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GRAND MASTER'S REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Brothers All,

I want to begin by thanking all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you this past year. It's been a pleasure getting to know many of you around our great state of Wisconsin. Thanks for your kindness and sharing brotherly love with me and the other brothers at many events throughout the state.

At last June's Annual Communication, three areas were highlighted to spend extra special attention:

Membership, Education and Brotherly Love. We have made progress in all three areas.

In the area of **Membership**, we have allocated \$50,000 in our budget and another \$25,000 was raised for a total of \$75,000 to be used to promote membership in our state. We have used the website to promote masonry and have created a list of men that have contacted us with an interest in our fraternity. Those names have been passed on to each **District Membership Representatives (DMR)** who in turn passed those names on to individual lodges for further contact. Many lodges are actively adding members and doing lots of degree work.

Along with that, we purchased **Fire Suppression Units (FSU)** and delivered four to each of the twelve districts. When they were presented to fire, sheriff or police departments, we received great publicity to promote our fraternity that in turn, brought in more petitions. Our Progressive Line Officers met and requested the Masonic Foundation to authorize another \$200,000 to purchase one for every lodge in the state that hadn't received one of the initial FSUs. These are beginning to be presented to those lodges in May and June of 2022.

Membership is growing now in our state. We need your continued help in promoting masonry in your community. We now have a lot to talk about that masonry is doing for others and in your community. We have distributed defibrillators in many schools, sheriff's cars, police cars, and other areas in the communities. We're now giving out FSUs again to many facilities in the communities to create quick fire protection.

Thanks to Mike Burnham and Thomas Stevens for chairing the Membership Committee and all those that have served on the committee and getting the work done. Thanks also to the DMRs and other brothers who have worked to increase our membership in so many ways!

Our **Education** committee has been working diligently to add more educational information on our website with videos and articles. They've also added articles in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal to offer brothers ways to learn more about masonry. They're now working on adding education about freemasonry on YouTube so masonry is more visible and understood. Our Education team is doing a great job for our masonic enlightenment.

A special thanks to Jason Laramée, chairman, and the committee members for their outstanding effort.

I introduced my theme of **Brotherly Love** at last year's Annual Communication and, from where I'm sitting, it appears that many brothers have jumped on board of **Spreading the Cement of Brotherly Love!** We are a fraternal brotherhood. Love for one another is our cement to bind us together as brothers. It's a theme that we must keep going for years to come. It's OK to agree to disagree as long as we do it with love for one another.

One goal of mine was to get a fast start by visiting lodges and district meetings to spread that cement of brotherly love. Many of the outlying lodges were visited that hadn't seen a grand master for years. Usually, another Grand Lodge officer would attend, too. We weren't able to visit every lodge, unfortunately, even though we were gone an awful lot.

What's happening in the state and in the lodges? We've had lots of table lodges and some ladies at the table, valentine dinners, shed lodges, crawfish dinners, past master and award events, and the list goes on and on. Everywhere I go, brothers are saying, "Love 'ya brother!" to each other and giving hugs. This is the *action* of spreading the cement of brotherly love. I've had the opportunity to visit shut ins and deliver 50-, 60-, and 70-year certificates along with delivering two century certificates in one lodge (a 100-year-old and a 102-year-old)! All were so excited to receive this recognition.

It is so important that each lodge works together as a team. The officers of the lodges really need to plan their year with input from their brothers. The old saying is that "if you fail to plan, you plan to fail." Once a plan is created on a calendar, then it needs to be put into action. If leaders are having difficulty putting that plan into action, the district deputy or other Grand Lodge officers will welcome the opportunity to help you. The more brothers you can get involved in some way, the more they will take ownership and feel a real part of the lodge. I have used teams all year long. Everyone was told to start your year now and let's move our fraternity forward. What I have found is the successful lodges are the ones that have many good committees that are working together and reporting back to their lodges. We all need to use as many as we can to improve masonry.

Acts of Kindness has also allowed us to get out defibrillators and now the Fire Suppression Units that will save lives, homes, and property. We are matching up to \$3000 through our acts of kindness funds. Our Service and Assistance program had an overhaul on how to ask for assistance. A brother can now ask for help of up to \$2000 on a short form application. We are still able to help others along the way, too. We helped out many this year including one widow in need. Thanks to the Service and Assistance team for their fine efforts. This year has not only helped me to appreciate this fraternity even more than before, but it has also given me a true sense that this fraternity is not only the oldest but the very best fraternity in this world. I can not thank you enough for all you have given me. It is true that when you give you receive so much more. Please continue to keep these things in front of you next year, too: membership, education and brotherly love. We need to continue building on all three and as you will come to know from our next Grand Master, you and I will be proud to be a Mason!

Never forget to tell the important people in your life that you love them and also don't forget you are all very important to me. I love you all, my brothers!!!

Please get committed to making this fraternity even better than it already is. Get involved with your lodges, travel to other lodges, meet some great friends you just haven't met yet, have some fun along the way and "Spread the Cement of Brotherly Love along the way."

See you in lodge and love 'ya my brothers!

Grand Master Travel and Events for 2021-2022

June	Event	
4-9	Annual Communication	Madison
10	Hancock Lodge # 229 -to form a masonic outpost	Ellsworth
11	Funeral for Sr. GW Ritchie's mother	Darlington
12	Chetek Lodge # 277 - Master Mason degree in Eau Claire	Eau Claire
12	Eau Claire GM Reception	Eau Claire
14	Calumet Lodge # 172 -visit & reset	New Holstein
15	Mason Woods Lodge #368 visitation	Shawano
16	Lake Country Lodge #42 visitation	Oconomowoc
17	Conference of Sojourner's	Milwaukee
17	Grand Lodge Office afternoon	Dousman
18	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
27	Zoom meeting with DDGMs	Eau Claire
29-30	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
30	Breakfast Meeting with Marshal Scott Paulson and Duane Bunting	Dousman
30	Meeting with Gary Beier-Masonic Foundation	Dousman
30	Collins-Spring Valley Lodge Picnic	Baldwin
July		
3-8	Imperial Shrine Session	Houston, TX
10	Full Summer Staff Meeting	WI Rapids
10	Masonic Night at the Ballpark	WI Rapids
15	70-year Certificate presentation	La Crosse
16	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
16	Pickup supplies for All Star Soccer	Port Washington
17	Widow's Sons Ride	Dousman
17	Masonic All-Star Soccer games (boys & girls)	Wauwatosa

19	Owen Lodge visit	Owen
19	Phillips Lodge Friends Night	Phillips
21	Compensation Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
21	Bloomer Lodge visit	Bloomer
22	WMBAB zoom meeting	Eau Claire
23	Hospital visit of a brother	River Falls
24	DeMolay Grand Installation	Kenosha
25	Zor Barry Ausen's Never Too Late Celebration	River Falls
27	Compensation Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
28	Foundation Board meeting Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
31	WMH Board Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
August		
5-6	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
7	Executive Committee Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
15	New Diggins Picnic	Benton
16	Owen Lodge Visit	Owen
17	70-year Certificate presentation & picnic	Chippewa Falls
19	70-year Certificate for Don Ewald	Chippewa Falls
18	Baraboo Lodge picnic	Baraboo
20-21	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
21	Jobie's Jamboree	Green Lake
22	DDs Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
23	Wautoma Lodge Corn & Potato Picnic	Wautoma
24	Chippewa Council of Royal & Select Masters Steak Fry	Chippewa Falls
26	Leave for Scottish Rite Supreme Council	Cleveland, OH
27- 31	Scottish Rite Supreme Council - Cleveland, OH	Cleveland, OH
September		
1	Lodge at the Table - Lake Country Lodge	Oconomowoc
2	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
7	COGMNA Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
8	Hiram D Fisher Lodge #222 visit	Florence
10-12	Fall Full Staff Meeting	Oshkosh
14	Virginia Falls Lodge visit	Merrill
15	Compensation Committee Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
16-18	Iowa Annual Communication	Davenport, IA
22	Appleton Lodge 349 70+1 Anniversary	Appleton
24	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
24	Meet with Prince Hall Grand Master	Cottage Grove
25	Morning Star Lodge 175th Reconsecration	Beloit
28	District 5 Fall Meeting	Sparta
October		
1	St. Croix Shrine Potentate Party	River Falls

2	Scottish Rite Reunion	Eau Claire
4	District 6 Fall Meeting	Manawa
6	Collins-Spring Valley Lodge Past Masters Night	Baldwin
8	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
8	Cornerstone Ceremony Three Pillars	Dousman
8	PLO meeting	Dousman
8	Brother Harry Baker - present 65th anniversary certificate	Hartland
13	Brother Norris Berg Masonic Funeral - Hancock Lodge	Ellsworth
14	Octoberfest Table Lodge - Tripoli Shrine	Milwaukee
15	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
16	District 8 Fall Meeting	Richland Center
16	Middleton-Ionic Lodge #150 Reconsecration	Middleton
19	St. Croix Lodge visit - Past Masters & Awards	Hudson
20	Bloomer Lodge visit	Bloomer
20	Compensation meeting - zoom	Eau Claire
23	District 10 Fall Meeting	Fond du Lac
23	Henry S Baird Day of Light	Sturgeon Bay
24	DDs Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
25	Calumet Lodge visit	New Holstein
26	Cassia Lodge visit	Plymouth
26	Br. Shut In Visits - Jerry Miller, Ansel Tupper, Thomas Van Derkin, Don Mattox, Al Richie	Plymouth, Sheboygan
26	Sheboygan Lodge visit - Grand Master Dinner & Awards - Don Mattox-65 yrs.	Sheboygan
27	District 2 Fall Meeting	New Richmond
28	Past Gr Treasurer visit - John Benedict -50 yr. certificate	Oregon
28	Oregon Lodge visit - Rich Rygh - 50 yr. certificate	Oregon
29	Mequon Fire Dept - FIRE Suppression Solutions presentation	Mequon
29	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
30	Reedsburg Lodge - Shed Lodge	Reedsburg
November		
2	Bayfield Lodge #369 visitation	Bayfield
3	Bloomer #281 Awards Banquet	Bloomer
5	Zoom meeting with Gr Sec and Attorney	Eau Claire
10	Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
11	Visited 2 shut-in brothers (1 on hospice and 1 in Nursing Home)	Spring Valley & Woodville
17	Wisconsin Masonic Home board meeting - Zoom	Eau Claire
17	Compensation Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
18	WMBAB Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
22	Grand Masters Appeal Dinner Zoom Meeting with Dave Tainter	Eau Claire
23	Outpost Breakfast meeting with Wisconsin Rapids Lodge brothers	WI Rapids
28	DDs Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
29	Zoom meeting with Gr Sec, RWDGM and RW SrGW	Eau Claire
December		
8	Compensation meeting - zoom	Eau Claire

8	Installation for GBW #351 and Bloomer #281	Eau Claire
9	York Rite Commander Christmas Observance	Eau Claire
13	Phillips Lodge Installation	Phillips
13	Governance Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
14	Landmark Lodge visit	Frederic
15	Deliver 75 yr. Certificate to Willard Young	Eau Claire
18	Installation for Island City Lodge	Minocqua
20	Grand Lodge Office and Milwaukee Christmas Observance	Dousman/Milwaukee
21	Installation for St. Croix Lodge	Hudson
22	Council of York Rite	Eau Claire
26	DDs Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
January		
3	Lodi Valley Lodge #99 Visitation	Lodi
6	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
8	Zor Shrine Installation	Madison
10	Medford Lodge Visit	Medford
11	Service and Assistance Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
12	Outpost Meeting-Hancock Lodge brothers	River Falls
12	Visit Shut In-Vern Englebretson	Clear Lake
12	GBW #351 Lodge visit	Eau Claire
13	Red Cross/Malta Degrees	Eau Claire
15	Clear Lake Lodge Installation	Clear Lake
20	WMBAB - Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
21-23	Winter Full Staff Meeting	Madison
26	WI Foundation Board Meeting - zoom	Eau Claire
27	Stevens Point Outpost Luncheon-deliver 50 yr. certificate Roger Buckaloo	Stevens Point
29 to Feb 5	Grand Master visit to Florida brothers	Sarasota, FL, etc.
February		
8	Menomonie Lodge Visit	Menomonie
9	Development Office Review - zoom meeting	Eau Claire
9	WMJ Board Meeting - zoom meeting	Eau Claire
10	Meeting with Eau Claire #112 Officers	Eau Claire
12	Outpost Breakfast Meeting with members from Antigo, Clintonville & Shawano	Shawano
14	Ladies at the Table	WI Rapids
16	Bloomer Lodge	Bloomer
17	Midwest Conference of Grand Masters	Milwaukee
18-22	COGMNA - Milwaukee, WI	Milwaukee
26	Northwest Masonic Center - crawfish dinner	Wauwatosa
26	Southern Lakes Masonic Lodge #12 - Past Masters dinner	Delavan
27	PLO Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
March		
2	Gary Beier - WI Masonic Foundation - Zoom meeting	Eau Claire

2	Executive Committee Meeting - zoom meeting	Eau Claire
3	Grand Master Gala - Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
5	Tom Tourville Table Lodge	Tomah
9	Forest Lodge visitation/FC degree	Wausau
10	PLO meeting with Auditors - zoom meeting	Eau Claire
16	LaBelle Lodge visit	Viroqua
17	NorthStar Lodge visit	Star Prairie
19	Commandry Inspection - Order of the Temple - Knights Templar	Eau Claire
22	Zoom meeting with Missouri Home	Eau Claire
23	West Salem Lodge visit and deliver certificates (50 & 55)	West Salem
23	Outpost Soup Lunch	Eau Claire
23	WMF Board Meeting	Zoom
24	School of Instruction - District 2	Baldwin
26	District 4 Spring Meeting	Crivitz
26	District 10 Spring Table Lodge	Oshkosh
28	Mondovi Widows Dinner and Awards Banquet	Mondovi
29	Harold Christenson's Celebration Banquet	New Richmond
31	Grand Lodge Office	Dousman
31	District 9 Spring Meeting	Brodhead
 April		
1	Steppin' Up to Dyslexia	Eau Claire
2	Grand Master's Gala Appeal	Milwaukee
3	PLO Zoom discussion	Eau Claire
3	DDs Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
4	Docora Lodge 177 -deliver 70 & 75 yr. certificate & 2 Century Awards & 2 Service Awards	Galesville
5	River Falls Lodge 136 Visit	River Falls
7 thru 8	Minnesota Annual Communication	St. Cloud, MN
8	Lodge Brother Jerry Hauschildt funeral	Baldwin
9	Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite Reunion	Eau Claire
10	Waterloo Lodge & deliver a 75 yr. certificate	Jefferson
11	Council of Deliberation Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
12	Wisconsin Rapids Outpost Breakfast Meeting	WI Rapids
13	Outpost Breakfast Club meeting	Altoona
13	George B Wheeler 351 Lodge Meeting	Eau Claire
14	Keystone Lodge Visit	Hayward
18	Medford Lodge Heroes Night & FSU delivery	Medford
19	WHB Meeting - zoom	Dousman
19	Grand Lodge Office meeting (Mike D, Paul T, Dave R)	Dousman
19	Doric Lodge Visit	Madison
20	Wis. Rapids Lodge - MM degree	WI Rapids
20	Shut In visit to Gary Hageness - deliver 55-year certificate	Altoona
21	WMBAB Meeting - zoom	Eau Claire
21	District 2 Spring Meeting	Chippewa Falls

22-24	Spring Full Staff Meeting - Eau Claire	Eau Claire
25	Clear Lake Lodge Visit	Clear Lake
26	Waupaca Lodge Visit	Waupaca
27	WI Dells Lodge Visit - MM degree	WI Dells
30	Scottish Rite Reunion	Eau Claire
 May		
1 to 3	New York Annual Communication	New York City, NY
4	Bloomer Lodge Visit	Bloomer
5	Potosi Lodge Visit (River Chicken Dinner) & 175th Reconsecration	Potosi
6	GBW #351 Fire Suppression Unit delivery & picnic	Altoona
9	Superior & Acacia-Itasca Lodge visits	Superior
10	Barnes Lodge visit	Iron River
11	GBW #351 Lodge visit	Eau Claire
12	N.E.W. Daylight Lodge #360 visit	Green Bay
12	Oshkosh - Deliver FSUs to the area	Oshkosh
12	West Bend Lodge visit	West Bend
14	Medford Lodge Cornerstone Laying	Medford
15	PLO Discussion Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
16	Daylight Lodge visit	Milwaukee
16	Grand Lodge visit	Dousman
16	Jefferson County #9 Lodge visit	Jefferson
17	Outpost Luncheon meeting with Oregon Lodge	Oregon
17	Sun Prairie Lodge visit & 50 yr. certificate	Madison
18	Bloomer Lodge Visit	Bloomer
19	Waucoma Oyster Stew Lodge visit	Cooksville
20 to 21	Jobs Daughter Grand Session	Manitowoc
21	Shed Lodge-Milwaukee	Brown Deer
22	PLO Discussion Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
24	Social Lodge Visit	Cambridge
26	Chetek Lodge Bib Overall Lodge Visit	Chetek
29	PLO Discussion Zoom meeting	Eau Claire
 June		
1 to 4	Annual Communication	Madison

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

I'm proud to be a Freemason.

I'm proud of who we are.

I'm proud of what we do.

This past year it has been extremely easy to be Proud to be a Freemason in the State of Wisconsin following the leadership of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Gary Stang, and his theme of "Love ya Brother." It was amazing. It was absolutely the right message at absolutely the right time. It was exactly what we needed to pull ourselves from the jaws of the pandemic and get back to doing what Masons love to do. Being good men, enjoying each other's company, and having a positive impact on our world.

We made some significant headway this year in 3 major areas.

- 1) Service and Assistance. For years the Service and Assistance fund of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has been woefully underutilized. I believe this is largely because we, as Masons, are very proud men and it's very difficult, sometimes embarrassing and intrusive, to ask for help from those we respect. That has now changed. The Masonic Board of Service and Assistance has changed the rules. You can now nominate yourself, a Masonic Brother, a Masonic Widow, or a Masonic Orphan. You are no longer required to expose yourself and your financial information to your Brothers in your local Lodge. In fact, the detailed application paperwork has been eliminated for requests up to \$2,000. Yes, we still need some paperwork if the request is more than that but, what an amazing change to help serve our Brothers, Widows and Orphans in need. Quick response when it's needed most. I'm proud of who we are.
- 2) Fire Suppression Tools. This was led by the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. As they looked at their Medical Fund which for years has largely supported CPR kits and defibrillator purchases, they realized it also was woefully underused. They sought out protection equipment that could be used in support of our police, fire, and 1st responders. The decision was made to purchase Fire Suppression Tools and put them in the hands of Lodges throughout the state of Wisconsin. I'm proud of what we do! These Fire Suppression Tools were purchased for 3 reasons.
 - a. To create an identity for the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. Something tangible people could point to and say, "We do that!", "We are relevant!", "We matter!".
 - b. We wanted to reach out and help our local communities. In a time when America seems to be running away from the police, fire, and 1st responders, the Freemasons of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation are running towards them by supporting them. These Fire Suppression Tools are amazing and there is no doubt they will save lives, animals, and property. They have been very well received in our local communities.
 - c. We didn't mind a little positive press... 😊 The press coverage of these presentations has been outstanding. Articles appear in local papers throughout our State nearly every week. It has created a relevance for Freemasonry and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation in several communities throughout the state of Wisconsin. I'm happy to report this relevance has also yielded financial results. To date donations to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation have increased. So much so, that over 100% of what we spent on these units, we have already received back as donations.

As an added benefit, these presentations have also yielded many petitions for membership in our Fraternity!

- 3) Membership Partnership. The results are rolling in and the numbers are great! At the time of authoring this report, we are on pace to raise 40% more Masons than last year! I, actually, believe it will be much higher than that by year end as the numbers keep increasing. It is amazing how far we've come in just a few short months. The new website, database system, District Membership Representatives, Membership committee, and Lodge Membership Representatives have been fantastic. A HUGE thank you to the several Lodges and Appendant Bodies that have supported us financially helping to make this all happen. We're in this together!

I do want to make a significant point about Membership. There are 3 legs to this stool.

1. Selection of the new,

2. Retention of the existing, and
3. Restoration of those that have fallen away.

Each of these “legs” is important. The most exciting element to the discussion of Masonic Membership is always around our greatest strength. Our existing members. Make no mistake. The reason we are seeing this surge in membership is because of you. They are seeking Membership to be with you. They want Mentors, they want to learn our lessons, they want to be friends, and they want to be Brothers! It is exciting to talk about new but, it is important to remember it is about YOU. I’m proud of who we are!

More growth and more initiatives are coming! Our next layer is education. We need to transition many of us from joining Freemasonry to becoming Freemasons. Our lessons are our differentiator. They are our strength. You will see a lot of communication coming to make each of us better Masons.

Lastly, I want to Thank all of you that I serve and all that I have had the privilege of serving with. We are a team. I look forward to the future together.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Paul T. Tourville,
Deputy Grand Master

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

It has been my privilege to meet many of the brothers this year. I was fortunate to be able to travel to many lodges, attending stated meetings, dinners, installations, rededications, and special events. Speaking at a number of District Meetings gave me a chance to witness the care and brotherly love across lodges in many districts. At all of these I enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of all that I met, true brotherly love. The laughter and conversation are gifts I truly appreciate.

I had the honor of representing the brothers of Wisconsin at the Annual Communications of Iowa and Indiana. The Conference of Grand Masters of North America was a time of meeting brothers from around the world and sharing ideas with many. One of the take aways from this conference was that in many respects the brothers of Wisconsin are leading the way and “doing it right.” This is something every brother in the state should be proud of.

During the year I tried to attend as many of the stated meetings of the lodges which I am a member of. It is great to say that degree work has kept us all busy this year and it looks to continue. This year I have served on the Fraternal Relations Committee with Prince Hall, the Executive Committee, the Expenditures Committee, The Masonic Jurisprudence Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Wisconsin Masonic Journal board and chaired the Strategic Planning Committee. I also served on the Wisconsin Benevolent Activities Board and the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Masonic Home.

In my role with the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, it has given a unique perspective on how busy the lodges are with so many differing and good activities. It has allowed me to see the pride each brother has for his lodge. Working with the Journal has often given me a double reason to work among the brothers and again their help and consideration are greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank all the brothers for their kind words and encouragement.

Respectfully Submitted
David R. Ritchie- Senior Grand Warden

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

The role of the Jr. Grand Warden includes the privilege to act as the liaison to our youth groups. Although personally geographically distant from many Masonic youth group activities, the Grand Lodge team worked together to provide support to our important youth organizations. This year started with many youth groups meeting online due to covid restrictions. As Covid restrictions began to lift, it was wonderful to attend the Demolay Conclave at Carthage College in July. I was fortunate to be asked to become an honorary Demolay and got to be part some of the finest degree work put on by Ryan Theile's team in his last session as State Master Councilor before transitioning the title to his brother Sam. A special event for their proud Dad, JGS Jeff Theile. Numerous members of the Grand Lodge team, including MWGM Stang, attended the banquet to show support. Bright days are ahead for these young men! Later in the year, efforts began to restart Chippewa Valley Demolay chapter thanks to work by Br. Bryce Fransway.

The past few years, I've had the pleasure to work with the Grand Lodge of WI & Job's Daughters leadership team to hold annual strategic planning sessions. I believe these joint efforts have helped provide some consistency and increased communication amongst the JDI team. It also improves lines of communication between Grand Lodge and youth leadership. Our hope is to continue to work with their team to put these long-range planning tools into action. Grand Bethel Honored Queen, April, adopted the right motto to find success "Nothing works unless you do".

Last, I want to thank all the lodges that submitted timely Junior Warden reports this year and challenge all lodges to find new ways to support our youth in the coming year. If your community doesn't have a Masonic youth group, many lodges sponsor non-Masonic organizations. Some highlights from around the state: Aurora Lodge #30 supports Smile Train, a group focused on helping children with cleft palates. Prairie View #95 helps support a program to drive interest in youth fishing. Oconto Falls #239 helped with a local playground remodel project. Get creative - look outside our tendencies to offer cash scholarship donations and you'll be rewarded with wider, more meaningful impact on your local community.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve this wonderful fraternity!

Fraternally submitted,

Thomas W. Stevens
Junior Grand Warden 2021-2022

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:

At the time of writing this report, 41 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. If they are not filed with Grand Lodge, the lodge will have the responsibility of filing their IRS Form 990. Additionally, 26 lodges have not yet paid their per capita contributions. This is much higher than previous years. 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, CliftonLarsonAllen 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, 2022, the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the 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 178th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin.

The budget format that will be presented at Annual Communication has been upgraded and amended to follow the format outlined last year. This year, the budget presentation includes the Fiscal 2017 through Fiscal 2021 actual results, the Fiscal 2022 budget, together with the proposed Fiscal 2023 budget. As we move forward we will be able to include additional previous year data to expand the historical comparisons. Notably, our ability to provide a much more comprehensive report incorporating all Grand Lodge activities with functional subsets allow true consistent comparisons. Following the close of our Fiscal Year our annual audit will begin, providing all the closing fiscal year financial details.

Working with the Deputy Grand Master, the proposed Fiscal 2023 budget has been developed and will be presented at the Annual Communication for adoption. The Fiscal 2023 budget increases the per capita \$2.00 to \$49.00. After a pause during the pandemic, current inflationary pressures have taken hold leading us to increase the per capita by 0.55 cents per day. Your ongoing support in allowing the previous increases has been making a positive impact on our ability to maintain and improve our programs, as well as support to the lodges. As a result, the reliance on our investment portfolios has been reduced, which extends our financial viability into the future. I have stated before, at a minimum, 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. While current year over year inflation data has increased to over 8%, we believe our proposed 4.25% increase is appropriate.

Building efficiencies, evaluating costs, designing effective programs and having better reporting systems have all contributed to our ability to better align our income and expenses. We have made significant progress in our fiscal management and remain committed to continue to make additional gains so that we can deliver the quality programs, organizational support and necessary services to the craft.

In compliance with Section 24.01 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code, mileage and per diem payments for the representatives attending the 178st 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 payments will be made via ACH following the Annual Communication to all Lodges with an attendance record that has been properly scanned both days.

I hope the financial reports and budget information provide you with a more comprehensive and easier to understand summary of the Grand Lodge financial results.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jeffrey L. Bryden, Grand Treasurer

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

Tabular Statement

Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin Recapitulation Report For 2021			
Summary of all lodges			
Primary Members - start of period			8793
<u>Gain</u>			
Raised:	148		
Reinstated:	46		
Affiliated:	43		
Merged In:	216		
	Total Gains:	453	
<u>Loss</u>			
Died:	348		
Suspended:	108		
Resigned:	128		
Expelled:	2		
Merged Out:	216		
	Total Losses:	802	
	Variance:		-21
Primary Members - end of period			8423
<u>Perpetual Members Recap</u>			
Living Primary:	1528		
Deceased Primary:	1646		
Living Plural:	98		
Deceased Plural:	96		
Memorial:	111		
Total Perpetual Members:		3479	
Total PerCapita Membership:			6956
	<i>(Primary Members at year end less Living Primary Perpetual Members)</i>		
Per Capita Tax Due For 2022 (\$47.00/Primary Member):			\$326,932.00
Additional Fees incurred during 2021			
Master Masons Raised:	148 @ \$5.00		\$740.00
Members Reinstated:	46 @ \$5.00		\$230.00
Entered Apprentices Initiated:	209 @ \$10.00		\$2,090.00
	Total due to the Grand Lodge:		\$329,992.00
Total lodge membership at the end if the current recap year - 2021			
Primary Members:			8423
Plural Members:			819
		Total Membership:	9242

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Grand Master's Jewel and Apron

In accordance with the provisions of Section 25.05 of the Masonic Code, a Grand Master's Collar and Jewel for our 2022-2023 Grand Master Paul Tourville, and a Past Grand Master's Jewel for our 2021-2022 Grand Master Gary L. Stang has been obtained.

Grand Lodge Proceedings

In accordance with the provisions of Section 25.06 of the Masonic Code, the Journal of Proceedings of the 176th Annual Communication was prepared by me with the assistance of the Grand Lodge office and printed by Ripon Community Printers. The proceedings were distributed at this Communication.

- 1 copy to each Constituent Lodge Secretary
- 1 copy to each Grand Lodge officer
- 1 copy to each Past Grand Master
- 1 copy to the Cedar Rapids Masonic Library in Iowa
- 1 copy to the NEW Library in Green Bay
- 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 May 1, 2022 sixty (60) 25-year certificates, seventy-five (75) 50-year certificates and thirty-seven (37) 60-year certificates were prepared by the Grand Secretary's staff for presentation to deserving Brethren. These certificates were signed by Grand Master Gary L. Stang and the Grand Secretary. The names of the 50-year recipients will be printed in the Proceedings.

Unfinished business and Proposed Legislation

On April 16, 2022 a complete account of all unfinished business and a copy of all proposed legislation, including the Grand Lodge budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, was emailed 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, additionally this year all material was published in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal as well as the Grand Lodge Website.

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, 2021. These reports will be printed in the Proceedings.

Lodge Consolidations, Charter Surrenders & New Dispensations

During this year there have been three (3) Consolidations. Fennimore #219 merged into Prairie du Chien #8 and will remain Prairie du Chien #8. Clintonville #197 has merged with Shawano #170 and will remain Shawano #170. Wilmot #241 has merged with Washburn #145 and will remain Washburn #145.

Grand Lodge Master Insurance Policy

The Grand Lodge has recently completed the process of reviewing its insurance contracts for the 2022-23 contract period. With the assistance of our insurance broker, Spectrum Insurance Group, renewal terms were reached with our insurance partner West Bend Mutual. While our insurance program structure will not be changing for the next contract year, unfavorable claim experience over the last two years in particular is contributing to rate increases. Additionally, there is a 4% inflation adjustment on building values. Each individual lodge premium may increase or decrease depending property values and lodge member count.

Once again, West Bend is offering the option for all lodges to insure property insurance coverage at "Actual Cash Value" as compared to current "Replacement Cost Valuation." This option was explained at a previous Secretary's conference. If you have a lodge building presently insured for replacement cost and your lodge would NOT rebuild to similar specifications but rather would settle for insurance payments calculated at the depreciated or "Actual Cash Value" of your lodge property, you are encouraged to contact our insurance broker, Jesse Furrer from Spectrum Insurance Group. Note this decision is not to be taken lightly and should have the full support of lodge members before proceeding.

West Bend continues to demonstrate their commitment to our fraternity and have been fair with their pricing. It is important for all lodges to retain a positive working relationship with all parties in order to maintain the integrity of our 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.

This year I met with the underwriters at West Bend along with our Representative Jesse Furrer of Spectrum. It was a productive meeting. We all came away feeling good about the direction our program is headed. The underwriters expressed their thanks to all of our members for the manner in which we conduct our business.

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. This protects the lodge secondary to any personal auto coverage.
- 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 an effect on property premiums. If your lodge would like Spectrum to offer a building valuation estimate, please contact our agent Jesse Furrer at (715) 803-6662.

Square Store

We are now in the fifth year of our Masonic Square Store. Our site handles all supply sales as well as items of general membership interest from personalized lodge shirts to padfolios. 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, Freemasonry in Wisconsin was founded in conservatism and fostered by a love for pure symbolic Masonry. It has through its long and enviable record made an indelible imprint in our communities and society at large. All who know us have been influenced and have benefited from the teachings of our gentle craft. Materialism, secularism, and a host of other dangerous ideologies, all conflicting with our beliefs, surround us. Our numbers are comparatively small, but our influence can be great if we will it. That therefore is our challenge; the World needs more Freemasons.

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.

I remain,
Sincerely and fraternally



Michael A. DeWolf, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

GRAND LODGE TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Brother Gary C. Stang, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and delegates to the 178th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin:

During the 2021-2022 Masonic year, the Grand Trustees met and communicated numerous times by video conferences, and with emails. In addition to determining policies, goals, and objectives by reaching a consensus, we also manage several leases held by us for property of the Wisconsin Grand Lodge.

Investments

Our fiscal year is from May 1 to April 30. Associated Bank and Trust Company N.A. is our depository for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin investment accounts. The Grand Trustees have retained Associated Bank and Trust to provide advice on investments and be the investment managers for the various Grand Lodge accounts. Details can be found in the audited report financials by CLA.

As required by the Masonic Code, we are to report annually on the financial activity in the PMP Account. On April 30, 2021, the balance in this account was \$1,819,285. The balance as of April 30, 2022 was \$1,603,649. This account continues to be marginally funded and will slowly decline as the annual payments outpace the annual investment return.

Real Estate

Grand Masonic Center: We continue to maintain the Grand Masonic Center office building on our Dousman campus. The Grand Lodge offices are in this building, which include the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's offices, and your Grand Lodge office staff. We also rent space to some appendant bodies, including the Order of the Eastern Star and the York Rite. DeMolay also uses space to store unused materials and some of their other records.

Masonic Temple Association of Racine: The Grand Lodge is acting as an authorized agent and representative for the Masonic Temple Association of Racine. The trustees continue to engage in the preservation and protection of the real property and associated assets of the Association and its sole member Racine Belle City Lodge #18.

Wisconsin Masonic Center: The second half (\$250,000) of the \$500,000 contribution originally authorized in October of 2020 was distributed to the WMCF on 12/21/2021. This was set aside for this purpose from a portion of the proceeds realized when the Grand Lodge sold approximately 175 acres of its farmland on Oct. 2, 2020.

Wisconsin Masonic Cemetery: The Grand Trustees, with the assistance of our Brothers of Olive Branch Lodge #6, continue to maintain and improve the final resting place of some of this Country's and this State's Masonic pioneers. Many of these Brothers were civil war veterans, or died during that war. The continued care of this property, including the onsite Lodge building, is a matter for the preservation of our history.

General Operations: General operations continue to run smoothly. We certainly want to recognize with gratitude the cooperation and assistance provided by Most Worshipful Michael A. DeWolf, PGM and Grand Secretary, and Right Worshipful Jeffrey L. Bryden, Grand Treasurer, and our wonderful Grand Lodge Office Staff, consisting of Christina Jester, Cheryl Martin, and Erika Miller, for their outstanding support and timely contributions.

Sincerely and Fraternaly Submitted,

Kyle A. Grahn, Chairman
Richard J. Eisenmann
Scott E. Pedley, PGM
Francis X. McKenna
Robert W. Roth

WISCONSIN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES BOARD REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

The Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board (WMBAB) oversees and coordinates Masonic charitable activities in Wisconsin. Masonic charitable activities in Wisconsin include, but are not limited to, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Masonic Service and Assistance Board and three, separate, nonstock corporations: the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, Inc., Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc. (and its divisions), and the Wisconsin Masonic Center, Inc.

Our primary goal is to act as a unified body facilitating transparent communications and cooperation between the Grand Lodge Officers, Trustees, and leaders of the constituent charities of WMBAB acting in the very best interests of the brethren that constitute the Free and Accepted Masons in Wisconsin.

The functions, duties, and legal responsibilities of the Members of the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board (WMBAB) are delineated in Article 39 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code as well as in the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of each separate Wisconsin Masonic non-stock corporation. This past year, the Board met on five occasions via Zoom web conferencing. The Members of WMBAB elected board members, reviewed the master plans and ongoing programs, and approved the budgets for each of our charitable corporations. At each quarterly meeting we reviewed investment performance of each benevolence:

	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin				Wisconsin Masonic Foundation			
AUM Start	Combined: \$17,634,784				Combined: \$24,623,322			
Asset Allocation	65% Equity/30% Fixed Income/5% Cash				56% Equity/35% Fixed Income/9% Real Assets			
Consultant/Inception	Associated Bank		3/1/2018		DiMeo Schneider		6/1/2016	
Consultant Fee	37 Basis Points				30 Basis Points			
Manager/Fund Fee	WA 30 Basis Points				WA 47 Basis Points			
AUM Current	\$18,775 M				\$28,799 M			
	Performance				Performance			
	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
9/30/2020	4.8%	11.1%	N/A	N/A	-1.3%	3.8%	4.4%	N/A
12/31/2020	8.1%	13.3%	N/A	N/A	11.9%	11.9%	6.8%	N/A
3/31/2021	3.1%	36.2%	N/A	N/A	3.9%	41.1%	9.4%	N/A
6/30/2021	8.2%	23.3%	N/A	N/A	10.5%	29.8%	11.4%	10.7%
9/30/2021	7.7%	16.4%	10.2%	N/A	9.7%	24.3%	10.2%	9.6%
12/31/2021	12.4%	12.4%	15.1%	N/A	15.6%	15.6%	15.7%	10.7%
3/31/2022	-5.5%	3.7%	9.8%	N/A	-6.7%	3.8%	9.8%	8.2%
	Three Pillars				Wisconsin Masonic Center			
AUM	\$44,063,868				\$19,388			
Asset Allocation	50% Equity/38% Fixed Income/12% Real Assets				33% Cash/67% Fixed Income			
Consultant/Inception	DiMeo Schneider		11/1/2007		Raymond James		N/A	
Consultant Fee	17 Basis Points							
Manager/Fund Fee	WA 51 Basis points							
AUM Current	\$49,277 M				\$19,150.00			
	Performance				Performance			
	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
9/30/2020	-2.6%	2.0%	3.2%	6.2%	-0.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
12/31/2020	9.0%	9.0%	6.1%	9.1%	1.1%	-1.1%	N/A	N/A
3/31/2021	3.1%	35.2%	7.5%	8.8%	-0.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
6/30/2021	8.6%	25.6%	9.2%	9.2%	-0.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A
9/30/2021	7.6%	20.3%	8.1%	8.0%	-0.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
12/31/2021	11.8%	11.8%	12.8%	8.8%	-1.3%	-1.3%	0.1%	N/A
3/31/2022	-5.4%	2.6%	7.5%	6.6%	-4.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A

All performance results provided by the independent investment firms, Grand Lodge not responsible for the calculation

In the past year there were no substantial deficiency citations reported to us from any of our constituent nonstock corporations resulting from the financial audits, compliance inspections, complaints, lawsuits, or citations. There have been no WMBAB associate expenses for the past two years. We present for budgetary approval with the adoption of this report, administrative or legal expenses which could occur for WMBAB activities in the coming year which are to be prorated among the constituent benevolences.

The Masonic Activities Board is thankful for the opportunity to serve our brethren and grateful for the hard work and dedication of the various charity boards, the employees of our corporations, volunteers, and contributors. In addition, we are appreciative of the ongoing support and dedication of our administrative assistant, Erika Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Arby Humphrey, PGM
President,
Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board

WISCONSIN MASONIC CENTER

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;



Wisconsin Masonic Center Foundation Annual Report 7/1/21 to 4/30/22

BOARD MEMBERS: Wisconsin Masonic Center Foundation:

- ❖ Tom Ewald – Board President
- ❖ PGM Scott Pedley –Board Vice President
- ❖ Robert Gorsuch – Director and Chairman of Finance Committee
- ❖ Tom Kelley – Director and Strategic Planning Committee
- ❖ David Larson – Director and Strategic Planning Committee
- ❖ Matt Hughey – Director, Strategic Planning Committee, and Finance Committee
- ❖ Eric Pangburn-Director
- ❖ Board Members Ad Hoc: Donald Komplin, Michael Heitke, Leland Burlson,
- ❖ John Prindle WMC Executive Director and Appointed Board Secretary/Treasurer

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:

- ✓ A beautiful new electronic message board was installed in the front right corner of the building facing East Johnson Street and Wisconsin Avenue.

- ✓ A new flagpole was erected on the front left corner of the building along with a marker listing a past Grand Master.
- ✓ Both the flagpole and the message board are placed within the newly landscaped areas making for a very pleasing view of the front of the building.
- ✓ A new air conditioning system was installed this spring. This system serves the Grand Ballroom and the Auditorium and is a welcome addition which will increase the rentability of the rooms for events.

NEW ADDITION TO THE MASONIC CENTER TEAM:

- The Center hired *Valerie Hofmaier* in October of 2021 as our new Events Coordinator/Marketing Manager. Valerie comes to us with extensive backgrounds in event coordination and catering. She is a welcome addition to our team, helping to make needed changes to our system to increase the number of events booked at the Center.

FINANCIAL (Fiscal year July 1 2021- June 30 2022):

- The Center had it's second PPP Loan forgiven. The amount forgiven was the full \$37,040
- The Center had successfully applied with the IRS for the Employee Retention Credit. The amount we will receive net of processing fees is \$31,000.
- General Operations Account balance as of 5/25/22 was \$207,187.
- The Center has transitioned all payroll functions to the Grand Lodge Business Office and the subsequent payroll provider. This will help reduce costs and streamline the functions.
- The Center has been transitioning all accounting to the Grand Lodge Business Office to reduce duplication. The transition is close to becoming complete.
- Fiscal year reporting will be consistent with the Grand Lodge and other WMBAB entities reflecting a fiscal year ending April 30th of each year starting in 2023.
- 7/1/21 through 2-28-22: Total Income = 391,567.02 Total Expenses = 312,418.94 Net Operating Income = 79,148.08 plus Other Income = 4299.90 Net Income = **\$83,447.98** to date.

FUTURE PLANS:

- Centennial 100th anniversary preparation and Capital Fundraising Campaign
- Business Development and Growth - Operations
- Wisconsin Masonic Center utilization with Other Lodges and Appellate Bodies to include the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin
- Public and Community Involvement – Identity
- Strategic Planning
- WMC Building Appraisal
- Outside Grants and Endowments

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

What an amazing year for the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation! This year the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation donated over \$1.3 million dollars to support our charities throughout the State. Asset returns were in line with the investment markets which means the portfolios generated returns consistent with what we should have. The assets and returns enabled us to support these charitable efforts. The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation supports The Wisconsin Masonic Home dba III Pillars Senior Living Communities, Scholarship presentations, Defibrillator gifts, the “Acts of Kindness” grants program, and many other charitable efforts.

This year the “Acts of Kindness” program benefited 70 agencies throughout our State. The “Acts of Kindness” program is so effective because it is a matching-gifts partnership between donors like you and the 160+ Masonic Lodges located throughout Wisconsin. The collective efforts of this program help build better communities and better lives. It captures the spirit of what our Fraternity is all about – making good people better.

A special Thank you to Most Worshipful Gary Stang, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for making the “Acts of Kindness” program the recipient of his appeal! His efforts and yours raised nearly \$50,000 in donations to help our State.

The most exciting news however was that this year we found a way to create an identity. I'm so happy to tell you that the Fire Suppression Tools which were purchased by the medical fund of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation have been an amazing success. We purchased and delivered to 24 Lodges around our State these devices. This was done in addition to supporting our many other charitable endeavors. These Fire Suppression Tools were purchased for 3 reasons:

1. To create an identity for the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. Something tangible people could point to and say, “We do that!”, “We are relevant!”, “We matter!”.
2. We wanted to reach out and help our local communities. In a time when America seems to be running away from the police, fire, and 1st responders, the Freemasons of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation are running towards them by supporting them. These Fire Suppression Tools are amazing and there is no doubt they will save lives, animals, and property. They have been very well received in our local communities.
3. We didn't mind a little positive press.... The press coverage of these presentations has been outstanding. Articles appear in local papers throughout our State nearly every week. It has created a relevance for Freemasonry and the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation in several communities throughout the state of Wisconsin. I'm happy to report this relevance has also yielded financial results. To date donations to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation have increased. So much so, that over 100% of what we spent on these units, we have already received back as donations.

As an added benefit, these presentations have also yielded many petitions for membership in our Fraternity!

A primary focus of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation is to grow our unrestricted funds. The unrestricted funds of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation represent only about 5% of all assets! The unrestricted funds are used to support the “Acts of Kindness” program. This program is the best program we have to impact our communities throughout the state of Wisconsin. It is your Lodge having a direct impact in your community with your charitable efforts supported financially by the “Acts of Kindness” program through the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. As we grow the assets of this fund, it simply means more impact and more relevance for the Freemasons of Wisconsin. Please consider the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation in your gifting and bequests. We want to grow, we want to grow the impact of Freemasonry, we want to grow the relevance of Freemasonry, we want to grow the identity of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation and, we want to grow Freemasonry in the State of Wisconsin. Thank you for your continued efforts.

Submitted by:

Peter T. Tourville, President	Paul Wharton, Treasurer
Larry Nines	Brad Bingheim
Albert Huelsman	Mike Reindl
Roger Anderson	Paul T. Tourville, DGM
Jeff Schoenfeldt, SGD	Joe Thompson, JGD

WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME BOARD REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin:

Three Pillars Senior Living Communities continues to be proud of the quality programs and services offered to current and future residents. The dedicated staff and volunteers continue to work through very difficult health and economic environments to serve those in need. These key areas are core to the on-going success:

Pandemic:

This year has seen continued pandemic infection control processes throughout Three Pillars campus to ensure the safety of residents. While we were able to conduct vaccination clinics early in 2021 for residents and staff, the Delta and Omicron variant contagions have necessitated continued tight protocols and booster opportunities.

Staff have worked hard to bring back quality lifestyle support while maintaining safety as the priority.

We have been successful as evidenced by minimal COVID impact throughout the pandemic. Our facilities received no patient care or health deficiency citations through various annual and infection control inspections over the last 2 years.

Facility occupancy has struggled through this time, but we are seeing improvements over the last few months.

We adapted policies and procedures related to the various government regulations related to vaccine mandates and infection control, specifically through the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for our different facilities.

Strategic:

Our current strategic projects remain active and on schedule. The Health Care renovation is almost complete. All three residential neighborhoods are open and occupied, and remaining spaces should be complete and turned over in the next couple of months.

While we have seen material and supply line difficulties, our project team has done an admirable job of adjusting construction processes to best maintain timelines.

The construction on the new 52 units of CBRF Assisted Living continues to proceed without major disruption in the current economy and is still scheduled to be complete this summer.

Campus master planning, including the newly re-acquired 190 acres, has been proceeding with a concept plan presented to the WMH Board of Directors on January 15, 2022. The Board authorized proceeding with the planning process which includes addressing Memory Care demand and an exciting new approach to active adult living.

The Three Pillars Outreach Program (formerly Live Better at Home) has continued to reach out and be responsive to the Fraternity throughout the state.

Financial:

While federal and state relief funds and forgiven loans have assisted us through the difficult financial impacts of the pandemic, many of the fiscal challenges continued into this year. In addition, we are continuing to see very challenging labor markets, increased supply and food cost inflation and labor cost increases. These conditions are expected to provide on-going challenges for the foreseeable future.

Three Pillars is in a strong financial position to ride through this economic period, as is evident with our recent financial audit.

Thank you for the Fraternal support we have been given during this pandemic. We look forward to the days ahead where public safety will no longer need to be the guiding operational force and our strategic growth will allow us to serve more seniors.

Fraternally submitted,

Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc.
Management & 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 articles of information and interest relating to Wisconsin Freemasons. This publication is receiving positive comments from its readers in this jurisdiction as well as other jurisdictions.

The Wisconsin Journal Board of Directors thanks Brother and Editor Richard Rygh for his outstanding efforts in putting the Journal together each month and upgrading the publication to keep it on the cutting edge. We also thank RWSGW Dave Ritchie and Diane Igl, advertising manager, for their efforts in assisting Rich.

The past two years have been a struggle with Covid but the Journal has not faltered. It has been published each and every month with the highest quality of professionalism and we thank the staff mentioned above for their dedication.

The new Masonic year will bring new challenges and the 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 and continued support of the important service the Journal provides. We thank each and every member of the craft for your support and input. We could not do this without you. Please continue to support this publication with lodge news and information.

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

MWGM Gary Stang
RWDGM Paul Tourville
Lowell Scott, President
Richard Rygh, Editor
Diane Igl, Advertising Manager

Milt Helmer
John Donaldson
George Tincher
Keith Wohlfert

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

MM David L. Forsythe, Manawa Lodge #82 F. & A.M.

The Appeals and Grievances Committee has the responsibility to review all suspensions and expulsions, Masonic trials and restorations. On July 16, 2021, Most Worshipful Grandmaster, Gary L. Stang issued a Decree of Expulsion that JJY be expelled from Membership from Pine Lodge #118 F. & A.M. On March 26, 2021, following YYJ's plea of No Contest, the Court found him Guilty of a felony count of Child Abuse, Intentionally Causing Injury of a Child as set forth by the State of Wisconsin in the Criminal Complaint filed on November 13, 2019, in the Oconto County Circuit Court. The Wisconsin Circuit Court Access which keeps track of all Court proceedings was reviewed and that there is no Appeal pending. It is recommended that the Decree of Expulsion of JJY be approved. After KEW entered a plea of Guilty to a felony charge filed by the State of Wisconsin in the Ozaukee County Circuit Court for Knowingly Operating a Motor Vehicle While Suspended and Causing Great Bodily Harm, on October 16, 2019, Most Worshipful Grandmaster, Robert C. Strader entered a Decree of Expulsion that KEW be expelled from Membership in the Ozaukee Lodge #17 F. & A.M.. The Court agreed to hold Judgment of a Conviction and Dismissed the matter if KEW successfully completed the terms of a Deferred Prosecution Agreement. Apparently KEW complied with the agreement that he had entered into with the State and the matter was Dismissed. A review of the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access records confirmed the disposition of the case. Further investigation revealed that over the course of a period of years, KEW has repeatedly been involved with the Court system for one reason or another, including a matter which resulted in a Temporary Restraining Order being issued against him. On September 14, 2020, KEW filed a Petition for Reinstatement that his Membership in the Masonic Fraternity be reinstated. It appeared to the Committee that the basis for KEW's Petition for Reinstatement is premised on the fact that he complied with all of the requirements of the Deferred Prosecution Agreement. Further, he represents that he has taken certain actions to improve his life. After careful deliberation, the decision of the Committee was that KEW has not provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that he has achieved a level of improvement in his conduct to support a grant of his Petition for Reinstatement into the Masonic Fraternity. It is recommended, however, that the Grandmaster allow KEW to re-submit a Petition for Reinstatement into the Masonic Fraternity next year so as to allow him the opportunity to take such action that would demonstrate his moral fitness and worthiness for a grant of his Petition for Reinstatement for next year.

ESOTERIC COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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The Esoteric Committee is comprised of the Grand Lecturer and the twelve District Lecturers.

District #1 Ron Pete

District #3 Tony Budaj

District #5 Jason Risberg

District #7 Eric Pantano

District #9 Richard Moen

District #11 David Hinnert

District #2 Frank During

District #4 Moses Adams

District #6 Jason Laramee

District #8 Davey L. White Jr.

District #10 Erwin Wuehr

District #12 Jim Goodman

Your Esoteric Committee met twice this year, along with numerous emails, texts, and phone calls. The First meeting was after the Annual Communication. We were a part of the group meeting for all officers, then we met briefly as a committee. I informed them that they all would be invited to the fall staff meeting in Oshkosh

on September 11, 2021. We discussed the upcoming year, and what the Most Worshipful Grand Master would like us to work on for the upcoming year.

The main meeting took place in Oshkosh on September 11, 2021. I am pleased to inform you that all 12 Districts were present and participated in the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to go over the MWGM's agenda and expectations for the upcoming year, as well as a few items that have been brought to our attention.

The first order of business was the MWGM's wish to get all Lodges proficient in opening and closing in the Master Mason degree. There was concern among the DL's that we are trying to move Brothers through the chairs to fast. They expressed that we are moving Brothers to new chairs, before they learn their current office. We talked about the necessity of mentorship in the Lodge. We need to use the Past Masters to teach rod work and education for the new Brothers. We discussed the importance of letting new officers what is expected of them for the Masonic Year.

We discussed the upcoming Schools of Instruction. The Districts have some freedom as to what they want to address in their schools, but all were instructed, that the MWGM wanted them all to cover the opening and closing of the Master Mason degree, as well as calling down to a lower degree. They were also instructed to teach the Lodges in their respective Districts how to call a Lodge informal, to bring in

The committee also discussed the Proficiency and Ritualist cards, and what Proficiency Emeritus is used for in our Jurisdiction. The proficiency Emeritus is used for a Brother who is a proficiency person, who has exhibited his proficiency for a great number of years and no longer wishes to take part in the degrees for whatever reason. We talked about possible Ritualist Emeritus cards and a Ritualist card for Lectures only. We have not incorporated these yet.

The committee discussed the medallions for Ritualists, Proficiency, and Emeritus Brothers. We felt that the medallions were fine for Proficiency Emeritus but thought the medallions for Proficiency and Ritualists should be discontinued. The decision was made due to the fact that we have no way of retrieving these if a person no longer meets the requirements for a card. We voted on this, and 11 members of the committee voted to discontinue the medallions for proficiency and ritualists, with 1 member not caring either way.

The committee discussed the "Batching" program the MWGM is introducing this year and set up some guidelines for the use of this program.

The committee discussed that they would like school of instruction booklets sent out to the lodges in their Districts, so the Lodges have another way of preparing and calendaring for the schools.

The committee discussed at length the resolutions pertaining to opening a stated communication in a lower degree. The committee felt that we would be "cheapening" Masonry by doing this. They felt there was already enough avenues available to allow Brothers from a lower degree to take part, without changing our standards and ritual.

The committee is currently working on the Wisconsin Program booklets. Each committee member is assigned a booklet or module to go through and correct any grammar, as well as making sure the modules are consistent with our teachings and flow with our lectures.

Fraternally,
Love Ya Brothers,
Davey L. White Jr. PGM, GL

GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

This year, your Membership Committee expanded the strong foundations put in place last year to bring new and qualified men to the ranks of our fraternity. We have applied and proven that the following three steps are highly effective in driving membership growth:

1. Increase awareness of the REAL Freemasonry.

We continue to leverage our www.wimasons.org website as THE resource for men in Wisconsin to learn more about what Freemasonry really is. With so much misinformation about Freemasonry on the web, our goal is to be locally relevant while clearly establishing the site as an authoritative resource for Freemasonry in Wisconsin. By curating and posting selected public-friendly articles from the excellent content of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, we demonstrate the positive influence we have on the men in our state. We reinforce this relevance using search engine optimization and carefully targeted Google and Facebook ads to build interest to a targeted group of men in our state. Further reinforcement comes through our growing social media presence on Facebook. We leverage the great content provided by the BeAFreemason campaign created in joint effort of the Scottish Rite and Shriners International. Our posts and videos are promoted to specific groups likely to resonate with our fraternity's main tenets. We curate and respond to social media posts and gently correct misinformation placed in our path.

This year, we began a campaign extending past the digital world and into the physical world through the creative use of "moving billboards". Several semi-trucks are now traveling the Wisconsin roads with "Not just a man. A Mason." messaging on their sides. Each truck encourages interested viewers to learn more about us at our website. Costing far less than traditional billboards, and likely to reach a far wider audience, these nine trucks introduce and reinforce our treasured Masonic branding.

2. Extend the invitation to "knock on our digital door".

Our Grand Lodge website is designed to encourage self-discovery of Masonry for interested Wisconsin men. The path is simple: visit the website, learn more, and be invited to "Initiate Your Journey" by filling out our web form. The form asks the man to attest to the requirements needed to become a Mason: be a male of legal age in Wisconsin, state a belief in a Supreme Being, and possess a good moral character. This self-attestation reinforces the qualities we seek in our members and sets the tone for our follow-up.

3. Follow up effectively.

We have fully staffed the new role of the District Membership Representatives across our state. This important role performs the initial contact with an interested man and confirms his suitability to our high standards. Finding a man duly qualified to join our ranks, he is guided towards a lodge in his district for introduction and further evaluation. The DMR is at the center of tracking the prospect's interest and progress as he takes his first steps toward Masonry.

Is this working? YES!

In the last nine months since beginning our promoted web and social campaigns, over one thousand men have knocked on our digital door by completing the web form. This is a 500% increase in over prior years' form completions. Our amazing District Membership Representatives evaluate every entry for their suitability to join our fraternity. No, not all men are suitable to join our ranks. Having found a qualified man, the DMR introduces the man to a local lodge to continue the conversation. In the few months of our operation, approximately 350 men have been forwarded to a local lodge to pursue a glimmer of light.

Perhaps the most staggering discovery is learning that the vast majority of these men had no friend or relative ever involved in Freemasonry. These are truly men that would never have been reached through the traditional means of 2B1Ask1 because they didn't know '1'.

As your Membership Committee continues to refine and improve the program, we are very encouraged by these initial results. The committee wishes to extend our deepest gratitude the DMRs for the outstanding work

and dedication to this huge effort. We appreciate their support as we aim for progress over perfection. We also are deeply appreciative of the local lodges who have contributed dollars to this venture. Please reach out to us if you are willing to take an active role in the work that we have started. For others less able to directly contribute to the committee's efforts, please be aware of your ability to form a favorable impression to our prospects in person. Please wear a Masonic ring or hat or shirt or pin and just get caught being a good guy.

Remember that our actions are always on display, and to preserve the reputation of our fraternity unsullied must be our constant care.

*Your Membership Committee,
Michael Burnham, Chairman
Thomas Stevens
Ryan Mayrand
Matt Ivens
Jacob Schultz
Steve Livernash*

MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

To The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Masonic Education is an investment in the future of your Lodge. The Masonic Education Committee encourages all Wisconsin Lodges to make education a regular part of their programming. Our goal is to provide meaningful education, in multiple formats, to assist in those endeavors.

During the last year, the Committee has provided the following:

Online education. With the transition to the new wimasons.org website, members of the Committee have learned how to use LearnDash. LearnDash is the learning management system (LMS) that is used for structure and delivery of our online education. On the Masonic Education portion of the website, under Course Library, you will now find sections that contain courses such as *Introduction to Freemasonry*, *Education Resources*, *Lodge Officer Resources* and *Historical Masonic Education*. These will continue to grow as new material is added.

At the Fall Staff Meeting, each of the DDGMs present were provided a USB drive with over 850 pieces of material and examples on how to easily incorporate that education into our Lodges.

Every issue of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal published since the 2021 Annual Communication has had something under the Masonic Education banner. Many of the articles were half page pieces that could be read in Lodge and included discussion questions. This exposure in the WMJ has proven to be invaluable at keeping education in front of the Masons of our jurisdiction.

The Committee partnered with Silas Shephard Lodge of Research #1843 to hold the *Masonic Education Speakers Contest*. The contest was used to promote education in Lodges and identify Masons with a penchant for educating others. Winners were announced on March 12, 2022. Plans for another contest to be held during the 2022 – 2023 Masonic year are in the works.

On behalf of the members of the Education Committee, I would like to sincerely thank those Brethren that are using the available material and making education a priority.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason E. Laramée
Chairman, Masonic Education Committee

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin:

In conformity with the duty placed upon the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence by Section 29.03 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin to report to the Grand Lodge on the proposed resolutions to be brought before the Annual Communication, as well as all decisions, edicts, opinions, and dispensations of the Grand Master and By-Laws changes of the constituent Lodges, the Committee reports as follows.

RESOLUTIONS

Six Resolutions were received prior to the deadline for submission to this session of Grand Lodge.

Resolution Number 1-2022

Submitted By: Expenditures Committee

Vote required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: To adopt a budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Resolved, that the attached budget, which has been mailed to all constituent Lodges in accordance with Section 29.05 (c), calling for expenditures of \$1,412,481 be adopted.

Resolution Number 2-2022

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, 2022, be and here is established at the sum of Forty-nine dollars and no cents (\$49.00) for the year 2023.

Resolution Number 3-2022

Submitted By: Executive Committee

Section(s) Affected:

Vote required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: Designate the place of holding Annual Communication in June 2024

RESOLVED, that the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin for the year 2024 shall be held in the City of Madison, Wisconsin.

Resolution Number 4-2022**Submitted by:** Executive Committee**Sections Affected:** 94.10 WMC**Vote required for Adoption:** Three-Fourths**Purpose:** To adopt the recommendation of our Auditors and their determination that the complex accounting, costs and reporting requirements of adopting the required new accounting standard ASC 606 leads them to support permanently closing the Perpetual Membership Program to new memberships.**Resolved,** per the Wisconsin Masonic Code section:

94.10 Revision or Discontinuance of Plan by Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge may revise the minimum purchase price or other provisions of a Perpetual Membership, or it may discontinue the Plan. Provided, however, the purchase price or other provisions may not be revised or the Plan discontinued for an existing participant in the Plan; and any such revision or discontinuance shall be effective only with respect to potential future participants. Provided further, however, any such revision of purchase price or discontinuance of adoption of the Plan by the Grand Lodge shall only be effective after filing of a resolution with the Grand Secretary 60 days prior to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, 45 days written notice thereof by the Grand Secretary to each lodge Secretary, and adoption at the annual communication by three-fourths (two thirds, if laid over) affirmative vote of those present.

Resolution Number 5 – 2022**Submitted By:** Grand Master & Deputy Grand Master**Sections Affected:** Chapter 39.06 Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board **Vote required for Adoption:** Three-Fourths Vote**Purpose:** To amend the scope of duties of WMBAB so as not to violate State or Federal law as to interference with the independence of judgement of the Boards of Directors of Masonically Sponsored public charities created under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.**Current: 39.06 Functions of Board. The Board shall:**

39.06 Functions of Board. The Board shall:

1. Establish Wisconsin Masonic benevolent goals for approval at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.
2. Provide a report of its activities and future plans at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.
3. Elect Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and any future constituent Masonic benevolence, in accordance with the respective Articles of Incorporation, by-laws or other governing documents of such organizations.
4. Establish and present for approval by Grand Lodge an annual budget for Board activities.
5. Approve budgets and master plans of each constituent benevolence.
6. Establish and update, as necessary, policies and procedures for operation of the Board.
7. Review investment performance of each benevolence, annually, and share performance results with all constituent benevolences.
8. Establish policy guidelines for all benevolent fund development activities.
9. Coordinate fund raising for all benevolent activities.
10. Oversee activities of each benevolence by performing an annual review of the programs of each benevolence, including compliance with its charter/mission, review of financial statements and consideration of

appropriateness of responses or corrective action taken because of audit comments, complaints, lawsuits, or deficiency citations which may substantially adversely affect the operations of the charity or substantially and publicly reflect adversely on the Fraternity.

11. Approve land acquisition, building construction, or other capital expenditures more than \$50,000 by any benevolence.

12. Prevent redundancies of benevolent programs unless regional in character.

13. Approve establishment of any new Wisconsin Masonic benevolent activity.

RESOLVED, Section 39.06 Functions of Board shall be amended to read:

39.06 Functions of the Board. The Board shall:

1. Establish Wisconsin Masonic benevolent goals for approval at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.
2. Provide a report of its coordination activities and related plans at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

3. Elect Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and any future constituent Masonic benevolence, in accordance with the respective Articles of Incorporation, by-laws or other governing documents of such organizations.

4. Establish and present for approval by Grand Lodge an annual budget for Board activities.

5. Review budgets and master plans of each constituent benevolence, and make comments upon, which reports will be provided to the Grand Master.

6. Establish and update, as necessary, policies and procedures for the operation of the Board.

7. Review investment performance of each benevolence, annually, and share performance results with all constituent benevolences and the Grand Master.

8. Establish policy guidelines for all coordinating benevolent fund development activities.

9. Coordinate fund raising for all benevolent activities without directing such activity.

10. Review but not control the activities of each benevolence by performing an annual review of the programs of each benevolence, including reasonable compliance with its charter/mission. Examine financial statements for elements of fraud, waste, or abuse, and otherwise assess the appropriateness of responses or corrective action taken because of audit comments, complaints, lawsuits, or deficiency citations which may substantially adversely affect the operations of the charity or substantially and publicly reflect adversely on the Fraternity.

~~11. Approve land acquisition, building construction, other capital expenditures more than \$50,000 by any benevolence.~~

11. Use best efforts to reduce redundancies of benevolent programs through transparent communications and discussions among the Charities.

12. Recommend the establishment of any new Wisconsin Masonic benevolent activity to the Grand Master.

Resolution Number 6 - 2022
Submitted By: Executive Committee

Sections Affected: Chapter 39.06 (3) Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities

Board Vote required for Adoption: Three-Fourths Vote

Purpose: To make clear that appointments to all Charity Boards of Directors, where applicable, are made by recommendations from WMBAB to the Grand Master, who has final approval authority. This section is amended to align with Grand Lodge Code and the Landmarks ensuring that appointments to all committees and boards are done by the Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons in Wisconsin.

Current 39.06 (3)

3. Elect Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and any future constituent Masonic benevolence, in accordance with the respective Articles of Incorporation, by-laws or other governing documents of such organizations.

RESOLVED, Section 39.06 Functions of Board shall be amended to read:

3. Recommend to the Grand Master the appointment of Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and any future constituent Masonic benevolence, in accordance with the respective Articles of Incorporation, by-laws or other governing documents of such organizations.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS OF CONSTITUENT LODGES

Eighteen (18) 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.

DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR THE GRAND MASTER

DURING THE TERM OF HIS OFFICE, GRAND MASTER GARY L. STANG ISSUED NINETY-FIVE (95) DISPENSATIONS FROM (JUNE 4th, 2021 – JUNE 3rd, 2022). THE ARE LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. PERMISSION TO SERVE WINE OR BEER AT A TABLE LODGE OR FOR A LODGE EVENT	54
2. PERMISSION TO CONFER MULTIPLE DEGREES ON MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE AT A TIME SIMULTANEOUSLY	6
3. PERMISSION TO TEMPORARILY CHANGE STATED COMMUNICATION TIME OR DATE	5
4. PERMISSION TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING	6
5. PERMISSION TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS	5
6. PERMISSION TO TEMPORARILY CHANGE A MEETING LOCATION	2
7. PERMISSION TO WAIVE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN DEGREES	7
8. PERMISSION TO HOLD FIREARM DEMONSTRATIONS IN LODGE FOR	2

FOR A PRESENTATION AND COLLECTION DISPLAY ONLY AND
INFORMATIONAL

9. PERMISSION TO RESTRICT CONCEALED CARRY DUE TO MEETINGS IN BANK BUILDING.	1
10. PERMISSION TO CONFER DEGREES AT ANOTHER SISTER LODGE	2
11. TO EXTEND TEMPORARY MEETING LOCATION UNTIL LODGE IS COMPLETED	1
12. PERMISSION TO HOLD AN OUTDOOR DEGREE	2
13. PERMISSION TO HOLD A DAY OF LIGHT TO COMPLETE SEVERAL DEGREES WITH MULTIPLE LODGES IN THE STATE.	1
14. PERMISSION FOR LODGE TO GO DARK FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY	1
TOTAL	<hr/> 95

EDICTS

The Grand Master issued four (4) edicts this year, all of which are available on the Grand Lodge website at:
<https://wimasons.org/resource-library/> under section 1.2 Edicts.

EXPULSIONS

The Grand Master issued an Order of Expulsion against Joshua J. Young pursuant to section 109.04 (a).

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

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Per Section 29.09 of the Masonic Code the Nominating Committee of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has the duty of recommending to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication suitable and eligible candidates for election as Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and to the board of Grand Trustees, The Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board, and The Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board.

The 2021-2022 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Nominating Committee is recommending the following Brothers for Election:

Grand Treasurer – RW Jeffrey Bryden
Grand Secretary – WM Michael DeWolf
Trustees – WB Jesse Furrer
Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board – MW Gary Stang
WI Masonic Journal Board – WB Lowell Scott

Further, the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Nominating Committee presented the following nominees of Boards of Constituent Charities to the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board (WMBAB) and WMBAB, subsequently, has elected the following Brothers:

Wisconsin Masonic Home Inc. dba III Pillars Senior Living Communities

- Robert Roth- serving 2nd 3 year term
- Jerry Reick- serving 1st 3 year term
- Robert Gorsuch- serving 2nd 3 year term
- Bill Huelsman- serving 2nd 3 year term

Wisconsin Masonic Board of Service and Assistance

- Joseph Harker- serving 1st 3 year term
- Jim Gajdosik- serving 2nd 3 year term
- Timothy Bauer - serving 1st 3 year term

Wisconsin Masonic Foundation

- Michael Reindl- serving 1st 3 year term
- Peter Tourville- serving 3rd 3 year term

Wisconsin Masonic Center

- Eric Pangborn- serving 1st 3 year term

Submitted by:

- RW Paul T. Tourville, DGM, Chair
- RW David Ritchie, SGW
- RW Thomas Stevens, JGW
- WB Jeffrey Schoenfeldt, SGD
- WB Joe Thompson, JGD

MASONIC BOARD OF SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE REPORT

To The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

Brethren, as of today 4/28/2022 we have approved helping 10 Brothers, 1 Widow, and 1 Lodge for a total of \$28,576.20. This is the approved amount but only \$16,576.20 has been dispersed, as we are waiting for direction of monies for 2 individuals.

2 of the requests were hold overs not acted on in 2021. And the rest are requests since February 2022.

The application is at wimasoniccharities.org and scroll down to Masonic Service and Assistance. Check the first box Less than \$2000 and fill out the form.

If more than \$2000 is needed check that box and fill out the form. There will be an additional form that is an exercise in financial status of the individual applying.

The forms could be filled out by another individual if needed.

Check the bottom box that all the answers are true to the best of my knowledge, and SUBMIT.

This will be sent to the Committee for action.

Also, I would like to thank Lauri Eckmann at the Three Pillar's Outreach Program, at 888-546-8885 for her service, and the collaboration we have begun. Our programs are synergistic in helping, but have different goals and direction.

Thank you to all who support and participate in these wonderful programs to aid our Brethren in need of support.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Les Paulson, Chairman Service and Assistance

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

To The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin;

The Strategic Planning Committee, through informal meetings, chose to focus on the existing goals in Brotherly Love, Education, and Membership. The past few years the focus has been on the formulation of the plan. This year the implementation was the focus.

In the advancement of Brotherly Love, the Grand Master's Appeal was to increase the funds available for the Acts of Kindness program. The creation of a program to reach out to Law Enforcement/First Responders was brought to fruition with the Fire Suppression Unit initiative.

The Education Committee, lead by W. Brother Jason Laramie, implemented a multifaceted approach. The committee researched educational materials and programs from other jurisdictions. Placing many of the articles found on the Grand Lodge's website's educational component which was a product this year of the committee's hard work. They have also began working with video and creating original content.

Membership fulfilled a number of the goals in the strategic plan by the completion of the website and the start of internet marketing. These have been shown to have a direct positive impact. They have also begun a Public Relations arm. This has resulted in 10 semi-trailers being "wrapped" with "Not Just a Man- a Mason." content that will be seen on highways throughout the state.

While many of the over all goals are still to be met. Positive steps have moved forward through the three main areas of the Strategic Plan with a positive outlook on the numerous multiyear plans.

Respectfully Submitted

R.W. David R. Ritchie (Chair.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Wisconsin, Gary L. Stang, and to the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin:

At the close of business of the 177th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin; One (1) resolution was Tabled and Three (3) were sent to Esoteric for review and presentation at the 178th Annual Communication.

Resolution 5-2021, 7-2021 & 8-2021: To change the language in Chapter 65.04 of the WMC; To allow a Stated Communication to be open in any degree for the transaction of business, were all referred to the Esoteric committee for review and presentation in 2022.

Resolution 9-2021: To change the language in Chapter 39.06 Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board. The resolution reads as follows:

Purpose: To amend the scope of duties of WMBAB so as not to violate State or Federal law as to interference with the independence of judgement of the Boards of Directors of Masonically Sponsored public charities created under s. 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and to make clear that appointments to those Boards of Directors, where applicable, are made by recommendations from WMBAB to the Grand Master, who has final approval authority.

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This Resolution was tabled until the 178th Annual Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Gorgen, PGM, Chairman
Michael A. DeWolf, PGM, Grand Secretary
Jeffrey Bryden, Grand Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Number 1-2022

Submitted By: Expenditures Committee

Vote required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: To adopt a budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Resolved, that the attached budget, which has been mailed to all constituent Lodges in accordance with Section 29.05 (c), calling for expenditures of \$1,412,481 be adopted.

Resolution Number 2-2022

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, 2022, be and here is established at the sum of Forty-nine dollars and no cents (\$49.00) for the year 2023.

Resolution Number 3-2022

Submitted By: Executive Committee

Section(s) Affected:

Vote required for Adoption: Majority

Purpose: Designate the place of holding Annual Communication in June 2024

RESOLVED, that the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin for the year 2024 shall be held in the City of Madison, Wisconsin.

Resolution Number 4-2022

Submitted by: Executive Committee

Sections Affected: 94.10 WMC

Vote required for Adoption: Three-Fourths

Purpose: To adopt the recommendation of our Auditors and their determination that the complex accounting, costs and reporting requirements of adopting the required new accounting standard ASC 606 leads them to support permanently closing the Perpetual Membership Program to new memberships.

Resolved, per the Wisconsin Masonic Code section:

94.10 Revision or Discontinuance of Plan by Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge may revise the minimum purchase price or other provisions of a Perpetual Membership, or it may discontinue the Plan. Provided, however, the purchase price or other provisions may not be revised or the Plan discontinued for an existing participant in the Plan; and any such revision or discontinuance shall be

effective only with respect to potential future participants. Provided further, however, any such revision of purchase price or discontinuance of adoption of the Plan by the Grand Lodge shall only be effective after filing of a resolution with the Grand Secretary 60 days prior to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, 45 days written notice thereof by the Grand Secretary to each lodge Secretary, and adoption at the annual communication by three-fourths (two thirds, if laid over) affirmative vote of those present.

Resolution Number 5 – 2022

Submitted By: Grand Master & Deputy Grand Master

Sections Affected: Chapter 39.06 Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board **Vote required for Adoption:** Three-Fourths Vote

Purpose: To amend the scope of duties of WMBAB so as not to violate State or Federal law as to interference with the independence of judgement of the Boards of Directors of Masonically Sponsored public charities created under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Current: 39.06 Functions of Board. The Board shall:

39.06 Functions of Board. The Board shall:

1. Establish Wisconsin Masonic benevolent goals for approval at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.
2. Provide a report of its activities and future plans at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.
3. Elect Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and any future constituent Masonic benevolence, in accordance with the respective Articles of Incorporation, by-laws or other governing documents of such organizations.
4. Establish and present for approval by Grand Lodge an annual budget for Board activities.
5. Approve budgets and master plans of each constituent benevolence.
6. Establish and update, as necessary, policies and procedures for operation of the Board.
7. Review investment performance of each benevolence, annually, and share performance results with all constituent benevolences.
8. Establish policy guidelines for all benevolent fund development activities.
9. Coordinate fund raising for all benevolent activities.
10. Oversee activities of each benevolence by performing an annual review of the programs of each benevolence, including compliance with its charter/mission, review of financial statements and consideration of appropriateness of responses or corrective action taken because of audit comments, complaints, lawsuits, or deficiency citations which may substantially adversely affect the operations of the charity or substantially and publicly reflect adversely on the Fraternity.
11. Approve land acquisition, building construction, or other capital expenditures more than \$50,000 by any benevolence.
12. Prevent redundancies of benevolent programs unless regional in character.
13. Approve establishment of any new Wisconsin Masonic benevolent activity.

RESOLVED, Section 39.06 Functions of Board shall be amended to read:

39.06 Functions of the Board. The Board shall:

1. Establish Wisconsin Masonic benevolent goals for approval at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.
2. Provide a report of its coordination activities and related plans at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.
3. Elect Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and any future constituent Masonic benevolence, in accordance with the respective Articles of Incorporation, by-laws or other governing documents of such organizations.
4. Establish and present for approval by Grand Lodge an annual budget for Board activities.
5. Review budgets and master plans of each constituent benevolence, and make comments upon, which reports will be provided to the Grand Master.
6. Establish and update, as necessary, policies and procedures for the operation of the Board.
7. Review investment performance of each benevolence, annually, and share performance results with all constituent benevolences and the Grand Master.
8. Establish policy guidelines for all coordinating benevolent fund development activities.
9. Coordinate fund raising for all benevolent activities without directing such activity.
10. Review but not control the activities of each benevolence by performing an annual review of the programs of each benevolence, including reasonable compliance with its charter/mission. Examine financial statements for elements of fraud, waste, or abuse, and otherwise assess the appropriateness of responses or corrective action taken because of audit comments, complaints, lawsuits, or deficiency citations which may substantially adversely affect the operations of the charity or substantially and publicly reflect adversely on the Fraternity.
- ~~11. Approve land acquisition, building construction, other capital expenditures more than \$50,000 by any benevolence.~~
11. Use best efforts to reduce redundancies of benevolent programs through transparent communications and discussions among the Charities.
12. Recommend the establishment of any new Wisconsin Masonic benevolent activity to the Grand Master.

Resolution Number 6 - 2022

Submitted By: Executive Committee

Sections Affected: Chapter 39.06 (3) Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities

Board Vote required for Adoption: Three-Fourths Vote

Purpose: To make clear that appointments to all Charity Boards of Directors, where applicable, are made by recommendations from WMBAB to the Grand Master, who has final approval authority. This section is amended to align with Grand Lodge Code and the Landmarks ensuring that appointments to all committees and boards are done by the Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons in Wisconsin.

Current 39.06 (3)

3. Elect Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and any future constituent Masonic benevolence, in accordance with the respective Articles of Incorporation, by-laws or other governing documents of such organizations.

RESOLVED, Section 39.06 Functions of Board shall be amended to read:

3. Recommend to the Grand Master the appointment of Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Wisconsin Board of Masonic Service and Assistance, Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and any future constituent Masonic benevolence, in accordance with the respective Articles of Incorporation, by-laws or other governing documents of such organizations.

DIRECTORY

2021-2022 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Elected

Gary L Stang..... Grand Master
Paul T Tourville.....Deputy Grand Master
David R Ritchie Senior Grand Warden
Thomas W StevensJunior Grand Warden
Jeffrey L Bryden.....Grand Treasurer
Michael A DeWolf, PGM Grand Secretary

Appointed

David O Leistra Grand Chaplain
Davey L. White, Jr..... Grand Lecturer
Jeffrey S Schoenfeldt.....Senior Grand Deacon
Joseph E Thompson Junior Grand Deacon
Gail F GundersonSenior Grand Steward
Jeffrey S Thiele Junior Grand Steward
H. Scott PaulsonGrand Marshal
Richard A Rygh.....Grand Orator
Milton T HelmerGrand Tiler
Darrell O Kyle Deputy, District #1
Daniel J Hagerty Deputy, District #2
Jacob W Seever Deputy, District #3
Christopher J Young. Deputy, District #4
Jacob R Schultz..... Deputy, District #5
James R Giese Deputy, District #6
Matthew H Ivens..... Deputy, District #7
Daniel C Brylla Deputy, District #8
Derek M Henze Deputy, District #9
Ron J Montgomery Deputy, District #10
Christopher M Luedke..... Deputy, District #11
Jeremy J Koss..... Deputy, District #12

PERMANENT MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE

Past Grand Masters

Charles E White (1970)
Herman A Friess (1977)
Allan E Iding (1981)
Robert E Moore (1989)
Carl J Wussow (1993)
Stanley R Jagow (1994)
Beecher Daniels (1995)
Jack C Allord (1996)
Bruce S Sim (1997)
Lawrence L Myers (1998)

Stephen D Willet (2000)
John W Hein (2001)
James H Olson (2002)
Michael A DeWolf (2003)
Roger L Magoon (2005)
Rodney A Paulsen (2006)
JB Van Hollen (2007)
Dr John W Wilke (2008)
Craig S Campbell (2009)
Joseph B Harker (2010)

Davey L White, Jr (2011)
Dennis V Siewert (2012)
Daniel L Slavik (2013)
William Beetcher (2014)
Franklin J Struble (2015)
Donald W Hensiak (2016)
L Arby Humphrey (2017)
Scott E Pedley (2018)
Robert C Strader (2019)
Kenneth C Gorgen (2020)

Past Grand Lecturers

Davey L White, Jr, PGM
John W Hein, PGM
Craig S Campbell, PGM
Kenneth C Gorgen

Bruce S Sim, PGM
James H Olson, PGM
Allan E Iding, PGM
Robert C Gorsuch
Guy K Gooding
Bruce H Lasko

Past Grand Secretaries

Bruce S Sim, PGM

Past Grand Treasurers

John W Hein, PGM
John A Benedict

Past Grand Trustees

John W Demetropoulos
Herman A Friess, PGM
Stephen D Willett, PGM
Carl J Wussow, PGM

DISTRICT LECTURERS

Ronald D Pete	District 1
Frank F During	District 2
Tony S Budaj	District 3
Moses H Adams	District 4
Jason Risberg	District 5
Jason E Laramie	District 6
Eric P Pantano	District 7
Davey L White, Jr, PGM	District 8
Richard J Moen	District 9
Erwin A Wuehr	District 10
David A Hinners	District 11
James J Goodman, Jr	District 12

AREA ADMINISTRATORS

Dist	Area	Name	Dist	Area	Name
1	1	Jeffrey R Cushman	8	1	Brent C Clausius
1	2	Paul D Wharton			
1	3	James P Weaver	8	2	Darren M Jones
2	1	Kraig A Krueger	8	3	Daniel G Maughan
2	2	A Dean Monroe	8	4	Jon W Fuhlbohm
2	3	Darryl M Dahl	9	1	Petter A Nattinger
2	4	Steven A Klein	9	2	Francis E Prusansky
3	1	James (Al) Cummings	9	3	Robert E Barnett
3	2	David A Imlah			
3	3	Jesse A Furer	10	1	Steven Labus
4	1	James W Herman	10	2	Scott RL Scharnell
4	2	Mitchell A Custer	10	3	Sean M Hurley
4	3	Douglas E Morrison			
5	1	Andrew J Davis	11	1	David E Renly
5	2	Matthew J Brigson	11	2	Jeffrey L Brenner
5	3	Guy O Leavitt	11	3	Daniel S Johnson
6	1	Keith H Wohlfert	12	1	Jon A Falk
6	2	David J Shedivy	12	2	Derick D Smith
6	3	Leland Burlison	12	3	Jonathan W Schroeder
7	1	Stephen D Dake	12	4	William D Solberg
7	2	Raymond E Meilke			
7	3	Ronald LA Webster			

GRAND LODGE F. & A.M. OF WISCONSIN TRUSTEES

Richard J Eisenmann	2022	Scott E Pedley	2024
Francis X McKenna	2026		
Robert W Roth	2023		
Kyle A Grahn	2025		

WISCONSIN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

L Arby Humphrey, Chair	2023	George T Eisenmann, III	2023
Jeffrey L Bryden		Jerry A Reick	2022
Patrick D Cholka	2023	David D Larson	2022
Michael A DeWolf, PGM		David R Ritchie	
Gary L Stang, GM		Monte B Steiber	2022
Kyle A Grahn		Paul T Tourville	
Jacob W Seever	2023	Christopher J Young	2023

WISCONSIN BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE

Robert D Canfield, Chair	2022
William Beetcher, PGM	2021
Michael A DeWolf, PGM	Grand Secretary
Timothy D Bauer	2021
James R Gajdosik	2021
David O Leistra	Grand Chaplain
Lester C Paulson	2023
Gail F Gunderson	GL Liaison

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION FIELD AGENTS

Arthur C Gans, Chair
Vanderwourd B Pryor
Jesse J Long

WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION

Peter T Tourville, Chair	2022
Roger R Anderson	2023
Bradley E Bingheim	2023
Michael A DeWolf, PGM	Grand Secretary, Ad-Hoc
Albert W. Hulesman	2023
Lawrence R Nines	2022
Jeffrey S Schoenfeldt	GL Liaison
Joseph E Thompson	GL Liaison
Michael A Reindl	2024
Paul D Wharton	2023

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Diane Igl -- Advertising Manager

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John A Donaldson	2023
Milton T Helmer	2023
John Donaldson	2023
Keith H Wohlfert	2023
Daniel E Lautenschleger	2023

THREE PILLARS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Mark A Strautman – President-CEO
Jean Freuck – CFO
Richard Mapes - COO

WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME, INC.

Albert Huelsman, Chair	2022	Robert M Koch	2023
Gary R Beier	2022	James Mcleer	2022
Thomas E Ewald	2021	Lawrence R Nines	2022
Gary L Stang, GM		Robert W Roth	2022
Robert C Gorsuch	2022	Laura Slavik	2023
Don P Jensen	2023	Paul T Tourville, DGM	
Thomas O Kapke	2022	Sharon Tourville	
David R Ritchie, GL Liason		Thomas W Stevens, GL Liason	

WISCONSIN MASONIC CENTER BOARD

Thomas E Ewald, Chair	2023	Scott E Pedley	2022
Robert C Gorsuch	2021	Travis J West	2022
Matthew M Hughey		David D Larson	
Thomas M Kelley	2023		

COMMITTEES 2021-2022

Annual Communication

Michael A DeWolf, PGM, Chair
Curt A Campagna
H Scott Paulson
Gary L Stang, GM
Matthew H Ivens
Patrick J Militzer
Gary L Stang
James R Stoebe
Kenneth C Gorgen, PGM
Paul T Tourville, DGM
David R Ritchie, SGW

Appeals & Grievances

David L Forsythe, Chair
Robert D Canfield
William H Frazier
Robert W Roth
Joseph S Schoner
Franklin J Struble, PGM

Esoteric

Davey L White, Jr, PGM, Chair
Moses H Adams
Richard J Moen
Tony S Budaj
Jason Risberg
Frank F Doring
James J Goodman, Jr
David A Hanners
Jason E Laramee
Erica P Pantano
Ronald D Pete
Erwin Wuehr

Executive

Gary L Stang, GM
Jeffrey L Bryden
Michael A DeWolf
David R Ritchie
Paul T Tourville
Thomas W Stevens
Jeffrey S Schoenfeldt

Expenditures

Jeffrey L Bryden
Michael A DeWolf, PGM
David R Ritchie
Jeffrey S Schoenfeldt
Thomas W Stevens
Paul T Tourville

Foreign Relations

Allan E Iding, PGM-Chair
Michael A DeWolf, PGM-Foreign
Corresp.
Craig S Campbell, PGM
Daniel L Slavik, PGM
Dr John W Wilke, PGM

Fraternal Relations with Prince Hall

Jeffrey S Schoenfeldt, Chair
Jeffrey L Bryden
Michael A DeWolf, PGM
Gary L Stang, GM
David R Ritchie
Gary L. Stang
Thomas W Stevens
Paul T Tourville
Joseph E Thompson
Gail F Gunderson
Jeffrey S Thiele
Richard A Rygh

Grand Lodge Membership

Michael A Burnham, Chair
Matthew H Ivens
Steven J Livernash
Ryan A Mayrand
Jacob R Schultz
Thomas W Stevens

Lodge Safety Committee

Robert W Roth, Chair
Robert D Canfield
Peter Misko
Jeffrey S Thiele
Joseph E Thompson

Masonic Education

Jason E Laramee, Chair
Barry A Axelrood
Francis X McKenna
A Dean Monroe
Robert W Roth
Richard A Rygh
Christopher M Luedke

Masonic Jurisprudence

Robert Roth, Chair
Michael A DeWolf, PGM
David L Forsythe
James T Parent
Paul T Tourville

David R Ritchie
Peter J Salza
Andrew T Sapinski
Travis J West

Nominating

Paul T Tourville, Chair
David R Ritchie
Jeffrey S Schoenfeldt
Thomas W Stevens
Joseph E Thompson

Personnel

Ron J Montgomery, Chair
Jeffrey L Bryden
Michael A DeWolf, PGM
Steve Michek

Resolutions & Masonic Code Committee

Michael DeWolf, PGM, Chair
James A Olson, PGM
Patrick D Cholka
Robert C Strader, PGM

Strategic Planning

David R Ritchie, Chair
Jeffrey L Bryden
Michael A DeWolf, PGM
Gail F Gunderson
Joseph E Thompson
Jeffrey S Schoenfeldt
Gary L Stang, GM
Thomas W Stevens
Kenenth C Gorgen, PGM
Paul T Tourville
Jeffrey Thiele

UMB for DeMolay

Jeffrey S Schoenfeldt
Thomas W Stevens

Unfinished Business

Jeffrey L Bryden
Michael A DeWolf, PGM
Kenneth C Gorgen, PGM

Youth Funding

Thomas W Stevens, Chair
Jeffrey S Schoenfeldt
Joseph E Thompson
Gary R Beier
Thomas W Stevens
Gavin J DeGrave

Voting-Proxies-Per Diem

Article 4

Membership

4.01 Members. The members of the Grand Lodge shall be its Grand Officers, Grand Trustees and certain of its members, designated in Section 8.07 as Permanent Members, who are members of lodges under its jurisdiction, none of whom may be represented by proxy, and also the Masters and Wardens of all its chartered Lodges or their proxies.

Article 5

Representatives and Delegates

5.01 Representatives. Each chartered lodge shall be entitled to three representatives in the Grand Lodge, who shall be the three ranking officers of such chartered lodge. If any one of them cannot attend, he may give his proxy to a member of his lodge, the lodge to have priority in such selection. *No representative shall represent more than one lodge.*

Article 8

Voting

8.01 Votes of Members. In all elections and on all questions before the Grand Lodge each chartered lodge shall be entitled to three votes and each Grand Officer, Grand Trustee, District Lecturer, District Chaplain, Area Administrator, and certain of its members, designated in Sec. 8.07 as Permanent Members, to one vote.

8.02 Dual Voting Prohibited. If a Grand Officer, Grand Trustee or permanent member is a representative of a lodge, he may vote in either of his capacities, but not in both.

8.03 Vote of Representatives. The Master and Wardens present are each entitled to one vote.

8.04 Vote of Proxy. A proxy shall cast only one vote and may not represent more than one lodge.

8.05 Vote by Lodges. If demanded by fifty representatives before a question is submitted, the vote shall be by lodges upon the following questions:

- 1) To amend or revise the Constitution.
- 2) To provide for other than Annual Communications.
- 3) To change the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge

In a vote by lodges, the vote of each lodge shall count three, shall be a unit vote, and shall be determined by the majority of the representatives of each lodge.

8.06 Majority Vote. In all votes and elections, a majority of those present shall govern, unless otherwise provided by law.

8.07 Permanent Members. A Permanent Member of the Grand Lodge shall be defined as a Past Grand Master, Past Grand Warden, Past Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Secretary, Past Grand Lecturer who has served the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in such capacity for at least six years and any Past Grand Trustee who has served the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in such capacity for one full term and was then retired from office.

COMPENSATION

30.05 Members of Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge Officers and Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge, Grand Trustees, one representative or proxy from each constituent lodge, and from each lodge under dispensation, and members of committees not otherwise paid, shall be entitled to thirty dollars for each day they actually attend an Annual Communication, and thirty cents for each mile traveled to and from the place of meeting by direct route. Likewise, travel in vacation as authorized in 30.04 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge shall be paid at the rate of thirty cents per mile unless a lesser amount is the maximum permitted by the Internal Revenue Service in which event the rate shall be the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. Mileage and/or per diem shall be forfeited if not called for in six months.

A permanent member of the Grand Lodge shall receive mileage from his place of residence in the state to the place of meeting and return, by direct route, if a resident of Wisconsin. If not, from the place where he crosses the state line to the place of meeting and return, by direct route, in attending Grand Lodge.

30.06 Representatives. Only one representative of a lodge shall be entitled to receive mileage and per diem and he shall be the officer of the lodge who is highest in rank among those attending, an actual officer outranking proxy. If all the representatives of a lodge leave before the close of the Annual Communication without consent of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, mileage and per diem shall not be paid to any of them.

RECAPITULATION REPORT 2021

Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin Recapitulation Report For 2021

Summary of all lodges			
Primary Members - start of period			8793
<u>Gain</u>			
Raised:	148		
Reinstated:	46		
Affiliated:	43		
Merged In:	216		
	Total Gains:	453	
<u>Lose</u>			
Died:	348		
Suspended:	108		
Resigned:	128		
Expelled:	2		
Merged Out:	216		
	Total Losses:	802	
	Variance:		-21
Primary Members - end of period			8423
<u>Perpetual Members Recap</u>			
Living Primary:	1528		
Deceased Primary:	1646		
Living Plural:	98		
Deceased Plural:	96		
Memorial:	111		
Total Perpetual Members:		3479	
Total PerCapita Membership:			6956
<i>(Primary Members at year end less Living Primary Perpetual Members)</i>			
Per Capita Tax Due For 2022 (\$47.00/Primary Member):			\$326,932.00
<u>Additional Fees incurred during 2021</u>			
Master Masons Raised:	148 @ \$5.00		\$740.00
Members Reinstated:	46 @ \$5.00		\$230.00
Entered Apprentices Initiated:	209 @ \$10.00		\$2,090.00
	Total due to the Grand Lodge:		\$329,992.00
Total lodge membership at the end if the current recap year - 2021			
Primary Members:			8423
Plural Members:			819
	Total Membership:		9242

As of March 17, 2022							J. Bryden
	Year Ending 4/30/17	Year Ending 4/30/18	Year Ending 4/30/19	Year Ending 4/30/20	Year Ending 4/30/21	Year Ending 4/30/22	Year Ending 4/30/23
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
INCOME:							
Sales	64,193	51,154	48,782	52,720	45,906	50,000	50,000
Rental Income	40,828	39,256	39,744	38,793	16,308	-	-
Lease Income	155,003	155,003	155,003	155,003	155,003	155,003	155,003
Per Capita	390,431	336,795	345,919	353,205	328,305	315,000	320,000
PMP Fund Contribution	48,382	48,994	47,979	63,535	53,474	48,762	48,762
Program Income	113,531	52,940	73,628	50,000	29,240	50,000	50,000
Donations/Contributions	6,141	8,959	8,890	14,175	14,551	15,000	15,000
WI Masonic Center Assessment				91,990	103,146	91,990	91,990
R- PMP Fund						79,580	79,580
R- General Fund						39,830	39,595
R- S&A Fund						138,088	150,358
R- Youth Fund						25,642	26,665
R- Van Brunt Fund						25,750	30,000
Investment Income	155,775	219,557	308,656	301,171	259,482	200,000	265,000
Interest Income	6,895	6,224	3,773	2,674	1,522	2,000	2,000
Reimbursements	10,835	9,244	12,039	5,411	20,185	5,500	10,000
R-Meals	9,965	14,825	11,431	9,231	-	9,500	9,500
R-Bus/Transportation	-	474	880	414	-	550	550
R-Entertainment/Tours	1,682	0	-	-	-	1,000	1,500
R-Administrative Fees	13,784	2,363	2,829	2,746	3,200	3,700	3,700
R-Development Fees	24,877	0	-	76	-	100	100
R-Hotel	9,134	3,511	3,952	289	-	1,000	3,500
R-Wages & Benefits	-	22,335	41,455	43,572	44,394	43,500	45,000
R-Office Fees	-	11,149	12,507	13,004	14,978	13,176	15,000
Miscellaneous Income	2,006	5,939	124	-	57	500	500
Total Income	\$ 1,053,462	\$ 988,722	\$ 1,117,591	\$ 1,198,009	\$ 1,089,751	\$ 1,315,171	\$ 1,321,314
EXPENSE:							
Salary/Wages	223,404	241,251	265,986	273,614	276,665	293,250	293,250
Payroll Tax	17,527	19,007	20,961	21,443	21,620	22,434	22,434
Employee Health/Welfare	87,632	51,255	34,098	34,446	34,312	34,650	34,650
401(K) Administration	1,250	1,300	1,372	1,450	1,575	1,480	1,600
401(K) Employer Match	10,872	9,924	12,125	12,161	12,180	13,000	13,000
Temporary Contracted Services	-	17,860	-	-	-	-	-
Office Wages & Benefits	\$ 340,685	\$ 340,597	\$ 334,542	\$ 343,114	\$ 346,352	\$ 364,814	\$ 364,934
Repairs/Maintenance	10,860	19,725	3,705	23,898	16,702	44,500	44,500
Service Contracts	18,496	16,927	19,231	16,927	17,976	19,000	19,000
Utilities	12,822	13,165	12,330	11,886	11,364	13,250	13,250
Insurance - Property	19,454	7,962	9,856	22,514	19,146	15,000	20,000
Real Estate Taxes	7,695	7,172	9,917	2,810	-	7,500	-
Building Expense	\$ 69,327	\$ 64,951	\$ 55,039	\$ 78,035	\$ 65,188	\$ 99,250	\$ 96,750
Telephone	9,015	8,123	8,538	9,321	9,624	9,500	9,500
Supplies	65,118	50,972	39,262	49,917	39,560	45,000	45,000
Postage	43,421	50,981	48,135	44,003	41,000	45,000	45,000
Printing	58,214	82,990	73,241	73,603	51,257	78,000	78,000
Bank Fees	2,068	1,193	2,361	2,185	2,168	2,000	2,000
Computer/Internet	21,286	15,211	22,785	23,638	31,040	21,500	32,000
Website/Social Media	598	1,704	1,655	1,191	10,524	2,500	5,000
Public Relations	-	230	100	-	480	50,000	1,000
Membership	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	75,000
Equipment Lease	9,705	8,232	9,281	9,040	8,344	9,882	9,882
Insurance - Professional	6,702	6,584	6,200	5,707	5,997	4,400	6,250
Legal Fees	828	0	2,000	13,640	3,775	5,000	5,000
Accounting Fees	38,030	36,386	31,871	34,177	35,520	36,000	40,000
Other Professional Fees	13,193	18,099	47,873	54,308	64,077	10,000	10,000
Registration Fees	13,470	12,247	1,334	25,127	10,628	25,000	25,000
Development Expenses	2,000	5,889	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous Expense	406	494	(17,537)	1,897	109,039	-	-
General & Administrative Expense	\$ 284,054	\$ 299,335	\$ 277,099	\$ 347,754	\$ 423,033	\$ 369,782	\$ 389,632
Travel	14,383	6,997	6,105	5,177	3,677	7,500	7,500
Meals	57,842	55,664	69,920	46,017	17,857	60,000	50,000
Hotel	81,523	83,722	89,076	71,514	10,082	85,000	70,000
Per Diem	8,280	8,602	7,500	8,640	-	8,000	8,000
Mileage	67,405	57,662	68,989	58,577	10,508	65,000	65,000
Bus/Transportation	2,103	693	967	-	-	800	800
Conference/Banquet Center	1,832	12,599	5,416	325	150	2,000	2,000
Entertainment/Tours	5,310	2,244	2,254	-	-	1,000	1,000
Guests/Visitors	-	0	-	-	-	500	500
Rental	8,836	3,311	7,544	7,776	4,365	9,500	9,500
WI Masonic Center Contribution	-	-	-	59,826	103,146	91,000	-
Volunteer	-	0	-	-	-	500	500
Hospitality	-	136	2,545	4,585	196	3,500	3,500
Certificates/Awards/Plaques	17,496	1,532	1,560	4,670	5,695	2,500	5,000
Photography	2,336	638	1,472	2,343	1,566	2,500	2,500
Charitable Donations	109,661	49,164	149,488	99,702	300,393	75,750	207,024
Lodge Dues: PMP	80,084	79,771	79,393	79,493	79,580	79,580	79,580
GL Per Capita: PMP	48,382	48,995	47,979	48,718	48,762	48,762	48,762
Fraternal Support Expense	\$ 505,473	\$ 411,730	\$ 540,208	\$ 497,363	\$ 585,977	\$ 543,392	\$ 561,166
Total Expenses	\$ 1,199,539	\$ 1,116,613	\$ 1,206,888	\$ 1,266,266	\$ 1,420,550	\$ 1,377,238	\$ 1,412,481
Net Income	\$ (146,077)	\$ (127,891)	\$ (89,297)	\$ (68,257)	\$ (330,799)	\$ (62,067)	\$ (91,168)

Investment Fund Allocations: 4%, 4 year rolling average of the calendar year-end market value.						4 Year Ave. at 4.0%	Budget
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
General Fund	\$ 4,913,137.56	\$ 4,766,343.52	\$ 5,435,821.40	\$ 8,867,719.51	\$ 11,389,601.00	\$ 304,594.85	\$ -
Service & Assistance Fund	\$ 3,185,889.72	\$ 3,097,213.74	\$ 3,530,799.20	\$ 3,994,936.19	\$ 4,412,879.00	\$ 150,358.28	\$ 150,358.28
Youth Fund	\$ 610,017.68	\$ 593,007.86	\$ 640,250.93	\$ 720,953.79	\$ 712,326.00	\$ 26,665.39	\$ 26,665.39
Payouts: Annual Realized Income:							
Van Brunt Fund	\$ 1,253,808.00	\$ 1,355,154.00	\$ 1,414,428.00	\$ 1,354,319.00	\$ 1,959,134.00		\$ 30,000.00
Contracted Payouts:							
PMP Fund	\$ 128,342.00	\$ 128,342.00	\$ 128,342.00	\$ 128,342.00	\$ 128,342.00		\$ 128,342.00
							\$ 335,365.67