

*Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons of
Wisconsin*

Ladies Guide

2017 - 2018



**Welcome to the Grand Lodge Family
and congratulations on becoming a
Grand Lodge Lady!**



Arby and I wish you a very rewarding and fun filled year as a member of the Grand Lodge. If there is anything we can do to help you or if you have any questions, please contact us at any time.

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Grand Lodge Officers

2017 – 2018

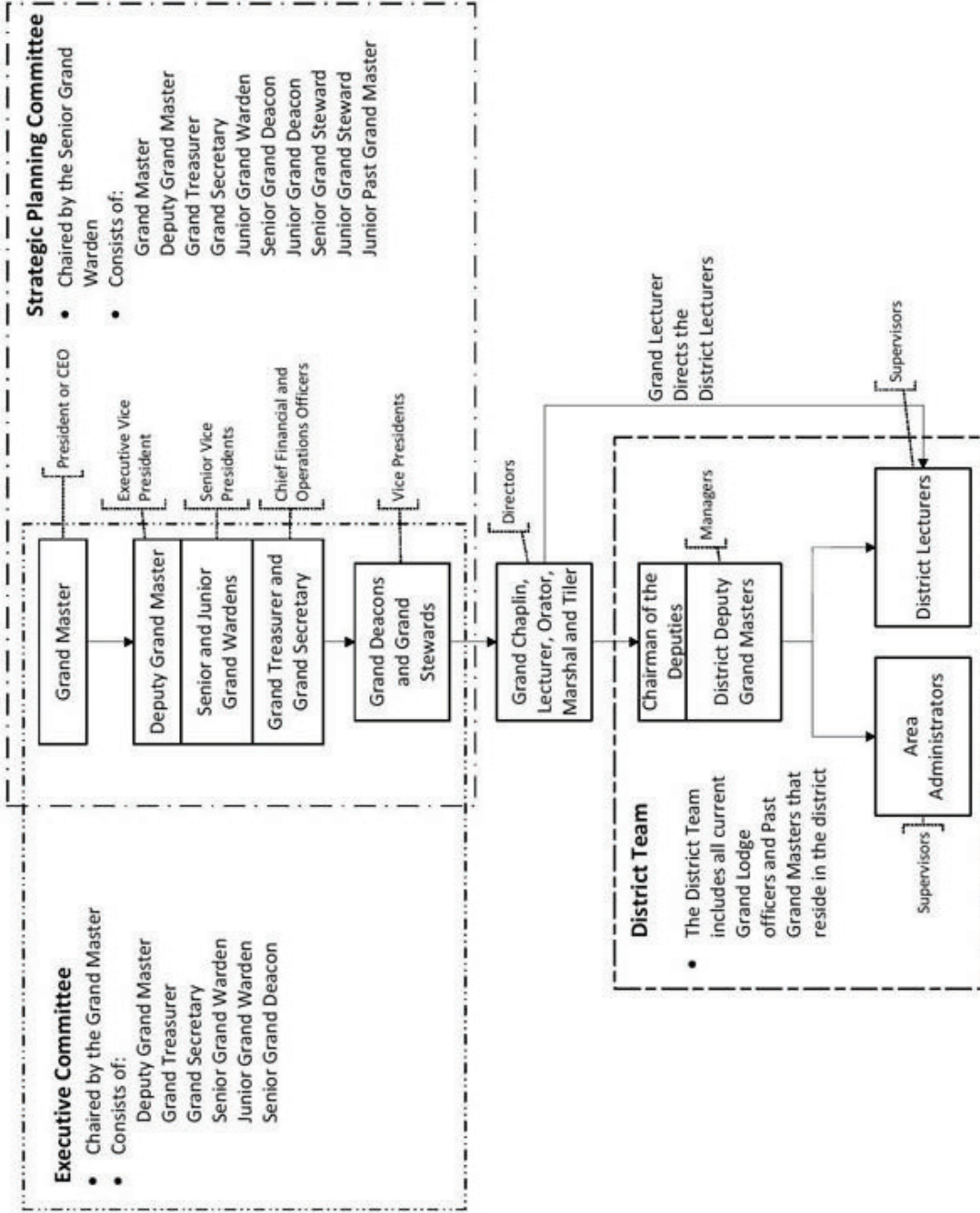
Elected Officers

Grand Master.....	L. Arby Humphrey
Deputy Grand Master.....	Scott E. Pedley
Senior Grand Warden.....	Robert C. Strader
Junior Grand Warden.....	Kenneth Gorgen
Grand Treasurer.....	Jeff Bryden
Grand Secretary.....	Michael A. DeWolf, PGM

Appointed Officers

Grand Chaplain.....	Don Iliff
Grand Lecturer.....	Jerry Reick
Senior Grand Deacon.....	Gary Stang
Junior Grand Deacon.....	Paul Tourville
Senior Grand Steward.....	Dave Ritchie
Junior Grand Steward.....	Tom Stevens
Grand Orator.....	Pat Cholka
Grand Marshal.....	Dave Frings
Grand Tiler.....	Dwayne Schultz
District Deputy Grand Master, District 1.....	George Eisenmann
District Deputy Grand Master, District 2.....	Dan Sherry
District Deputy Grand Master, District 3.....	Mark Steckel
District Deputy Grand Master, District 4.....	Jason Richardson
District Deputy Grand Master, District 5.....	Jerry McDonald
District Deputy Grand Master, District 6.....	Jason Laramie
District Deputy Grand Master, District 7.....	Jeff Schoenfeldt
District Deputy Grand Master, District 8.....	Joe Thompson
District Deputy Grand Master, District 9.....	James Gajdosik
District Deputy Grand Master, District 10.....	Kyle Grah
District Deputy Grand Master, District 11.....	Clint Cagle
District Deputy Grand Master, District 12.....	Todd Krohn

Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin Organization



Attending Events With Your Grand Lodge Officer

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION IN MADISON

- Usually the first Friday in June
- Installation rehearsal is at 2:30pm on Thursday at the Masonic Center.
- Grand Lodge Ladies do participate in the Installation, however, we realize that it may be difficult to attend the rehearsal for those who need to be at work. If this is the case for you, please let the in-coming Grand Master's Lady know and she will let you know what you need to do for the Installation when you arrive. We are grateful that you can spend whatever time you have with us.

FULL STAFF MEETING WEEKENDS

Being in the Grand Lodge is like having a second family. Getting to know each other is important and the best way is to attend staff meetings.

These are held three times a year in various places throughout the state.

- Fall Staff – Sept. 22 – 24, 2017 – Eau Claire
- Winter Staff – Jan. 26 – 28, 2018 – Dousman
- Spring Staff – Apr. 20 – 22, 2018 – Duluth, MN

Grand Lodge Officers which include District Deputies are considered Full Staff and must attend these meeting weekends. As a Grand Lodge Lady you should also attend. Children are always welcome too.

You are encouraged to attend Masonic events as you are able with your officer. You will meet many interesting people and make lasting friends over time.

OTHER EVENTS THAT YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND MAY INCLUDE:

- Cornerstone/dedication ceremonies
- District meetings – may have a ladies program
- Ladies at the Table dinners, Awards banquets, etc.
- Masonic Youth events
- Three Pillar events
- Any lodge event that is open to the public
- If asked, other Grand Jurisdictions & Regional Events

Introducing Yourself To Those You Don't Know

You are the guest at many Masonic functions but keep in mind, many times the woman standing next to you may be the wife of a new Mason, visiting family/friends or ladies that rarely attend functions. It is always nice if you approach them to make them feel comfortable.

You can always break the ice by remembering the acronym

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Family, Occupation, Recreation, Enjoyment.

It is also helpful if you know your husband/significant other's position in Grand Lodge...if you don't know be sure to ask him.

What to Wear

The following are some guidelines to help you. If ever in doubt contact another GL Lady to ask for advice. Otherwise remember:- *It is always better to be “overdressed” than “underdressed”.*

TUXEDO: If your officer is wearing a tux to a Banquet or Ceremony, you normally would wear a formal dress (floor length/tea/cocktail dress-something that is dressy.) Of course, there are always exceptions to the guideline:

- **Annual Communication Installation:** Your dresses should be floor length or tea length (tea is above the ankle but below the knee). Most ladies wear floor length.
- **Cornerstone/Dedication Ceremony:** Only the officer needs to be in formal wear - Ladies wear a dress, skirt or formal pantsuit.

WHITE JACKET: **Celebration of Freemasonry Banquet (the night before Annual Communication in June).** Your officer may be requested to wear a white dinner jacket or black tuxedo. Your dress would be a cocktail dress, tea length or floor length dress.

TRAVELING: When traveling, the best suggestion is to plan on wearing dresses, skirts or a pantsuit to meals and business casual attire for tours.

NAME TAG: Grand Lodge Line Officers, District Deputies and their ladies receive nametags. Wear your nametag. If you need a replacement, please let the Grand Master's Lady know.

LODGE EVENTS: If you are attending a lodge picnic, dress accordingly. If you are going to a re-dedication during the summer, wear something cool but classy.

STAFF MEETINGS: Business casual attire is appropriate most of the time when we are together as a group. The ladies typically have some sort of outing/program scheduled while the men are in meetings during the day. Depending on what type of activity is planned for the ladies, the Grand Master's Lady will let you know what to wear.

OTHER EVENTS: If your officer is wearing a Business Suit for a banquet or ceremony, you may choose a dress/skirt or formal pants outfit. Even though dress pants are acceptable for some banquets, formal pant suits should not be worn for banquets at Annual Communication or banquets when visiting other Jurisdictions.

Occasionally when we meet with other groups, i.e. Unity dinner with Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall, other Appendant bodies, you will be notified what the dress code should be. Communication about meetings usually includes appropriate attire suggestions.

Other Information

GRAND LODGE PHOTO DIRECTORY

For More than several years now, Ronda Pedley has graciously designed Grand Lodge photo books which contain pictures of all GL members (District Deputy on up). Your picture will be used from the Thursday afternoon photo session on June 1, 2017. Each photo book contains GL titles, names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, birthdays and anniversary information.

SUPPORT YOUR OFFICER

I'm sure there is not a lady out there that hasn't taken over the job of mowing the lawn a time or two or have done other chores that enabled our partners to attend Masonic events. Without of support they would not be where they are today.

BALANCING HOME LIFE & GRAND LODGE LIFE

Everyone has a busy life. Be encouraging and make sure you carve out some family time. Plan ahead for staff meetings as they are family events.

COURTESY & RESPECT

As part of the Grand Lodge we are looked upon to be leaders and shining examples of Masonry. Kindness and respect should be shown to all.

VIEWS OF THE GRAND LODGE

Please do not commit yourself to the views of your Grand Lodge Officer or the Grand Lodge. You may be asked for an opinion on a specific topic and it could be repeated and have negative consequences. Only the Grand Master can speak for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE CONTACTS

Main Phone Number – 262-965-2200

Mike Dewolf – Grand Secretary.

Cheryl Martin – Awards, Lodge Supplies, Petitions – Ext. 800

Erika Miller – Records and Member Management – Ext. 831

Alicia Darr – Annual Financial Statements, PMP – Ext. 800

Online Resources

WEBSITE

- www.wisc-freemasonry.org

FACEBOOK

- Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of WI
- Ladies of Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin

TWITTER

- [Twitter.com/WI_Freemasons](https://twitter.com/WI_Freemasons)

General Masonic Information

THE PURPOSE OF FREEMASONRY

The purpose of Freemasonry is to promote personal development by reinforcing moral principles, to assist those suffering unfortunate circumstances, and to foster friendship and cooperation among all people.

FREEMASON FAMILIES

Wisconsin Masons practice Family Friendly Freemasonry. We do this out of love and practice it in how we live and through programs we support. Included in these programs are help for families of our deployed military, scholarships, support for youth, medical research, children's hospitals, and our Honored Ladies. Masons champion the heroes of our society such as veterans, teachers, police and first responders.

Our teachings reinforce Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, while promoting a way of life that binds like-minded men of all ages in a worldwide brotherhood transcending religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences.

Note: What is listed is what is NORMALLY worn but it can change depending on the GM's request of dress

Event	Guys	Ladies
Cornerstone/Rededication of a Lodge	Tux or Morning Clothes	Dress/Skirt/Dress Pants
Grand Master's Banquet	White Jacket - Or Tux	Formal Dress - Short or Long
Annual Communication (Black Tie)	Tux	Formal Dress - Floor or T ^r Length
Representative Banquet (Black Tie)	Tux	Formal Dress - Floor or T ^r Length
Lodge Awards Banquet or Special Event	Business Suit	Dress/skirt or dress slacks
Lodge Picnic	Shorts/Khaki Pants, Golf Shirt	Dress/skirt, shorts, slacks, capris
Annual Communication - Other Jurisdictions	Tux or Morning Clothes	Formal Dress - Floor, T length or cocktail
Lodge Fundraisers	Depends on type	Depends on type
Lodge Installation	Tux or Business Suit (ask Lodge)	Dress/skirt or dress slacks
Casual	Sports coat, Khaki Pants, etc.	Dress/skirt or dress slacks

List for type of Clothes

	Morning Clothes (Elected and Progressive Line Officers Only)	Apron Case
Tux	Black Morning Suit Jacket	Apron
Tux Jacket (Black or White)	Tux Pants	Collar
Tux Pants	Plain Front, straight point collar shirt	White Gloves
White Wingtip Collar Tux Shirt	Gray Vest	Business Cards and GM Pins
Black Vest or Cumberbund	Gray Stripped Tie	Name Tag
Bow Tie	Black Suspenders (if needed)	Shout Wipes/Safety Pins/Sewing Kit
Black Suspenders (if needed)	Studs and Cuff Links	
Studs and Cuff Links	Black Socks	
Black Socks	Tux Shoes	
Tux Shoes	Name Tag & GM Pin	

	Incidentals	Misc. (Men & Ladies)
Shampoo	Lotion	Book, magazine, craft project
Conditioner	Razor/Shaving Cream	Extra Glasses
Toothbrush	Prescriptions	Lint Roller
Toothpaste	Asprin/Tylenol etc.	Shoe Cleaner/Polish
Dental Floss	Antibacids	Umbrella
Deodorant	Mints	Phone & Charger
Brushy/Comb	Band Aids	Camera & charger
Hair Spray		Cooler for water, soda, snacks

Create a travelling makeup case

Create a travelling toiletry kit for each of you