a similar mutiny similar to their forefathers had against the Khedive. This time the revolt was successful and the king was ousted from the crown, replacing it with the Republic, led by a young military Masonic group called “The Free Officers”, and the Muslim brotherhood was declared an illegal organization, leaving the only masonic lodge in Egypt as the governing ruling military lodge.

Masonry was closed to the public. Officially today, there are no Masonic presence in the Muslim world, even though that the Masonic education is an essential part of the cadets’ and government students’ education.”

GRAND LODGE CALLED FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT

To reconvene informally at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 4th, 2016. MWGM Franklin Struble, thanked all for his opportunity to serve.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The open installation of the Grand Lodge officers for 2016-2017 was held in the Auditorium of the Madison Masonic Center in Madison at 4:30 p.m. and was attended by representatives and guests.

Installing Grand Officers were:

M.W. Craig Campbell, P.G.M. – Installing Grand Master
M.W. James Olson, P.G.M. – Installing Grand Chaplain
M.W. Joseph Harker, P.G.M. & William Beetcher, P.G.M. – Installing Grand Marshals

Officers installed for the 2016-2017 year were:

Donald W. Hensiak Grand Master
L. Arby Humhrey Deputy Grand Master
Scott E. Pedley Senior Grand Warden
Robert C. Stader Junior Grand Warden
Jeffrey L. Bryden Grand Treasurer
Michael A. DeWolf, PGM Grand Secretary
Donald F. Iliff Grand Chaplain

Jerry A. Reick	Grand Lecturer
Kenneth C. Gorgen	Senior Grand Deacon
Gary L. Stang	Junior Grand Deacon
Paul T. Tourville	Senior Grand Steward
David R. Ritche	Junior Grand Steward
Gary L. Barg	Grand Marshal
Patrick D. Cholka	Grand Orator
Lee E. Kelm	Grand Tiler
George T. Eisenmann, III ...	District Deputy Grand Master, District 1
Thomas W. Stevens.....	District Deputy Grand Master, District 2
Mark W. Steckel.....	District Deputy Grand Master, District 3
Jason L. Richardson	District Deputy Grand Master, District 4
Todd A. Wohlerlert	District Deputy Grand Master, District 5
Jason E. Laramée	District Deputy Grand Master, District 6
Jeffrey J. Breunig	District Deputy Grand Master, District 7
Jeffrey S. Schoenfeldt	District Deputy Grand Master, District 8
James R. Gajdosik, Jr.	District Deputy Grand Master, District 9
Kyle A. Grahm	District Deputy Grand Master, District 10
Clinton H. Cagle	District Deputy Grand Master, District 11
Todd W. Krohn	District Deputy Grand Master, District 12

PROCLAMATION

Past Grand Master and Installing Grand Marshals William Beetcher and Joseph Harker proclaimed the 2016-2017 elected and appointed Grand officers duly installed.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER’S JEWEL

Past Grand Master Michael A. DeWolf presented the Past Grand Master’s jewel to outgoing Grand Master William Beetcher. He was given a hearty round of applause.

173rd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 173rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin will be held in the city of Madison, Wisconsin commencing on the First Friday, being the Second day of June, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVE BANQUET

The reception and a dinner of beef tenderloin followed the installation of officers. The dinner was attended by approximately 450 persons in the Ballroom of the Madison Masonic Center on the lower level. Dining and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

GRAND LODGE CALLED FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOR

MWGM Hensiak called the assembly to order as Master Masons at 8:30 a.m.

REMARKS BY GRAND MASTER HENSIK

“Brethren it is with deep humility and gratitude that I greet you today as Grand Master. I thank you for your confidence, and I humbly promise to give my utmost to fulfill your trust. We’re going to do something just a little but different this morning,

Grand Secretary can we cue up that video? I'm going to try and get some podcasts going this year. Frank did a great job of sending out emails and I will hopefully do some of those, but we should be able to do some podcasts also...let's see how this one turned out. Podcast video was shown at this time. As I deliver my remarks this morning, please remember one undeniable truth, sleep is a good thing. If this Annual Communication has begun to tire you out just a little bit, go ahead, close your eyes. Don't fight it, serious head bobbing is really distracting. Now if you do happen to nod off a little bit, just understand that loud snoring is the same as a cell phone left on, so you will be fined and will donate to the Loomis/Chamberlain Fund. Brethren, we are all connected. Masons are connected to God, connected to family, connected to community, and of course we're all connected to each other. First and foremost Brethren we are connected to God. In whom do you put your trust? In God of course. Today, I'm going to stray from protocol just a little bit. I'm going to remove my hat and place it on the altar, just touching the Holy Writings. This is a symbol of my faith in God, and my dependence on Him. The Book of Proverbs contains much of the wisdom of King Solomon, who is such a central figure in our Ritual. For those of you that were here at the Installation last night, providence smiled down on us and when my Brother Mike from Lake Lodge opened the Bible he opened it up to this passage, Proverbs 3:5 tells us to 'trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not depend on your own understanding, but seek his will in all you do, and he will show which path to take.' I cannot embark on this great and important undertaking without the blessing and wisdom of almighty God. Brethren you may remain seated, but please assume an attitude of prayer. Heavenly Father, I ask your blessing on the Brothers of Wisconsin, on our friends and families and on this Grand Lodge. Leadership is only possible with your help, wisdom and inspiration. I offer myself to your service and to the service of this Grand Lodge. I humbly ask you for wisdom, strength and endurance, Amen. Brethren we are also connected to each other. Let us look again to the wisdom of Solomon. Proverbs 27:17 'As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.' For over thirty years I have made great friends through Masonry. During my tenure as a Grand Lodge Officer, I've been especially privileged to learn from some of the sharpest and wisest men that I've ever had the pleasure to meet. To meet with them on the level has been an amazing gift. Because we are connected as Brothers we need to focus on our tenants. A tenant is a teaching that is so universally true that it is accepted by everyone without question. Our tenants are: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We could easily dig deep into each of these tenants, but today I'm going to concentrate on Relief. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but more particularly on Masons. To restore peace is the main goal of relief. Relief is a feeling of reassurance, relaxation following the release from anxiety or distress. Relief can take many forms, it does not just have to be money. Brethren we have fallen short of our duty to relieve our Brothers. Our Board of Service and Assistance receives very few requests for assistance. This lack of requests stems from two reasons: the first is understandable, the second is inexcusable. Reason number one: Masons are proud. They don't like to ask for help. They don't want to publicize their troubles. That's understandable. Reason number two: we don't realize that our Brother is struggling. Current officers, especially the Senior Warden... they may not know all of their Lodge Brothers. How do we know a Brother is struggling? We have to talk to our Brothers, on a regular basis. We have to get to know our Brothers. We have to follow up if he hasn't attended Lodge. Ask him if everything is okay when you see there might be hints of trouble. Remind your Brothers that the Senior Warden is charged with knowing about sickness and distress. Encourage your Brethren to contact the Senior Warden and that any discussions can remain

confidential. If your Lodge has a Brother in distress and is beyond the point of passing the hat or Lodge Level assistance, please contact our Board of Service and Assistance. That money is there to help our Brothers and if we deplete that money, we'll put it back. But let's put that Board to use. We are also connected to our Masonic Family. The strength of Wisconsin Freemasonry is very much dependent on the strength of our appendant bodies, and our youth groups. Wisconsin Freemasonry is much like a tapestry into which all of these wonderful groups are woven together. As you look at our pin design for this year, you'll see symbolism of that connection. While I'm not of Scottish heritage, this design comes from a Scottish clan crest badge. Around the outside is a belt and buckle. The belt and buckle symbolize that connection. They also symbolize allegiance. On a Scottish clan crest it would be allegiance to the clan chief, who would be in the center, in this case our allegiance to Freemasonry. One way that we would like to stay better connected with our youth groups this year, will be through an initiative to have every Lodge adopt a youth group. Our Senior Grand Warden Bob Strader has been working on a plan and you'll be seeing articles in the Journal and also talking around the state...we'd like to have every Lodge in the state adopt a youth group. Now I know it's really difficult sometimes to get a Bethel started or a DeMolay Chapter started...that would be the ultimate. But if you're in a position where your Lodge does not have a youth group close by, my wife and I, we adopt a kid in Africa...if you can adopt a kid in Africa, you can adopt kids in Wisconsin. So it will be a simple plan...maybe it will involve sending a letter and a check for \$100 to the Chapter or the Bethel, and then they'll have a duty on their side to keep you updated...send you some pictures, that kind of thing! We are going to work out the details, but we would like every lodge to consider adopting a youth group. As much as we absolutely love our three Masonic youth groups, if you've got a Scout Troop, that's fine too. Our Brothers in Viroqua have a tremendously close relationship with the Scouts, all of their Leaders have become Masons and they are affectionately calling their Scouts 'Master Masons in Waiting.' That can work as well. Along with that initiative I've also tasked our Junior Grand Warden with training more youth leaders. Every youth group I've talked to since I was Junior Grand Warden says the same thing, 'money is fine, we appreciate the money, but we need leadership.' We need to make a dent in that by continuing to train. A couple years ago Most Worshipful Al Iding initiated this in DeMolay and it was very successful, so we do need to train up youth leaders and we get them a taste of it without that commitment of saying that you will be in charge of something, let's at least get them trained up. Also, in order to connect with our appendant bodies we're going to work closely with the Masonic Unity Conference. The Unity Conference has been around since the early 60s. It brings together appendant bodies to meet a couple times a year and work on calendaring and common problems. The last couple years we've tried to get closer with that group, we've been meeting with them. This year we're putting out a combined Charities Book...you'll be seeing that in your Lodges soon. You'll have a book that lists charities from the Jobie HIKE Fund, to the Shriner Hospital. When you look at what Masons in Wisconsin do for charity it's unbelievable! We've got our Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, our Masonic Home, the Order of the Eastern Star has charities, so our vision is one little table-top book that says, this is truly Masonic Charity in Wisconsin. In the spirit of working together, our Wisconsin Masonic Foundation is paying for the book and Three Pillars is putting the book together and publishing it for us. Another initiative we're planning this year is called, 'Wisconsin Freemason Day,' the second Saturday in October, October 8th, we're going to declare as 'Wisconsin Freemason Day.' Now this may include special degree work or membership celebrations...the main goal is to have

all of our groups work together and have Friends Night and reach out and publicize the Fraternity. We'll be working through that Unity Conference to get the Star Chapters, the York Rite groups, the Shriners and even if you're booked with something on October 8th, the idea is somewhere around October 8th, let's have a celebration of Freemasonry and let's get all of our Lodge groups together. Imagine the Star Ladies helping out with a Masonic breakfast, and then inviting in friends, whatever we can do we'll be publicizing that. Masons are also connected to family. We need to continue to make Masonry Family Friendly. Masonry needs to be passed from generation to generation. It is also essentially that Masonry is supportive of Men who are active in the lives of their families. There's an important balance that needs to take place. Men need to spend time with their families and we can't always expect them to skip family outings or arrive home late night after night. Families need to also be welcome at Masonic gatherings. We are connected to Community. Successful Lodges are active and visible in their communities. This is not just to attract new members but also to give back to the community. Masonry is not built as a community service organization, but it is a natural extension of our Fraternity to want to be involved and to help. We've been actively supporting the placement of medical equipment such as AEDs, and we've also been offering numerous scholarships, we have undertaken more and more help and support of veterans. Once again this year, the Grand Master's Appeal will be to raise funds for support of Veterans. More specifically, we will work to identify help for Veterans that suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Brethren it's a shocking fact that nationwide we lose 22 veterans everyday to suicide. We'll establish a task force to identify and vet programs that support veterans. Specifically in the area of treatment for PTSD and suicide prevention. Brother Dave Ritchie is going to be on board to help me put together that task force. One Organization that I really love is called, 'Pets for Vets.' They take dogs that have been rescued and hook them up with a veteran. Their stories are just amazing, and for anybody that's a pet owner you just know that a therapy dog is better than anything else. It doesn't always have to be a chunk of money. We are also connected to our Lodges. Our Lodges are the key to Masonry in Wisconsin. Lodges are where the friendships are formed. They are also where the important task of Masonic Education needs to happen. Masonic Education is what separates us from the many other clubs and civic organizations. The most important job that Masonry does is to help a good man look inside himself and become a better man. The Lodge facilitates this learning. The individual Brother needs to build his own character, but the work of the Lodge helps make that possible. Every Lodge in Wisconsin is important. Every Lodge. We've lost too many Lodges over the years. We should be starting new Lodges. We have Brothers and potential Brothers in communities around Wisconsin that are not served by a local Lodge. We need to cherish our Lodges and protect them. Every Lodge should have its own personality and follow its own direction. Ideas and programs from Grand Lodge are only kindling...the fire has to happen in the Lodge. As long as the candles are burning, there is Masonic Light in our Lodges and communities. I fervently wish that we could keep those candles burning in all of our Lodges this year and perhaps we can light some new candles. We are coining a new term this year...that term is, 'Candlelight Lodges.' Fully half of the Lodges in Wisconsin have a membership of 50 or less. Candlelight Lodges is intended to be a positive term that describes smaller Lodges that exemplify Masonic principles. A Lodge should be able to fill the chairs and at least have a couple sideliners. Perhaps 10-12 Brothers at a meeting would be a minimum. If your Lodge has 50 members and 10 attend that's 20%...that's not bad. Could we have a Lodge with only 30 members and still have 10 attending, why not? Our main challenge often is the cost of a building. But if we

can manage that cost, there's no reason not to have more Lodges around our state. Masons don't need a building to be visible in the community. The fact is many of our buildings are virtually invisible now...so it's not about just a building, it's about having more Lodges. I'm going to introduce you to one of my favorite little Lodges. It's called Rough Ashlar Lodge. Rough Ashlar Lodge is a struggling Lodge. It's been stumbling and bumbling along, the chairs aren't filled, the Brothers are shaky on their degree work, the roof's a little bit leaky, the furnace is on its last legs, but you know what? These Brothers are great friends. They're proud of their drafty old building and they care about their Brothers. Now the Brothers at Rough Ashlar Lodge are a little worried about their future. They recently visited Perfect Ashlar Lodge. Have you ever been to Perfect Ashlar? You probably see their pictures in the Masonic Journal all the time. Perfect Ashlar Lodge...they're always conferring multiple degrees, their tuxedos are first-rate, their shoes are shiny, every Brother has a perfect smile and perfect hair. Well Brothers, let me share a little secret with you I learned from an old Past Master of Lake Lodge, Brother LeRoy Kelpin. One day almost 30 years ago at our Lodge picnic, I was the Senior Deacon at the time and he told me, 'You know, everyone talks about how great it used to be. It wasn't always that great.' Here's a Past Master going back thirty years before my time. Quite often if you look at it, Perfect Ashlar Lodge isn't so perfect after all. The Lodge might have had numerous defaults over the years. Or Brothers suspended for not paying their dues. They don't really know all of their Brothers, and they haven't kept in touch with the widows. The fact is, there really aren't any Perfect Ashlars around in this state. We're all a little rough, and honestly I wouldn't have it any other way. The success of Freemasonry can only come from one place: Our Lodges. Your Grand Lodge has transitioned over the last several years. We've worked at strategic planning to avoid the one and done, my year syndrome that sometimes leads to new programs every year that end up on a dusty shelf. So what is this year's new program to help our Lodges? Very simply, we're going to take old Rough Ashlar Lodge and help it find its identity. It's important for every Lodge to find a balance. This four-legged stool is going to help me symbolize the balance that is needed for a Lodge to succeed. Just like this stool, each lodge needs four legs. They need to be equal and balanced. These four legs are: People, Planning, Programming and Proficiency. The Four Ps. As the year goes on, you're going to be hearing and reading lots of thoughts and ideas related to the four Ps. For now let's take a look at each leg on this stool. People: you can't have a Lodge without People. There are various stakeholders in each Lodge. What can we do to consider all of our stakeholders? These include older members, younger members, families, snowbirds, new members, Past Masters, Officers, Candidate, Ladies. There are many ways to identify people that are part of your Lodge. If we are intentional about serving these various groups, we'll be much more successful. Speaking of People, during the month of November this year I'll be asking you to help develop awareness among men about the risks of prostate cancer. Roughly six years ago as I mentioned earlier, I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. Thank the Lord that everything turned out fine, the surgery was good and I'm cancer free, but to develop awareness and to encourage our Brothers to get that simple blood test, we'll be inviting you all to participate in No Shave November. I will personally be shaving my goatee on the first day of November; then I won't shave again until the end of the month. As a special incentive, I'm inviting you to enter the "Cheesy Mustache" Competition. If you want to see a cheesy mustache, go down to the Scottish Rite building in Milwaukee and look at 1985, the Molholten Class where my picture is posted. We'll be asking you to enter the competition by submitting before and after photos. Whichever Brother is deemed to have grown the cheesiest

mustache is going to win a cheesy breakfast for his Lodge, and I'm going to invite my officers to join me in serving up made-to-order omelets and cheesy potatoes for breakfast that day. Keep an eye out for that in November, I hope that we can build that awareness. It's very, very important. Another leg of the stool is planning. Once in awhile you can wing it and the year will go just great. But any good program really needs a plan. Planning doesn't have to be scary or complicated. Plans don't even have to be in writing. The truth is however, that even the best ideas can flop if you don't have some good planning in place. Another leg is programming. Programming helps your Lodge establish its identity. Do you like dining out? Do you like outdoor events? Do you like speakers or movie nights? Is Masonic Education and Discussion nights the kind of thing that turn you on? There's no silver bullet here, no one-size fits all. Each Lodge again has to develop its own identity. Finally Proficiency. That sounds scary, but proficiency isn't just Ritual. What Proficiency simply means is that we should try to do what we do well. Whatever we do, try to do it well. If you're in charge of running the meeting, be prepared. Do it well. If you're sending out a flyer make it neat, accurate, have someone proof read it. It should go without saying that all Ritual including opening and closing your Lodge should be done. Well. Proficiency really means to be prepared. At this time, I would like to once again call attention to Past Grand Master Struble. His efforts this past year to travel the state and hold numerous listening visits have given us a stock pile of ideas and recommendations that were all generated in Lodges. Help me salute Past Grand Master Struble and all the Lodges that participated. So my Brothers, thanks to your input, we have ideas, programs and recommendations stacked up like kindling and cordwood. They're stacked upright outside your door. These are your ideas. Your Grand Lodge Team stands ready to help in any way possible to ensure your Lodge's success but it is up to you to make your Lodge successful. You need to supply the match. Brethren, thank you very much."

REPORT ON THE NEW POSTING PROGRAM

MWGM Hensiak introduced, Kenneth Gorgen, Senior Grand Deacon.

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Dignitaries and Brethren, Good Morning to all of you. I am absolutely delighted to be standing here talking about our new Posting Program, that we hopefully use for many years, until the time has come for it to be changed into something that is more advantageous. 'Is that all there is?' That's the name of this presentation I'm going to make for you. We have a candidate who just finished his Entered Apprentice Degree, he's on his way home and he's thinking about the evening and what happened during his degree, and everybody shook his hand, they had refreshments, and now he's saying to himself, 'I waited all these months to get in...is that all there is?' If that's what he's thinking, we may have lost a good Mason. I'd like to refer back to those of you who have had the opportunity to look at this month's Northern Light. An article called, 'Candidates are not Customers, are they?' It is written by Bruce T. Werk, and I am going to read it to you: 'In Masonry the Candidate is acting on the faith that there will be personal growth and satisfaction at the end of his initiation. Masonic leaders must do their jobs, but the process must also involve a mentoring Brother, as well as a constant dialogue with the Candidate. It has to be more than just degree, refreshments and a few conversations.'

This question up there was asked by the United Grand Lodge of England. They published some results in the official Journal of the United Grand Lodge of England

called, *Freemasonry Today*. They did a two year study with their membership to understand what men are looking for. In summary the sentiment was that Freemasonry was beginning to feel more like a charitable organization, than one that promotes the idea of learning and personal moral development, which in turn, leads us to be charitable. You've heard me say this, it is our philosophy that leads us to be charitable, but our primary goal is education. Here are the results of their survey. They asked that question and said 'How important is that?' 1.7% said it was not important at all to be able to understand the symbolism and moral philosophical issues underpinning Freemasonry. 9.8% said it was fairly important. 21.3% said it was reasonably important, but almost half said it's very important, and almost a quarter said it's absolutely essential. What does that have to do with a new posting? Let me give you some figures from this state. You heard our now Past Grand Master, yesterday give awards to Lodges that have shown positive gain. My Brothers, it's out there. We can get members, but can we keep them? Can we stop, 'Is that all there is?' Syndrome? Last year in 2015, 88 Brothers were Initiated but not Passed. In 2015 24 Brothers were Passed but not Raised. Up through May of this year, 49 were Initiated but not Passed in a five-month period. 34 are Passed but not Raised. That's six months to get through. How will a new posting help alleviate that? Part of the reason is, the fact that maybe there's not an interest there. Maybe what's not happening to them is what they came to us for in the first place, so I'm going to introduce you to these new posting books. I think most of you have been by the Pure Work and have seen them. There are six key books, and basically it starts with the Wisconsin Program introduction. I want to assure you Brothers, we did not trash a perfectly good program, the Wisconsin Program is a perfectly good program...what we did is we went to work and tied what the Candidate is learning directly to that excellent program. So we didn't throw out everything, all we did was tie it all together. The first book is the **Wisconsin Program Introduction**...I don't know how many of you are familiar with this, but this is the book that's used when a candidate has petitioned a Lodge and your team goes and visits him and discusses Masonry with the family...the information you need to know is in that book. Then you leave that book with his family, so they can look it over. The next book is called **Seeking Light in Masonry**, now he's turned in his petition, he's been balloted on, he's been elected to receive the degrees and now he gets that book, which is also to be shared with his family, but what it does, is it gets him ready for his degree. It's his pre-work for his degrees. Now he's had his Entered Apprentice Degree, and he receives this book after the degree. **More Light in Masonry**, which is after the Fellow Craft Degree and **Further Light in Masonry**, which is after the Master Mason Degree. Then we have the **Counselor's Tutoring Aide for Candidate Education**. This book contains some mentoring techniques, it also contains these five books in it, along with answer keys for their questions. The program is made up (Seeking Light, More Light and Further Light) of books with four sections: the Objectives, the Wisconsin Program, and my Brothers when I talk about the Wisconsin Program I'm talking about the educational data, the Study Guide, which can be thought of as the 'heart' of this, what ties everything together, then there's the in Lodge Proficiency Examination. Using the Objectives, all we're telling the Candidate is what he should prepare himself to learn during the course of study. It also helps the Counselor to make sure he covers these things, and how he will demonstrate his new found knowledge at an in Lodge demonstration and through completing the study guide. You'll notice in the example that there is timing for this module. What's one of the things that you might hear from somebody, 'Oh I've been very busy, I don't have time to do this, I won't meet with you this week [the Counselor's told] because I haven't had time to

look at this.' That could be true, but what we're trying to do is break it down into 1.5 to 2 hours chunks of material to read and study. I think if we put it out that way the Candidate will understand that this won't take up so much of my time after all. At the end of this book an Officer List has been added for the Candidate to reference. In the MM book we have added parts of the Code, we've added, 'What's an edict?' 'What is a Decision?' Those sort of things will help the candidate after he becomes a Master Mason, to understand those things, because he will probably be sitting in here one day...or in his Lodge when an Edict is read from the Grand Master; he'll know what it is. We say in there, review the officers of the Lodge in this session...about 20-30 minutes. Then if you want to start on the Study Guide that will take about an hour. The start of the Wisconsin Program begins with 'The Meaning of the Entered Apprentice Degree.' It has such things in there as what's expected of an Entered Apprentice Mason, the interpretation of the Ritual of the Entered Apprentice Degree, privileges, duties, limitations of an Entered Apprentice. All of that stuff was in there years ago, but I don't think all of us were using it. It talks about the symbols of the degree.

The Study Guide... this is the heart. The Study Guide has to be completed before the Candidate is eligible to take his in Lodge Examination. It contains about 30-35 questions and it's tied directly to that Wisconsin Program.

In Lodge Examination is more Ritual based, and is different than the examination we are using right now... it has a little bit of opening and closing the Lodge, it is in three-letter cipher. The Obligation is single-letter cipher. That is per Code. It focuses on the signs and modes of recognition and on understanding the Obligation. Let's talk about the Obligation. Do we want rote memorization, or do we want explanation? There are two paths to successfully passing the in Lodge Examination. The Candidate can chose to memorize the Obligation, or he can choose to explain in his own words what the Obligation is, using these four parts. Part One: The Pledge- when I took the Obligation what did I pledge of my own free will? Part Two: The Tie- I bound myself by promising something to do or possibly something not to do, what are those things? Part Three: The Commitment- I will keep these promises through my solemn commitment to what? Part Four: The Prayer- my final prayer to God is, keep me steadfast in the due performance of these promises. If the Candidate can explain it in his own words to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master; that meets this criteria, the goal is, we have accomplished what we started out to do, which is, have the Candidate understand what the Obligation is and what promises he made well at the altar.

The Ashlar Award is now part of this program, while before it was a separate document. The Ashlar Award is a wonderful tool...it's a mentoring tool. At the end of each one of these books, except the Wisconsin Program Introduction, at the very end is the Ashlar Award. If a Lodge use the Ashlar Award, and the Brother has been elected to receive the degree, they fill out the Award information at the end. Just to clarify, in Lodge Examination no books, no papers, no reading from these...the in Lodge Examination and all of the things as far as the grips and modes of recognition have to be done from memory. Just like today, that includes the mentor, poster or counselor and the candidate. You do these from memory.

I would like to leave you with a thought: "What Masonry does, is it gives a man nothing but the means to look and discover himself." ~ Andrew Hammer Posting is one of those means. In other words, what we do, is we give him a mirror to look

into. The secret is whether he will look into that mirror or not. If he turns away and chooses not to look in that mirror, I don't care how many titles and modes of recognition he knows, he will never understand the true secret. Thank you my Brothers."

MWGM Hensiak ran through a few more background items on the Posting Program: *"First of all, posting is not part of the Ritual, per the Masonic Code. Masonic Code also charges the Grand Master with preparing posting keys, so that's where the authority comes on posting. I had the good pleasure to be a counselor and a poster in my Lodge under two different posting programs, the old 'Whence Came You,' which also had an optional section that said things like, 'Why were you divested of all metal?' 'Why were you caused to meet with several obstructions in your passage around the Lodge?' All the whys. Basically what this program does, is it goes back to answering the whys. 'Why did we put this guy in that funny outfit and blindfold him at the altar?' That's what this program does, it takes us back to the symbolism of the degrees. You just put this man through a beautiful degree, the posting should relate directly to that degree and help him to build his character. There is some training that has to take place. We are going to have our District Teams receive more training today and every Lodge will need to be signed off on by a District Team. There's another really important issue. Memorizing the Obligation. How can it be optional if the Code says memorizing. I had a nice talk with PGM Wilke, because during his year there was a Decision made that the Obligation should be memorized. MW John Wilke said, 'They need to understand the ties of their Obligation, they need to be able to explain those ties.' That is what this committee has done a beautiful job of putting together. What did you pledge? What were your ties? What's your commitment? Now when we beta tested this in 8 different Lodges, first off the Lodges didn't want to give it back, they wanted to keep it. Secondly, more than two-thirds of the Candidates chose to memorize the Obligation, so we still are very, very much in favor of memorizing that Obligation. I've known some wonderful ritualists over the years that didn't understand a lick of what they were saying. That is what we want to avoid. We've got to put this together in a way that it's not just the parrot who succeeds but it's also a deep thinking man who wants to make himself better. I remember back when I was a Lodge Officer I got that posting key and I wrote No in the beginning, I wrote No at the end and I memorized everything in between. This will be my first Edict as Grand Master; Whereas the Grand Lodge Strategic Plan identifies a vision of being a preeminent Fraternity of choice for men of quality and vision, who seek personal knowledge, moral growth and leadership development, ultimately improving the individual Mason, his community and the world, and whereas the Grand Lodge Strategic Planning Committee has identified the need for improved membership retention, and Masonic Education, and whereas in 2015, 91 Entered Apprentices were initiated but never passed, and 30 Fellow Crafts were Passed, but not Raised and whereas the Grand Lodge Planning Committee was tasked with a complete review of the Wisconsin Program, therefore, because the Grand Lodge Planning Committee has redesigned the Wisconsin Program to align Candidate posting closely to the lessons taught in the Masonic Degrees, and has developed an interactive study guide, and has carefully explained the importance and meanings of the Masonic Obligations, it is my Order on the fourth day of June, 2016, that all Lodges shall adopt the redesigned 2016 version of the Wisconsin Program for Candidate Posting, no later than September 1st of 2016, and whereas the Masonic Code currently requires memorization of the Obligation, therefore it is also my Order that if a Candidate can explain the meaning of the Obligation in the manner laid out in the 2016 Wisconsin Program for Candidate Posting, such*

explanation given in open Lodge as part of the Examination, shall be considered a suitable substitute for giving the entire Obligation from memory.

September 1st is the goal Brothers. I've talked to a lot of Lodges that want to get going tomorrow. The Deputies are going to be on the hook. The District Teams have to be ready. You're not going to be able to receive these books, until you are signed off on by the Deputies. This won't be a long training session, it's basically going to review what Ken said: how you use the Study Guide, the fact that you have to do the exam in open Lodge, the fact that it has to be done by memory...very simple requirements. I think you'll love it. The Lodges that have tested it have absolutely loved it and they've had great success with Candidates advancing. The next step for the Lodges is to contact your District Team, set up an appointment and get these things into your hands."

EXPENDITURES COMMITTEE REPORT

MWGM Hensiak called upon Grand Treasurer Jeff Bryden.

"Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, Good Morning. I have the privilege to present the report from the Expenditures Committee. You will find that on pages 35 & 36 of the pre-proceedings. As the new guy coming in, my expectations were very high and I want to tell you that Grand Lodge is a very complex set of multiple areas with a series of businesses that all require attention. It's not just a simple, make some deposits and write some checks kind of job. What I found very, very supportive was the work of the Expenditures Committee. They are a group of your Grand Lodge Officers, that took their responsibility, and me coming in new with some different ideas, along with a new accounting system to start over. There were many challenges along the way, but with the help of the individuals that knew the businesses and could help, I think we have been able to redesign and begin the process where we can be much more effective in managing the financial responsibilities of this business. We do this for you, and I think what you will find as we move forward, is that over the course of time, we can take where we are today and move that to continue to build and provide resources to support all of you at your Lodges throughout the state. Importantly, as we move forward, as the Most Worshipful Grand Master said a moment ago, we are going focused forward using the Strategic Plan. It is a major operating document and everything we do resolves and goes through the process there, so that we stay on track over a period of time. The realities from the Expenditures Committee is that membership continues to decline, and at the same time it's unrealistic to not think that our expenses of running these businesses don't grow. So with that, we started with a zero-base budget. We had really good discussions, and sometimes disagreements, but we were able to work ourselves through. This, the first budget I've been involved with calculates to a budget proposal, less than 1% increase. But with that, comes a suggested \$2.00 increase in per capita. We'll come back to that a little bit later. There have been major improvements along the way, and even this year, there has been a lot of productivity that has helped us. We used the WebEx system that Scottish Rite has made available and we've been able to cut our costs by having some of our meetings that way. In addition, we invested in a new accounting system that will provide us much more meaningful information, much better breakdowns and hopefully help us in the budgeting process as we move forward. Basically, we continue to look to make investments in the Craft, for the Craft and the business of Grand Lodge obviously needs money. It's unrealistic to think that the costs of running a business don't go up...the cost of supplies, the cost of benefits, but I will

also say, coming in raw, that the Grand Lodge, that group are very good stewards of your funds. In terms of the Expenditures Committee we'll cover in the next couple of reports, where that takes us, but at this time, I would move for acceptance of this report, and ask that this report be spread upon the minutes."

The motion was seconded and carried.

RESOLUTION 2-2016

"Found on page 54 of the Pre-Proceedings. May it be resolved that the annual per capita on each member of record of a chartered Lodge on December 31st, 2015 be, and here is established at a sum of \$39.00 for the fiscal year 2016-2017 be adopted. I so move."

The motion was seconded. MWGM Hensiak called for discussion.

Leonard Pedersen, Island City Lodge #331

"I am very much against this. I look at this as being an issue with our Masonic Heritage. Our Masonic Heritage places great emphasis on the equality of the members, each member being equal, and due to our Perpetual Membership, we have two classes of members. We have a class of members who will pay this, and a class of members who will not pay this. 17% of the members will not pay the \$2 so the other 83% are paying the \$2 and I find that unfair...83% of the members are supporting the other 17%, even though the 17% participate in all the benefits. To me that is an issue of inequality and goes against the basic Masonic principles that everybody is equal."

MWGM Hensiak added,

"There's one more class of members that you really need to include in that, that's very important. Roughly 25% of our budget is supported by dead members. So, if you're gonna talk classes you need to include those guys that proceeded us and are paying our way."

Rick Plouffe, Dells Lodge #124

"The problem I have with the \$2 per capita is you're showing an increase on the budget of \$2800. To cover that, you're costing the membership \$22,000 in increase according to the 11,000 person membership that you're showing. Last year you saved \$50,000 on the budget. I feel you should also be able to save \$2800 this year and keep the per capita the same as last year."

Jeffrey Bryden, Grand Treasurer

"We did have productivity gain throughout the year and have done so. The reality is, right now, we have to go to the investment funds to support our operation. Right now we operate on a formula that calls for 5% of that fund balance over a four year average, and it's unrealistic to think that our business will not have continued cost increase and as I mentioned earlier, the things that we have put money into are investments into the Craft, for the Craft, not for Grand Lodge, not for buildings, not for anything, it's coming back to run these programs, to be able to come up and support those items. The reality is, the last per capita increase was six years ago. During that time, CPI-U, which is the measure of urban inflation, has increased

10.3%. This requested per capita increase represents a 5.4% increase. If we wanted to balance this budget through per capita, like you would have to do in any normal business or in your household, we'd have to have an approximately \$20 immediate increase and not lose any members over the course of the next year to balance it. I think it's time that we, those of us that continue to support and believe in this Fraternity, get closer to being able to pay for what we want, what we need and what we have available to us."

MWGM Hensiak

"We're a lot like a retired couple here. We're living off our investments and in order to make those investments last and not dwindle, it's prudent not to spend more than 5% of our investments. So if we spend more than 5% then that money that's been left to us is dwindling over time."

Carl Wussow, Wauwatosa Lodge #267

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Grand Lodge Officers and Members all, my name is Carl Wussow. I've had the pleasure of being involved in this Grand Lodge for approximately 39 years. I've seen and listened to a lot of debates over those years on increases and decreases in costs and per capita. I'd like to share a story with you, it's a wonderful opportunity. It was advertised in the Minneapolis newspaper a month and a half ago, and it was a cruise from St. Paul on the Mississippi to New Orleans, all inclusive for \$29.95. A friend of mine decided to test that out and see if it was really true. He went to the cruise agency and asked if it was true and the seller said, 'Absolutely! \$29.95 you get the cruise.' He said, 'I'm gonna do it!' At that point someone snuck up behind him, walloped him over the head, took \$29.95 out of his wallet and he woke up the next morning floating down the Mississippi River, tied to a giant log. As the mist cleared and the lapping of the waves got to him, he saw another log floating down the river and there was a guy tied to that log, and he hailed him and said, 'Hail friend! Did you buy a cruise for \$29.95 and get strapped to a log?,' and the guy said 'Yes! This is terrible, we don't have any food to eat!' the other guy replied, 'We didn't have it last year either!'

My Brothers over the years I've been one who enjoyed a 2½ hour debate over a 50 cent increase, I detect we may be spending longer than that on a \$2 increase, but I think we need to look at some realities. First of all we have a corp of officers who have worked diligently to put a budget together. They have nothing to gain for themselves, Grand Lodge is not THEM, Grand Lodge is US. Leave the Fraternal side of our work and take a look at the business side, they are proposing a functioning business budget, albeit the indications are that we should be looking at about a \$20 increase, not a \$2 increase. Now I know \$2 will buy you a Snickers Bar, \$2 may buy you something else, certainly not even a gallon of gasoline, although prices have come down. I think we ought to look at it from the standpoint that we have officers, and every one of us in this room happens to be a member of the Board of Directors, look at it from a business standpoint...would you tolerate a loss in operational standard and apply a \$2 gain to a \$19 loss and be able to go back to your constituents, to the people who would buy into your organization and say we are great losers, we're not gaining and we're struggling over a \$2 bill. My Brothers, I have a proposal that may cause some concern, but I am going to move to amend Resolution 2. I propose that our budget include a \$10 increase per capita. Now you know \$2 will buy you a Snickers Bar, what will \$10 buy you? It will buy you a half of a luncheon at any

good restaurant, it'll buy you three cups of coffee at any one of our good Starbucks... it is NOT a lot of individual money, but it is the money needed to operate this Grand Lodge which serves us. Look at the record of the listening events that Grand Master Struble had. The list is fraught with tremendous ideas, that will tell you how you can compensate in your Lodge without touching your own budget, by having fundraisers, raffles, rummage sales, hundreds of wonderful ideas to make up that \$10 per person. I think that is a wonderful opportunity. Look at it as business directors. You are in charge of the business of this Grand Lodge, I therefore move to amend Resolution Number 2 to include a \$10 per capita increase."

MWGM Donald Hensiak

"As much as Carl is right on the money, I am not going to entertain that amendment. We have already told our entire state we would be asking for \$2. We can't bait and switch and come here and change it to \$10 in my opinion. I sell coffee for a living and we raise coffee a nickel every time we need to. We don't wait and raise it by a buck, but, I am going to ask that our Expenditures Committee for this year seriously look at what the per capita should be, and Brother Carl, you have made a great statement for what it should be. But I will not entertain that amendment today. We'll stick with the \$2."

Brian Miller, Mystic Tie Lodge #280

"I am for this. I am for any increase that the Grand Lodge needs. I would like to share a concern I have. The concern is, half the people in our Lodge still owe dues for last year. Our Lodge can't afford to keep paying their per capita. We don't have enough money in our budget to paint our windows. We don't have enough money in our budget to do the things we need to do, let alone cover people for years on end on their per capita, so I would just like everybody to understand that there are Lodges that can't afford to cover the per capita of people that don't pay."

Noah Schultz

"I went to my dentist the other day, he's a member of Rotary, I've been trying to get him to become a Mason, he's busy right now. I asked him how much his dues were, and I know it's not apples to apples, but he said it's \$640 per year to be a member of Rotary in Watertown. Let's think about that."

Kevin Sorenson, Mosinee Lodge #318

"We've had several meetings in our District where we've talked about how we do Masonry and what we do and how we do it, and I have always opened those meetings by explaining what the definition of insanity is. That's doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. We can't do that anymore. I think the program that you set forth with this posting is a great program that will help educate our new people. We can't do things the same way we have always done them because that's not working. The cost of doing business is more expensive, computers are expensive, and if we want to move forward that takes money, it takes investment in our future. \$2, that's the price of a donut, or coffee. I think that the \$2 increase is reasonable, I am for it. We need to rethink how we do business, how we move forward and this is an investment in our future."

Jeffrey Bryden, Grand Treasurer

“I would just also want to direct you to the Treasurer’s Report on pages 19 and 20 of the pre-proceedings, that I would suggest you go through. It gives a bit more of the philosophy from the Treasurer’s standpoint of what we’re trying to do. We need to look and right-size ourselves and get our business put together right. I think we are making strides and we’ll continue to do everything we can, but I thought Worshipful Grand Lecturer Jerry said it best. Would I like to raise the \$20 right now and make things less difficult on the financial side? Sure. But we realize how difficult it is. Jerry put it the best, “If you want to boil a frog you put him in cold water and you raise it and let the temperature come up slow and easy and you accomplish it, on the other hand if you have boiling water and throw the frog in, he’s jumping out.” Our philosophy is along those lines. We know we need to make movements forward and raise per-capita, and we find that level, where we think it’s a great balance between meeting our operating needs and having money in our investment portfolios for our other capita needs and we get those two aligned right, at that time then if could get ourselves looking at an annual increase equal to that of the CPI Inflation over time and maintain that, which is what should have been done 80 years ago, I think we’ll find ourselves being able to focus on continuing to build the Fraternal activities, support all of those needs without having to worry about where those monies are coming from. Thank you.”

MWGM Hensiak reminded the assembly, that the motion on the floor was to increase per-capita to \$39.00.

The motion passes. Grand Master Hensiak reminded that the Brethren that they are extremely sensitive to your financial concerns.

RESOLUTION 2016-1

“Be it resolved that the attached budget, which has been mailed to all constituent Lodges in accordance with section 29.05 C, calling for expenditures of \$818, 650 be adopted. I will add, in your packets, the last page in your proceedings page 66 has a copy of that budget. The far right column should read the 2016-2017 budget. I move for approval of that resolution.”

The motion was carried.

DISMISSAL TO BREAK OUT SESSIONS

At this time, the Grand Master dismissed the assembly to break out sessions for the span of one hour.

PRESENTATION OF THE GRAND MASTER CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATE

Grand Master Hensiak asked the Brethren of Oregon Lodge #151 and Milton Lodge #161 to come forward to receive a Certificate, signed by Grand Master Struble, in recognition of the 150th anniversary of receiving their Charters. A plaque was presented to each Lodge respectively, reading:

“Whereas our worthy Brethren of Oregon Lodge #151 and Milton Lodge #161, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, began their Masonic history 150 years ago, and

whereas Oregon Lodge #151 and Milton Lodge #161 were granted a dispensation on July 12, 1865, and April 18, 1866, they received their Charters, July 15, 1866, June 13, 1866, and they are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of these events, and in grateful recognition of this long, loyal and faithful service to Freemasonry, I do hereby issue this Grand Master's Sesquicentennial Certificate to the Brethren of Oregon Lodge #151 and of Milton Lodge #161."

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND TEAM MEMBERS

Grand Master Hensiak thanked the Grand Lodge officers and team members who were retiring their positions and gave certificates and pins to the following: Curt Campagna, H. Scott Paulson, Robert Lund, A. Christopher Gans, Craig Froelich, David Ritchie, Michael Gorgen, Jan F. Talaga, Gary Barg, Aaren Peterson, Thomas Stevens, Jason Laramee, Jeffrey Bruenig, Jeffrey Schoenfeldt, Clinton Cagle. They were thanked with a round of applause for their service.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM CHECKS

Grand Treasurer, Jeffrey Bryden

"In compliance with section 24.01 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code, mileage and per diem checks for representatives attending the 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, will be computed by the Grand Secretary. In conformity with section 30.06 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code, these checks will be mailed following the Annual Communication to all Lodges with an attendance record that has been properly scanned both days."

PRESENTATION OF LODGE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Grand Master Hensiak asked The District Deputies to come forward and present the award to those qualifying in their district, to representatives from those Lodges present. Photos were taken. This award is intended to encourage the development of positive programs, and to give recognition at all levels. All were congratulated for their hard work in their Lodge and in the community.

District No. 1

Superior #236
Keystone #263
Acacia-Itasca #329

District No. 2

Eau Claire #112
Chippewa Falls #176
Collins-Spring Valley #192
New Richmond #195
Hancock #229
Landmark #244
Chetek #277
Sanctuary #347

District No. 3

Phillips #225
Eagle River #248
Mystic Tie #280
Island City #330

District No. 4

Theodore Roosevelt #322

District No. 5

Valley #60

Tomah #132

Lacrosse Masonic #190

District No. 6

Oshkosh #27

Waverly #51

Twin Cities #61

Manawa #82

Waupaca #123

Dells #124

Wisconsin Rapids #128

Wautoma #148

Appleton #349

District No. 7

Hiram #50

Columbus #75

Social #245

Commonwealth #325

Doric #356

District No. 8

Mineral Point #1

Melody #2

Smith #31

Richland #66

Argyle #178

Barneveld #319

District No. 9

Jefferson County #9

Morning Star #10

Union #32

Albany #36

Oconomowoc-Hartland #42

Janesville-Western Star #55

St. John's #57

Fulton #69

Kegonsa #73

Waucoma #90

Bicknell #94

Oregon #151

Milton #161

New Glarus #310

Dousman #315

Glenn L. Humphrey #364

District No. 10

Sheboygan #11

Ozaukee #17

Berlin #38

Dodge County #72

Neosho-Mayville-Horicon

#108

Hartford #120

West Bend #138

District No. 11

Burlington #28

Kenosha #47

Washburn #11

Lincoln #183

Lafin-St. James #247

Union Grove #288

McKinley #307

District No. 12

Lake #189

Wauwatosa #267

Damascus #290

West Allis #291

Nathan Hale #350

Freemasons #363

The Worshipful Master of Hancock Lodge was called to the East, to be presented with the "Third Place" (Bronze) Lodge Excellence Award. The "Second Place" (Silver) Lodge Excellence Award was presented to Janesville-Western Star Lodge. The "First Place" (Gold) Lodge Excellence Award was presented to Jefferson County Lodge.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf presented the final report of the Credentials Committee:

Of the 178 Wisconsin lodges, 144 were represented.

Of that, one Lodge has been excused, per Code by sending in the request. One comment as far as proxies go, there still seems to be a lot of confusion on the way a

proxy works. This next year, proxy forms will be sent to each delegate, which is the Master and the Wardens. Three proxies will be mailed along with the same information to the Secretary of the Lodge. When you come here next year, you cannot pick up a proxy card. There will be none. A proxy card means, that the person who has given you his proxy has signed the card authorizing you to proxy for him. When you get here, you will need to have a current, valid dues card to pick up that proxy information. At the end of the session today, if you are the person representing your Lodge that will receive the per diem check, please turn in your card in to receive the check. If you are not that representative, you do not need to drop in your card.

LIST OF LODGES REPRESENTED

0001 - Mineral Point	0065 - Manitowoc
0002 - Melody	0066 - Richland
0003 - South Shore	0068 - Palmyra
0004 - Warren	0069 - Fulton
0005 - Madison	0071 - Quincy
0006 - Olive Branch	0072 - Dodge County
0008 - Prairie du Chien	0073 - Kegonsa
0009 - Jefferson County	0074 - Black River
0010 - Morning Star	0075 - Columbus
0011 - Sheboygan	0079 - Reedsburg
0012 - Southern Lakes	0080 - Independence
0013 - Wisconsin	0082 - Manawa
0016 - Franklin	0083 - Benjamin Franklin
0017 - Ozaukee	0084 - La Belle
0018 - Racine-Belle City	0085 - Des Peres
0021 - Washington	0090 - Waucoma
0026 - Fond du Lac	0092 - Belle City
0027 - Oshkosh	0093 - Evergreen
0028 - Burlington	0094 - Bicknell
0031 - Smith	0095 - Prairie View
0032 - Union	0097 - Crescent Valley
0033 - Fort Winnebago	0099 - Lodi Valley
0034 - Baraboo	0103 - Juneau
0036 - Albany	0105 - Northwestern
0037 - Waukesha	0108 - Neosho-Mayville-Horicon
0038 - Berlin	0109 - River Falls
0042 - Oconomowoc-Hartland	0112 - Eau Claire
0044 - Geneva	0119 - Dodgeville
0045 - Frontier-Badger	0120 - Hartford
0047 - Kenosha	0123 - Waupaca
0048 - Waupun	0124 - Dells
0050 - Hiram	0125 - Salem
0051 - Waverly	0128 - Wisconsin Rapids
0055 - Janesville-Western Star	0130 - Forest
0056 - St Croix	0132 - Tomah
0057 - St John's	0138 - West Bend
0060 - Valley	0141 - Montello
0061 - Twin Cities	0143 - Sun Prairie
0063 - Waterloo	0145 - Washburn
0064 - Evening Star	0148 - Wautoma

0149 - Durand-Pepin	0252 - Buffalo River
0151 - Oregon	0255 - Hillsboro
0161 - Milton	0261 - Milwaukee-Harmony
0164 - Menomonie	0263 - Keystone
0167 - Cassia	0265 - Lafayette
0168 - Omro	0267 - Wauwatosa
0170 - Shawano	0272 - Camp Douglas
0172 - Calumet	0277 - Chetek
0173 - Poynette	0279 - Merrilan
0174 - Henry S. Baird	0280 - Mystic Tie
0176 - Chippewa Falls	0287 - Crandon
0177 - Decora	0288 - Union Grove
0178 - Argyle	0290 - Damascus
0180 - Middleton-Ionic	0291 - West Allis
0182 - Marinette	0293 - Oconto Falls
0183 - Lincoln	0301 - Henry L Palmer
0186 - Winneconne	0307 - McKinley
0187 - North Star	0310 - New Glarus
0189 - Lake	0315 - Dousman
0190 - La Crosse Masonic	0317 - Owen
0192 - Collins-Spring Valley	0318 - Mosinee
0195 - New Richmond	0319 - Barneveld
0197 - Clintonville	0322 - Theodore Roosevelt
0206 - Linden	0325 - Commonwealth
0210 - Ancient Landmark	0329 - Acacia-Itasca
0214 - Onalaska Masonic	0330 - Island City
0215 - Bayfield-Washburn	0331 - James M Hays
0217 - Medford	0332 - Adams
0218 - Tri-County Daylite	0337 - George Washington 1776
0219 - Fennimore	0347 - Sanctuary
0221 - Shell Lake-Spooner	0349 - Appleton
0222 - Hiram D Fisher	0349 - Lake Superior
0224 - Marshfield	0350 - Nathan Hale
0225 - Phillips	0351 - George B Wheeler
0226 - Virginia Falls	0356 - Doric
0229 - Hancock	0358 - Day Lite
0230 - Clear Lake	0359 - Sunrise
0231 - Antigo	0360 - N.E.W. Daylite
0234 - Blue Hills	0362 - Four Lakes Daylight
0236 - Superior	0363 - Freemasons
0237 - Hurley	0364 - Glenn L Humphrey
0241 - Wilmot	0365 - Barnes
0242 - Rhinelander	0366 - Perseverance 1836
0244 - Landmark	0368 - Mason-Woods
0245 - Social	0369 - Nine Rivers
0246 - Pewaukee	0370 - Brookfield
0247 - Laffin-St. James	1843 - Silas H Shepherd
0248 - Eagle River	1862 - Armistead-Bingham

NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS DECLARATION

Grand Secretary Michael DeWolf and Grand Treasurer Jeffrey Bryden declared that there was no unfinished business on their desks. Grand Master Hensiak also reported that his desk was clear.

GRAND LODGE DECLARED INFORMAL

Grand Master Hensiak declared the Grand Lodge informal while the 2016-2017 officers assumed their stations.

CLOSING OF GRAND LODGE

The 2016-2017 Grand Lodge officers, lead by Grand Master Donald W. Hensiak, closed the 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin.

APPENDIX A

In Memoriam

**We pay Tribute to
the Memory of
Our Own Dead
and
To the Dead of Our
Sister Grand Jurisdictions**

*The bonds of friendship and
brotherly love can never be severed
by the scythe of time.*

(See Necrology Report for
list of deceased members.)

APPENDIX B

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

**PER CAPITA TAX, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS
COLLECTED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

ACTIVE CHARTERED LODGES – LISTED BY NUMBER

SUMMARY OF CHARTERS GRANTED

LODGES HAVING NAMES CHANGED

DISCONTINUED LODGES – LISTED BY NUMBER

REGISTER OF LODGES SHOWING MEETING NIGHTS

PAST AND PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER
GRAND LODGES NEAR WISCONSIN**

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF WISCONSIN
NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES**

HONORARY MEMBERS

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Grand Lodge F and AM of Wisconsin

Tabular Statement

For year ending December 31, 2015

Name of Lodge	Lodge No.	Start of year	Plural	Initiated	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	TOTAL GAIN	Died	Resigned/Tran	Suspended	Expelled	TOTAL LOSS	Variance	Primary Members at End of year
Mineral Point	1	51	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	48
Melody	2	56	6	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	-1	54
South Shore	3	67	5	0	3	1	0	4	8	0	0	0	8	0	63
Warren	4	64	7	0	0	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	5	0	60
Madison	5	141	5	0	0	1	1	2	4	0	8	0	12	-1	130
Olive Branch	6	26	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	25
Prairie du Chien	8	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	40
Jefferson County	9	87	1	6	2	2	0	4	5	0	2	0	7	-2	82
Morning Star	10	97	0	1	1	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	0	97
Sheboygan	11	49	0	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	51
Southern Lakes	12	58	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	57
Wisconsin	13	38	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	-1	33
Franklin	16	17	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	15
Ozaukee	17	115	5	12	5	1	1	7	0	0	0	1	1	-1	120
Racine-Belle City	18	127	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	5	12	0	27	-1	99
Washington	21	185	3	4	4	0	1	5	6	0	6	1	13	0	177
Amicitia	25	41	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	40
Fond du Lac	26	61	1	1	1	1	0	2	4	0	1	0	5	1	59
Oshkosh	27	94	3	7	6	0	2	8	5	2	0	0	7	-1	94
Burlington	28	97	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	3	-1	96
Aurora	30	22	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Smith	31	60	5	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	57
Union	32	52	6	1	1	0	0	1	4	3	0	0	7	-1	45
Fort Winnebago	33	59	4	7	2	0	0	2	5	55	0	0	60	-1	0
Baraboo	34	94	6	3	4	1	1	6	1	3	0	0	4	0	96
Albany	36	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	19
Waukesha	37	146	2	2	2	2	0	4	2	141	4	0	147	-3	0
Berlin	38	35	5	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	35
Oconomowoc-Hartland	42	118	3	3	3	1	3	7	3	1	2	0	6	0	119
Geneva	44	33	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	34
Frontier-Badger	45	148	3	1	1	0	1	2	13	2	0	0	15	0	135
Kenosha	47	41	2	4	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	3	0	40
Waupun	48	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
Hiram	50	77	3	9	3	0	1	4	5	0	1	0	6	0	75
Waverly	51	76	3	5	0	2	1	3	4	0	3	0	7	-1	71
Janesville-Western Star	55	91	4	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	86
St Croix	56	73	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	4	0	70
St John's	57	109	5	1	2	2	0	4	7	0	0	0	7	1	107
Valley	60	75	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Twin Cities	61	44	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	41
Waterloo	63	19	2	1	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	20
Evening Star	64	37	0	2	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0	35
Manitowoc	65	56	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	5	0	51
Richland	66	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	39
Palmyra	68	41	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	38
Fulton	69	53	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	52
Quincy	71	41	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	-1	39
Dodge County	72	56	1	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	-1	55
Kegonsa	73	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	5	0	60
Black River	74	68	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	67
Columbus	75	48	6	4	3	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	-2	49

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Reedsburg	79	41	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	43
Independence	80	65	1	0	2	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	68
Northern Light	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manawa	82	43	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	41
Benjamin Franklin	83	18	14	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	18
La Belle	84	89	3	4	5	0	1	6	7	2	0	0	9	-1	85
Des Peres	85	42	6	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	40
Waucoma	90	19	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Evergreen	93	31	3	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	32
Bicknell	94	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	25
Prairie View	95	49	0	1	1	0	1	2	5	3	2	0	10	0	41
Crescent Valley	97	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	22
Lodi Valley	99	60	7	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	59
Juneau	103	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Northwestern	105	24	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	22
Neosho-Mayville-Horicon	108	43	3	0	2	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	45
River Falls	109	97	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	95
Eau Claire	112	152	4	1	1	0	1	2	7	3	0	0	10	1	145
Sauk Prairie	113	56	2	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	4	0	53
Dodgeville	119	48	7	1	1	0	0	1	3	8	0	0	11	0	38
Hartford	120	53	0	1	1	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	5	1	51
Waupaca	123	63	0	2	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	62
Dells	124	36	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	35
Salem	125	17	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Wisconsin Rapids	128	111	5	4	2	1	1	4	5	0	2	0	7	0	108
Forest	130	111	6	5	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0	109
Tomah	132	76	3	2	2	0	1	3	1	2	0	0	3	-1	75
West Bend	138	54	2	3	4	1	0	5	2	2	0	0	4	0	55
Montello	141	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	27
Sun Prairie	143	61	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	59
Washburn	145	47	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	5	1	44
Wautoma	148	85	12	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	4	-1	81
Durand-Pepin	149	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	25
Oregon	151	100	1	0	1	2	0	3	3	1	0	0	4	0	99
Milton	161	60	1	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	-2	61
Menomonie	164	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	6	-1	72
Cassia	167	51	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	48
Omro	168	14	7	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	16
Shawano	170	88	6	3	1	0	2	3	4	0	0	0	4	-1	86
Calumet	172	28	2	8	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	28
Poynette	173	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	0	0	20	1	0
Henry S. Baird	174	100	3	1	2	2	0	4	5	0	0	0	5	0	99
Chippewa Falls	176	85	3	1	1	0	2	3	4	2	0	0	6	-1	81
Decora	177	53	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Argyle	178	29	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	28
Middleton-Ionic	180	83	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	3	-1	80
Marinette	182	42	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	40
Lincoln	183	66	0	3	2	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	4	0	65
Winneconne	186	43	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	44
North Star	187	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Pine	188	31	3	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	30

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Lake	189	263	6	1	1	0	1	2	11	0	2	0	13	0	252
La Crosse Masonic	190	60	2	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	61
Collins-Spring Valley	192	69	1	2	7	2	1	10	2	0	0	0	2	0	77
Ashlar	193	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	30	0	0
New Richmond	195	63	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
Clintonville	197	17	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	17
Linden	206	42	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	43
Ancient Landmark	210	34	4	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	32
Onalaska Masonic	214	35	3	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	-1	34
Bayfield-Washburn	215	27	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	4	0	24
Medford	217	19	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	17
Tri County Daylite	218	38	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	36
Fennimore	219	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	6	0	36
Shell Lake-Spooner	221	69	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	68
Hiram D Fisher	222	36	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	35
Marshfield	224	61	2	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	58
Phillips	225	78	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	4	-3	72
Virginia Falls	226	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Hancock	229	88	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	87
Clear Lake	230	42	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	41
Antigo	231	35	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	35
Blue Hills	234	85	2	2	0	0	1	1	8	0	0	0	8	0	78
Superior	236	81	3	1	2	0	1	3	5	1	0	0	6	1	79
Hurley	237	22	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	22
Wilmot	241	44	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	4	0	41
Rhineland	242	105	3	1	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	104
Landmark	244	73	0	4	1	2	0	3	5	1	0	0	6	1	71
Social	245	33	1	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	36
Lafin-St. James	247	42	2	6	3	2	1	6	3	0	0	0	3	0	45
Eagle River	248	57	4	5	3	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	5	1	56
Buffalo River	252	87	8	2	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	84
Milwaukee-Harmony	261	115	6	0	2	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	9	0	108
Keystone	263	71	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	71
Lafayette	265	30	8	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	30
Wauwatosa	267	89	3	2	0	0	0	0	10	2	4	0	16	0	73
Camp Douglas	272	66	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	3	2	67
Chetek	277	57	1	4	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	56
Merrillan	279	31	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	30
Mystic Tie	280	41	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	41
Bloomer	281	30	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Crandon	287	44	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	44
Union Grove	288	39	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	5	1	36
Damascus	290	69	6	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	4	0	6	-1	64
West Allis	291	144	1	6	3	1	3	7	4	0	0	0	4	-1	146
Oconto Falls	293	27	10	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	26
Myron Reed	297	84	1	0	2	0	1	3	2	84	2	0	88	1	0
Henry L Palmer	301	119	3	7	5	0	1	6	8	2	0	0	10	-1	114
McKinley	307	127	3	1	1	3	0	4	4	1	0	0	5	0	126
New Glarus	310	52	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	50
Dousman	315	56	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	5	0	51
Owen	317	45	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	44

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Mosinee	318	37	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Barneveld	319	51	1	1	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	5	0	47
Theodore Roosevelt	322	118	2	3	1	2	1	4	3	3	2	0	8	1	115
Commonwealth	325	83	0	3	3	1	1	5	6	0	1	0	7	0	81
Acacia-Itasca	329	120	1	3	3	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	122
Island City	330	38	12	1	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	37
James M Hays	331	79	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	77
Adams	332	22	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
George Washington 1776	337	109	2	1	0	0	2	2	8	0	1	0	9	-1	101
Sanctuary	347	98	1	1	1	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	7	0	92
Appleton	349	92	0	1	2	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	4	-1	89
Nathan Hale	350	82	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	4	0	78
George B Wheeler	351	116	2	2	1	0	3	4	1	3	0	0	4	0	116
Elmbrook	354	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	57	0	0	59	0	0
Doric	356	93	5	1	1	0	1	2	5	0	1	0	6	-2	87
Day Lite	358	34	23	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	5	0	30
Sunrise	359	6	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
N.E.W. Daylite	360	23	13	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	5	0	19
Four Lakes Daylight	362	22	9	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	3	0	20
Freemasons	363	151	16	7	6	0	3	9	3	16	0	0	19	-1	140
Glenn L Humphrey	364	19	23	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	20
Barnes	365	10	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Perseverance 1836	366	19	32	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Unity	367	175	8	4	2	0	0	2	6	1	1	0	8	0	169
Mason-Woods	368	29	16	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	29
Nine Rivers	369	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silas H Shepherd	1843	1	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Armistead-Bingham	1862	4	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Totals	181	10998	914	268	186	64	62	312	446	520	83	21051	-23	10236	

ACTIVE CHARTERED LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of
Wisconsin

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	County	Date of Dispensation	Charter Granted
1	Mineral Point	Mineral Point	Iowa	Oct. 8, 1840	Jan. 17, 1844
2	Melody	Platteville	Grant	Jan. 20, 1843	Jan. 17, 1844
3	South Shore	South Milwaukee	Milwaukee	June 12, 1843	Jan. 17, 1844
4	Warren	Potosi	Grant	Apr. 27, 1844	Jan. 10, 1845
5	Madison	Madison	Dane	June 4, 1844	Jan. 10, 1845
6	Olive Branch	Benton	Lafayette	July 10, 1896	June 8, 1897
8	Prairie du Chien	Prairie du Chien	Crawford	Dec. 26, 1857	June 10, 1858
9	Jefferson	Jefferson	Jefferson	Oct. 19, 1888	June 12, 1889
10	Morning Star	Beloit	Rock	Sept. 21, 1846	Jan. 14, 1847
11	Sheboygan	Sheboygan	Sheboygan	Feb. 4, 1846	May 29, 1847
12	Southern Lakes	Delavan	Walworth	May 7, 2004	June 14, 2004
13	Wisconsin	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Feb. 11, 1847	Jan. 15, 1848
16	Franklin	Lone Rock	Richland	Aug. 3, 1847	Jan. 15, 1848
17	Ozaukee	Pt. Washington	Ozaukee	Nov. 26, 1847	Jan. 15, 1848
18	Racine-Belle City	Racine	Racine	Oct. 22, 1847	Jan. 15, 1848
21	Washington	Green Bay	Brown	Dec. 23, 1847	Dec. 16, 1848
25	Amicitia	Shullsburg	Lafayette	May 24, 1849	Dec. 15, 1849
26	Fond du Lac	Fond du Lac	Fond du Lac	Sept. 13, 1849	Dec. 15, 1849
27	Oshkosh	Oshkosh	Winnebago	Apr. 23, 1849	Dec. 15, 1849
28	Burlington	Burlington	Racine	Feb. 7, 1849	Dec. 15, 1849
30	Aurora	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Jan. 7, 1850	Dec. 14, 1850
31	Smith	Monroe	Green	Apr. 9, 1850	Dec. 13, 1850
32	Union	Evansville	Rock	Oct. 14, 1850	Dec. 13, 1850
33	Fort Winnebago	Portage	Columbia	June 26, 1850	Dec. 13, 1850
34	Baraboo	Baraboo	Sauk	Oct. 27, 1851	June 8, 1852
36	Albany	Albany	Green	Mar. 1, 1851	June 9, 1852
37	Waukesha	Waukesha	Waukesha	Jan. 20, 1851	June 9, 1852
38	Berlin	Berlin	Green Lake	Nov., 1851	June 11, 1852
42	Oconomowoc-Hartland	Oconomowoc	Waukesha	July 14, 1852	June 15, 1853
44	Geneva	Lake Geneva	Walworth	Oct. 10, 1852	June 16, 1853
45	Frontier-Badger	LaCrosse	LaCrosse	Oct. 8, 1852	June 16, 1853
47	Kenosha	Kenosha	Kenosha	Jan. 1, 1853	June 14, 1854
48	Waupun	Waupun	Dodge	Apr. 20, 1853	June 14, 1854
50	Hiram	Madison	Dane	Feb. 21, 1854	June 14, 1854
51	Waverly	Appleton	Outagamie	Apr. 19, 1854	June 14, 1854
55	Janesville-Western Star	Janesville	Rock	Oct. 11, 1854	June 13, 1855
56	St. Croix	Hudson	St. Croix	June 10, 1854	June 15, 1855
57	St. Johns	Whitewater	Walworth	Aug. 29, 1853	June 15, 1855
60	Valley	Sparta	Monroe	Aug. 17, 1854	June 15, 1855
61	Twin Cities	Neenah	Winnebago	Feb. 10, 1855	June 15, 1855
63	Waterloo	Waterloo	Jefferson	Jan. 24, 1855	June 15, 1855
64	Evening Star	Darlington	Lafayette	Nov. 10, 1853	June 15, 1855
65	Manitowoc	Manitowoc	Manitowoc	Feb. 12, 1856	June 12, 1856
66	Richland	Richland Center	Richland	Mar. 14, 1856	June 12, 1856
69	Fulton	Edgerton	Rock	July 21, 1855	June 12, 1856
71	Quincy	Friendship	Adams	Jan. 21, 1856	June 12, 1856
72	Dodge County	Beaver Dam	Dodge	Feb. 4, 1856	June 12, 1856
73	Kegonsa	Stoughton	Dane	Mar. 11, 1856	June 12, 1856
74	Black River	Black River Falls	Jackson	Oct. 11, 1856	June 12, 1856
75	Columbus	Columbus	Columbia	Feb. 24, 1855	June 12, 1856
79	Reedsburg	Reedsburg	Sauk	June 8, 1856	June 10, 1857
80	Independence	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	July 13, 1856	June 10, 1857
82	Manawa	Manawa	Waupaca	Jan. 14, 1857	June 10, 1857
83	Benjamin Franklin	Madison	Dane	Oct. 29, 2006	June 1, 2007

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84	La Belle	Viroqua	Vernon	Dec. 20, 1856	June 10, 1857
85	Des Peres	Green Bay	Brown	Feb. 4, 1857	June 10, 1857
90	Waucoma	Evansville	Rock	Dec. 22, 1857	June 9, 1858
93	Evergreen	Stevens Point	Portage	Aug. 13, 1857	June 9, 1858
94	Bicknell	Brodhead	Green	June 9, 1857	June 9, 1858
95	Prairie View	Ripon	Fond du Lac	Aug. 15, 1857	June 9, 1858
97	Crescent Valley	Mazomanie	Dane	Dec. 15, 1857	June 9, 1858
99	Lodi Valley	Lodi	Columbia	June 9, 1857	June 9, 1858
103	Juneau	New Lisbon	Juneau	Nov. 18, 1857	June 9, 1858
105	Northwestern	Prescott	Pierce	Dec. 1, 1856	June 9, 1858
108	Neosho-Mayville-Horicon	Neosho	Dodge	June 17, 1858	June 15, 1859
109	River Falls	River Falls	Pierce	Aug. 11, 1858	June 16, 1859
112	Eau Claire	Eau Claire	Eau Claire	Dec. 30, 1858	June 15, 1859
113	Sauk Prairie	Prairie du Sac	Sauk	Jan. 12, 1858	June 15, 1859
119	Dodgeville	Dodgeville	Iowa	June 16, 1859	June 13, 1860
120	Hartford	Hartford	Washington	July 21, 1859	June 13, 1860
123	Waupaca	Waupaca	Waupaca	Feb. 23, 1859	June 13, 1860
124	Dells	Wisconsin Dells	Columbia	Mar. 14, 1860	June 13, 1860
125	Salem	West Salem	La Crosse	Apr. 8, 1860	June 13, 1860
128	Wisconsin Rapids	Wisconsin Rapids	Wood	Mar. 3, 1860	June 12, 1861
130	Forest	Wausau	Marathon	Nov. 21, 1860	June 12, 1861
132	Tomah	Tomah	Monroe	Apr. 4, 1861	June 12, 1861
138	West Bend	West Bend	Washington	Aug. 21, 1862	June 10, 1863
141	Montello	Montello	Marquette	Oct. 9, 1862	June 10, 1863
143	Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie	Dane	Apr. 27, 1863	June 12, 1863
145	Washburn	Bristol	Kenosha	June 18, 1863	June 15, 1864
148	Wautoma	Wautoma	Waushara	Nov. 25, 1863	June 15, 1864
149	Durand-Pepin	Durand	Pepin	May 6, 1864	June 15, 1864
151	Oregon	Oregon	Dane	July 12, 1865	June 15, 1866
161	Milton	Milton Jct.	Rock	Apr. 18, 1866	June 13, 1866
164	Menomonie	Menomonie	Dunn	Sept. 6, 1866	June 12, 1867
167	Cassia	Plymouth	Sheboygan	Feb. 12, 1867	June 12, 1867
168	Omro	Omro	Winnebago	Apr. 3, 1867	June 12, 1867
170	Shawano	Shawano	Shawano	June 10, 1867	June 10, 1868
172	Calumet	New Holstein	Calumet	July 3, 1925	June 9, 1926
174	Henry S. Baird	Sturgeon Bay	Door	Oct. 28, 1878	June 11, 1879
176	Chippewa Falls	Chippewa Falls	Chippewa	Jan. 21, 1869	June 10, 1869
177	Decora	Galesville	Trempealeau	Dec. 22, 1869	June 15, 1870
178	Argyle	Argyle	Lafayette	June 17, 1869	June 15, 1870
180	Middleton-Ionic	Middleton	Dane	Jan. 19, 1870	June 15, 1870
182	Marinette	Marinette	Marinette	Sept. 26, 1870	June 14, 1871
183	Lincoln	Menomonee Falls	Waukesha	Aug. 25, 1871	June 12, 1872
186	Winneconne	Winneconne	Winnebago	Jan. 1, 1872	June 12, 1872
187	North Star	Star Prairie	St. Croix	Aug. 25, 1871	June 11, 1873
188	Pine	Oconto	Oconto	Aug. 1, 1872	June 11, 1873
189	Lake	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Sept. 27, 1872	June 11, 1873
190	La Crosse Masonic	La Crosse	La Crosse	May 7, 1873	June 11, 1873
192	Collins-Spring Valley	Baldwin	St. Croix	Aug. 27, 1873	June 10, 1874
195	New Richmond	New Richmond	St. Croix	Nov. 28, 1873	June 10, 1874
197	Clintonville	Clintonville	Waupaca	Apr. 17, 1873	June 10, 1874
206	Linden	Linden	Iowa	Feb. 1, 1877	June 13, 1877
210	Ancient Landmark	Ashland	Ashland	Feb. 27, 1878	June 12, 1878
214	Onalaska	Onalaska	La Crosse	Dec. 23, 1880	June 15, 1881
215	Bayfield	Bayfield	Bayfield	Jan. 24, 1881	June 15, 1881
217	Medford	Medford	Taylor	May 21, 1881	June 15, 1882
218	Tri-County Daylite	Crivitz	Marinette	Nov. 29, 1988	June 12, 1989
219	Fennimore	Fennimore	Grant	Jan. 2, 1882	June 15, 1882
221	Shell Lake-Spooner	Shell Lake	Washburn	May 2, 1882	June 13, 1883
222	Hiram D. Fisher	Florence	Florence	Oct. 24, 1882	June 13, 1883
224	Marshfield	Marshfield	Wood	July 3, 1882	June 10, 1883
225	Phillips	Phillips	Price	July 9, 1883	June 12, 1884

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	County	Date of Dispensation	Charter Granted
226	Virginia Falls	Merrill	Lincoln	Feb. 8, 1884	June 12, 1884
229	Hancock	Ellsworth	Pierce	July 28, 1884	June 10, 1885
230	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Polk	Nov. 12, 1884	June 10, 1885
231	Antigo	Antigo	Langlade	Sept. 16, 1885	June 9, 1886
234	Blue Hills	Rice Lake	Barron	Nov. 9, 1886	June 15, 1887
236	Superior	Superior	Douglas	Nov. 7, 1887	June 13, 1888
237	Hurley	Mercer	Iron	Nov. 28, 1887	June 13, 1888
241	Wilmot	Wilmot	Kenosha	Nov. 23, 1888	June 12, 1889
242	Rhineland-Lakeland	Rhineland	Oneida	Mar. 1, 1889	June 12, 1889
244	Landmark	Grantsburg	Burnette	Sept. 23, 1890	June 10, 1891
245	Social	Cambridge	Dane	Feb. 9, 1891	June 10, 1891
247	Lafin-St. James	Mukwonago	Waukesha	Nov. 17, 1891	June 15, 1892
248	Eagle River	Eagle River	Vilas	Dec. 23, 1891	June 15, 1892
252	Buffalo River	Mondovi	Buffalo	Feb. 14, 1891	June 15, 1892
261	Milwaukee-Harmony	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Feb. 1, 1894	June 13, 1894
263	Keystone	Hayward	Sawyer	Dec. 26, 1894	June 15, 1895
265	Lafayette	Milwaukee	Milwaukee		June 15, 1895
267	Wauwatosa	West Allis	Milwaukee	Oct. 21, 1895	June 10, 1896
272	Camp Douglas	Camp Douglas	Juneau	May 3, 1900	June 13, 1900
277	Chetek	Chetek	Barron	May 15, 1901	June 12, 1902
279	Merrillan	Merrillan	Jackson	Jan. 14, 1902	June 12, 1902
280	Mystic Tie	Ladysmith	Rusk	Mar. 5, 1902	June 12, 1902
281	Bloomer	Bloomer	Chippewa	June 3, 1902	June 11, 1903
287	Crandon	Crandon	Forest	June 30, 1903	June 15, 1904
288	Union Grove	Union Grove	Racine	Apr. 4, 1904	June 14, 1904
290	Damascus	Greenfield	Milwaukee	Nov. 7, 1904	June 15, 1905
291	West Allis	West Allis	Milwaukee	July 16, 1906	June 12, 1907
293	Oconto Falls	Oconto Falls	Oconto	Jan. 10, 1907	June 12, 1907
301	Henry L. Palmer	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	July 11, 1910	June 15, 1911
307	McKinley	Brookfield	Waukesha	Feb. 27, 1914	June 10, 1914
310	New Glarus	New Glarus	Green	May 14, 1914	June 9, 1915
315	Dousman	Dousman	Waukesha	Jan. 10, 1917	June 13, 1917
317	Owen	Owen	Clark	Aug. 23, 1917	June 12, 1918
318	Mosinee	Mosinee	Marathon	Mar. 13, 1918	June 12, 1918
319	Barneveld	Barneveld	Iowa	Apr. 24, 1919	June 9, 1920
322	Theo. Roosevelt	Green Bay	Brown	Oct. 14, 1919	June 9, 1920
325	Commonwealth	Madison	Dane	June 2, 1922	June 14, 1922
329	Acacia-Itasca	Superior	Douglas	Dec. 22, 1922	June 13, 1923
330	Island City	Minocqua	Oneida	Oct. 6, 1999	June 13, 2000
331	James M. Hays	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Mar. 9, 1923	June 13, 1923
332	Adams	Adams	Adams	Sept. 13, 1924	June 10, 1925
337	Geo. Washington 1776	Whitefish Bay	Milwaukee	Apr. 26, 1926	June 9, 1926
347	Sanctuary	Eau Claire	Eau Claire	Mar. 1, 1929	June 12, 1929
349	Appleton	Appleton	Outagamie	Mar. 20, 1950	June 13, 1950
350	Nathan Hale	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Apr. 6, 1951	June 12, 1951
351	Geo. B. Wheeler	Eau Claire	Eau Claire	Dec. 21, 1953	June 8, 1954
356	Doric	Madison	Dane	June 13, 1961	June 12, 1962
358	Day-Lite	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	May 10, 1971	June 14, 1972
359	Sunrise	Kenosha	Kenosha	Apr. 11, 1977	June 13, 1978
360	N. E. W. Daylite	Green Bay	Brown	Mar. 16, 1983	June 11, 1984
362	Four Lakes Daylight	Madison	Dane	June 11, 1990	June 10, 1991
363	Freemasons	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Apr. 29, 1992	June 8, 1992
364	Glenn L. Humphrey	Dousman	Waukesha	May 12, 1992	June 8, 1992
365	Barnes	Barnes	Sawyer	Mar. 11, 1999	June 14, 1999
366	Perseverance 1843	Dousman	Waukesha	Nov. 4, 2000	June 12, 2001
367	Unity	Kenosha	Kenosha	July 17, 2003	June 14, 2004
368	Mason-Woods	Cecil	Shawano	Jan. 24, 2005	June 13, 2005
370	Brookfield	Brookfield	Waukesha	Sept. 15, 2015	Dec. 30, 2015
1843	Silas H. Shepherd	Hartland	Waukesha	Dec. 11, 1983	June 11, 1984
1862	Armistead-Bingham	Waterloo	Jefferson	Feb. 10, 1999	June 14, 1999

SUMMARY OF CHARTERS GRANTED

Total Number of Charters Granted	386
Lodges Discontinued	204
Charters Restored	0
Number of Charters in Force	180

LODGES HAVING NAMES CHANGED

Original Name of Lodge	No.	Name Changed to	No.	Date Changed
Milwaukee.....	3	Kilbourn.....	3	1869
Kilbourn	3	South Shore.....	3	Oct. 28, 2004
Delavan.....	12	Delavan-Darien	12	Sept. 1, 1977
Delavan Darien	12	Southern Lakes.....	12	May 7, 2004
Tracy	13	Wisconsin.....	13	June 11, 1852
Prometheus	17	Ozaukee.....	17	June 15, 1853
Racine	18	Racine-Belle City	18	Dec. 29, 2003
Fountain.....	26	Fond du Lac.....	26	June 2, 1995
Fox River	28	Burlington.....	28	June 10, 1852
Horicon	40	Horicon-Mayville	40	Jan. 20, 1977
Oconomowoc.....	42	Oconomowoc-Hartland	42	Apr. 20, 2002
Frontier	45	Frontier-Badger	45	Oct. 17, 2007
Jerusalem.....	54	Raymond.....	54	1861
Janesville.....	55	Janesville-Western Star	55	May 2, 1994
Elisha Kent Kane	61	Twin Cities.....	61	Sept. 12, 1995
Kane	61	Elisha Kent Kane.....	61	June 10, 1924
Dallas.....	78	Dells	78	June 8, 1858
Weyauwega	82	Manawa.....	82	Dec. 19, 1995
Green Lake.....	95	Ripon-Green Lake.....	95	Nov. 23, 1971
Ripon-Green Lake	95	Ripon, Green Lake, Markesan	95	Apr. 18, 1990
Ripon, Green Lake, Markesan.....	95	Prairie View	95	June 25, 1997
Crescent	97	Crescent Valley	97	May 22, 1997
Bryan	98	John A. Bryan.....	98	June 10, 1924
Neosho	108	Neosho-Mayville-Horicon.....	108	March 27, 1997
Eureka	113	Sauk Prairie	113	Nov. 1, 1966
Bark River.....	122	Hartland	122	In 1893
Columbia	124	Dells.....	124	May 26, 1970
Grand Rapids	128	Wisconsin Rapids	128	June 15, 1921
Osceola	134	Osceola-St. Croix Falls.....	134	May 14, 1990
Beetown.....	146	Bloomington	146	May 19, 1976
Durand.....	149	Durand-Pepin	149	April 24, 1981
Mifflin.....	153	Rewey	153	Year 1901
Reedsburg.....	157	Reedsburg	79	April 1, 1972
New Holstein	172	Calumet.....	172	Jan. 29, 1985
Key.....	174	Kewaunee-Key.....	174	July 10, 1978
Kewaunee-Key.....	174	Henry S. Baird.....	174	Nov. 17, 2005
Middleton	180	Middleton-Ionic.....	180	Dec. 31, 1998
North LaCrosse	190	LaCrosse Masonic	190	Jan. 1, 2001
Bailey.....	192	Collins	192	In 1888 (No authority for the change)
Collins.....	192	Collins-Spring Valley	192	May 14, 2004
Dayton	198	Belleville.....	198	1812
Elroy	202	Elroy-Wonewoc.....	202	Dec. 10, 1974
Osseo	213	Osseo-Fairchild-Augusta.....	213	Feb. 19, 1997
Bayfield.....	215	Bayfield-Washburn	215	July 27, 1993
Peshigo.....	218	Tri County Daylite	218	July 15, 1992
Shell Lake.....	221	Shell Lake-Spooner.....	221	Nov. 3, 2004
Fisher.....	222	Hiram D. Fisher	222	June 10, 1924
Rice Lake.....	234	Blue Hills	234	May 14, 1998
Grantsburg.....	244	Frederic-Grantsburg.....	244	Nov. 20, 1989
Frederic-Grantsburg	244	Landmark.....	244	Jan. 1, 2004
Lafin.....	247	Lafin-St. James	247	April 10, 2001
Mondovi.....	252	Buffalo River.....	252	June 21, 2005

Genoa Junction	256	Genoa City	256	June 13, 1924
Rusk	259	Jeremiah M. Rusk	259	June 10, 1924
Ivanhoe	265	LaFayette	265	June 10, 1896
Benton	268	Olive Branch.....	6	Aug. 21, 2011
Perry	269	William W. Perry	269	June 10, 1924
Stanley.....	273	Stanley-Thorp	273	Nov. 22, 1971
Roosevelt.....	322	Theodore Roosevelt.....	322	April 14, 1948
Rhineland	242	Rhineland-Lakeland.....	242	Dec. 15, 1982
Milwaukee.....	261	Milwaukee-Harmony	261	Jan. 8, 1983
Merrillan.....	279	Merrillan-Humbird	279	March 25, 1986
Merrillan-Humbird.....	279	Merrillan	279	June 29, 2004
Whitehall.....	271	Whitehall-Blair.....	271	Feb. 1, 1987
Acacia.....	329	Acacia-Itasca	329	Sept. 28, 1995

LIST OF LODGES DISCONTINUED

Lodge	No.	Location	How Charter Disposed of
Olive Branch	6	New Diggings	Surrendered January 10, 1865.
Southport	7	*Southport	Arrested June 15, 1853.
Dallas	8	Prairie du Chien	Surrendered 1852.
Jefferson	9	*Jefferson	Arrested June 2, 1884.
Harmony	12	✓Delavan	Surrendered 1859 (formerly located at Elkhorn).
Western Star	14	Janesville	Consolidated with Janesville No. 55, May 2, 1994.
Hazel Green	15	Hazel Green	Surrendered 1849 (See No. 43), resumed in 1927.
Hazel Green	15	Hazel Green	Consolidated with Melody No. 2, November 15, 1994.
Franklin	16	Highland	In 1867 moved to Avoca.
Excelsior	19	Madison	Surrendered 1851.
Lancaster	20	Lancaster	Consolidated with Warren No. 4, Dec. 15, 1999.
Washington	22	Dodgeville	Surrendered 1850.
Rochester	23	Rochester	Surrendered 1858.
St. John's	24	Sheboygan Falls	Consolidated with Cassia No. 167, Dec. 18, 1995.
Fountain	26	Fond du Lac	Consolidated with Fond du Lac No. 140, June 2, 1995, changed name to Fond du Lac No. 26.
Lafayette	29	Lafayette	Moved to California.
Tuscan	35	Watertown	Arrested 1858.
St. John's	39	Stillwater (Minn.)	To Grand Lodge of Minnesota.
Horicon-Mayville	40	Horicon	Consolidated with Neosho No. 108, Mar. 27, 1997, changed name to Neosho-Mayville-Horicon No. 108.
St. James	41	East Troy	Consolidated with Laffin No. 247, April 10, 2001.
Oconomowoc	42	Oconomowoc	Dispensation issued July 14, 1852. Charter granted June 15, 1853. Charter arrested April 9, 1860. (See Ellsworth Lodge No. 133).
Hazel Green	43	Hazel Green	Number changed to 15, which was the number of the first Lodge at Hazel Green in 1927.
Lake Mills	46	Lake Mills	Consolidated with Jefferson No. 9, Oct. 1, 1999.
Watertown	49	Watertown	Consolidated with Jefferson No. 9, Oct. 27, 1998.
Wyocena	52	Wyocena	June 12, 1867, moved to Rio and name changed to Rio No. 52.
Rio	52	Rio	Consolidated with Pardee No. 171, Nov. 20, 1997.
Kingston	53	Kingston	Arrested February, 1869.
Raymond	54	Thompsonville	Arrested June, 1862.
Muscoda	58	Muscoda	Surrendered January 7, 1868.
Markesan	59	**Markesan	Surrendered October 19, 1933.
Markesan	59	Markesan	Consolidated with Ripon-Green Lake No. 95, April 18, 1990.
Vesper	62	Mayville	Consolidated with Horicon No. 40 on January 20, 1977. Name changed to Horicon-Mayville No. 40.
Fox Lake	67	Fox Lake	Consolidated with Waupun No. 48, January 23, 1970.
Palmyra	68	Palmyra	Consolidated with St. John's No. 57, May 1, 2013.
Grant	70	Boscobel	Consolidated with Fennimore No. 219, April 16, 2002.
Plover	76	Plover	Consolidated with Evergreen No. 93, March 20, 1971.
Elkhorn	77	Elkhorn	Consolidated with Delavan-Darien No. 12 & Walworth No. 286 to form Southern Lakes No. 12, May 7, 2004.
Dells	78	Lake Delton	Consolidated with Columbia 124 on May 26, 1970. Name changed to Dells 124.
Northern Light	81	Mauston	Surrendered December 23, 2014.
Concordia	83	Madison	Surrendered 1882.
Solomon	86	Juneau	Consolidated with Dodge County No. 72, February 27, 1976.
Otsego	87	Otsego	Surrendered March, 1860.
Nemadji	88	Superior	Not Constituted.

Lodge	No.	Location	How Charter Disposed of
Pepin	89	Pepin	Consolidated with Durand Lodge No. 149, April 24, 1981.
Oxford	91	Oxford	Consolidated with Montello No. 141, May 20, 1998.
Belle City	92	Racine	Consolidated with Racine No. 18 and changed name to Racine-Belle City No. 18, Dec. 29, 2003.
Temple	96	Waterford	Consolidated with Burlington No. 28, Dec. 19, 1996.
John A. Bryan	98	Menasha	Consolidated with Elisha Kent Kane No. 61, Sept. 12, 1995, now Twin Cities No. 61.
Fairfield	100	Fairfield	Arrested June 20, 1895.
Beautiful Grove	101	Boscobel	Surrendered 1863.
Marquette	102	Marquette	Arrested March 19, 1879.
Astrea	104	Cedarburg	Surrendered April, 1893.
Prairie du Chien	106	Prairie du Chien	Changed Lodge number to 8, February 1997.
Tracy	107	Manitowoc	Arrested April 9, 1868.
Lowell	110	Reeseville	Consolidated with Columbus No. 75, May 12, 1960.
Rosendale	111	Rosendale	Consolidated with Ripon-Green Lake-Markesan No. 95, April 3, 1997.
Palestine	114	Lone Rock	Arrested Mar. 17, 1927. Restored May 31, 1928. Consolidated with Franklin No. 16, June 11, 1958.
Rob Morris	115	Eagle	Consolidated with Palmyra 68, November 15, 1971.
Sharon	116	Sharon	Consolidated with Darien No. 126, November 3, 1964.
Trempealeau	117	Trempealeau	Consolidated with Decora No. 177, November 20, 2001.
Warden	118	Gratiot	Surrendered January 5, 1940.
Delavan	121	Delavan	Now Delavan No. 12 (1923).
Hartland	122	Hartland	Consolidated with Oconomowoc No. 42, April 26, 2002.
Darien	126	Darien	Consolidated with Delavan No. 12, July 1, 1977 and name changed to Delavan-Darien No. 12.
Lebanon	127	Juda	Surrendered March 27, 1882.
Jamestown	129	Jamestown	Surrendered 1868.
New London	131	New London	Consolidated with Manawa No. 82, May 2, 2002.
Ellsworth	133	Oconomowoc	Dispensation issued June 18, 1861. Charter granted June 11, 1862. On June 14, 1882, authorized to change name and number to Oconomowoc No. 42.
Osceola-St. Croix Falls	134	St. Croix Falls	Consolidated with Frederic-Grantsburg No. 244, Sept. 28, 2001.
Good Samaritan	135	Clinton	Consolidated with Morning Star No. 10, Mar. 19, 1998.
Spring Prairie	136	Spring Prairie	Surrendered December 21, 1904.
Footville	137	Footville	Consolidated with Bicknell No. 94, Dec. 19, 1996.
Billings	139	Ft. Atkinson	Charter arrested April 2, 1996.
Fond du Lac	140	Fond du Lac	Consolidated with Fountain No. 26, June 2, 1995, changed name to Fond du Lac No. 26.
Harmony	142	Whitefish Bay	Consolidated with Milwaukee No. 261 and changed name to Milwaukee-Harmony No. 261, Jan. 8, 1983.
Brandon	144	Brandon	Consolidated with Waupun No. 48, June 11, 1958.
Bloomington	146	Bloomington	Consolidated with Lancaster No. 20, Dec. 15, 1982.
Green Lake	147	Green Lake	Consolidated with Ripon No. 95, November 23, 1971 and name changed to Ripon-Green Lake 95.
Burnett	150	Burnett	Surrendered April 5, 1901.
Cambria	152	Cambria	Consolidated with Pardee No. 171, Sept. 8, 1982.
Rewey	153	Rewey	Consolidated with Mineral Point, July 27, 1988.

Lodge	No.	Location	How Charter Disposed of
Chilton	154	Chilton	Consolidated with New Holstein No. 172, changed name to Calumet No. 172, Jan. 29, 1985.
Monticello Union	155	Monticello	Consolidated with New Glarus No. 310, Sept. 1, 1977.
Corinthian	156	Union Grove	Surrendered March 12, 1904.
Reedsburg	157	Reedsburg	Consolidated with Ironton No. 79, April 1, 1972 and name changed to Reedsburg No. 79.
Oakfield	158	Fond du Lac	Consolidated with Fountain No. 26, October 11, 1971.
Zerah	159	Necedah	Charter arrested Oct. 25, 1985.
Bloomfield	160	Bloomfield	Surrendered 1870.
West Eau Claire	162	West Eau Claire	Surrendered June 14, 1892.
Neillsville	163	Neillsville	Consolidated with Merrilan No. 279, June 29, 2004.
Ferrin	165	Montfort	Surrendered March 17, 1994.
Princeton	166	Princeton	Surrendered June 15, 1883.
Grant	169		Consolidated with Muscoda Lodge No. 70 on November 21, 1981.
Pardee	171	Pardeeville	Surrendered June 14, 2006.
New Holstein	172	✓✓New Holstein	Surrendered June 11, 1878, Consolidated with Chilton No. 154, changed name to Calumet No. 172, Jan. 29, 1985.
Poynette	173	Poynette	Consolidated with Fort Winnebago No. 33, Sept. 16, 2015
Key	174	Algoma	Consolidated with Kewaunee No. 296, on July 10, 1978 and changed name to Kewaunee-Key Lodge No. 174. New charter presented on June 12, 1979.
Kewaunee-Key	174	Kewaunee	Consolidated with Henry S. Baird No. 211, Nov. 17, 2005 and changed name to Henry S. Baird No. 174.
Excelsior	175	Milwaukee	Consolidated with Lake Lodge No. 189, May 18, 2009.
Black Earth Valley	179	Black Earth	Consolidated with Crescent No. 97, May 22, 1997 and changed name to Crescent Valley No. 97.
Augusta	181	Augusta	Consolidated with Osseo No. 213, Feb. 19, 1997 and changed name to Osseo-Fairchild-Augusta No. 213
Alma	184	Alma	Consolidated with Buffalo River Lodge No. 252, May 16, 2009.
Georgetown	185	Cuba City	Surrendered Nov. 3, 1938.
Humbird	191	Humbird	Consolidated with Merrilan No. 279, March 25, 1986 and changed name to Merrilan-Humbird No. 279.
Ashlar	193	Sussex	Consolidated with Waukesha No. 37, Dec. 1, 2015.
Wonewoc	194	Wonewoc	Consolidated with Elroy No. 202, Dec. 10, 1974 and changed name to Elroy-Wonewoc No. 202.
Maiden Rock	196	Maiden Rock	Consolidated with Pepin No. 89, May 21, 1968.
Belleville	198	Belleville	Arrested No. 13, 1937.
Werner	199	Werner	Surrendered June 12, 1888.
Wm. Kahlenberg	200	Two Rivers	Consolidated with Manitowoc No. 65, May 25, 1989.
Arcadia	201	Arcadia	Surrendered July 11, 2011.
Elroy-Wonewoc	202	Elroy	Consolidated with Tomah No. 132, April 18, 1990.
Wilton	203	Wilton	Surrendered Feb. 23, 1953.
Colby	204	Colby	Charter arrested Jan. 10, 1994.
Centennial	205	Oshkosh	Consolidated with Oshkosh No. 27, Nov. 20, 1989.
Pine River	207	Pine River	Consolidated with Redgranite No. 299, Sept. 1, 1982.
Redgranite	207	Redgranite	Consolidated with Wautoma No. 148, July 29, 2001.
Plainfield	208	Plainfield	Consolidated with Wautoma No. 148, Sept. 15, 1989.
Rockton	209	LaFarge	Consolidated with LaBelle No. 84, May 14, 1990.
Spring Green	212	Spring Green	Arrested Feb. 29, 2000.
Osseo	213	**Osseo	Surrendered June 15, 1892.
Osseo-Fairchild-Augusta	213	Osseo	Consolidated with Mondovi No. 252 on June 21, 2005 and changed name to Buffalo River No. 252.

Lodge	No.	Location	How Charter Disposed of
Patch Grove	216	Patch Grove	Surrendered Sept. 17, 1901.
Peshtigo	218	Peshtigo	Consolidated with Tri County Daylite No. 361, July 15, 1992.
Barron	220	Barron	Consolidated with Blue Hills No. 234, Jan. 23, 2008.
Cumberland	223	Cumberland	Consolidated with Rice Lake No. 234, May 14, 1998, changed name to Blue Hills No. 234.
Westfield	227	Westfield	Consolidated with Oxford No. 91, Feb. 11, 1966.
Mt. Horeb	228	Mt. Horeb	Consolidated with Verona No. 294, July 20, 1984.
Pittsville	232	Pittsville	Consolidated with Wisconsin Rapids No. 128, April 3, 1992.
Kaukauna	233	Kaukauna	Consolidated with Appleton No. 349, April 17, 1995.
Cassville	235	Cassville	Consolidated with Warren No. 4, Jan. 24, 1985.
J.H. Knapp	238	Knapp	Consolidated with Glenwood No. 254, March 28, 1966.
Jefferson	239	Jefferson	Old No. 9 restored, 239 vacant.
Washburn	240	Washburn	Consolidated with Bayfield No. 215, July 27, 1993.
Tomahawk	243	Tomahawk	Consolidated with Rhinelander-Lakeland No. 242, Dec. 10, 1998.
Pewaukee	246	Pewaukee	Suspended Charter April 8, 2013.
Greenwood	249	Greenwood	Consolidated with Owen No. 317, May 10, 1994.
Olive Branch	250	Marinette	Surrendered Feb. 15, 1898.
Brooklyn	251	Brooklyn	Consolidated with Waucoma No. 90 January 15, 1963.
Bloomington	253	***Bloomington	Consolidated with Beetown No. 146, Beetown, May 19, 1976 and name changed to Bloomington No. 146.
Glenwood	254	Glenwood City	Charter arrested March 2, 2004.
Hillsboro	255	Hillsboro	Consolidated with La Belle Lodge No. 84, October 2, 2008.
Genoa City	256	Genoa City	Surrendered April 23, 2001.
Viola	257	Viola	Consolidated with Rockton No. 209, LaFarge, June 18, 1968.
Amery	258	Amery	Consolidated with North Star No. 187, Sept. 25, 1990.
Jeremiah M. Rusk	259	South Milwaukee	Consolidated with Kilbourn No. 3 to form South Shore No. 3, Oct. 28, 2004.
Spooner	260	Spooner	Consolidated with Shell Lake No. 221 to form Shell Lake-Spooner No. 221, Nov. 3, 2004.
Spring Valley	262	Spring Valley	Consolidated with Collins No. 192, May 14, 2004, now Collins-Spring Valley No. 192.
Thorp	264	Thorp	Consolidated with Stanley No. 273, November 22, 1971 and name changed to Stanley-Thorp No. 273.
Edwards	266	Hancock	Consolidated with Wautoma No. 148, Sept. 8, 1993.
Benton	268	Benton	Changed name back to Olive Branch No. 6 on Aug. 21, 2011.
William W. Perry	269	Deerfield	Surrendered No. 30, 1966.
Randolph	270	Randolph	Consolidated with Dodge County Lodge No. 72, February 25, 1981.
Whitehall-Blair	271	Whitehall	Consolidated with Decora No. 177, Nov. 20, 2001.
Stanley-Thorp	273	Stanley	Consolidated with Owen No. 317, Oct. 10, 1989.
Wild Rose	274	Wild Rose	Consolidated with Wautoma No. 148, July 18, 1979.
St. Croix Falls	275	St. Croix Falls	Consolidated with Osceola No. 134, May 14, 1990.
Manawa	276	Manawa	Consolidated with Weyauwega No. 82, Dec. 19, 1995, now Manawa No. 82.
South Wayne	278	South Wayne	Consolidated with Argyle No. 178, December 5, 1967.
Almond	282	Almond	Consolidated with Plainfield No. 208, February 23, 1971.
Fountain City	283	Fountain City	Consolidated with Alma Lodge No. 184, December 18, 1980.
North Freedom	284	North Freedom	Surrendered Jan. 6, 1942.

Lodge	No.	Location	How Charter Disposed of
Niagara	285	Niagara	Consolidated with Hiram D. Fisher Lodge No. 222, September 10, 1980.
Walworth	286	Walworth	Consolidated with Delavan-Darien No. 12 and Elkhorn No. 77 to form Southern Lakes No. 12, May 7, 2004.
Itasca	289	Superior	Consolidated with Acacia No. 329, Sept. 28, 1995, now Acacia-Itasca No. 329.
Endeavor	292	Endeavor	Consolidated with Fort Winnebago No. 33, December 21, 1960.
Verona	294	Verona	Consolidated with Madison No. 5 on Aug. 31, 2005.
W.W. Childs	295	Gays Mills	Consolidated with LaBelle Lodge No. 84, May 15, 1975.
Kewaunee	296	Kewaunee	Consolidated with Kay No. 174 on July 10, 1978 and changed name to Kewaunee-Key No. 174.
Myron Reed	297	Brookfield	Consolidated with Elmbrook No. 354, Dec. 30, 2015.
Abbotsford	298	Abbotsford	Consolidated with Owen No. 317, April 14, 1994.
Redgranite	299	Redgranite	Consolidated with Pine River No. 207, Sept. 1, 1982. Now Redgranite No. 207.
Park Falls	300	Park Falls	Consolidated with Phillips Lodge No. 225, May 16, 2009.
Brillion	302	Brillion	Surrendered Dec. 15, 1970.
Kenwood	303	Milwaukee	Consolidated with Silver Spring No. 337 and changed name to George Washington 1776 No. 337, July 29, 2000.
Wauzeka	304	Wauzeka	Consolidated with Prairie du Chien No. 106, June 5, 1989.
Fairchild	305	Fairchild	Consolidated with Osseo No. 213, Dec. 19, 1988.
Seymour	306	Seymour	Arrested June 13, 2000.
Frederic	308	Frederic	Consolidated with Grantsburg No. 244, Nov. 20, 1989.
James A. Garfield	309	Milwaukee	Surrendered Sept. 30, 1999.
Dalton	311	Dalton	Surrendered Dec. 16, 1948.
Birchwood	312	Birchwood	Surrendered Jan. 3, 1940.
Turtle Lake	313	Turtle Lake	Surrendered Charter February 15, 1988.
Mellen	314	Mellen	Consolidated with Ancient Landmark No. 210, May 15, 1984.
Bruce	316	Bruce	Consolidated with Mystic Tie No. 280, December 14, 1987.
Victory	320	Cedarburg	Consolidated with Ozaukee No. 17, Nov. 12, 2012.
Cornell	321	Cornell	Consolidated with Mystic Tie No. 280, Sept. 28, 1995
Blair	323	Blair	Consolidated with Whitehall No. 271, Feb. 1, 1987.
H.H. Grace	324	Superior	Consolidated with Superior No. 236, December 27, 1968.
Ogilvie	326	Radisson	Consolidated with Keystone No. 263, Oct. 26, 2004.
Mount Hope	327	Mount Hope	Consolidated with Fennimore No. 219, December 19, 1973.
Sauk City	328	Sauk City	Consolidated with Eureka No. 113, Nov. 1, 1966, and name changed.
Minocqua	330	Minocqua	Consolidated with Rhinelander No. 242 and changed name to Rhinelander-Lakeland No. 242 December 15, 1982.
Cedar Grove	333	Cedar Grove	Consolidated with Ozaukee No. 17, Dec. 15, 1982.
Colfax	334	Colfax	Surrendered Dec. 31, 1940.
Loyal	335	Loyal	Consolidated with Owen Lodge No. 317 on October 26, 1981.
Kiel	336	Kiel	Surrendered Charter May 15, 1992.
Hiram W. Sawyer	338	Whitefish Bay	Consolidated with J.M. Hays Lodge No. 331, Dec. 1, 1980.
Shorewood	339	Shorewood	Consolidated with Silver Spring No. 337 and changed name to George Washington 1776 No. 337, July 29, 2000.
Blue River	340	Blue River	Consolidated with Muscodia No. 70, Jan. 19, 1960.

Lodge	No.	Location	How Charter Disposed of
Kendall	341	Kendall	Arrested Oct. 12, 1945.
Goodman	342	Goodman	Consolidated with Niagara No. 285, Dec. 7, 1959.
Southport	343	Kenosha	Consolidated with Pike No. 355 and changed name to Unity No. 367, July 17, 2003.
Badger	345	La Crosse	Consolidated with Frontier No. 45 and changed name to Frontier-Badger No. 45, Oct. 17, 2007.
Centre	UD	Avon	In 1857 moved to Darlington and name changed to Evening Star No. 64.
Gillett	344	Gillett	Consolidated with Mason-Woods No. 368, August 12, 2006.
Rib Lake	346	Rib Lake	Consolidated with Medford No. 217, June 12, 1957.
Paul Revere	348	Wauwatosa	Consolidated with Henry L. Palmer No. 301, July 10, 1984.
Ionic	352	Middleton	Consolidated with Middleton No. 180, Dec. 31, 1998.
Beloit	353	Beloit	Consolidated with Morning Star No. 10, August 24, 1987.
Elmbrook	354	Brookfield	Consolidated with Myron Reed No. 297, Dec. 30, 2015.
Pike	355	Kenosha	Consolidated with Southport No. 343 and changed name to Unity No. 367, July 17, 2003.
Brown Deer	357	Menomonee Falls	Consolidated with George Washington 1776 No. 337, June 29, 2001.
Nine Rivers	369	Eau Claire	Surrendered June 1, 2012.

*Now Kenosha. •New Lodge organized and No. 9 given them. ***Lodge organized by members of Harmony Lodge, name and number restored to them. **New charter granted June 12, 1901. ✓Formerly Delavan No. 121, changed in 1923 to Delavan No. 12. ✓✓New Lodge organized and No. 172 given them June 9, 1926. **New Lodge organized by members of Markesan Lodge, name and number restored to them. ***Charter of Beetown No. 146 retained by Consolidated Lodge.

REGISTER OF LODGES

Alphabetically Arranged According to Location of Lodges

Location	Lodge Name	Lodge #	Meeting Nights
Adams	Adams	332	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Albany	Albany	36	3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Antigo	Antigo	231	1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Appleton	Waverly	51	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Argyle	Argyle	178	2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Ashland	Ancient Landmark	210	1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Baldwin	Collins-Spring Valley	192	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Baraboo	Baraboo	34	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Barnes	Barnes	365	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Barneveld	Barneveld	319	2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Bayfield	Bayfield-Washburn	215	1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Beaver Dam	Dodge County	72	3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Beloit	Morning Star	10	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Benton	Olive Branch	6	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Berlin	Berlin	38	2nd & 4th Thurs, 7:00 p.m. 2nd Thurs Nov & Dec 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Black Earth	Crescent Valley	97	1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Black River Falls	Black River	74	2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Bloomer	Bloomer	281	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Bristol	Washburn	145	2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Brodhead	Bicknell	94	2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Brookfield	Mc Kinley	307	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Burlington	Burlington	28	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Cambridge	Social	245	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Camp Douglas	Camp Douglas	272	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Cecil	Mason-Woods	368	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Chetek	Chetek	277	2nd & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Chippewa Falls	Chippewa Falls	176	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Clear Lake	Clear Lake	230	4th Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Clintonville	Clintonville	197	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus	Columbus	75	2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Crandon	Crandon	287	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Crivitz	Tri County Daylite	218	2nd Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
Darlington	Evening Star	64	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Delavan	Southern Lakes	12	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Dodgeville	Dodgeville	119	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Dousman	Dousman	315	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Dousman	Glenn L. Humphrey	364	2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
Durand	Durand-Pepin	149	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Eagle River	Eagle River	248	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Eau Claire	Eau Claire	112	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Eau Claire	Sanctuary	347	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Eau Claire	George B. Wheeler	351	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Edgerton	Fulton	69	1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Ellsworth	Hancock	229	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Evansville	Union	32	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Evansville	Waucoma	90	3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Fennimore	Fennimore	219	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Florence	Hiram D. Fisher	222	2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Fond du Lac	Fond du Lac	26	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Franklin	South Shore	3	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Frederic	Landmark	244	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Friendship	Quincy	71	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Galesville	Decora	177	1st & 3rd Monday, 8:00 p.m.
Glendale	Milwaukee-Harmony	261	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Green Bay	Washington	21	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Green Bay	Des Peres	85	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Green Bay	Theodore Roosevelt	322	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Green Bay	N.E.W. Daylite	360	2nd Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

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Hartland	Silas H Shepherd	1843	2nd Sat, March, June, Sept, Dec, 10:00 a.m.
Hartford	Hartford	120	2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Hayward	Keystone	263	2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Hudson	St Croix	56	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Hustisford	Neosho-Mayville-Horicon	108	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Janesville	Janesville-Western Star	55	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Jefferson	Jefferson County	9	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Kenosha	Kenosha	47	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Kenosha	Sunrise	359	2nd & 4th Monday, 9:30 a.m.
Kenosha	Unity	367	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
La Crosse	Frontier-Badger	45	2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
La Crosse	La Crosse Masonic	190	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Ladysmith	Mystic Tie	280	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Lake Geneva	Geneva	44	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Linden	Linden	206	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.
Lodi	Lodi Valley	99	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Lone Rock	Franklin	16	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.
Madison	Madison	5	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Madison	Hiram	50	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Madison	Benjamin Franklin	83	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Madison	Commonwealth	325	3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Madison	Doric	356	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Madison	Four Lakes Daylight	362	1st Monday, 10:00 a.m.
Manawa	Manawa	82	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Manitowoc	Manitowoc	65	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Marinette	Marinette	182	1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Marshfield	Marshfield	224	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Mazomanie	Perseverance 1836	366	Traveling Lodge
Medford	Medford	217	2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Menomonee Falls	Lincoln	183	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Menomonie	Menomonie	164	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Mercer	Hurley	237	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Merrill	Virginia Falls	226	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Merrillan	Merrillan	279	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Middleton	Middleton-Ionic	180	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Milton	Milton	161	4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Millwaukee	Lake	189	2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Millwaukee	Lafayette	265	2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Millwaukee	Damascus	290	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Millwaukee	James M Hays	331	1st Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Millwaukee	Nathan Hale	350	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Millwaukee	Freemasons	363	1st Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
Mineral Point	Mineral Point	1	3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. (Jan-Mar, July-Sept & Dec) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. (Apr-June, Oct-Dec)
Minocqua	Island City	330	1st Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Mondovi	Buffalo River	252	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Monroe	Smith	31	1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Montello	Montello	141	2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Mosinee	Mosinee	318	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Mukwonago	Laffin-St. James	247	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Neenah	Twin Cities	61	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Neenah	Appleton	349	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
New Glarus	New Glarus	310	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
New Holstein	Calumet	172	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.
New Lisbon	Juneau	103	2nd & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
New Richmond	New Richmond	195	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Oconomowoc	Oconomowoc-Hartland	42	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Oconto	Pine	188	2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Oconto Falls	Oconto Falls	293	1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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Omro	Omro	168	2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Onalaska	Onalaska Masonic	214	2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Oregon	Oregon	151	2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Oshkosh	Oshkosh	27	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Owen	Owen	317	1st Monday, 7:30 p.m./3rd Monday 11:00 a.m.
Phillips	Phillips	225	1st Monday, 7:30 p.m. Dec-Feb 1st & 3rd Monday, Mar, May, Oct & Nov 3rd Monday, June-Sept
Platteville	Melody	2	1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Plymouth	Cassia	167	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Portage	Fort Winnebago	33	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Potosi	Warren	4	1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Prairie du Chien	Prairie du Chien	8	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Prairie du Sac	Sauk Prairie	113	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Prescott	Northwestern	105	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Pt. Washington	Ozaukee	17	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Racine	Racine-Belle City	18	1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Reedsburg	Reedsburg	79	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Rhineland	Rhineland	242	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Rice Lake	Blue Hills	234	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Richland Center	Richland	66	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Ripon	Prairie View	95	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
River Falls	River Falls	109	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Roscoe, IL	Armistead-Bingham	1862	5th Saturdays, Sat. of Reenactments, 1:00 p.m.
Shawano	Shawano	170	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Sheboygan	Sheboygan	11	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
Shell Lake	Shell Lake-Spooner	221	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Shullsburg	Amicitia	25	1st & 3rd Monday, 8:00 p.m.
Sparta	Valley	60	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Star Prairie	North Star	187	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Stevens Point	Evergreen	93	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Stoughton	Kegonsa	73	1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Sturgeon Bay	Henry S. Baird	174	2nd & 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Sun Prairie	Sun Prairie	143	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Superior	Superior	236	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Superior	Acacia-Itasca	329	1st & 3rd Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Tomah	Tomah	132	1st & 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Union Grove	Union Grove	288	3rd Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
Viroqua	La Belle	84	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Waterloo	Waterloo	63	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Waukesha	Waukesha	37	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Waupaca	Waupaca	123	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Waupun	Waupun	48	1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Wausau	Forest	130	Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Wautoma	Wautoma	148	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Wauwatosa	Wisconsin	13	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Wauwatosa	Henry L Palmer	301	Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
West Allis	Independence	80	2nd & 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
West Allis	Wauwatosa	267	2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.
West Allis	West Allis	291	1st & 3rd Friday, 7:00 p.m.
West Allis	Day Lite	358	1st & 3rd Monday, 9:30 a.m.
West Bend	West Bend	138	2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
West Salem	Salem	125	4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Whitefish Bay	Aurora	30	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Whitefish Bay	George Washington 1776	337	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Whitewater	St John's	57	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Wilmot	Wilmot	241	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Winneconne	Winneconne	186	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Wisconsin Dells	Dells	124	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Wisconsin Rapids	Wisconsin Rapids	128	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

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Of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin

Year	Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Senior Grand Warden	Junior Grand Warden
1844	*Benj. T. Kavanaugh	*Abram D. Smith	*Moses Meeker	*David H. Merrill
1845	*Benj. T. Kavanaugh	*Abram D. Smith	*Moses Meeker	*Byron Kilbourn
1846	*Abram D. Smith	*Rev. Rufus Spaulding	*Thomas P. Burnett	*Mason C. Darling
1847	*Abram D. Smith	*Rev. Rufus Spaulding	*Mason C. Darling	*John H. Roundtree
1848	*Abram D. Smith	*Jeremiah P. Lancaster	*Byron Kilbourn	*Charles Gear
1849	*William R. Smith	*Rev. Frank Whitaker	*A. Hyatt Smith	*Orlander Foster
1850	*William R. Smith	*Dwight F. Lawton	*Mason C. Darling	*Charles Gear
1851	*Abram D. Smith	*Montgomery Cothren	*John Bullen	*Henry M. Billings
1852	*Henry L. Palmer	*Henry M. Billings	*Henry S. Baird	*Erastus Lewis
1853	*Henry L. Palmer	*Henry M. Billings	*Gabriel Bouck	*Rufus DeLos Pulford
1854	*Henry M. Billings	*Gabriel Bouck	*Orlander Foster	*Haven Powers
1855	*Henry M. Billings	*Gabriel Bouck	*Orlander Foster	*Haven Powers
1856	*Henry S. Baird	*Rufus DeLos Pulford	*Luther M. Tracy	*Luman M. Strong
1857	*Henry S. Baird	*George F. Huntington	*Luther M. Tracy	*Luman M. Strong
1858	*Luther M. Tracy	*George B. Worth	*Luman M. Strong	*Algernon S. Wood
1859	*Luther M. Tracy	*Asmus Cobb	*Luman M. Strong	*Algernon S. Wood
1860	*Gabriel Bouck	*Luman M. Strong	*Algernon S. Wood	*John W. Stewart
1861	*Alvin B. Alden	*Ganem W. Washburn	*Algernon S. Wood	*Jonathan B. Moore
1862	*Alvin B. Alden	*David H. Wright	*John T. Wentworth	*William H. Hiner
1863	*Alvin B. Alden	*David H. Wright	*John T. Wentworth	*William H. Hiner
1864	*Ganem W. Washburn	*William H. Hiner	*Harlow Pease	*David L. Downs
1865	*John T. Wentworth	*Andrew M. Blair	*Harlow Pease	*James A. Bate
1866	*Melvin L. Youngs	*Harlow Pease	*James A. Bate	*Alexander Meggett
1867	*Harlow Pease	*James A. Bate	*Alexander Meggett	*Chas. F.G. Collins
1868	*Harlow Pease	*Joseph Hamilton	*Joseph Hamilton	*John Turner
1869	*Gabriel Bouck	*Amasa Cobb	*John Turner	*Dana C. Lamb
1870	*Gabriel Bouck	*Joseph Hamilton	*John Turner	*Dana C. Lamb
1871	*Henry L. Palmer	*Spencer A. Pease	*Dana C. Lamb	*George W. Robinson
1872	*Henry L. Palmer	*Spencer A. Pease	*C. Loftus Martin	*William S. Darrow
1873	*Rufus D. Pulford	*Jeff P.C. Cottrill	*Harvey E. Hubbard	*John S. Burrows
1874	*Jedd P.C. Cottrill	*Emmons E. Chapin	*Ira W. Bird	*Henry Turner
1875	*Jedd P.C. Cottrill	*Merrick P. Wing	*Eliphalet S. Miner	*Charles J. Pardee
1876	*Jedd P.C. Cottrill	*Nathan C. Giffin	*Eliphalet S. Miner	*Lewis Lashway
1877	*Jedd P.C. Cottrill	*David C. Fulton	*Homer S. Goss	*John G. Clark
1878	*Charles F.G. Collins	*Walter C. Pease	*John Corscot	*Hollis C. Wade
1879	*Charles F.G. Collins	*Philo A. Orton	*Jeremiah Watts	*John W. Laffin
1880	*Emmons E. Chapin	*Philo A. Orton	*Lewis E. Reed	*William C. Swain
1881	*Emmons E. Chapin	*Lewis E. Reed	*William C. Swain	*Samuel S. Fifield
1882	*Lewis E. Reed	*William C. Swain	*Robert Wootton	*Horatio H. Virgin
1883	*Lewis E. Reed	*Oliver Libbey	*Horatio H. Virgin	*Hiram W. Sawyer
1884	*Oliver Libbey	*Hiram W. Sawyer	*John C. Heithabn	*George W. Bishop
1885	*Oliver Libbey	*Eugene S. Elliott	*Alexander Moran	*Byron J. Rumrill
1886	*Eugene S. Elliott	*Edwin J. Farr	*G.B. Shepard	*John Matheson
1887	*Eugene S. Elliott	*Myron Reed	*J.S. Reynolds	*D. McL. Miller
1888	*Myron Reed	*N.M. Littlejohn	*John Price, Jr.	*C.M. Treat
1889	*Myron Reed	*N.M. Littlejohn	*S.H. Cheney	*A.J. Wallace
1890	*N.M. Littlejohn	*Fred Ring	*A.S. Jackson	*W.H. Clark
1891	*N.M. Littlejohn	*Fred Ring	*W.W. Perry	*Aldro Jenks
1892	*Fred Ring	*William C. Swain	*William H. Ford	*Jacob S. Black
1893	*William C. Swain	*Hiram W. Sawyer	*William B. Andrews	*F.H. L. Cotten
1894	*Hiram W. Sawyer	*William W. Perry	*Hiram D. Fisher	*John Grimshaw
1895	*William W. Perry	*Aldro Jenks	*Aldro Jenks	*F.P. Ainsworth
1896	*Aldro Jenks	*Nathan C. Giffin	*C.S. Stockwell	*John Gill
1897	*Nathan Giffin	*James G. Monahan	*C.A. Lawton	*J.B. Hicks
1898	*James G. Monahan	*D. McL. Miller	*Chas. E. Whelan	*F.E. Noyes

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Of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin

Year	Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Senior Grand Warden	Junior Grand Warden
1899	*Chas. E. Whelan	*Charles C. Rogers	*C.H. Anderson	*Frank Johnson
1900	*Charles C. Rogers	*F.H. L. Cotten	*E.A. Upham	*Wm. G. Hales
1901	*F.H. L. Cotten	*D. McL. Miller	*H.C. Dittmar	*John T. King
1902	*Daniel McL. Miller	*Myron Reed	*Jesse C. Bradley	*George B. Wheeler
1903	*John Corscot	*Jesse C. Bradley	*Chas. H. Moore	*D.A. Telfer
1904	*David H. Wright	*Jesse C. Bradley	*E.L. Urquhart	*Frederick R. Jones
1905	*Jesse C. Bradley	*Edwin J. Farr	*Spencer M. Marsh	*Wesley J. Cochran
1906	*Edwin J. Farr	*Spencer M. Marsh	*James E. Durgin	*Alvin T. Webb
1907	*Spencer M. Marsh	*James E. Durgin	*Alvin T. Webb	*Ernest E. Gatchell
1908	*James E. Durgin	*Alvin T. Webb	*Ernest E. Gatchell	*Cyrus D. Stockwell
1909	*Alvin T. Webb	*Ernest E. Gatchell	*Cyrus D. Stockwell	*Alex E. Matheson
1910	*Ernest E. Gatchell	*Alex E. Matheson	*David B. Greene	*Charles E. George
1911	*Alex E. Matheson	*David B. Greene	*Charles E. George	*Charles E. Shane
1912	*David B. Greene	*George B. Wheeler	*Bernard F. Keeler	*George O. Kellogg
1913	*George B. Wheeler	*Bernard F. Keeler	*George O. Kellogg	*Willard S. Griswold
1914	*Bernard F. Keeler	*George O. Kellogg	*Willard S. Griswold	*David Harlowe
1915	*George O. Kellogg	*C.S. Stockwell	*David Harlowe	*Al C. Anderson
1916	*C.S. Stockwell	*Willard S. Griswold	*William F. Weiler	*A.W. Kellogg
1917	*Willard S. Griswold	*Alvin T. Webb	*C.E. Shaffer	*John E. Langdon
1918	*David Harlowe	*Charles E. Shane	*John E. Langdon	*Clifford E. Randall
1919	*Charles E. Shane	*C.E. Shaffer	*Clifford E. Randall	*Charles F. Lamb
1920	*C.E. Shaffer	*William F. Weiler	*Charles F. Lamb	*Wm. H. Webb
1921	*William F. Weiler	*John E. Langdon	*Wm. H. Webb	*Fred J. Marien
1922	*John E. Langdon	*Charles F. Lamb	*Fred J. Marien	*D.H. Mooney
1923	*Charles F. Lamb	*Wm. H. Webb	*D.H. Mooney	*Herbert W. Dixon
1924	*Frank Johnson	*Fred J. Marien	*Herbert W. Dixon	*Fred L. Wright
1925	*Fred J. Marien	*D.H. Mooney	*Fred L. Wright	*Frank Jenks
1926	*D.H. Mooney	*Herbert W. Dixon	*Frank Jenks	*Herbert N. Laffin
1927	*Herbert W. Dixon	*Fred L. Wright	*Herbert N. Laffin	*Franklin E. Diebert
1928	*Fred L. Wright	*Frank Jenks	*William R. Graves	*Robert M. Millard
1929	*Frank Jenks	*Herbert N. Laffin	*Robert M. Millard	*Thomas Loignon
1930	*Herbert N. Laffin	*William R. Graves	*Thomas Loignon	*Oscar L. Dean
1931	*William R. Graves	*Robert M. Millard	*Oscar L. Dean	*Robert O. Jasperson
1932	*Robert M. Millard	*Thomas Loignon	*Robert O. Jasperson	*Karl Braasch
1933	*Thomas Loignon	*Oscar L. Dean	*Karl Braasch	*Maxwell Jenks
1934	*Oscar L. Dean	*Robert O. Jasperson	*Maxwell Jenks	*Clarence Hill
1935	*Robert O. Jasperson	*Karl Braasch	*Clarence Hill	*Ralph G. Flanders
1936	*Karl Braasch	*Maxwell Jenks	*Ralph G. Flanders	*George F. Lounsbury
1937	*Maxwell Jenks	*Clarence Hill	*George F. Lounsbury	*David O. Stine
1938	*Clarence Hill	*Ralph G. Flanders	*David O. Stine	*George J. Leicht
1939	*George F. Lounsbury	*David O. Stine	*George J. Leicht	*Leo F. Nohl
1940	*David O. Stine	*George J. Leicht	*Leo F. Nohl	*Louis D. Potter
1941	*George J. Leicht	*Leo F. Nohl	*Louis D. Potter	*Herbert L. Mount
1942	*Leo F. Nohl	*Louis D. Potter	*Herbert L. Mount	*Alfred L. Devos
1943	*Louis D. Potter	*Herbert L. Mount	*Alfred L. Devos	*William E. Schubert
1944	*Herbert L. Mount	*Alfred L. Devos	*William E. Schubert	*Van Dyke Parker
1945	*Alfred L. Devos	*William E. Schubert	*Van Dyke Parker	*Norman H. Smith
1946	*William E. Schubert	*Van Dyke Parker	*Norman H. Smith	*Albert Elmgreen
1947	*Van Dyke Parker	*Norman H. Smith	*Albert Elmgreen	*Walter O. Helwig
1948	*Norman H. Smith	*Albert Elmgreen	*Walter O. Helwig	*Robert G. Varnum
1949	*Albert Elmgreen	*Walter O. Helwig	*Robert G. Varnum	*Ingvald O. Hembre
1950	*Walter O. Helwig	*Robert G. Varnum	*Ingvald O. Hembre	*Robert H. Gollmar
1951	*Robert G. Varnum	*Ingvald O. Hembre	*Robert H. Gollmar	*Carl W. Hofmeister
1952	*Ingvald O. Hembre	*Robert H. Gollmar	*Carl W. Hofmeister	*Harry A. Speich
1953	*Robert H. Gollmar	*Carl W. Hofmeister	*Harry A. Speich	*E.W. Krauthoefer

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Of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin

Year	Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Senior Grand Warden	Junior Grand Warden
1954	*Carl W. Hofmeister	*Harry A. Speich	*E.W. Krauthoefer	*Alf E. Anderson
1955	*Harry A. Speich	*E.W. Krauthoefer	*Alf E. Anderson	*Gilbert J. Schwartz
1956	*E.W. Krauthoefer	*Alf E. Anderson	*Gilbert J. Schwartz	*Orrin H. Larrabee
1957	*Alf E. Anderson	*Gilbert J. Schwartz	*Orrin H. Larrabee	*Edward W. Stegner
1958	*Gilbert J. Schwartz	*Orrin H. Larrabee	*Edward W. Stegner	*Clair H. Little
1959	*Orrin H. Larrabee	*Edward W. Stegner	*Clair H. Little	*Burton E. Fulmer
1960	*Edward W. Stegner	*Clair H. Little	*Burton E. Fulmer	*Belmont H. Schlosstein
1961	*Clair H. Little	*Burton E. Fulmer	*Belmont H. Schlosstein	*Lewis A. Stocking
1962	*Burton E. Fulmer	*Belmont H. Schlosstein	*Lewis A. Stocking	*William J. Kahlenberg
1963	*Belmont H. Schlosstein	*Lewis A. Stocking	*William J. Kahlenberg	*Doyn Inman
1964	*Lewis A. Stocking	*William J. Kahlenberg	*Doyn Inman	*Robert V. Osborne
1965	*William J. Kahlenberg	*Doyn Inman	*Robert V. Osborne	*Perry A. Risberg
1966	*Doyn Inman	*Robert V. Osborne	*Perry A. Risberg	*Donald E. Krueger
1967	*Robert V. Osborne	*Perry A. Risberg	*Donald E. Krueger	Charles E. White
1968	*Perry A. Risberg	*Donald E. Krueger	*Donald E. Krueger	Charles E. White
1969	*Donald E. Krueger	Charles E. White	*Waldemar T. Zwerg	Denman G. Kramer
1970	Charles E. White	Denman G. Kramer	*George J. Schreiber	*A.D. Anderson
1971	Denman G. Kramer	*George J. Schreiber	*A.D. Anderson	*Carl W. Skoog
1972	*George J. Schreiber	*A.D. Anderson	*Carl W. Skoog	*Robert E. Billings
1973	*A.D. Anderson	*Carl W. Skoog	*Robert E. Billings	*Carl R. Garry
1974	*Carl W. Skoog	*Robert E. Billings	*Carl R. Garry	Herman A. Friess
1975	*Robert E. Billings	*Carl R. Garry	Herman A. Friess	#James A. Benz
1976	*Carl R. Garry	Herman A. Friess	#James A. Benz	*George R. Hughey
1977	Herman A. Friess	#James A. Benz	*George R. Hughey	Russell R. Selbo
1978	#James A. Benz	*George R. Hughey	Russell R. Selbo	Allan E. Iding
1979	*George R. Hughey	Russell R. Selbo	Allan E. Iding	James J. Byrnes
1980	Russell R. Selbo	Allan E. Iding	James J. Byrnes	Kenneth W. Shannon
1981	Allan E. Iding	James J. Byrnes	Kenneth W. Shannon	*Darrell Aderman
1982	James J. Byrnes	Kenneth W. Shannon	*Darrell Aderman	William E. Day
1983	Kenneth W. Shannon	*Darrell Aderman	William E. Day	*George A. Wallinger
1984	*Darrell Aderman	William E. Day	*George A. Wallinger	*Kingman D. Loomis
1985	William E. Day	*George A. Wallinger	*Kingman D. Loomis	Bruce A. Christianson
1986	*George A. Wallinger	*Kingman D. Loomis	Bruce A. Christianson	Robert E. Moore
1987	*Kingman D. Loomis	Bruce A. Christianson	Robert E. Moore	*Dean T. Massey
1988	Bruce A. Christianson	Robert E. Moore	*Dean T. Massey	*Benjamin F. Detroy
1989	Robert E. Moore	*Dean T. Massey	*Benjamin F. Detroy	James A. Zimmerman
1990	*Dean T. Massey	*Benjamin F. Detroy	James A. Zimmerman	Clarence O. Campbell
1991	*Benjamin F. Detroy	James A. Zimmerman	Carl J. Wussow	Stanley R. Jagow
1992	James A. Zimmerman	Carl J. Wussow	Stanley R. Jagow	Beecher Daniels
1993	Carl J. Wussow	Stanley R. Jagow	Beecher Daniels	Jack C. Allord
1994	Stanley R. Jagow	Beecher Daniels	Jack C. Allord	Bruce S. Sim
1995	Beecher Daniels	Jack C. Allord	Bruce S. Sim	Lawrence L. Myers
1996	Jack C. Allord	Bruce S. Sim	Lawrence L. Myers	Richard E. Black
1997	Bruce S. Sim	Lawrence L. Myers	Richard E. Black	Stephen D. Willett
1998	Lawrence L. Myers	Richard E. Black	Stephen D. Willett	John W. Hein
1999	Richard E. Black	Stephen D. Willett	John W. Hein	James H. Olson
2000	Stephen D. Willett	John W. Hein	James H. Olson	Michael A. DeWolf
2001	John W. Hein	James H. Olson	Michael A. DeWolf	*Keith D. Chamberlain
2002	James H. Olson	Michael A. DeWolf	*Keith D. Chamberlain	Roger L. Magoon
2003	Michael A. DeWolf	*Keith D. Chamberlain	Roger L. Magoon	Rodney A. Paulsen
2004	*Keith D. Chamberlain	Roger L. Magoon	Rodney A. Paulsen	J. B. Van Hollen
2005	Roger L. Magoon	Rodney A. Paulsen	J. B. Van Hollen	John W. Wilke
2006	Rodney A. Paulsen	J.B. Van Hollen	John W. Wilke	Craig S. Campbell
2007	J.B. Van Hollen	John W. Wilke	Craig S. Campbell	Joseph B. Harker
2008	John W. Wilke	Craig S. Campbell	Joseph B. Harker	Davey L. White, Jr.

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Year	Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Senior Grand Warden	Junior Grand Warden
2009	Craig S. Campbell	Joseph B. Harker	Davey L. White, Jr.	Dennis V. Siewert
2010	Joseph B. Harker	Davey L. White, Jr.	Dennis V. Siewert	Daniel L. Slavik
2011	Davey L. White, Jr.	Dennis V. Siewert	Daniel L. Slavik	William Beetcher
2012	Dennis V. Siewert	Daniel L. Slavik	William Beetcher	Franklin J. Struble
2013	Daniel L. Slavik	William Beetcher	Franklin J. Struble	Donald W. Hensiak
2014	William Beetcher	Franklin J. Struble	Donald W. Hensiak	L. Arby Humphrey
2015	Franklin J. Struble	Donald W. Hensiak	L. Arby Humphrey	Scott E. Pedley
2016	Donald W. Hensiak <i>* Deceased</i>	L. Arby Humphrey <i># Resigned</i>	Scott E. Pedley	Robert C. Strader

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Of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin

Year	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1844	*Thomas P. Burnett	*Benj. C. Eastman
1845	*Thomas P. Burnett	*Benj. C. Eastman
1846	*John H. Roundtree	*William R. Smith
1847	*John Catlin	*William R. Smith
1848	*Montgomery Cothren	*William R. Smith
1849	*John H. Roundtree	*Mont. M. Cothren
1850	*Samuel Moore	*Mont. M. Cothren
1851	*Leonard Coates	*William R. Smith
1852	*Samuel S. Daggett	*William R. Smith
1853	*Samuel S. Daggett	*William R. Smith
1854	*William Chappel	*William R. Smith
1855	*Peter Winter	*William R. Smith
1856	*Peter Winter	*William R. Smith
1857	*William Campbell	*William R. Smith
1858	*Samuel S. Daggett	*John W. Hunt
1859	*Samuel S. Daggett	*John W. Hunt
1860	*Samuel S. Daggett	*James B. Kellogg
1861	*Samuel S. Daggett	*William T. Palmer
1862	*Samuel S. Daggett	*William T. Palmer
1863	*Samuel S. Daggett	*William T. Palmer
1864	*Samuel S. Daggett	*William T. Palmer
1865	*Samuel S. Daggett	*William T. Palmer
1866	*William H. Hiner	*William T. Palmer
1867	*William H. Hiner	*William T. Palmer
1868	*William H. Hiner	*William T. Palmer
1869	*William H. Hiner	*William T. Palmer
1870	*William H. Hiner	*William T. Palmer
1871	*William H. Hiner	*William T. Palmer
1872	*William H. Hiner	*William T. Palmer
1873	*William H. Hiner	*Geo. E. Hoskinson
1874	*William H. Hiner	*Geo. E. Hoskinson
1875	*William H. Hiner	*John W. Woodhull
1876	*William H. Hiner	*John W. Woodhull
1877	*William H. Hiner	*John W. Woodhull
1878	*F.L. von Suessmilch	*John W. Woodhull
1879	*David S. Vittum	
	*George C. Swain	*John W. Woodhull
1880	*F.L. von Suessmilch	*John W. Woodhull
1881	*N.M. Littlejohn	*John W. Woodhull
1882	*F.L. von Suessmilch	*John W. Woodhull
1883	*N.M. Littlejohn	*John W. Laffin
1884	*F.L. Von Suessmilch	*John W. Laffin
1885	*N.M. Littlejohn	*John W. Laffin
1886	*F.L. Von Suessmilch	*John W. Laffin
1887	*N.M. Littlejohn	*John W. Laffin
1888	*F.L. Von Suessmilch	*John W. Laffin
1889	*F.H. Starkweather	*John W. Laffin
1890	*F.L. von Suessmilch	*John W. Laffin
1891	*F.H. Starkweather	*John W. Laffin
1892	*F.L. von Suessmilch	*John W. Laffin
1893	*F.H. Starkweather	*John W. Laffin
1894	*F.L. von Suessmilch	*John W. Laffin
1895	*John Corscot	*John W. Laffin
1896	*F.L. von Suessmilch	*John W. Laffin
1897	*John Corscot	*John W. Laffin
1898	*J.H. Evans	*John W. Laffin

Year	Grand Treasurer	Grand Treasurer Emeritus	Grand Secretary	Grand Sec'y Emeritus	Assistant Grand Sec'y
1899	*John Corscot		*John W. Laffin		
1900	*J.H. Evans		*John W. Laffin		
1901	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1902	*J.H. Evans		*William W. Perry		
1903	*J.M. Pereles		*William W. Perry		
1904	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1905	*J.M. Pereles		*William W. Perry		
1906	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1907	*J.M. Pereles		*William W. Perry		
1908	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1909	*J.M. Pereles		*William W. Perry		
1910	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1911	*Thomas J. Pereles		*William W. Perry		
1912	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1913	*David B. Greene		*William W. Perry		
1914	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1915	*David B. Greene		*William W. Perry		
1916	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1917	*George B. Wheeler		*William W. Perry		
1918	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1919	*George B. Wheeler		*William W. Perry		
1920	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1921	*George B. Wheeler		*William W. Perry		
1922	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		
1923	*George B. Wheeler		*William W. Perry		*John E. Bast
1924	*John Corscot		*William W. Perry		*John E. Bast
1925	*George B. Wheeler		*William W. Perry		*John E. Bast
1926	*John E. Langdon		*William W. Perry		*John E. Bast
1927	*George B. Wheeler		*William W. Perry	*William W. Perry	*John E. Bast
1928	*D.H. Mooney		*William F. Weiler	*William W. Perry	*John E. Bast
1929	*George B. Wheeler		*William F. Weiler	*William W. Perry	*John E. Bast
1930	*D.H. Mooney		*William F. Weiler		*John E. Bast
1931	*George B. Wheeler		*William F. Weiler		*John E. Bast
1932	*D.H. Mooney		*William F. Weiler		*John E. Bast
1933	*George B. Wheeler		*William F. Weiler		*John E. Bast
1934	*D.H. Mooney		*William F. Weiler		*John E. Bast
1935	*George B. Wheeler		*William F. Weiler		
1936	*D.H. Mooney		*William F. Weiler		
1937	*Robert M. Millard	*George B. Wheeler	*William F. Weiler		
1938	*D.H. Mooney	*George B. Wheeler	*William F. Weiler		
1939	*Robert M. Millard	*George B. Wheeler	*William F. Weiler		
1940	*D.H. Mooney	*George B. Wheeler	*William F. Weiler		
1941	*Robert M. Millard	*George B. Wheeler	*William F. Weiler		
1942	*D.H. Mooney	*George B. Wheeler	*William F. Weiler		
1943	*Robert M. Millard	*George B. Wheeler	*William F. Weiler		
1944	*D.H. Mooney		*William F. Weiler		
1945	*Robert M. Millard		*William F. Weiler		
1946	*D.H. Mooney		*William F. Weiler		
1947	*Robert M. Millard	*D.H. Mooney	*William F. Weiler		
1948	*Edgar A. Williams	*D.H. Mooney	*William F. Weiler		
1949	*Robert M. Millard	*D.H. Mooney	*Paul W. Grossenbach	*William F. Weiler	
1950	*Edgar A. Williams	*D.H. Mooney	*Paul W. Grossenbach	*William F. Weiler	
1951	*Robert M. Millard	*D.H. Mooney	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1952	*Edgar A. Williams	*D.H. Mooney	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1953	*Robert M. Millard		*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1954	*Edgar A. Williams	*Robert M. Millard	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1955	*Lewis A. Moore	*Robert M. Millard	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1956	*Edgar A. Williams	*Robert M. Millard	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1957	*Lewis A. Moore	*Robert M. Millard	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1958	*Edgar A. Williams	*Robert M. Millard	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1959	*Lewis A. Moore	*Robert M. Millard	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1960	*Edgar A. Williams	*Robert M. Millard	*Paul W. Grossenbach		

Year	Grand Treasurer	Grand Treasurer Emeritus	Grand Secretary	Grand Sec'y Emeritus	Assistant Grand Sec'y
1961	*Lewis A. Moore	*Robert M. Millard	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1962	*Edgar A. Williams		*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1962	*Roy H. Seim				
1962	*Arnold W. Plier				
1963	*Lewis A. Moore	*Robert M. Millard	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1964	*Alfred G. Trimberger	*Lewis A. Moore			
1964		*Robert M. Millard	*Paul W. Grossenbach		
1965	*Hertel M. Saugman	*Lewis A. Moore			
1965		*Robert M. Millard			
1966	*Eugene G. Williams	*Robert M. Millard			
1967	*Hertel M. Saugman	*Robert M. Millard	*Ernest R. Hiegel	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1968	*Carl R. Garny	*Robert M. Millard	*Ernest R. Hiegel	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1969	*Robert O. Graf	*Robert M. Millard	*Ernest R. Hiegel	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1970	*Carl L. Payne	*Robert M. Millard	*Perry A. Risberg	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1971	Russell R. Selbo	*Robert M. Millard	*Carl L. Payne	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1972	*Carl L. Payne	*Robert M. Millard	*Doyn Inman	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1973	*Carl L. Payne	*Robert M. Millard	*Doyn Inman	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1974	*Carl L. Payne	*Robert M. Millard	*Doyn Inman	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1975	*Carl L. Payne	*Robert M. Millard	*Doyn Inman	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1976	*Carl L. Payne	*Robert M. Millard	*Doyn Inman	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1977	*Silas J. Paul	*Robert M. Millard	*Doyn Inman	*Paul W. Grossenbach	
1978	*Silas J. Paul		*Doyn Inman		
1979	*Silas J. Paul		*Doyn Inman		
1980	*Silas J. Paul		*Doyn Inman		
1981	*Silas J. Paul		*Doyn Inman		
1982	*Silas J. Paul		*Doyn Inman		
1983	*Silas J. Paul		*Carl W. Skoog	*Doyn Inman	*Carl W. Skoog
1984	*Silas J. Paul		*Carl W. Skoog	*Doyn Inman	
1985	*Robert W. Ward	*Silas J. Paul	*Carl W. Skoog	*Doyn Inman	
1986	*Robert W. Ward	*Silas J. Paul	*Carl W. Skoog	*Doyn Inman	
1987	*Robert W. Ward	*Silas J. Paul	*Carl W. Skoog	*Doyn Inman	
1988	*Robert W. Ward	*Silas J. Paul	*Carl W. Skoog	*Doyn Inman	
1989	*Robert W. Ward	*Silas J. Paul	#Douglas F. Krimmer	*Doyn Inman	
1990	*David J. Nolte	*Silas J. Paul	#Douglas F. Krimmer	*Doyn Inman	
1991	*David J. Nolte	*Robert W. Ward	#Douglas F. Krimmer	*Doyn Inman	
1992	John W. Hein	*Robert W. Ward	#Douglas F. Krimmer	*Doyn Inman	
1993	John W. Hein	*Robert W. Ward	*Carl W. Skoog	*Doyn Inman	
1994	*D. James Childs	*Robert W. Ward	*George A. Wallinger	*Carl W. Skoog	
1995	*D. James Childs	*Robert W. Ward	*George A. Wallinger	*Carl W. Skoog	
1996	Michael R. Walter	*Robert W. Ward	*George A. Wallinger	*Doyn Inman	
1997	Michael R. Walter	*Robert W. Ward	*George A. Wallinger	*Doyn Inman	
1998	Michael R. Walter	*Robert W. Ward	*George A. Wallinger	*Doyn Inman	
1999	Michael R. Walter	*Robert W. Ward	*George A. Wallinger	*Doyn Inman	
2000	Michael R. Walter	*Robert W. Ward	*George A. Wallinger	*Doyn Inman	
2001	Michael R. Walter	*Robert W. Ward	Bruce S. Sim	*George A. Wallinger	
2002	Michael R. Walter	*Robert W. Ward	Bruce S. Sim	*Doyn Inman	
2003	James M. Hays	*Robert W. Ward	Bruce S. Sim	*George A. Wallinger	
2004	James M. Hays	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*Doyn Inman	
2005	James M. Hays	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	
2006	Richard A. Vande Sande	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	
2007	Richard A. Vande Sande	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	
2008	John A. Benedict	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	
2009	John A. Benedict	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	
2010	John A. Benedict	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	
2011	John A. Benedict	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	
2012	John A. Benedict	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	
2013	John A. Benedict	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	

Year	Grand Treasurer	Grand Treasurer Emeritus	Grand Secretary	Grand Sec'y Emeritus	Assistant Grand Sec'y
2014	John A. Benedict	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	
2015	John A. Benedict	*Robert W. Ward	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	
2016	Jeffrey Bryden * <i>Deceased</i>	*Robert W. Ward # <i>Expelled</i>	Michael A. DeWolf	*George A. Wallinger	

LIST OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES & Recognized Jurisdictions

NEAR WISCONSIN	GRAND LODGE	NEAR OTHERS
.....	Africa, Benin.....	
.....	Africa, Burkiner Faso.....	
.....	Africa, Camaroun.....	
Dennis Siewert..... DePere	Africa, Congo.....	Emile Ouosso
.....	Africa, Mauritius.....	
.....	Africa, Senegal.....	Armand Agbogba
Donald Soberg..... Monona	Africa, South Africa.....	LeRoux Hancke Capetown
.....	Africa, Togo.....	
Kevin P. Reilly..... Wautoma	Andorra.....	
Bruce Sim..... Neenah	Argentina.....	Miguel Angel Mascolo
Richard E. Black..... Madison	Australia, New South Wales.....	Alex Morris Castlecrag
.....	Australia, Queensland.....	N. J. Morris Aroona
Kenneth C. Gorgen..... Pewaukee	Australia, South Australia.....	Barrie Anderson Warradale
.....	Australia, Tasmania.....	R. A. Whittle
.....	Australia, Victoria.....	Norman W. Wittingslow
.....	Australia, Western Australia.....	Alexander L. Bergl Victoria Park
.....	Azerbaijan.....	
.....	Belgium.....	Michael Daune
Frank Dennee..... Phillips	Bolivia.....	Victor Asbun Gamra
.....	Bosnia & Herzegovina.....	
.....	Brazil, Amapa.....	
.....	Brazil, Amazonas.....	
.....	Brazil, Bahia.....	
Richard Vande Sande..... Burlington	Brazil, Brazilla.....	E.P. Da Mota
.....	Brazil, Ceara.....	Wilton Da Silvo Brito
Robert Tumi..... Ferryville	Brazil, Estado do Maranhao.....	
Kenneth C. Gorgen..... Pewaukee	Brazil, Estado da Paraiba.....	Agnaldo de Oliveira
Gary R. Meinert..... Milton	Brazil, Goais.....	Antonio Feliciano
Luis Silva..... Pembroke Pines, Florida	Brazil, Grand Orient.....	Antonio Gavioli, Jr.
Ronald Pete..... Superior	Brazil, Mato Grosso do Sul.....	Carlos Antonio Bronco Lopes
.....	Brazil, Para.....	Matheus Ferreira de Souza
.....	Brazil, Parana.....	Mario Ramon Garcia

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NEAR WISCONSIN	GRAND LODGE	NEAR OTHERS
.....	Brazil, Permanbuco	Maholl Martinsde Oliveira
.....	Brazil, Piaui	JoaoBatista Evangelista DeSa Teresina
Robert G. King..... Tomahawk	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Eliel Ramos Silva
Paul W. Hormig	Brazil, Rio Grande do Norte	Francisco Gilberto de Andrade Beloit
Denman G. Kramer..... Prairie du Sac	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Douglas Schirmer Schramm
Wm. W. Hughey	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Salvador Candido D'Andrea Sao Paulo
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Director, Hospital Visitation
Masonic Service Association

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Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota

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June 13, 2000

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OF WISCONSIN**

June 6, 2014
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New Jersey

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*Daniel R. Schutz	1976
*Eugene G. Williams	1978
*Kenneth I. C. Knudson	1980
*Richard Shade	1981
*Win Goldfish	1981
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*Galen Winter.....	1988
Gary Shaw	1989
*Elmer Schumacher	1990
*Gerald W. Lemberg	1991
*Robert E. Simon.....	1991
*Moses Jack Rood.....	1992
*Roland B. Day	1993
*Willis Scadden	1993
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Josef F. Pronnet	2014
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APPENDIX C

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE
WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC.
MASONIC HEALTH CARE CENTER AND REHAB, INC.
MASONIC VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.**



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. and Affiliates
dba: Three Pillars Senior Living Communities
Dousman, Wisconsin

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. and Affiliates dba: Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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Board of Directors
Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. and Affiliates
dba: Three Pillars Senior Living Communities

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. and Affiliates dba: Three Pillars Senior Living Communities as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the results of their operations, changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "CliftonLarsonAllen LLP".

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 21, 2015

WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

ASSETS	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,863,641	\$ 1,982,403
Resident Funds held for Safekeeping	2,571	2,418
Accrued Interest Receivable	28,604	54,636
Accounts Receivable:		
Resident Accounts Receivable, Net	1,033,875	945,507
Related Parties	187,503	187,503
Current Portion of Pledges Receivable	1,660	27,860
Prepaid Expenses and Other	249,482	292,575
Total Current Assets	3,367,336	3,492,902
ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE	1,478,650	1,478,041
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Land and Improvements	2,819,633	2,617,111
Buildings and Building Improvements	43,982,508	43,294,493
Furniture and Equipment	4,714,336	4,590,483
Vehicles	432,357	498,636
Construction in Progress	1,400	-
Total	51,950,234	51,000,723
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	22,910,357	21,547,408
Property and Equipment, Net	29,039,877	29,453,315
OTHER ASSETS		
Investments	36,319,521	37,339,344
Interest in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	14,992,639	14,898,115
Trust and Estates Receivable	1,267,127	718,176
Notes Receivable	156,500	46,000
Unamortized Bond Issue Costs, Net	443,499	469,090
Total Other Assets	53,179,286	53,470,725
 Total Assets	 \$ 87,065,149	 \$ 87,894,983

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Maturities of Bonds Payable	\$ 390,000	\$ 385,000
Accounts Payable - Trade	870,510	626,040
Accrued Expenses	1,062,267	1,116,770
Current Portion of Refundable Residency Fees	1,138,708	1,030,458
Resident Funds Held for Safekeeping	<u>2,571</u>	<u>2,418</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,464,056</u>	<u>3,160,686</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Bonds Payable, Less Current Portion	23,498,244	23,972,097
Deferred Revenue from Admission and Residency Fees	615,067	580,672
Refundable Residency Fees	9,990,997	9,596,587
Reservation Deposits	<u>198,883</u>	<u>181,671</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>34,303,191</u>	<u>34,331,027</u>
Total Liabilities	37,767,247	37,491,713
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets:		
Undesignated	28,866,076	29,529,340
Board Designated	-	1,050,000
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	9,325,144	8,708,637
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>11,106,682</u>	<u>11,115,293</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>49,297,902</u>	<u>50,403,270</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 87,065,149</u>	<u>\$ 87,894,983</u>

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Net Resident Service Revenue	\$ 15,618,802	\$ 15,394,279
Amortization of Admission and Residency Fees	111,883	146,395
Contributions	111,505	186,368
Investment Income	1,119,502	3,040,051
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	761,148	878,077
Total Revenue and Support	17,722,840	19,645,170
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Resident Care Services	5,455,058	5,441,512
Dining Services	2,260,853	1,913,638
Housekeeping Services	386,628	408,812
Plant Operations	1,933,429	2,066,478
Laundry Services	80,728	81,599
Administrative and Other Services	2,649,708	2,458,772
Employee Benefits	1,554,388	1,612,713
Depreciation and Amortization	2,116,835	2,014,563
Interest Expense	1,001,907	1,009,955
Total Operating Expenses	17,439,534	17,008,042
OPERATING INCOME	283,306	2,637,128
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES		
Building Demolition Costs	(449,360)	(20,049)
Total Non-Operating Expenses	(449,360)	(20,049)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (166,054)	\$ 2,617,079

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Excess (Deficit) of Revenue Over Expenses	\$ (166,054)	\$ 2,617,079
Change in Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments Other Than Trading Securities	(1,579,353)	1,609,512
Net Assets Released from Restrictions - Purchase of Property and Equipment	32,142	41,360
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	(1,713,265)	4,267,951
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Restricted Contributions	607,700	10,600
Change in Interest in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	802,097	1,637,193
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(793,290)	(919,437)
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	616,507	728,356
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Change in Interest in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	42,439	28,288
Change in Value of Perpetual Trust	(51,049)	49,724
Change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	(8,610)	78,012
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1,105,368)	5,074,319
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	50,403,270	45,328,951
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 49,297,902	\$ 50,403,270

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in Net Assets	\$ (1,105,368)	\$ 5,074,319
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash and Cash Equivalents Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	2,091,244	1,988,588
Amortization of Bond Issue Costs	25,591	25,975
Amortization of Bond (Premiums) Discounts	(83,853)	(85,111)
Amortization of Admission Fees and Residency Fees	(111,883)	(146,395)
Change in Interest in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	(844,536)	(1,665,481)
Net Change in Unrealized (Gain) Loss on Investments	1,579,353	(1,609,512)
Net Realized Gain on Sale of Securities	(21,034)	(2,086,035)
Receipt of Restricted Donations	(607,700)	(10,600)
Provision for Bad Debts	193,209	137,948
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:		
Resident Accounts Receivable, Net	(281,577)	(87,763)
Accrued Interest Receivable	26,032	11,693
Trusts and Estates Receivable	(548,951)	87,665
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	43,093	(141,358)
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable - Trade	(197,070)	(23,185)
Accrued Expenses	(54,503)	361,099
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	102,047	1,831,847
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Property and Equipment	(1,236,266)	(996,573)
Purchases and Reinvestments of Investments	(538,496)	(2,067,457)
Net Change in Assets Limited as to Use	(609)	(590)
Distributions from Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	750,012	730,844
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	(1,025,359)	(2,333,776)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from Admission and Residency Fees	1,722,438	2,009,800
Refunds of Admission and Residency Fees	(1,184,000)	(1,172,930)
Net Reservation Deposits Received	17,212	4,077
Payment of Bond Issue Costs	-	(3,541)
Principal Payments on Bonds	(385,000)	-
Temporarily Restricted Contributions Received	633,900	33,825
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	804,550	871,231
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(118,762)	369,302
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	1,982,403	1,613,101
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,863,641	\$ 1,982,403

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
 DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
 YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash Payments for Interest	\$ 1,088,648	\$ 754,181
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Property and Equipment in Accounts Payable at Year-End	\$ 536,890	\$ 95,350

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

The consolidated financial statements include the activities of the following organizations (collectively, the Corporations), which are nonprofit corporations that provide a variety of senior resident housing and related services and are collectively known as Three Pillars Senior Living Communities.

Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. (the Home) - provides housing and related services to senior residents. The Home operates:

- Compass Point, a 75-unit catered senior living independent apartment facility located in Dousman, Wisconsin.
- Riverside Lodge, a 20-bed memory care facility located in Dousman, Wisconsin.
- MasonWoods, a 36-unit independent living facility located in Cecil, Wisconsin.

The Home is affiliated with Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin (the Grand Lodge) and the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board, which are not included in these consolidated financial statements.

The Home is also the sole member of the following organizations:

- Masonic Center for Health and Rehab, Inc. (the Center) – operates an 84-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility located in Dousman, Wisconsin.
- Village on the Square, Inc. (the Village) – operates a 115-unit independent living facility for persons aged 55 and older which is located in Dousman, Wisconsin. The Village is designed as the “entry level” of a continuum of care operated in conjunction with the Home and the Center, collectively known as Three Pillars Senior Living Communities.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Three Pillars Senior Living Communities as described above. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

**NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Basis of Presentation

Net assets of the Corporations and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted

Those resources over which the board of directors has discretionary control. Designated amounts represent those revenues that the board has set aside for a particular purpose.

Temporarily Restricted

Those resources subject to donor imposed restrictions which will be satisfied by actions of the Corporations or the passage of time.

Permanently Restricted

Those resources subject to a donor imposed restriction that they be maintained permanently by the Corporations. The donors of these resources permit the Corporations to use all or part of the income earned, including capital appreciation, or related investments for unrestricted or temporarily restricted purposes.

Unconditional promises to give cash and other assets are accrued at estimated fair market value at the date each promise is received. The gifts are reported as either temporarily or permanently restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction is satisfied, net assets are released and reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met within the same reporting period as received are recorded as unrestricted contributions.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Corporations consider all highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents, excluding amounts limited as to use.

The Corporations may at times have funds on deposit at one financial institution that exceeds the federally insured limits.

Resident Funds Held for Safekeeping

Resident funds held for safekeeping consist of amounts on deposit by the Center by residents. These amounts can be withdrawn at any time by the resident.

Investments and Investment Income

Investments consisting of marketable equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are measured at fair value on the consolidated balance sheets. Fair value represents the quoted market values of the underlying investments on the last business day of the fiscal year, including current investment income and expenses. All of the Corporations' investments are classified as available for sale.

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Investments and Investment Income (Continued)

Investment income (including realized gains and losses, interest, and dividends) is reported as operating revenue and is included in the excess of revenue over expenses unless the income is restricted by donor or law. Unrealized gains and losses on investments are excluded from the excess of revenue over expenses. Realized gains or losses are determined by specific identification.

Assets Limited as to Use

Assets limited as to use include assets set aside under terms of bond indentures. Assets limited as to use that are required for obligations classified as current liabilities are reported as current assets.

Resident Accounts Receivable, Net

The Corporations provide an allowance for uncollectible accounts using the reserve method, which is based on management's judgment considering historical information. Accounts receivable are unsecured. Any amounts not paid in accordance with the terms of the admission agreement are considered past due. When all collection efforts have been exhausted, the accounts are written off against the related allowance. The Corporations recorded an allowance in the amount of \$540,901 and \$439,421 for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Pledges Receivable, Net

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the net present value of estimated future cash flows, net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts, if deemed necessary. The discount on pledges is computed using a risk-free interest rate. Amortization of the discount is included in contribution revenue. Management expects the pledges to be collected as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Amounts Due in:		
Less Than One Year	\$ 5,600	\$ 42,860
Less: Discount and Allowance	(3,940)	(15,000)
Total	<u>\$ 1,660</u>	<u>\$ 27,860</u>

Compliance

The Corporations are affected by the health care economy in the State of Wisconsin and are subject to local, state, and federal rules and regulations. Compliance with these laws and regulations, particularly those relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs, can be subject to government review and interpretation, as well as regulatory actions unknown and unasserted at this time. Violations of these regulations could result in the imposition of significant fines and penalties, as well as significant repayments of previously billed and collected revenue from residents' services. Management believes that the Corporations are in substantial compliance with current laws and regulations.

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Unamortized Bond Issue Costs, Net

As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, unamortized bond issue costs of \$443,499 and \$469,090, respectively, incurred in connection with the issuance of long-term debt, are deferred and are being amortized over the terms of the related financing using the effective interest method. Accumulated amortization was \$51,565 and \$25,974 as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Total amortization expense for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$25,591 and \$25,974, respectively.

Credit Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Corporations to concentrations of credit risk, consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, and investments. These financial instruments are carried at their approximate fair value. The Corporations' policy is to limit credit exposure on financial instruments and place its cash with financial institutions deemed as being credit worthy.

Concentration of credit risk with respect to receivables is limited due to the large resident base and the expectation that government programs will make timely payments.

Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of certain investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements. Management assesses individual investment securities as to whether declines in market value are temporary or other than temporary. In assessing an issuer's financial condition, management evaluates various financial indicators. The length of time and extent to which the fair value of the investment is less than cost and the Corporations' ability and intent to retain the investment to allow for any anticipated recovery of the investment's fair value are key components as to whether management deems declines in fair value as temporary or other than temporary. If declines are determined to be other than temporary, the Corporations record a realized loss in investment income.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment acquisitions are recorded at cost. The Corporations capitalize additions and betterments that are at least \$1,000 for a single item or \$2,000 for a group of related items. Items below those thresholds and maintenance and repairs, which do not improve or extend the life of the respective assets, are expensed currently. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Land Improvements	2 - 40 Years
Buildings and Building Improvements	5 - 40 Years
Furniture and Equipment	3 - 20 Years
Vehicles	4 - 12 Years

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Estate and Trust Receivable

The Corporations have an interest in a perpetual trust held by a third party. This is an arrangement in which a donor establishes and funds a perpetual trust administered by an individual or organization other than the Corporations. Under the terms of the trust, the Corporations have the irrevocable right to receive the income earned on the trust assets in perpetuity, but never receive the assets held in trust. Under this arrangement, the present value of the estimated future cash receipts from the trust assets (generally equal to the fair value of the assets contributed to the trust) is recorded as permanently restricted contribution revenue in the year the trust is established. Annual distributions are reported as contribution income and classified according to any restrictions on distributions. Adjustments to the amount reported as an asset are based on an annual review using the same basis that was used to measure the asset initially and are recorded in the consolidated statements of changes in net assets under the caption "change in value of perpetual trust." The perpetual trust is adjusted annually to its fair market value.

Notes Receivable

Notes receivable consist of amounts advanced to residents in lieu of residency fees. The notes bear interest at rates of 3.25% and are due within ten calendar days of the date of closing on residents' homes. Interest on the notes receivables is due on a monthly basis. Collection is fully expected and accordingly, no allowance has been provided.

Reservation Deposits

Reservation deposits consist of cash held in escrow for deposits and prepaid fees.

Deferred Revenue from Admission and Refundable Residency Fees

At June 30, 2015, residency fees ranged from \$50,000 to \$117,000 and monthly maintenance fees ranged from \$485 to \$1,140 on MasonWoods apartments or duplexes, depending on the size of the unit occupied and the living agreement option selected by the resident. The agreement may be terminated by the resident or by the Home for just cause. The residency fee is 100% refundable within 30-180 days after the resident vacates their unit.

At June 30, 2015, residency fees ranged from \$48,000 to \$198,000 and monthly maintenance fees ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,290 on the Village apartments and duplexes depending on the size of the unit occupied and the living agreement option selected by the resident. The agreement may be terminated by the resident or by the Village for just cause.

The Residence Agreement at the Village provides for the residency fee to be paid prior to occupancy. The residency fee is 100% refundable within the first 30 days of occupancy. After 30 days of occupancy, the residency fee is 90% refundable with certain restrictions and is repayable 30-180 days after the resident vacates their unit. The 10% retained by the Village is being amortized using the estimated remaining life expectancy of the resident.

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Net Resident Service Revenue

Net resident service revenue is reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from residents, third-party payors, and others for services rendered including estimated retroactive adjustments under reimbursement agreements with third-party payors. Retroactive adjustments are accrued on an estimated basis in the period the related services are rendered and are adjusted in future periods as final settlements are determined.

Third-Party Reimbursement Agreements

Medicaid

A significant portion of the Center's skilled nursing services are provided to nursing home residents who are beneficiaries of the Medicaid program administered by the State of Wisconsin. The Center bills the program using rates established by the State of Wisconsin, based on nursing home cost reports submitted by the Center. Such rates are subject to audit and adjustment by the State of Wisconsin for the preceding three years. Any adjustments made to rates are recorded in operations in the year of adjustment.

Medicare

The Medicare program is administered by the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Corporations participate in the Medicare program. The Corporations are paid under the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS) for residents who are Medicare Part A eligible and meet the coverage guidelines for skilled nursing facility services (SNFs). The PPS is a per diem price-based system. Annual cost reports are required to be submitted to the designated Medicare Administrative Contractor; however, they do not contain a cost settlement.

Nursing facilities licensed for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs are subject to annual surveys. If it is determined that a nursing facility is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of participation, CMS may impose sanctions and penalties during the period of noncompliance, which would have a negative impact on the revenues of the nursing facility.

Occupancy Percentages

During the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the occupancy percentages of the Center and the percentages of residents covered under the Medicaid and Medicare programs were as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Occupancy	90.0 %	93.5 %
Medicare	18.0 %	15.7 %
Medicaid	52.9 %	53.3 %

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Occupancy Percentages (Continued)

The following table shows the occupancy percentage for each housing facility during the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Compass Point	95.0%	96.3%
Riverside Lodge	83.4%	92.4%
MasonWoods	90.7%	92.5%
Village on the Square	97.9%	95.7%

Excess (Deficit) of Revenue Over Expenses

The accompanying consolidated statements of operations and changes in net assets include excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses, which is considered the operating indicator. Changes in unrestricted net assets that are excluded from the operating indicator include unrealized gains and losses on investments other than trading securities, permanent transfer of assets to and from affiliates for other than goods and services, and contributions of long-lived assets, including assets acquired using contributions that by donor restriction were to be used for the purposes of acquiring such assets.

Advertising

The Corporations' expense advertising costs as incurred. For the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Corporations had advertising expenses of approximately \$50,700 and \$56,000, respectively. Advertising costs are included with Administrative and Other Services on the consolidated statements of operations.

Retirement Plan

The Corporations sponsor a defined contribution retirement plan covering substantially all employees working in excess of an average of 20 hours per week. The Corporations match seventy five cents on the dollar of each participant's contribution up to a maximum of 4.5% of covered earnings. In addition, the Corporations may make discretionary contributions for the employees' benefit. Retirement plan expense was approximately \$111,800 and \$138,700 for fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Corporations are nonprofit corporations as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and are exempt from federal and state income taxes on related income pursuant to Section 501(a) of the IRC.

The Corporations' income tax returns are subject to review and examination in the U.S. federal, state, and local authorities. The Corporations are not aware of any activities that are subject to tax on unrelated business income, excise or other taxes or may jeopardize its tax-exempt status.

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Real Estate Taxes

The majority of the Corporations' real estate has been exempted from ad valorem property taxes by the State of Wisconsin and its political subdivisions.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value measurement applies to reported balances that are required or permitted to be measured at fair value under an existing accounting standard. The Corporations emphasize that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement. Therefore, a fair value measurement should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy consists of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs that utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Corporations have the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs that include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Fair values for these instruments are estimated using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows.

Level 3 – Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on the Corporations' own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity.

In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The Corporations have also adopted the policy of valuing certain financial instruments at fair value. This accounting policy allows the Corporations the irrevocable option to elect fair value for the initial and subsequent measurement for certain financial assets and liabilities on an instrument-by-instrument basis. The Corporations have not elected to measure any existing financial instruments at fair value; however, the Corporations may elect to measure newly acquired financial instruments at fair value in the future.

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Subsequent Events

In preparing these consolidated financial statements, management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 21, 2015, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the 2014 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the 2015 presentation. These reclassifications do not affect net assets available for benefits as previously reported.

NOTE 2 FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES

Functional classification of expenses for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

	2015	2014
Program	\$ 14,971,830	\$ 14,667,797
Management and General Support	2,450,780	2,315,334
Fundraising	16,924	24,931
Total	<u>\$ 17,439,534</u>	<u>\$ 17,008,062</u>

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS AND ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE

The composition of investments as of June 30, 2015 and 2014 are set forth in the following table:

	2015	2014
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 260,977	\$ 773,664
Common Stocks	1,812,536	2,607,314
Fixed Income Securities	12,085,321	16,128,820
Mutual Funds	22,160,687	17,829,546
Total Investments	<u>\$ 36,319,521</u>	<u>\$ 37,339,344</u>

The composition of assets limited as to use at June 30, 2015 and 2014, consisted primarily of cash and cash equivalents. The purpose of assets limited as to use is as defined in the master indenture and set forth as follows as of June 30:

	2015	2014
Funds Held by Trustees Under Bond Indenture Agreements:		
Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,477,943	\$ 1,477,943
Principal Fund	707	98
Assets Limited as to Use	<u>\$ 1,478,650</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,041</u>

Investment income and gains and losses on assets limited as to use, cash equivalents and other investments were comprised of the following:

	2015	2014
Interest and Dividends	\$ 1,098,468	\$ 954,016
Net Realized Gains	21,034	2,086,035
Total Investment Income	<u>\$ 1,119,502</u>	<u>\$ 3,040,051</u>

The change in unrealized gains (losses) for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 were \$(1,579,353) and \$1,609,512, respectively.

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NOTE 4 INTEREST IN NET ASSETS OF THE FOUNDATION

Wisconsin Masonic Foundation (the Foundation) is a nonprofit corporation. The Corporations are affiliated with the Foundation, which maintains an endowment fund for the Corporations. The Corporations do not maintain control of the assets of the endowment fund. The amount to be disbursed annually to the Corporations is computed as 5% of the average net assets of the endowment fund, based on a four-year rolling average, and is used for general operations. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Corporations received distributions from the Foundation of \$750,012 and \$730,844, respectively.

The Foundation's fiscal year-end is April 30. The Corporations have elected to reflect valuation of the interest in net assets as of the Foundation's fiscal year-end.

Interest in net assets of the Foundation is as follows at June 30:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Wisconsin Masonic Foundation:		
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 5,851,276	\$ 5,799,191
Permanently Restricted	<u>9,141,363</u>	<u>9,098,924</u>
Interest in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	<u>\$ 14,992,639</u>	<u>\$ 14,898,115</u>

NOTE 5 BONDS PAYABLE

Bonds payable consisted of the following at June 30:

<u>Description</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 (Three Pillars Senior Living Communities), dated June 7, 2013. The bonds require annual principal payments through August 15, 2034; the bonds require semiannual interest payments at a rate ranging from 2.0% to 5.00%.	\$ 22,435,000	\$ 22,820,000
Plus: Original Issue Premium	1,453,244	1,537,097
Less: Current Maturities	<u>(390,000)</u>	<u>(385,000)</u>
Amount Due After One Year	<u>\$ 23,498,244</u>	<u>\$ 23,972,097</u>

On June 7, 2013, WHEFA Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 were issued to the Obligated Group in an aggregate principal amount of \$22,820,000 with an original issue premium of \$1,622,208. The portion of the debt and unamortized premium allocated to the Home was based on its portion of the proceeds. The debt service reserve funds related to the debt was \$1,478,650 and \$1,478,041 at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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NOTE 5 BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

Trust funds created under the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 are held in the custody of the trustee for purposes provided in the indenture. The members of the Obligated Group has granted to the trustee a first-mortgage lien on certain real estate, pledged revenue, and a security interest in certain equipment of the members of the Obligated Group, subject in each case to permitted encumbrances as defined in the master indenture for the fixed rate revenue bonds. The trust indenture includes certain restrictive covenants including a debt service coverage ratio requirement.

Bonds payable maturities are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 390,000
2017	395,000
2018	410,000
2019	420,000
2020	440,000
Thereafter	<u>20,380,000</u>
Total Bonds Payable	<u>\$ 22,435,000</u>

NOTE 6 LINE OF CREDIT

The Home has a \$500,000 unsecured line of credit. There were no amounts outstanding on the line at June 30, 2015 and 2014. The interest rate is variable based on LIBOR plus 2.75% and the line of credit expires October 31, 2015.

NOTE 7 TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes as of June 30:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
For Future Periods	\$ 3,473,868	\$ 2,909,446
Interest in Net Assets of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	<u>5,851,276</u>	<u>5,799,191</u>
Total Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>\$ 9,325,144</u>	<u>\$ 8,708,637</u>

Temporarily restricted net assets released from restriction due to the satisfaction of time were \$11,136 and \$147,233 in fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively. Temporarily restricted net assets released from restriction for purchase of property and equipment were \$32,142 and \$41,360 in 2015 and 2014, respectively. Amounts released from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation were \$750,012 and \$730,844 in 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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Permanently restricted net assets are held for the following purposes as of June 30:

	2015	2014
Investments Held by the Home in Perpetuity, the Income from which is Expendable to Support the Home	\$ 1,298,192	\$ 1,298,192
Investments Held by a Trustee in Perpetuity, the Income from which is Expendable to Support the Home	667,127	718,177
Interest in Net Assets of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	9,141,363	9,098,924
Total Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>\$ 11,106,682</u>	<u>\$ 11,115,293</u>

Interpretation of Relevant Law

The State of Wisconsin adopted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. The Board of Directors of the Corporations interpreted the Act as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment fund absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Corporations classify as permanently restricted net assets the original value of the gifts to the permanent endowment and the value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment. The remaining portion of donor-restricted endowment funds, if any that is not classified as permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Corporations.

In accordance with UPMIFA, the Corporations consider the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- (1) The duration and preservation of the fund
- (2) The purposes of the Corporations and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- (6) Other resources of the Corporations
- (7) The investment policies of the Corporations.

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Corporations invest the permanent endowments in accordance with donor requirements, if any. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Corporations must hold in perpetuity.

Spending Policy

The Corporations have a policy, based upon the intent of the donor-restricted endowed assets, to spend all earnings from the endowment fund for current operations to provide support for the Home in the year the income is earned.

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NOTE 7 TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Spending Policy (Continued)

The following is a summary of endowment funds subject to UPMIFA for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Endowment Net Assets, June 30, 2013	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,298,192	\$ 1,298,192
2014 Investment Income	-	21,012	-	21,012
2014 Unrealized Losses	-	(1,463)	-	(1,463)
Released from Restrictions	19,549	(19,549)	-	-
Appropriation of Endowment Net Assets for Expenditure	<u>(19,549)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,549)</u>
Endowment Net Assets, June 30, 2014	-	-	1,298,192	1,298,192
2015 Investment Income	-	21,881	-	21,881
2015 Unrealized Losses	-	(750)	-	(750)
Released from Restrictions	21,131	(21,131)	-	-
Appropriation of Endowment Net Assets for Expenditure	<u>(21,131)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,131)</u>
Endowment Net Assets, June 30, 2015	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,298,192</u>	<u>\$ 1,298,192</u>

NOTE 8 MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

The Corporations' professional liability insurance for claim losses up to \$1,000,000 per claim with an aggregate of \$2,000,000 per year. The Corporations also have occurrence basis umbrella coverage of \$7,000,000 for each occurrence and for all occurrences in any policy year. The professional liability insurance policy is renewable annually and has been renewed by the insurance carrier for the annual period extending through June 30, 2016.

NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS

The Corporations sponsor a self-funded health benefit plan covering substantially all employees working in excess of an average of 30 hours per week and their dependents. The Corporations' liability is limited through its arrangement with a commercial insurance carrier to indemnify it against losses in excess of prescribed specific and aggregate limits (stop-loss coverage). The health insurance expense is based upon actual claims paid, reinsurance premiums, administration fees, and provisions for unpaid and unasserted claims at year-end.

Health insurance expense for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was approximately \$577,400 and \$595,600, respectively. A liability for estimated claims outstanding at June 30, 2015 and 2014 has been recorded. Management believes this liability is sufficient to cover estimated claims including claims incurred but not yet reported.

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NOTE 10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A portion of the Grand Lodge membership (per capita tax) is designated for the Corporations' operations. This portion is determined annually by the Grand Lodge expenditure committee and approved by the general membership.

A receivable has been accrued from Wisconsin Masonic Home Endowment Fund for contributions relating to the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 in the amount of \$187,503 in each year. These amounts are included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as accounts receivable - related parties.

The Corporations lease, under terms of four 99-year leases, four parcels of land from the Grand Lodge. The annual rental rate of the first three leases are \$1 and the lease terms expires in 2095, so long as the leased premises shall not be used for purposes other than for residential and health needs for the aged.

The fourth lease is for an initial term of 30 years. The Home has two options to extend the term for 30 years and 39 years, respectively. Rent of \$35,000 per year, subject to reduction back to \$23,000 per year if occupancy falls below 90% for Compass Point. The leased premises shall not be used for principal purposes other than for residential and health care needs for the aged.

The terms of the leases provide that any buildings, structures, or other improvements shall be leasehold improvements and shall belong to the Grand Lodge at the termination of the lease.

The Corporations have agreed to pay an annual fee to the Grand Lodge as a result of their consent to certain amendments to the mortgage agreements. During the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Corporations paid \$120,000 and \$85,000, respectively, related to this agreement. Payments are scheduled to be \$120,000 each February 1 until any and all outstanding amounts due and owing arising under and pursuant to the 2003 Master Trust Indenture entered into by Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, or any refinancing thereof, are satisfied and paid in full.

NOTE 11 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Corporations use fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. For additional information on how the Corporations measure fair value refer to Note 1.

The fair value of investment securities is the market value based on quoted market prices, when available, or market prices provided by recognized broker dealers. See Note 3 for additional information regarding the composition of investments and assets limited as to use.

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
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JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

NOTE 11 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following table represents financial instruments to which the ending balances at June 30, 2015 and 2014 are not carried at fair value in their entirety on the consolidated balance sheets:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Bonds Payable at June 30, 2015	\$ 22,435,000	\$ 23,347,982
Bonds Payable at June 30, 2014	\$ 22,820,000	\$ 24,294,285

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate fair value:

Bonds Payable – Bonds payable consists of revenue bonds of which fair value is based on current trade value.

All Other – The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

The following tables present the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Fair Value at June 30, 2015</u>			
	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Assets:					
Investments:					
Common Stocks	\$ 1,812,536	\$ 1,812,536	\$ 1,812,536	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed Income Securities	12,085,321	12,085,321	12,085,321	-	-
Mutual Funds	22,160,687	22,160,687	22,160,687	-	-
Trust and Estates Receivable	1,267,127	1,267,127	-	-	1,267,127
Investment in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	14,992,639	14,992,639	-	-	14,992,639
	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Fair Value at June 30, 2014</u>			
	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Assets:					
Investments:					
Common Stocks	\$ 2,607,314	\$ 2,607,314	\$ 2,607,314	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed Income Securities	16,128,820	16,128,820	16,128,820	-	-
Mutual Funds	17,829,546	17,829,546	17,829,546	-	-
Trust and Estates Receivable	718,176	718,176	-	-	718,176
Investment in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	14,898,115	14,898,115	-	-	14,898,115

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
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NOTE 11 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following table provides a summary of changes to fair value of the Corporations' Level 3 financial assets and liabilities for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

	Trust and Estate Receivable	Investment in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation
Fair Value at June 30, 2013	\$ 805,841	\$ 13,963,478
Cash Collected	-	(730,844)
Change in Market Value	<u>(87,665)</u>	<u>1,665,481</u>
Fair Value at June 30, 2014	718,176	14,898,115
Cash Collected	600,000	(750,012)
Change in Market Value	<u>(51,049)</u>	<u>844,536</u>
Fair Value at June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 1,267,127</u>	<u>\$ 14,992,639</u>

The key inputs for the Level 3 assets noted above are as follows:

Trust and Estate receivable was determined based on the fair value of the assets of the trust.

Investment in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation was determined based on the fair value of the underlying investments.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Board of Directors
Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. and Affiliates
dba: Three Pillars Senior Living Communities
Dousman, Wisconsin

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. and Affiliates dba: Three Pillars Senior Living Communities as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, and our report thereon dated October 21, 2015, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those consolidated financial statements, appears on page 1. Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The supplementary consolidating information is presented for purposes of additional analysis of the consolidated financial statements rather than to present the financial position, results of operations, and changes in net assets, and it is not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The consolidating information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the consolidating information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 21, 2015



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**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET**

JUNE 30, 2015

(SEE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION)

	Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	Masonic Center for Health and Rehab. Inc.	Village on the Square, Inc.	Eliminations	Fiscal 2015 Consolidated	Fiscal 2014 Consolidated
ASSETS						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,474,970	\$ 275,087	\$ 113,584	\$ -	\$ 1,863,641	\$ 1,982,403
Resident Funds Held for Safekeeping	-	2,571	-	-	2,571	2,418
Accrued Interest Receivable	28,604	-	-	-	28,604	54,636
Accounts Receivable:						
Resident Accounts Receivable, Net	64,985	963,205	5,685	-	1,033,875	945,507
Related Parties	187,503	-	-	-	187,503	187,503
Current Portion of Pledges Receivable	-	1,660	-	-	1,660	27,860
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	96,629	105,712	47,141	-	249,482	282,575
Total Current Assets	1,852,691	1,348,235	166,410	-	3,367,336	3,492,902
ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE	695,563	454,787	328,300	-	1,478,650	1,478,041
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT						
Land and Improvements	1,615,489	592,852	611,292	-	2,819,633	2,617,111
Buildings and Building Improvements	19,255,431	10,666,053	14,061,024	-	43,982,508	43,294,493
Furniture and Equipment	1,483,414	2,129,996	1,100,926	-	4,714,336	4,590,483
Automobiles	138,074	117,242	177,041	-	432,357	498,636
Construction in Progress	1,400	-	-	-	1,400	-
Total	22,493,808	13,506,143	15,950,283	-	51,950,234	51,000,723
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	8,756,794	5,505,395	8,648,168	-	22,910,357	21,547,408
Property and Equipment, Net	13,737,014	8,000,748	7,302,115	-	29,039,877	29,453,315
OTHER ASSETS						
Investments	26,936,328	-	9,363,193	-	36,319,521	37,339,344
Interest in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	14,992,639	-	-	-	14,992,639	14,898,115
Trust and Estates Receivable	1,267,127	-	-	-	1,267,127	718,176
Notes Receivable	110,000	-	46,500	-	156,500	46,000
Unamortized Bond Issue Costs	208,625	136,406	98,468	-	443,499	469,090
Due from Related Party	9,076,765	-	-	(9,076,765)	-	-
Total Other Assets	52,591,454	136,406	9,528,161	(9,076,765)	53,179,296	53,470,725
Total Assets	\$ 68,876,752	\$ 9,940,176	\$ 17,324,986	\$ (9,076,765)	\$ 87,065,149	\$ 87,894,983

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**

JUNE 30, 2015

(SEE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION)

	Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	Masonic Center for Health and Rehab. Inc.	Village on the Square, Inc.	Eliminations	Fiscal 2015 Consolidated	Fiscal 2014 Consolidated
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Current Maturities of Bonds Payable	\$ 183,460	\$ 119,951	\$ 86,589	\$ -	\$ 390,000	\$ 385,000
Accounts Payable - Trade	388,362	185,936	286,212	-	870,510	626,040
Accrued Expenses	514,490	421,863	125,914	-	1,062,267	1,116,770
Current Portion of Refundable Residency Fees	179,500	-	959,208	-	1,138,708	1,030,458
Resident Funds Held for Safekeeping	-	2,571	-	-	2,571	2,418
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,265,812</u>	<u>730,321</u>	<u>1,467,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,464,056</u>	<u>3,160,686</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES						
Bonds Payable, Less Current Portion	11,053,678	7,227,325	5,217,241	-	23,498,244	23,972,097
Deferred Revenue from Admission and Residency Fees	-	-	615,067	-	615,067	580,672
Due to Related Party	-	5,167,000	3,909,765	(9,076,765)	-	-
Refundable Residency Fees	2,192,500	-	7,798,497	-	9,990,997	9,596,587
Reservation Deposits	136,575	-	62,308	-	198,883	181,671
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>13,382,753</u>	<u>12,394,325</u>	<u>17,602,876</u>	<u>(9,076,765)</u>	<u>34,303,191</u>	<u>34,331,027</u>
Total Liabilities	14,648,565	13,124,646	19,070,801	(9,076,765)	37,767,247	37,491,713
COMMITMENT						
NET ASSETS						
Unrestricted Net Assets:						
Undesignated	33,800,705	(3,188,814)	(1,745,815)	-	28,866,076	29,529,340
Board Designated	-	-	-	-	-	1,050,000
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	9,320,800	4,344	-	-	9,325,144	8,708,637
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	11,106,692	-	-	-	11,106,692	11,115,293
Total Net Assets	<u>54,228,197</u>	<u>(3,184,470)</u>	<u>(1,745,815)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,297,902</u>	<u>50,403,270</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 68,876,752</u>	<u>\$ 9,940,176</u>	<u>\$ 17,324,986</u>	<u>\$ (9,076,765)</u>	<u>\$ 87,065,149</u>	<u>\$ 87,894,983</u>

**WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

(SEE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION)

	Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	Masonic Center for Health and Rehab, Inc.	Village on the Square, Inc.	Eliminations	Fiscal 2015 Consolidated	Fiscal 2014 Consolidated
REVENUE AND SUPPORT						
Net Resident Service Revenue	\$ 5,257,940	\$ 8,020,839	\$ 2,340,023	\$ -	\$ 15,618,802	\$ 15,394,279
Amortization of Admission and Residency Fees	-	-	111,883	-	111,883	148,395
Contributions	107,530	3,255	720	-	111,505	186,388
Investment Income	828,165	534	290,803	-	1,119,502	3,040,051
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	759,077	2,071	-	-	761,148	878,077
Total Revenue and Support	6,952,712	8,026,689	2,743,429	-	17,722,840	19,645,170
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Resident Care Services	1,126,169	4,196,512	132,377	-	5,455,058	5,441,512
Dietary Services	941,322	842,426	477,105	-	2,260,853	1,913,638
Housekeeping Services	140,655	163,753	62,220	-	386,628	408,812
Plant Operations	833,957	534,689	564,783	-	1,933,429	2,066,478
Laundry Services	8,501	68,549	3,678	-	80,728	81,599
Administrative and Other Services	1,028,094	1,199,831	421,683	-	2,649,708	2,458,772
Employee Benefits	481,395	898,178	174,815	-	1,554,388	1,612,713
Depreciation and Amortization	847,393	618,567	650,875	-	2,116,835	2,014,563
Interest Expense	471,292	308,164	222,451	-	1,001,907	1,009,955
Total Operating Expenses	5,878,776	8,850,789	2,709,987	-	17,439,534	17,008,042
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	1,073,934	(824,070)	33,442	-	283,306	2,637,128
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES						
Building Demolition Costs	(449,360)	-	-	-	(449,360)	(20,049)
Total Non-Operating Expenses	(449,360)	-	-	-	(449,360)	(20,049)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 624,574	\$ (824,070)	\$ 33,442	\$ -	\$ (166,054)	\$ 2,617,079

WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC. AND AFFILIATES
DBA: THREE PILLARS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
(SEE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION)

	Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	Masonic Center for Health and Rehab. Inc.	Village on the Square, Inc.	Eliminations	Fiscal 2015 Consolidated	Fiscal 2014 Consolidated
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS						
Excess (Deficit) of Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 624,574	\$ (824,070)	\$ 33,442		\$ (186,054)	\$ 2,617,079
Transfer from (to) Affiliate	(9,070)		9,070		-	-
Change in Net Unrealized Gains and (Losses) on Investments Other Than Trading Securities	(1,158,179)	-	(421,174)		(1,579,353)	1,609,512
Net Assets Released from Restrictions - Purchase of Property and Equipment		32,142			32,142	41,380
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>(542,675)</u>	<u>(791,928)</u>	<u>(378,662)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,713,265)</u>	<u>4,267,951</u>
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS						
Restricted Contributions	607,700	-	-		607,700	10,600
Change in Interest in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	802,097				802,097	1,637,193
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(759,077)	(34,213)	-		(793,290)	(919,437)
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>650,720</u>	<u>(34,213)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>616,507</u>	<u>728,356</u>
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS						
Change in Interest in Net Assets of Wisconsin Masonic Foundation	42,439				42,439	28,288
Change in Value of Perpetual Trust	(51,049)	-	-		(51,049)	49,724
Change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>(8,610)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,610)</u>	<u>78,012</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	99,435	(826,141)	(378,662)	-	(1,105,368)	5,074,319
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>54,128,752</u>	<u>(2,358,329)</u>	<u>(1,367,153)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,403,270</u>	<u>45,328,951</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 54,228,187</u>	<u>\$ (3,184,470)</u>	<u>\$ (1,745,815)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 49,297,902</u>	<u>\$ 50,403,270</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Masonic Center for Health and Rehab, Inc.
Dousman, Wisconsin

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Masonic Center for Health and Rehab, Inc., which comprise the balance sheets as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of operations, changes in net deficit, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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Board of Directors
Masonic Center for Health and Rehab, Inc.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Masonic Center for Health and Rehab, Inc. as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the results of their operations, changes in their net deficit and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 21, 2015

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 275,087	\$ 205,806
Resident Funds Held for Safekeeping	2,571	2,418
Resident Accounts Receivable, Net	963,205	876,189
Prepaid Expenses and Other	105,712	117,626
Current Portion of Pledges Receivable	1,660	27,860
Total Current Assets	1,348,235	1,229,899
ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE	454,787	454,599
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Land and Improvements	592,852	572,998
Buildings and Building Improvements	10,666,053	10,510,276
Furniture and Equipment	2,129,996	2,129,753
Vehicles	117,242	145,586
Total	13,506,143	13,358,613
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	5,505,395	5,108,772
Property and Equipment, Net	8,000,748	8,249,841
OTHER ASSETS		
Unamortized Bond Issue Costs, Net	136,406	144,277
Total Assets	\$ 9,940,176	\$ 10,078,616

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Maturities of Bonds Payable	\$ 119,951	\$ 118,414
Accounts Payable - Trade	185,936	264,856
Accrued Expenses	421,863	455,806
Resident Funds Held for Safekeeping	2,571	2,418
Total Current Liabilities	<u>730,321</u>	<u>841,494</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Bonds Payable, Less Current Portion	7,227,325	7,373,068
Due to Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	<u>5,167,000</u>	<u>4,222,383</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>12,394,325</u>	<u>11,595,451</u>
Total Liabilities	13,124,646	12,436,945
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
NET DEFICIT		
Unrestricted Net Deficit	(3,188,814)	(2,396,886)
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>4,344</u>	<u>38,557</u>
Total Net Deficit	<u>(3,184,470)</u>	<u>(2,358,329)</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Deficit	<u>\$ 9,940,176</u>	<u>\$ 10,078,616</u>

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Net Resident Service Revenue	\$ 8,020,839	\$ 7,980,859
Contributions	3,255	10,093
Interest Income	534	550
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	2,071	2,345
Total Revenue and Support	8,026,699	7,993,847
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Resident Care Services	4,196,512	4,223,210
Dining Services	842,426	722,669
Housekeeping Services	183,753	197,723
Plant Operations	534,689	563,289
Laundry Services	68,549	69,515
Administrative and Other Services	1,199,931	1,082,402
Employee Benefits	898,178	953,228
Depreciation and Amortization	618,567	592,119
Interest	308,164	310,233
Total Operating Expenses	8,850,769	8,714,388
DEFICIT OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (824,070)	\$ (720,541)

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET DEFICIT
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
UNRESTRICTED NET DEFICIT		
Deficit of Revenue Over Expenses	\$ (824,070)	\$ (720,541)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions - Purchase of Property and Equipment	32,142	31,360
Change in Unrestricted Net Deficit	(791,928)	(689,181)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
Restricted Contributions	-	5,000
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(34,213)	(33,705)
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(34,213)	(28,705)
CHANGE IN NET DEFICIT	(826,141)	(717,886)
Net Deficit - Beginning of Year	(2,358,329)	(1,640,443)
NET DEFICIT - END OF YEAR	\$ (3,184,470)	\$ (2,358,329)

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in Net Deficit	\$ (826,141)	\$ (717,886)
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Deficit to Net Cash and Cash Equivalents Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	610,696	584,130
Amortization of Bond Issue Costs	7,871	7,989
Amortization of Bond (Premium) Discounts	(25,792)	(26,177)
Restricted Donations	-	(5,000)
Provision for Bad Debts	151,729	94,695
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:		
Resident Accounts Receivable, Net	(238,745)	(96,250)
Prepaid Expenses and Other	11,914	(64,405)
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities		
Accounts Payable - Trade	(59,919)	32,381
Accrued Expenses	(33,943)	50,459
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u>(402,330)</u>	<u>(140,064)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Property and Equipment	(380,604)	(259,868)
Change in Assets Limited as to Use	(188)	(182)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(380,792)</u>	<u>(260,050)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Principal Payments on Bonds	(118,414)	-
Payment of Bond Issue Costs	-	(1,089)
Temporarily Restricted Contributions Received	26,200	28,225
Net Advances from Related Party	944,617	371,046
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	<u>852,403</u>	<u>398,182</u>
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	69,281	(1,932)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>205,806</u>	<u>207,738</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 275,087</u>	<u>\$ 205,806</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash Paid for Interest	<u>\$ 334,845</u>	<u>\$ 231,565</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Property and Equipment in Accounts Payable at Year-End	<u>\$ 2,940</u>	<u>\$ 21,941</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

Masonic Center for Health and Rehab, Inc. (the Center), is a nonprofit corporation that operates an 84-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility for residents of Waukesha County and the surrounding area.

The Center is affiliated with Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. (the Home), its sole member, Village on the Square, Inc. (the Village), Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin (the Grand Lodge), and the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board.

The Home provides housing and related services to senior residents through the following facilities:

- Compass Point, a 75-unit catered senior living independent apartment facility located in Dousman, Wisconsin.
- Riverside Lodge, a 20-bed memory care facility located in Dousman, Wisconsin.
- MasonWoods, a 36-unit independent living facility located in Cecil, Wisconsin.

The Village operates a 115-unit independent living facility for persons aged 55 and older which is located in Dousman, Wisconsin. The Village is designed as the "entry level" of a continuum of care operated in conjunction with the Home and the Center, collectively known as Three Pillars Senior Living Communities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Presentation

Net assets of the Center and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted

Those resources over which the board of directors has discretionary control. Designated amounts represent those revenues that the board has set aside for a particular purpose.

Temporarily Restricted

Those resources subject to donor imposed restrictions which will be satisfied by actions of the Center or the passage of time.

Permanently Restricted

Those resources subject to a donor imposed restriction that they be maintained permanently by the Center. The donors of these resources permit the Center to use all or part of the income earned, including capital appreciation, or related investments for unrestricted or temporarily restricted purposes.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

**NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Unconditional promises to give cash and other assets are accrued at estimated fair market value at the date each promise is received. The gifts are reported as either temporarily or permanently restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction is satisfied, net assets are released and reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met within the same reporting period as received are recorded as unrestricted contributions.

At June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Center did not have any permanently restricted net assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Center considers all highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents, excluding amounts limited as to use.

The Center may at times have funds on deposit at one financial institution that exceeds the federally insured limits.

Resident Funds Held for Safekeeping

Resident funds held for safekeeping consist of amounts on deposit by the Center by residents. These amounts can be withdrawn at any time by the resident.

Assets Limited as to Use

Assets limited as to use include assets set aside under terms of bond indentures. Assets limited as to use that are required for obligations classified as current liabilities are reported as current assets.

Resident Accounts Receivable

The Center provides an allowance for uncollectible accounts using the reserve method, which is based on management's judgment considering historical information. Accounts receivable are unsecured. Any amounts not paid in accordance with the terms of the admission agreement are considered past due. When all collection efforts have been exhausted, the accounts are written off against the related allowance. The Center has provided an allowance in the amount of \$450,000 and \$390,000 for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Pledges Receivable, Net

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the net present value of estimated future cash flows, net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts, if deemed necessary. The discount on pledges is computed using a risk-free interest rate. Amortization of the discount is included in contribution revenue. Management expects the pledges to be collected as follows:

	2015	2014
Amounts Due in:		
Less Than One Year	\$ 5,600	\$ 37,860
Less: Allowance	(3,940)	(10,000)
Total	\$ 1,660	\$ 27,860

Compliance

The Center is affected by the health care economy in the State of Wisconsin and is subject to local, state, and federal rules and regulations. Compliance with these laws and regulations, particularly those relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs, can be subject to government review and interpretation, as well as regulatory actions unknown and unasserted at this time. Violations of these regulations could result in the imposition of significant fines and penalties, as well as significant repayments of previously billed and collected revenue from residents' services. Management believes that the Center is in substantial compliance with current laws and regulations.

Unamortized Bond Issue Costs

As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, unamortized bond issue costs of \$136,406 and \$144,277, respectively, incurred in connection with the issuance of long-term debt, are deferred and are being amortized over the terms of the related financing using the effective interest method. Accumulated amortization was \$15,860 and \$7,989 as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Total amortization expense for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$7,871 and \$7,989, respectively.

Credit Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Center to concentration of credit risk, consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, and investments. These financial instruments are carried at their approximate fair value. The Center's policy is to limit credit exposure on financial instruments and place its cash with financial institutions deemed as being credit worthy.

Concentration of credit risk with respect to receivables is limited due to the large resident base and the expectation that government programs will make timely payments.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment acquisitions are recorded at cost. The Center capitalizes additions and betterments that are at least \$1,000 for a single item or \$2,000 for a group of related items. Items below those thresholds and maintenance and repairs, which do not improve or extend the life of the respective assets, are expensed currently. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Land Improvements	2 - 40 Years
Buildings and Building Improvements	5 - 40 Years
Furniture and Equipment	3 - 20 Years
Vehicles	4 - 12 Years

Net Resident Service Revenue

Net resident service revenue is reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from residents, third-party payors, and others for services rendered including estimated retroactive adjustments under reimbursement agreements with third-party payors. Retroactive adjustments are accrued on an estimated basis in the period the related services are rendered and are adjusted in future periods as final settlements are determined.

Third Party Reimbursement Agreements

Medicaid

A significant portion of the Center's skilled nursing services are provided to nursing home residents who are beneficiaries of the Medicaid program administered by the State of Wisconsin. The Center bills the program using rates established by the State of Wisconsin, based on nursing home cost reports submitted by the Center. Such rates are subject to audit and adjustment by the State of Wisconsin for the preceding three years. Any adjustments made to rates are recorded in operations in the year of adjustment.

Medicare

The Medicare program is administered by the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Corporation participates in the Medicare program. The Corporation is paid under the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS) for residents who are Medicare Part A eligible and meet the coverage guidelines for skilled nursing facility services (SNFs). The PPS is a per diem price-based system. Annual cost reports are required to be submitted to the designated Medicare Administrative Contractor; however, they do not contain a cost settlement.

Nursing facilities licensed for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs are subject to annual surveys. If it is determined that a nursing facility is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of participation, CMS may impose sanctions and penalties during the period of noncompliance, which would have a negative impact on the revenues of the nursing facility.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Occupancy Percentages

During the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the occupancy percentages of the Center and the percentages of residents covered under the Medicaid and Medicare programs were as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Occupancy	90.0 %	93.5 %
Medicare	18.0 %	15.7 %
Medicaid	52.9 %	53.3 %

Deficit of Revenue Over Expenses

The accompanying statements of operations and changes in net deficit include deficit of revenue over expenses, which is considered the operating indicator. Changes in unrestricted net deficit that are excluded from the operating indicator include unrealized gains and losses on investments other than trading securities, permanent transfer of assets to and from affiliates for other than goods and services, and contributions of long-lived assets, including assets acquired using contributions that by donor restriction were to be used for the purposes of acquiring such assets.

Advertising

The Center expenses advertising costs as incurred. For the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Center had advertising expenses of approximately \$7,600 and \$8,400, respectively. Advertising costs are included with Administrative and Other Services on the statements of operations.

Retirement Plan

The Center sponsors a defined contribution retirement plan covering substantially all employees working in excess of an average of 20 hours per week. The Center matches seventy five cents on the dollar of each participant's contribution up to a maximum of 4.5% of covered earnings. In addition, the Center may make discretionary contributions for the employees' benefit. Retirement plan expense was approximately \$55,100 and \$66,700 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Center is a nonprofit Corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is exempt from federal and state income taxes on related income pursuant to Section 501(a) of the IRC.

The Center's income tax returns are subject to review and examination in the U.S. federal, state, and local authorities. The Center is not aware of any activities that are subject to tax on unrelated business income, excise or other taxes or may jeopardize its tax-exempt status.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
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**NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Real Estate Taxes

The real estate of the Center has been exempted from ad valorem property taxes by the State of Wisconsin and its political subdivisions.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value measurement applies to reported balances that are required or permitted to be measured at fair value under an existing accounting standard. The Center emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement. Therefore, a fair value measurement should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy consists of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs that utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Center has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs that include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Fair values for these instruments are estimated using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows.

Level 3 – Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on the Center's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity.

In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Center did not have any financial instruments as of June 30, 2015 and 2014 that are measured at fair value.

The Center has also adopted the policy of valuing certain financial instruments at fair value. This accounting policy allows the Center the irrevocable option to elect fair value for the initial and subsequent measurement for certain financial assets and liabilities on an instrument-by-instrument basis. The Center has not elected to measure any existing financial instruments at fair value; however, the Center may elect to measure newly acquired financial instruments at fair value in the future.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 21, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 2 FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES

Functional classification of expenses for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Program	\$ 7,818,865	\$ 7,742,641
Management and General Support	<u>1,031,904</u>	<u>971,747</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,850,769</u>	<u>\$ 8,714,388</u>

NOTE 3 ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE

The composition of assets limited as to use at June 30, 2015 and 2014, consisted of cash and cash equivalents. The purpose of the assets limited as to use is as defined in the master indenture and set forth as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Funds Held by Trustees Under Bond Indenture Agreements:		
Debt Service Fund	\$ 454,569	\$ 454,569
Principal Fund	<u>218</u>	<u>30</u>
Assets Limited as to Use	<u>\$ 454,787</u>	<u>\$ 454,599</u>

NOTE 4 BONDS PAYABLE

Bonds payable consisted of the following as of June 30:

<u>Description</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 (Three Pillars Senior Living Communities), dated June 7, 2013. The bonds require annual principal payments through August 15, 2034; the bonds require semiannual interest payments at a rate ranging from 2.00% to 5.00%.	\$ 6,900,304	\$ 7,018,719
Plus: Original Issue Premium	446,972	472,763
Less: Current Maturities	<u>(119,951)</u>	<u>(118,414)</u>
Amount Due After One Year	<u>\$ 7,227,325</u>	<u>\$ 7,373,068</u>

In addition to the debt listed above, the Center is part of the Three Pillars Senior Living Communities Obligated Group (Obligated Group), consisting of the Center, the Home, and the Village, which has total debt of \$23,888,244 and \$24,357,097 at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Center's property, equipment, and revenues are all pledged as collateral on all of the Obligated Group's debt.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 4 BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

On June 7, 2013, WHEFA Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 were issued to the Obligated Group in an aggregate principal amount of \$22,820,000 with an original issue premium of \$1,622,208. The portion of the debt and unamortized premium allocated to the Center was based on its portion of the proceeds. The portion of the debt service reserve funds related to the Center was \$454,787 and \$454,599 at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Trust funds created under the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 are held in the custody of the trustee for purposes provided in the indenture. The member of the Obligated Group has granted to the trustee a first-mortgage lien on certain real estate, pledged revenue, and a security interest in certain equipment of the member of the Obligated Group, subject in each case to permitted encumbrances as defined in the master indenture for the fixed rate revenue bonds. The trust indenture includes certain restrictive covenants including a debt service coverage ratio requirement.

Bonds payable maturities are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 119,951
2017	121,490
2018	126,104
2019	129,179
2020	135,331
Thereafter	<u>6,268,249</u>
Total Bonds Payable	<u>\$ 6,900,304</u>

NOTE 5 MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

The Center's professional liability insurance for claim losses up to \$1,000,000 per claim with an aggregate of \$2,000,000 per year. The Center also has occurrence basis umbrella coverage of \$7,000,000 for each occurrence and for all occurrences in any policy year. The professional liability insurance policy is renewable annually and has been renewed by the insurance carrier for the annual period extending through June 30, 2016.

NOTE 6 COMMITMENTS

The Center sponsors a self-funded health benefit plan covering substantially all employees working in excess of an average of 30 hours per week and their dependents. The Center's liability is limited through its arrangement with a commercial insurance carrier to indemnify it against losses in excess of prescribed specific and aggregate limits (stop-loss coverage). The health insurance expense is based upon actual claims paid, reinsurance premiums, administration fees, and provisions for unpaid and unasserted claims at year-end.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 6 COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Health insurance expense for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$245,351 and \$292,800, respectively. A liability for estimated claims outstanding at June 30, 2015 and 2014 has been recorded. Management believes this liability is sufficient to cover estimated claims including claims incurred but not yet reported.

NOTE 7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Home and the Village share various administrative and general services with the Center for which intercompany payments are recorded.

The Center had a payable to the Home of \$5,167,000 and \$4,222,383 as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Center leases, under terms of a 99-year lease, a parcel of land from Grand Lodge. The annual rental rate of the lease is \$1 and the lease term expires in 2095, so long as the leased premises shall not be used for purposes other than for residential and health care needs for the aged. The terms of the lease provide that any buildings, structures, or other improvements shall belong to the Grand Lodge at the termination of the lease.

Other property costs represent expenditures by the Center since its inception. The transferred assets and the purchased assets are included in the financial statements as owned assets based on the responsibility of the Center to operate and maintain the facilities since the length of the lease term exceeds the useful life of the assets.

Three Pillars Senior Living Communities has agreed to pay an annual fee to the Grand Lodge as a result of their consent to certain amendments to the mortgage agreements. During the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, Three Pillars Senior Living Communities paid \$120,000 and \$85,000, respectively, related to this agreement. Payments are scheduled to be \$120,000 each February 1 until any and all outstanding amounts due and owing arising under and pursuant to the 2003 Master Trust Indenture entered into by Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, or any refinancing thereof, are satisfied and paid in full.

NOTE 8 TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Center had a temporarily restricted net assets balance of \$4,344 and \$38,557, respectively. These assets are restricted by the donors to be used for the expansion of the Center. Temporarily restricted net assets released from restriction due to the satisfaction of time were \$2,071 and \$2,345 in fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively. Temporarily restricted net assets released from restriction for purchase of property and equipment were \$32,142 and \$31,360 in 2015 and 2014, respectively.

MASONIC CENTER FOR HEALTH AND REHAB, INC.
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JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 9 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Center uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. For additional information on how the Center measures fair value refer to Note 1.

The following table represents financial instruments to which the ending balances at June 30, 2015 and 2014 are not carried at fair value in their entirety on the balance sheet:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Bonds Payable at June 30, 2015	\$ 6,900,304	\$ 7,181,109
Bonds Payable at June 30, 2014	\$ 7,018,719	\$ 7,472,163

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate fair value:

Bonds Payable – Bonds payable consists of revenue bonds of which fair value is based on current trade value.

All Other –The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Village on the Square, Inc.
Dousman, Wisconsin

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Village on the Square, Inc., which comprise the balance sheets as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of operations, changes in net deficit, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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Board of Directors
Village on the Square, Inc.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Village on the Square, Inc. as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the results of its operations, changes in net deficit and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 21, 2015

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

ASSETS	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 113,584	\$ 80,248
Resident Accounts Receivable, Net	5,685	4,843
Prepaid Expenses and Other	47,141	60,381
Total Current Assets	166,410	145,472
 ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE	 328,300	 328,165
 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Land and Improvements	611,292	501,770
Buildings and Building Improvements	14,061,024	13,885,567
Furniture and Equipment	1,100,926	1,052,253
Vehicles	177,041	194,431
Total	15,950,283	15,634,021
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	8,648,168	8,274,565
Property and Equipment, Net	7,302,115	7,359,456
 OTHER ASSETS		
Investments	9,383,193	9,538,924
Notes Receivable	46,500	46,000
Unamortized Bond Issue Costs, Net	98,468	104,150
Total Other Assets	9,528,161	9,689,074
 Total Assets	 \$ 17,324,986	 \$ 17,522,167

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

LIABILITIES AND NET DEFICIT	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Maturities of Bonds Payable	\$ 86,589	\$ 85,480
Accounts Payable - Trade	296,212	96,386
Accrued Expenses	125,914	115,091
Current Portion of Refundable Residency Fees	<u>959,208</u>	<u>880,458</u>
Total Current Liabilities	1,467,923	1,177,415
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Bonds Payable, Less Current Portion	5,217,241	5,322,449
Deferred Revenue from Admission and Residency Fees	615,067	580,672
Due to Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	3,909,765	4,296,389
Refundable Residency Fees	7,798,497	7,456,587
Refundable Advance Fees	<u>62,308</u>	<u>55,808</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>17,602,878</u>	<u>17,711,905</u>
Total Liabilities	19,070,801	18,889,320
COMMITMENT AND CONTINGENCIES		
NET DEFICIT		
Unrestricted Net Deficit	<u>(1,745,815)</u>	<u>(1,367,153)</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Deficit	<u>\$ 17,324,986</u>	<u>\$ 17,522,167</u>

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Net Resident Service Revenue	\$ 2,340,023	\$ 2,221,389
Amortization of Admission and Residency Fees	111,883	146,395
Contributions	720	36,333
Investment Income	290,803	825,472
Total Revenue and Support	2,743,429	3,229,589
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Resident Care Services	132,377	130,262
Dining Services	477,105	409,124
Housekeeping Services	62,220	66,415
Plant Operations	564,783	590,374
Laundry Services	3,678	3,554
Administrative and Other Services	421,683	432,634
Employee Benefits	174,815	173,170
Depreciation and Amortization	650,875	613,102
Interest Expense	222,451	224,123
Total Operating Expenses	2,709,987	2,642,758
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 33,442	\$ 586,831

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET DEFICIT
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
NET DEFICIT		
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 33,442	\$ 586,831
Transfer from Affiliate	9,070	9,564
Change in Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments Other than Trading Securities	<u>(421,174)</u>	<u>440,008</u>
CHANGE IN NET DEFICIT	(378,662)	1,036,403
Net Deficit - Beginning of Year	<u>(1,367,153)</u>	<u>(2,403,556)</u>
NET DEFICIT - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ (1,745,815)</u>	<u>\$ (1,367,153)</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in Net Deficit	\$ (378,662)	\$ 1,036,403
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Deficit to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	645,193	607,334
Amortization of Bond Issue Costs	5,682	5,768
Amortization of Bond Discounts (Premiums)	(18,619)	(18,897)
Amortization of Admission and Residency Fees	(111,883)	(146,395)
Net Change in Unrealized (Gains) Losses on Investments	421,174	(440,008)
Net Realized Gains on Sale of Securities	(4,787)	(570,144)
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:		
Resident Accounts Receivable, Net	(842)	13,043
Prepaid Expense and Other	13,240	(24,304)
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable - Trade	23,894	(12,494)
Accrued Expenses	10,823	81,122
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>605,213</u>	<u>531,428</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Property and Equipment	(411,920)	(414,936)
Reinvested Investment Income	(260,656)	(228,192)
Net Change in Assets Limited as to Use	<u>(135)</u>	<u>(131)</u>
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(672,711)</u>	<u>(643,259)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds of Admission and Residency Fees	1,493,438	1,727,800
Refunds of Admission and Residency Fees	(927,000)	(1,172,930)
Net Reservation Deposits Received (Refunded)	6,500	(1,560)
Payment of Bond Issue Costs	-	(786)
Principal Payments on Bonds	(85,480)	-
Net Advances to Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	<u>(386,624)</u>	<u>(439,746)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	<u>100,834</u>	<u>112,778</u>
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	33,336	947
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>80,248</u>	<u>79,301</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 113,584</u>	<u>\$ 80,248</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash Payments for Interest	\$ 241,715	\$ 167,335
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Property and Equipment in Accounts Payable at Year-End	\$ 224,874	\$ 48,942

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

Village on the Square, Inc. (the Village) is a nonprofit corporation which provides housing and security to persons aged 55 and older. The Village, located in Dousman, Wisconsin, consists of 115-unit independent living facility.

The Village is affiliated with Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. (the Home), its sole member, Masonic Center for Health and Rehab, Inc. (the Center), Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin (the Grand Lodge), and the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board.

The Home provides housing and related services to senior residents through the following facilities:

- Compass Point, a 75-unit catered senior living independent apartment facility located in Dousman, Wisconsin.
- Riverside Lodge, a 20-bed memory care facility located in Dousman, Wisconsin.
- MasonWoods, a 36-unit independent living facility located in Cecil, Wisconsin.

The Center is an 84-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility located in Dousman, Wisconsin. The Village is designed as the "entry level" of a continuum of care operated in conjunction with the Home and the Center, collectively known as Three Pillars Senior Living Communities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Presentation

Net assets of the Village and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted

Those resources over which the board of directors has discretionary control. Designated amounts represent those revenues that the board has set aside for a particular purpose.

Temporarily Restricted

Those resources subject to donor imposed restrictions which will be satisfied by actions of the Village or the passage of time.

Permanently Restricted

Those resources subject to a donor imposed restriction that they be maintained permanently by the Village. The donors of these resources permit the Village to use all or part of the income earned, including capital appreciation, or related investments for unrestricted or temporarily restricted purposes.

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Unconditional promises to give cash and other assets are accrued at estimated fair market value at the date each promise is received. The gifts are reported as either temporarily or permanently restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction is satisfied, net assets are released and reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met within the same reporting period as received are recorded as unrestricted contributions.

At June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Village did not have any temporarily or permanently restricted net assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Village considers all highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents, excluding amounts limited as to use.

The Village may at times have funds on deposit at one financial institution that exceeds the federally insured limits.

Investments and Investment Income

Investments consisting of marketable equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are measured at fair value on the balance sheets. Fair value represents the quoted market values of the underlying investments on the last business day of the fiscal year, including current investment income and expenses. All of the Village's investments are classified as available for sale.

Investment income (including realized gains and losses, interest, and dividends) is reported as operating revenue and is included in the deficiency of revenue over expenses unless the income is restricted by donor or law. Unrealized gains and losses on investments are excluded from the deficit of revenue over expenses. Realized gain or losses are determined by specific identification.

Assets Limited as to Use

Assets limited as to use include assets set aside under terms of bond indentures. Assets limited as to use that are required for obligations classified as current liabilities are reported as current assets.

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Resident Accounts Receivable, Net

The Village provides an allowance for uncollectible accounts using the reserve method, which is based on management's judgment considering historical information. Accounts receivable are unsecured. Any amounts not paid in accordance with the terms of the admission agreement are considered past due. When all collection efforts have been exhausted, the accounts are written off against the related allowance. The Village does not believe that an allowance for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 is necessary.

Notes Receivable

Notes receivable consist of amounts advanced to residents in lieu of residency fees. These notes bear interest at 3.25% and are due within ten calendar days of the date of closing on residents' homes. Interest on the notes receivables is due on a monthly basis. Collection is fully expected and accordingly, no allowance has been provided.

Compliance

The Village is affected by the health care economy in the State of Wisconsin and is subject to local, state, and federal rules and regulations. Compliance with these laws and regulations can be subject to government review and interpretation, as well as regulatory actions unknown and unasserted at this time. Violations of these regulations could result in the imposition of significant fines and penalties, as well as significant repayments of previously billed and collected revenue from residents' services. Management believes that the Village is in substantial compliance with current laws and regulations.

Unamortized Bond Issue Costs, Net

As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, unamortized bond issue costs of \$98,468 and \$104,150, respectively, incurred in connection with the issuance of long-term debt are deferred and are being amortized over the terms of the related financing using the effective interest method. Accumulated amortization was \$11,449 and \$5,767 as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The amortization expense for 2015 and 2014 was \$5,682 and \$5,767, respectively.

Reservation Deposits

Reservation deposits consist of cash held in escrow for deposits and prepaid fees.

Credit Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Village to concentration of credit risk, consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, and investments. These financial instruments are carried at their approximate fair value. The Village's policy is to limit credit exposure on financial instruments and place its cash with financial institutions deemed as being credit worthy.

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk (Continued)

Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of certain investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Management assesses individual investment securities as to whether declines in market value are temporary or other than temporary. In assessing an issuer's financial condition, management evaluates various financial indicators. The length of time and extent to which the fair value of the investment is less than cost and the Village's ability and intent to retain the investment to allow for any anticipated recovery of the investment's fair value are key components as to whether management deems declines in fair value as temporary or other than temporary. If declines are determined to be other than temporary, the Village records a realized loss in investment income.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment acquisitions are recorded at cost. The Village capitalizes additions and betterments that are at least \$1,000 for a single item or \$2,000 for a group of related items. Items below those thresholds and maintenance and repairs, which do not improve or extend the life of the respective assets, are expensed currently. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Land Improvements	2 - 40 Years
Buildings and Building Improvements	5 - 40 Years
Furniture and Equipment	3 - 20 Years
Vehicles	4 - 12 Years

Deferred Revenue from Admission and Residency Fees

At June 30, 2015, residency fees ranged from \$48,000 to \$198,000 and monthly maintenance fees ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,290 on apartments and duplexes depending on the size of the unit occupied and the living agreement option selected by the resident. The agreement may be terminated by the resident or by the Village for just cause.

The Residence Agreement provides for the residency fee to be paid prior to occupancy. The residency fee is 100% refundable within the first 30 days of occupancy. After 30 days of occupancy, the residency fee is 90% refundable with certain restrictions and is repayable within 30-180 days after the resident vacates their unit. The 10% retained by the Village is being amortized using the remaining life expectancy of the resident.

Net Resident Service Revenue

Net resident service revenue is reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from residents. Any retroactive adjustments are accrued on an estimated basis in the period the related services are rendered and are adjusted in future periods as final settlements are determined. During the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the occupancy percentage of the Village was 97.9% and 95.7%, respectively.

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

**NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Excess (Deficit) of Revenue Over Expenses

The accompanying statements of operations and changes in net deficit include excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses, which is considered the operating indicator. Changes in unrestricted net deficit that are excluded from the operating indicator include unrealized gains and losses on investments other than trading securities, permanent transfer of assets to and from affiliates for other than goods and services, and contributions of long-lived assets, including assets acquired using contributions that by donor restriction were to be used for the purposes of acquiring such assets.

Advertising

The Village expenses advertising costs as incurred. For the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Village had advertising expenses of approximately \$21,800 and \$26,000, respectively. Advertising costs are included with Administrative and Other Services on the statements of operations.

Retirement Plan

The Village sponsors a defined contribution retirement plan covering substantially all employees working in excess of an average of 20 hours per week. The Village matches seventy five cents on the dollar of each participant's contribution up to a maximum of 4.5% of covered earnings. In addition, the Village may make discretionary contributions for the employees' benefit. Retirement plan expense was approximately \$2,600 and \$2,600 for fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Village is a nonprofit corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is exempt from federal and state income taxes on related income pursuant to Section 501(a) of the IRC.

The Village's income tax returns are subject to review and examination in the U.S. federal, state, and local authorities. The Village is not aware of any activities that are subject to tax on unrelated business income, excise or other taxes or may jeopardize its tax-exempt status.

Real Estate Taxes

The real estate of the Village has been exempted from ad valorem property taxes by the State of Wisconsin and its political subdivisions.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value measurement applies to reported balances that are required or permitted to be measured at fair value under an existing accounting standard. The Village emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement. Therefore, a fair value measurement should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy.

**VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

**NOTE 1 NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)

The fair value hierarchy consists of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs that utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Village has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs that include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Fair values for these instruments are estimated using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows.

Level 3 – Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on the Village's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity.

In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The Village has also adopted the policy of valuing certain financial instruments at fair value. This accounting policy allows the Village the irrevocable option to elect fair value for the initial and subsequent measurement for certain financial assets and liabilities on an instrument-by-instrument basis. The Village has not elected to measure any existing financial instruments at fair value, however, the Village may elect to measure newly acquired financial instruments at fair value in the future.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 21, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES

Functional classification of expenses for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Program	\$ 2,308,966	\$ 2,220,248
Management and General Support	401,021	422,510
Total	<u>\$ 2,709,987</u>	<u>\$ 2,642,758</u>

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS AND ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE

The composition of investments as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and their purposes are set forth in the following tables. Investments are stated at fair value. The Village has pooled its investment portfolio with the Home. The following includes the pooled investments stated at fair value as of June 30:

	2015	2014
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 260,977	\$ 773,664
Common Stocks	1,812,536	2,607,314
Fixed Income Securities	12,085,321	16,128,820
Mutual Funds	<u>22,160,687</u>	<u>17,829,546</u>
Total Pooled Investments	36,319,521	37,339,344
Less: Amount Held for Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.	26,936,328	27,800,420
Total Village Investments	<u>\$ 9,383,193</u>	<u>\$ 9,538,924</u>

The composition of assets limited as to use at June 30, 2015 and 2014, consisted of primarily cash and cash equivalents. The purpose of assets limited as to use is as defined in the master indenture and set forth as follows as of June 30:

	2015	2014
Funds Held by Trustees Under Bond Indenture Agreements:		
Debt Service Fund	\$ 328,143	\$ 328,143
Principal Fund	157	22
Assets Limited as to Use	<u>\$ 328,300</u>	<u>\$ 328,165</u>

Investment income and gains and losses on cash and cash equivalents, investments, and assets limited as to use were comprised of the following for the fiscal years ended June 30:

	2015	2014
Interest and Dividends	\$ 286,016	\$ 255,328
Net Realized Gains	4,787	570,144
Total Investment Income	<u>\$ 290,803</u>	<u>\$ 825,472</u>

The change in unrealized gains (losses) for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$(421,174) and \$440,008, respectively.

**VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

NOTE 4 BONDS PAYABLE

Bonds payable consisted of the following as of June 30:

<u>Description</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 (Three Pillars Senior Living Communities), dated June 7, 2013. The bonds require annual principal payments through August 15, 2034; the bonds require semiannual interest payments at a rate ranging from 2.00% to 5.00%.	\$ 4,981,171	\$ 5,066,652
Plus: Original Issue Premium	322,659	341,277
Less: Current Maturities	<u>(86,589)</u>	<u>(85,480)</u>
Amount Due after One Year	<u>\$ 5,217,241</u>	<u>\$ 5,322,449</u>

In addition to the debt listed above, the Village is part of the Three Pillars Senior Living Communities Obligated Group (Obligated Group), consisting of the Center, the Home, and the Village, which has total debt of \$23,888,244 and \$24,357,097 at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Village's property, equipment, and revenues are all pledged as collateral on all of the Obligated Group's debt.

On June 7, 2013, WHEFA Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 were issued to the Obligated Group in an aggregate principal amount of \$22,820,000 with an original issue premium of \$1,622,208. The portion of the debt and unamortized premium allocated to the Village was based on its portion of the proceeds. The portion of the debt service reserve funds related to the Village was \$328,300 and \$328,165 at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Trust funds created under the Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 are held in the custody of the trustee for purposes provided in the indenture. The member of the Obligated Group has granted to the trustee a first-mortgage lien on certain real estate, pledged revenue, and a security interest in certain equipment of the member of the Obligated Group, subject in each case to permitted encumbrances as defined in the master indenture for the fixed rate revenue bonds. The trust indenture includes certain restrictive covenants including a debt service coverage ratio requirement.

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 4 BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

Bonds payable maturities are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 86,589
2017	87,702
2018	91,032
2019	93,253
2020	97,693
Thereafter	<u>4,524,902</u>
Total Bonds Payable	<u>\$ 4,981,171</u>

NOTE 5 MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

The Village's professional liability insurance for claim losses up to \$1,000,000 per claim with an aggregate of \$2,000,000 per year. The Village also has occurrence basis umbrella coverage of \$7,000,000 for each occurrence and for all occurrences in any policy year. The professional liability insurance policy is renewable annually and has been renewed by the insurance carrier for the annual period extending through June 30, 2016.

NOTE 6 COMMITMENTS

The Village sponsors a self-funded health benefit plan covering substantially all employees working in excess of an average of 30 hours per week and their dependents. The Village's liability is limited through its arrangement with a commercial insurance carrier to indemnify it against losses in excess of prescribed specific and aggregate limits (stop-loss coverage). The health insurance expense is based upon actual claims paid, reinsurance premiums, administration fees, and provisions for unpaid and unasserted claims at year-end.

Health insurance expense for fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was approximately \$12,300 and \$10,100, respectively. A liability for estimated claims outstanding at June 30, 2015 and 2014 has been recorded. Management believes this liability is sufficient to cover estimated claims including claims incurred but not yet reported.

NOTE 7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Home and the Center share various administrative and general services with the Village for which intercompany payments are recorded.

The Village owed the Home \$3,909,765 and \$4,296,389 as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These amounts are included in the accompanying balance sheets.

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

The Village lease, under terms of a 99-year lease, a parcel of land from Grand Lodge. The annual rental rate of the lease is \$1 and the lease term expires in 2095, so long as the leased premises shall not be used for purposes other than for residential and health care needs for the aged. The terms of the lease provide that any buildings, structures, or other improvements shall belong to the Grand Lodge at the termination of the lease.

Other property costs represent expenditures by the Village since its inception. The transferred assets and the purchased assets are included in the financial statements as owned assets based on the responsibility of the Village to operate and maintain the facilities since the length of the lease term exceeds the useful life of the assets.

The Home made an equity transfer to the Village in the amount of \$9,070 and \$9,564 for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These amounts have been recorded as transfers from affiliate.

Three Pillars Senior Living Communities has agreed to pay an annual fee to the Grand Lodge as a result of their consent to certain amendments to the mortgage agreements. During the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, Three Pillars Senior Living Communities paid \$120,000 and \$85,000, respectively, related to this agreement. Payments are scheduled to be \$120,000 each February 1 until any and all outstanding amounts due and owing arising under and pursuant to the 2003 Master Trust Indenture entered into by Three Pillars Senior Living Communities, or any refinancing thereof, are satisfied and paid in full.

NOTE 8 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Village uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. For additional information on how the Village measures fair value refer to Note 1.

Investments

The fair value of investment securities is the market value based on quoted market prices, when available, or market prices provided by recognized broker dealers. See Note 3 for additional information regarding the composition of investments and assets limited as to use.

The following table represents financial instruments to which the ending balances at June 30, 2015 and 2014 are not carried at fair value in their entirety on the balance sheets.

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Bonds Payable at June 30, 2015	\$ 4,981,171	\$ 5,183,878
Bonds Payable at June 30, 2014	\$ 5,066,652	\$ 5,393,983

VILLAGE ON THE SQUARE, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 8 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate fair value:

Bonds Payable – Bonds payable consists of revenue bonds of which fair value is based on current trade value.

All Other – The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

The following table presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Carrying Value	Fair Value at June 30, 2014			
	June 30, 2015	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:					
Investments:					
Common Stocks	\$ 480,617	\$ 480,617	\$ 480,617	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed Income Securities	2,889,847	2,889,847	2,889,847	-	-
Mutual Funds	5,944,399	5,944,399	5,944,399	-	-
	Carrying Value	Fair Value at June 30, 2013			
	June 30, 2014	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:					
Investments:					
Common Stocks	\$ 685,338	\$ 685,338	\$ 685,338	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed Income Securities	3,925,283	3,925,283	3,925,283	-	-
Mutual Funds	4,724,222	4,724,222	4,724,222	-	-

APPENDIX D

2015-2016

Grand Lodge Officers

Past Grand Masters

Permanent Members

District Lecturers

Area Administrators

Trustees

Board Members

Committees

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

2015-2016

ELECTED

Franklin J Struble.....	Grand Master
Donald W Hensiak	Deputy Grand Master
L. Arby Humphrey.....	Senior Grand Warden
Scott E Pedley.....	Junior Grand Warden
Jeffrey L Bryden.....	Grand Treasurer
Michael A DeWolf, PGM.....	Grand Secretary

APPOINTED

Curt A Campagna.....	Grand Chaplain
Jerry A Reick	Grand Lecturer
Robert C Strader	Senior Grand Deacon
Kenneth C Gorgen.....	Junior Grand Deacon
Gary L Stang	Senior Grand Steward
Paul T Tourville	Junior Grand Steward
H. Scott Paulson	Grand Marshal
Patrick D Cholka	Grand Orator
Robert K Lund	Grand Tiler
George T Eisenmann III	Deputy, District #1
Mark W Steckel	Deputy, District #2
John C Tilley.....	Deputy, District #3
Jason L Richardson	Deputy, District #4
Todd A Wohlert	Deputy, District #5
Arthur C Gans	Deputy, District #6
Craig J Froelich.....	Deputy, District #7
David R Ritchie	Deputy, District #8
James R Gajdosik.....	Deputy, District #9
Kyle A Grahn.....	Deputy, District #10
Michael C Gorgen.....	Deputy, District #11
Jan F Talaga	Deputy, District #12

PERMANENT MEMBERS

PAST GRAND MASTERS

Charles E White (1970)	Dr Jack C Allord (1996)
Denman G Kramer (1971)	Bruce S Sim (1997)
A D Anderson (1973)	Lawrence L Myers (1998)
Herman A Friess (1977)	Richard E Black (1999)
Russell R Selbo (1980)	Stephen D Willett (2000)
Allan E Iding (1981)	John W Hein (2001)
James J Byrnes (1982)	James H Olson (2002)
Kenneth W Shannon (1983)	Michael A DeWolf (2003)
O Darrell Aderman (1984)	Keith D Chamberlain (2004)
William E Day (1985)	Roger L Magoon (2005)
George A Wallinger (1986)	Rodney A Paulsen (2006)
Kingman D Loomis (1987)	J B Van Hollen (2007)
Bruce A Christianson (1988)	Dr John W Wilke (2008)
Robert E Moore (1989)	Craig S Campbell (2009)
Dean T Massey (1990)	Joseph B Harker (2010)
James A Zimmerman (1992)	Davey L White, Jr. (2011)
Carl J Wussow (1993)	Dennis V Siewert (2012)
Stanley R Jagow (1994)	Daniel L Slavik (2013)
Beecher Daniels (1995)	William Beecher (2014)

Past Grand Lecturers

Davey L White Jr
John W Hein, PGM
Craig S Campbell, PGM
Kenneth C Gorgen

Past Grand Secretaries

Bruce S Sim, PGM
George A Wallinger, PGM

Past Grand Treasurers

Russell R Selbo, PGM
John W Hein, PGM
Michael R Walter
James M Hays
Richard A Vande Sande
John A Benedict

Past Junior Grand Warden

Sheldon I Ausman

Past Grand Trustees

John W Demetropoulos
Le Roy C Eisenmann
Kingman D Loomis, PGM
Lowell A Tainter
George A Wallinger, PGM
Roger G Nitzsche
Herman A Friess, PGM
Stephen D Willett, PGM
Carl J Wussow, PGM
William E Day, PGM
Blair D Dixon
Bruce S Sim, PGM
James H Olson, PGM
Allan E Iding, PGM
Robert C Gorsuch
Guy K Gooding, II
Bruce H Lasko

DISTRICT LECTURERS

Dist.	Name	Dist.	Name
1	Scott R Larson	7	Richard H Moen
2	Lawrence L Ganske	8	Davey L White, Jr, PGM
3	Tony S Budaj	9	Brian S Duoss
4	Moses H Adams	10	Bruce J Stephenson
5	Michael L. Barreyro	11	William G Hahnfeldt
6	Eric E Davidson, Sr	12	Gary L Barg

AREA ADMINISTRATORS

Dist	Area	Name	Dist	Area	Name
1	1	Aaren Petersen	8	1	Andrew J Davis
1	2	Dennis M Schultz	8	2	Kevin L Baker
2	1	Daniel R Sherry	8	3	Joel M Arnold
2	2	Richard A Hodges	8	4	Jeffrey S Schoenfeldt
2	3	Thomas W Stevens	9	1	Daniel E Bast
2	4	Dale A Brathol	9	2	Noah C Schultz
3	1	Currently Unassigned	9	3	Adam T Witt
3	2	Currently Unassigned	10	1	Kevin J Carnine
4	1	James F Van De Hey, Jr	10	2	Scott D Baron
4	2	Zachary B Jensen	10	3	Todd M Hellmann
5	1	Kurt A Eckes	11	1	Randall Holton
5	2	Daniel J Drews	11	2	Daniel J Stujenske
5	3	Kurt A Eckes	11	3	Clinton H Cagle
6	1	William R Moll	12	1	Charles H. Boelkow
6	2	Jason E Laramee	12	2	Currently Unassigned
6	3	Steven Labus	12	3	Steven R Rudie
7	1	Eric P Pantano	12	4	Shawn B Athy
7	2	Karl E Markgraf			
7	3	Jeffrey J Breunig			

GRAND LODGE F. & A.M. OF WISCONSIN TRUSTEES

	Term Expires
James D Goldsmith	2016
Richard J Eisenmann	2017
Andrew J Niebler	2018
Joseph B Harker	2019
Joseph E Thompson	2020

WISCONSIN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

Michael A DeWolf, PGM, Secretary
 Jeffrey L Bryden
 Franklin J Struble
 Scott E Pedley
 Joseph B Harker
 Donald W Hensiak
 L. Arby Humphrey

	Term Expires
Jan F Talaga, Chair	2017
John W Wilke	2017
Kyle A Grahm	2017
Travis Hand	2017
Christopher J Young	2017
Frank T Glowinski	2016
David D Larson	2015
Craig Campbell, PGM	2017

THREE PILLARS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Mark A Strautman – President-CEO
Jean Freuck – CFO
Richard Mapes – COO

WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC.

Franklin J Struble, GM
Donald W Hensiak, GLO Liaison
L. Arby Humphrey, GLO Liaison
Scott E Pedley, GLO Liaison

	Term Expires
Barbara Ritchie	2016
Lawrence R Nines	2016
Paul T Tourville	2016
Terrence R Brown	2016
Thomas O Kapke	2016
Gary R Beier	2017
John A Benedict	2017
Frank T Glowinski	2017
Jeffrey Bryden, Chairman	2017
Robert W Haggarty, III	2017
William H Frazier	2018
Allan E Iding	2018

COMMITTEES 2015-2016

Annual Communication

Michael A DeWolf, PGM, Chair
Franklin J Struble
Donald W Hensiak
Patrick J Militzer
Curt A Campagna
H Scott Paulson
Craig Froelich
James R Stoebe

Appeals & Grievances

Clinton H Cagle
William Beetcher, PGM
William H Frazier
Robert W Roth, Chair
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