

**ANNUAL REPORTS  
TO  
THE GRAND LODGE  
A. F. & A. M.  
OF MINNESOTA**



**157<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication  
March 26-27, 2010  
Saint Cloud Civic Center  
Saint Cloud, Minnesota**

## **Delegates and Distinguished Guests Program of Events**

### **Thursday, March 25**

6:30 p.m. Grand Master's Gathering for Distinguished  
Guests Herberger Room, Civic Center  
Dress—Business Casual

### **Friday, March 26**

7:00 a.m. - Buffet Breakfast—Kelly Inn—Grand Ballroom  
8:30 a.m. Joint with Ladies

8:45 a.m. Public Opening of Grand Lodge

12:00 p.m. Lunch—Kelly Inn—Poolside

1:00 p.m. Resume Labor—Civic Center Carlson Hall

3:15 p.m. Breakouts 1st Sessions—Various Kelly Inn  
Locations

4:15 p.m. Breakouts 2nd Sessions—Various Kelly Inn  
Locations

6:00 p.m. Social Hour—Civic Center Carlson Hall

7:15 p.m. Grand Lodge Banquet—Civic Center Carlson  
Hall Dress—Business Suit

### **Saturday, March 27**

7:00 a.m. Minnesota Masonic Charities Breakfast  
—Kelly Inn Grand Ballroom

8:30 a.m. Resume Labor—Civic Center Carlson Hall

11:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Recesses (time approximate)

11:45 a.m. Lunch—Kelly Inn—Poolside

1:00 p.m. Installation of Officers—Open to the Public

5:30 p.m. Past Grand Master's Banquet—Kelly Inn  
Congress & Senate Rooms (Dinner 7:00)

Kelly Inn 320-253-0606

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## Report of the Grand Master Thomas G. McCarthy

Transitions are always a time for reflection. This 157th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota is certainly that time for me.

One thing I can say with absolute certainty is that Freemasonry in Minnesota is in good hands for the foreseeable future. The presumptive Grand Master for 2010-2011, John L. Cook, Jr., is a great man, Mason and friend. The Irish proverb admonishes us to "Praise the ripe field not the green corn," so I'll just say the potential is there for a great year.

The rock of the organization is Grand Secretary, Doug Campbell. My thanks and respect to him and the Assistant Grand Secretary, Gary Odegard, for keeping me on the straight path.

The "Bottom of the Line", W. Brothers Dave Olson, Jim Christensen, John Gann and Bob Darling, have done a great job putting together the new, revamped KidsID program. I will "praise the green corn" a bit when I say that I expect great things from this program for our children and for our fraternity. I'm looking forward to continuing to help with it in any way I can.

R. W. Brothers Tom Hendrickson and Brian Beermann have been stalwart supporters of the mission of Freemasonry in Minnesota.

I need to thank the Area Deputies, especially the retiring Ken White, Rolf Widstrand, Grant Lillevold and James McNeely. They, along with Darrel Richter and Lee Dorholt and all the District Representatives, have offered me timely advice and hard work all for the benefit of Masonry in their areas.

Custodians and Monitors are among the most dedicated brothers I know. They seek to preserve and transmit our beautiful ritual to the next generation of Masons. Thank you, for the hundreds of hours you each have invested to learn - and then to teach - the ritual that guides our quest for Masonic Light.

I've had the opportunity this year to meet and reconnect with dozens of great men with wonderful stories. I've shared many of those experiences in my blog, and will carry them all in my memory forever.

Thank you, Brothers, for the privilege of serving as Grand Master of the Craft we love. I leave you with one final Irish proverb: "***Postpone not a good action.***" This is especially true if your good action will strengthen and improve Freemasonry.

With warmest fraternal regards,  
Thomas G. McCarthy  
Grand Master 2009-2010

# ABOUT THE ANNUAL FRIDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The Friday afternoon Breakout Sessions for this year's Annual Communication are designed to be both informative and practical. There are two tiers of the breakout sessions, 45 minutes for each session. The first tier will start at 3:15.

## Tier One Breakouts 3:15 – 4:00

**Membership**—This session will be hosted by the Membership Committee Chairman, W. Brother Tony Krall, assisted by Membership Committee liaison, W. Brother David E. Olson. A wide variety of issues surrounding the topic of the membership will be discussed and an emphasis will be placed on the upcoming Membership Seminar in Bloomington on April 10<sup>th</sup>. If your lodge has some success stories, please share them here; if your lodge can use a little jump start in the area of membership, come and learn from those who have been experiencing some success in recent years. This session will be held in the Kelly Inn, Sunwood room.

**Mentorship**—This session will be hosted by Mentor Committee Chairman, W. Brother Lew Price, assisted by the Mentor Committee liaison, W. Brother Bob Darling. They will present some of the background on the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Mentor program and what you can do to implement it in your lodge. Do you want to have a successful membership plan in your lodge? It will certainly include a strong Mentor Program as you turn your new candidates into Masonic Brothers. This session will be held in the Kelly Inn, University Suite B.

**Secretaries**—How many times have you called the Grand Lodge office to get a question answered? Now is your chance to visit with Grand Secretary Douglas Campbell and pick his brain in person as he presents a session for the benefit of our lodge secretaries. Questions on the I.R.S. form 990? Questions about investigation committees and background checks? This is the place to come and discuss these and other issues facing the lodge secretary. Come and find out everything you always wanted to know about being a lodge secretary. Well, all that can fit in a forty-five minute session. This session will be held in the Kelly Inn, University Suite A.

## **Tier Two Breakouts 4:15 – 5:00**

All Masons from each of the six Grand Lodge Areas of the state are encouraged to attend the Breakout session for their particular Area. The Grand Lodge Area Deputy for that Area of the state will conduct each of the sessions. District Representatives, Custodians and Monitors will want to attend the session for their particular Area. The topics and agenda for each of the Area Tier Three sessions will include:

- The Lodge Recognition Program;
- Coordinating dates for the lodges of instruction for the coming year with the Area Custodian and the Lodge Certification Program;
- Expectations that the Grand Master has set for the Lodges;
- Requirements for the Master of the Lodge;
- District Representative and Grand Lodge Area Deputy requirements;
- Announcement of the Area-wide Conference and other important dates.

Metrowest Area, led by Area Deputy Lee Dorholt, this session will be held in the Kelly Inn, Sunwood Room.

Metroeast Area, led by Area Deputy Kenneth White, this session will be held in the Kelly Inn, State Room.

Northeast Area, led by Area Deputy Rolf Widstrand, this session will be held in the Kelly Inn, Congress room.

Northwest Area, led by Area Deputy Darrel Richter, this session will be held in the Kelly Inn, University A room.

Southeast Area, led by Area Deputy James McNeely, this session will be held in the Kelly Inn, Senate room.

Southwest Area, led by Area Deputy Grant Lillevold, this session will be held in the Kelly Inn, University B room.

**Resolution No. 1  
General Regulations Amendment  
Prepaid Dues Fund - Perpetual Life Membership Program Factor Increases**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. F. & A. M.

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has adopted a Perpetual Life Membership program, also known as the Prepaid Dues Fund, and

WHEREAS the Prepaid Dues Fund has not been able to pay the annual dues for its members using only the investment earnings from the fund, and

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Board of Corporate Trustees has commissioned two actuarial studies of the Prepaid Dues Fund over the past several years, including one study just completed during 2009, and

WHEREAS each of these actuarial studies seemed to indicate that the factors now in use, coupled with realistic assumptions of rates of return and annual dues increases, seem generally appropriate for the 50 and above age group; but indicate that the 18-50 single factor now employed by the Prepaid Dues Fund needs to be split into individual age factors and increased to reflect the life expectancy of the younger members, and

WHEREAS Section G3.22.03 paragraph (d) now reads:

**"Schedule for Determining Cost Factor**

**(d)** If purchased during the period from January 1st through June 30th.

Age	Factor	Age	Factor	Age	Factor	Age	Factor	Age	Factor
18-50	18.7	56	17.3	62	15.4	68	13.2	74	10.7
51	18.5	57	17.0	63	15.1	69	12.8	75	10.3
52	18.3	58	16.7	64	14.8	70	12.4	76	9.8
53	18.1	59	16.4	65	14.5	71	12.0	77	9.2
54	17.8	60	16.1	66	14.1	72	11.5	78	8.7
55	17.6	61	15.7	67	13.6	73	11.1	79	8.2
								80 and up	7.7

Cost of Prepaid Membership is obtained by multiplying Factor x Dues. .", now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED SECTION G22.03 paragraph (d) be amended to read as follows:

**"Schedule for Determining Cost Factor**

**(d)** If purchased during the period from January 1st through June 30th.

Age	Factor	Age	Factor	Age	Factor	Age	Factor	Age	Factor
18	28.5	33	25.8	48	22.0	63	16.9	78	10.7
19	28.3	34	25.6	49	21.8	64	16.5	79	10.3
20	28.1	35	25.4	50	21.5	65	16.1	80	9.9
21	28.0	36	25.2	51	21.1	66	15.7	81	9.4
22	27.9	37	25.0	52	20.8	67	15.4	82	9.0
23	27.7	38	24.7	53	20.5	68	15.0	83	8.6
24	27.5	39	24.5	54	20.2	69	14.5	84	8.2
25	27.3	40	24.2	55	19.8	70	14.1	85	7.8
26	27.2	41	24.0	56	19.5	71	13.7	86	7.4
27	27.0	42	23.7	57	19.1	72	13.3	87	7.0
28	26.8	43	23.5	58	18.8	73	12.9	88	6.6
29	26.6	44	23.2	59	18.4	74	12.5	89	6.2
30	26.4	45	22.9	60	18.0	75	12.0	90+	5.8
31	26.2	46	22.6	61	17.7	76	11.6		
32	26.0	47	22.3	62	17.3	77	11.2		

Cost of Prepaid Membership is obtained by multiplying Factor x Total Annual Lodge Dues."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the website and all Prepaid Dues Fund brochures be replaced with the new factor charts as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Campbell, Grand Secretary

**Resolution Number 2, 2010  
Standing Resolutions Amendment  
Job's Daughters' Foundation**

WHEREAS, when the original standing resolution approved in 1973 supporting the Job's Daughters' organization, there was no Minnesota Job's Daughters' Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Job's Daughters' Foundation of Minnesota, Inc. was since formed as a separate legal entity formed to support the activities the Job's Daughters of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, SECTION S1.14 of the Standing Resolutions currently reads: "International Order of Job's Daughters. RESOLVED, that the program of the International Order of Job's Daughters is hereby recognized and Constituent Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction may, and are hereby authorized to encourage and support Bethels of the Order, in harmonious relationship for the good of Freemasonry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, Section S1.14 be amended to read: "Job's Daughters International, also known as International Order of Job's Daughters. Resolved, that the program of the Job's Daughters International is hereby recognized and Constituent Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction may, and are hereby authorized to sponsor and financially support Bethels of the Order. The Program of the Job's Daughters Foundation of Minnesota, Inc., is also recognized and permission is granted to Constituent Lodges to support said Foundation financially with their own funds."

Fraternally submitted,  
Al Niederhaus  
Master, Plymouth Lodge No. 160  
Donald Nolley, District Representative #41

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. of Minnesota:

Your committee recommends that the business of this Annual Communication be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article I, of the General Regulations of this Grand Lodge, as amended, further, the order of business for this Communication shall be that as set forth in Article I, Section G1.04, except as shown in the printed program for this Annual Communication, or as may be revised by the Grand Master, at his discretion, to expedite the business and procedure of the Grand Lodge.

We further recommend:

A) Anyone speaking on any motion, resolution, or committee report shall do so from the main floor or from the platform of the auditorium, or as directed by the Grand Master. Prior to speaking the Brother shall state his name, office, and the Lodge he represents.

B) The address of the Grand Orator shall be given at such time as shall be determined by the Grand Master, to expedite the business of the Grand Lodge.

C) The ballot shall be declared closed at 3:00 p.m., March 26, 2010, and that the Tellers begin the canvas of the vote promptly thereafter.

D) To facilitate voting and the work of the Tellers, the provisions of Paragraph 22 of Section G1.04, Article I of the General Regulations are suspended for this Annual Communication.

E) The Grand Master shall decide all questions of order and procedure without debate.

F) No brother shall speak more than twice on any motion, resolution, or committee report, without first obtaining permission from the Grand Master. If more than one brother rises at the same time, the Grand Master shall decide who shall speak first.

G) When any motion, resolution or committee report is under debate, no motion shall be made or received, except to amend or lay on the table the matter being debated.

H) A motion to amend shall, until decided, preclude all other amendments to the main question.

I) While any motion, resolution, committee report or any amendment thereto is being debated, no motion to lay the matter under consideration on the table shall be made or received without permission from the Grand Master.

J) The proponents of any motion, resolution or committee report shall be given the right to open presentation. Those opposing shall then be heard and the proponents shall then have the opportunity to be heard again, whereupon the debate shall end unless the Grand Master orders otherwise.

K) No new motion shall be received or entertained which changes the subject matter on which the original motion was made.

L) Any motion or resolution passed by the Grand Lodge may not be reconsidered during the same Communication.

M) That the provisions hereof be in force and effect at once, and that they remain in effect until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, in April 2011.

N) All cell phones or other electronic communications devices shall be in silent or vibrate mode. Any cell phone going off otherwise shall subject the holder to a \$25 penalty, payable to Minnesota Masonic Charities. You will leave the lodge hall before speaking on a communication device. All business conducted in the tyled meetings of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication may not, during the tyled communication, be communicated outside such meeting without permission from the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,  
W.Bro. Stephen A. Johnson (100), Grand Marshal, Chairman  
W.Bro. Steven S. Saxton (209) Grand Standard Bearer  
W.Bro. James R. Bjorkquist (331) Grand Pursuivant

**Delegates at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication are reminded of the  
Masonic Code for Procedures at Grand Lodge for Motions:**

**SECTION G1.07** All motions, except such as are merely formal, and all resolutions shall be prepared using the following procedure:

**(a)** The resolution shall be signed by the Brother sponsoring and intending to introduce it, together with his Lodge name and number.

**(b)** The resolution is then presented to the Grand Secretary where a number will be assigned to it.

**(c)** The sponsor will address the Grand Master at his earliest convenience and, when recognized by the Grand Master, will read the resolution to the Grand Lodge. It shall not be necessary, however, to read any resolution which has been on the first day of the Annual Communication distributed in printed form to all who are present and entitled to vote in the Grand Lodge.

**(d)** The Grand Master will refer all resolutions to the proper committees for action, prior to a vote by Grand Lodge.

**(e)** The committee or committees to which the resolution has been referred will act upon it and return it to the Grand Secretary.

**(f)** The Grand Master, at first opportunity, will call the sponsor to the East for a second reading to the Grand Lodge and move its adoption. The Grand Master will notify the Committee on Jurisprudence if such Committee has proposed a modification of the resolution or expressed a desire to be heard.

**(g)** After the motion for adoption has been seconded, the Grand Master will call for discussion. When the discussion has been finished he will put the motion to a vote.

**(h)** After the vote the resolution shall be included in the printed proceedings.

It is the intention of the Grand Master to strictly comply with the Masonic Code regarding Motions and Resolutions.

## REPORT OF THE CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Minnesota:

The five resolutions which were passed at the 156th Annual Communication have been incorporated into the Minnesota Masonic Code.

They are:

No. 1. A General Regulations Housekeeping amendment deleting reference to the Minnesota Masonic Foundation,

No. 2. A General Regulations amendment: Section G3.10, Page 32, providing "Regular accounting and disbursements of the Grand Master's Expense Allowance."

No. 3. A Standing Resolution amendment: Section S1.24, Page 80, "Recognition of the Widow's Sons Motorcycle Riders Association of Minnesota."

No. 4. A Standing Resolution amendment: Section S1.25, Page 80, "Recognition of the Masonic Motorcycle Club International."

No. 5. A Standing Resolution amendment: Section S1.15, Page 78, "Recognition of the National Association of Masonic Scouters."

Brethren, a copy of the Minnesota Masonic Code may be downloaded from the Grand Lodge website at no cost.

Respectively Submitted,

M.W. Alyn N. Dull, P.G.M., Chairman

M.W. Jack Benson, P.G.M.

R.W. Douglas J. Campbell, G.S.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATE TRUSTEES**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota

The Board of Corporate Trustees for the Grand Lodge year 2008-2009 was as follows:

M.W. Thomas G. McCarthy, G.M., Pres.	R.W. John L. Cook Jr., D.G.M., V.P.
R.W. Thomas E. Hendrickson, S.G.W., Sec.	R.W. Brian E. Beermann, J.G.W.
W.B. David E. Olson, S.G.D.	W.B. James A. Christensen, J.G.D.
M.W. Raymond G. Christensen P.G.M.	M.W. Thomas Jackson, P.G.M.

The Corporate Board is charged by the Minnesota Masonic Code to administer to financial affairs and other duties of the Grand Lodge during the time between Annual Grand Lodge Communication. The Corporate Board met on the following occasions:

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at the Zuhrah Shrine Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009** at the Grand Lodge office in Bloomington, Minnesota  
**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at the Grand Lodge office in Bloomington, Minnesota  
**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at the Grand Lodge office in Bloomington, Minnesota  
**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at the Northland Inn, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota  
**January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010** at the Grand Lodge office in Bloomington, Minnesota  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010** at the Grand Lodge office in Bloomington, Minnesota

There were four Occasional Communications:

**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009** for the laying of the cornerstone for the new addition to the Lyon County Law Enforcement Center in Marshall.  
**October 10, 2009** for the Rededication of Corinthian Lodge in Farmington.  
**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009** for the laying of the cornerstone for the new Amplatz Children's Hospital at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.  
**January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010** for the Rededication of Templar Lodge, St. Louis Park.

Among the important items acted upon by the Board of Corporate Trustees were the following items:

- A. The Corporate Board moved forward to continuing the relationship of Michael Steinberg, (an author and trainer of nonprofit boards). His guidance would assist the Committees with development of their charges.
- B. The Board discussed the CHIP program and decided to name our Grand Lodge of Minnesota program "KidsID-A Child Safety Program."
- C. The KidsID program conducted pilot projects in St. Cloud, Rushford and Mound.
- D. The Grand Lodge purchased six KidsID computer stations.
- E. The Theme for the State Fair was "Take 25" Child Safety Information Program.
- F. The Grand Master participated in the making of several You-Tube video productions. His involvement demonstrated Minnesota Masonry across the World Wide Web.
- G. The corporate Board revised the Internet Policy to include Blogging.

Appointments to the Board of Trustees of Minnesota Masonic Charities were recommended for three year terms, Mark A. Campbell, Ellen Cauffman, Rita Glazebrook, Roger J. Taylor and Andrew J. Rice.

A motion was passed to approve the nominations of R.W.B. Douglas Campbell and R.W.B. Brent Metcalf to serve in the roles of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer respectively.

At the request of the trustees, the Grand Secretary receives and reports on requests for charitable relief to the body. The Board of Corporate Trustees approved the following disbursements from the Col. Ladd Memorial Fund during the 2009-2010 fiscal years.

Masonic Information Center	\$1,500.00	Donation
American Heart Association	\$250.00	Donation
Second Harvest Heartland	\$250.00	Donation
Job's Daughters	\$3,432.00	background checks
Grand Guardian Council		on the adult leaders
Hope Lodge No. 42	\$300.00	Veterans' Memorial flag pole
Timothy Brady	\$2,500.00	Research and writing video
		documentary on history of
		Minnesota Freemasonry
S. St. Paul Educ. Foundation	\$500.00	Scholarship fund
9-11 Tribute	\$1,000.00	9-11 Tribute
Twin Cities Honor Flight	\$3,000.00	WWII veterans to the WWII memorial
		in Washington, D.C.
A Brother's Benefit Fund	\$1,000.00	Assist family - cancer
2009 Kids' and Parents' Expo	\$3,000.00	Cosponsor family expo
Minnesota Masonic Charities	\$50,000.00	General Edward W. Waldon
		Scholarships
Sheriff's Youth Ranch	\$300.00	Donation
Northern Star Council	\$1,600.00	Sponsor 80 Scout troops and packs
Boy Scouts of America		
Univ. of Minn. Medical Found.	\$1,200.00	Donation Gutter Bowl
Soldiers Field Vet's Memorial	\$3,000.00	Honors Flight
A Family in Verndale	\$500.00	Assist family after house fire
Minnesota Chiefs Foundation	\$1,000.00	Contribution
MSA Disaster Relief Fund	\$5,000.00	Haiti hurricane relief matching funds
<b>Total Ladd Fund Disbursement</b>	<b>\$79,732.00</b>	

It is with the greatest dedication and devotion that the members of our gentle craft encourage the trustees and volunteer officers to serve as custodians of our Masonic heritage. Far too often the efforts of many go unheralded, but rest assured they are always appreciated. The Corporate Board of Trustees wishes to thank each and every Brother across this Great State for their efforts in supporting and helping the Grand Lodge and its many endeavors throughout the year.

Fraternally submitted,  
 Thomas E. Hendrickson, Senior Grand Warden  
 Secretary, Corporate Board of Trustees

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. of Minnesota:

### Monitor Exams held at Minnehaha Masonic Center on Friday, February 5, 2010

Custodians Present: W.B. Greg Lane, R.W.B. Douglas Campbell, W.B. John Studell, W.B. Foster Solem, W.B. Gary Bill, W.B. David Olson, W.B. Joe Ditschler, W.B. Brian Beermann, W.B. Donald Olsen.

Monitors Present: W.B. Ted Martz, W.B. Robert Selden, M.W.B. Jack Benson

<b>Entered Apprentice</b>	<b>Fellowcraft</b>	<b>Master Mason</b>
Michael Bell (346)	Michael Bell (346)	Ted Martz (346)
Keith Reiersen (5)	Tim Callahan (21)	

All examinees were declared proficient on the degrees on which they tested.

### Reexaminations were held on February 6, 2010

Custodians Present: W.B. Greg Lane, RWB Douglas Campbell, W.B. John Studell, W.B. Foster Solem, W.B. Gary Bill, W.B. Joe Ditchler,

The following Brothers were declared proficient at the current level of their Monitor Grades after examination:

M.W.B. Jack Benson	Templar #176
W.B. Ted Martz	Lebanon #346
W.B. Robert Selden	St. Johns #1
W.B. Peter Van Osdol	Templar #176
W.B. William Ross	North Star #23
W.B. Douglas Pederson	Shell #184
W.B. Jacob Geer	Tusler-Summit # 263

Active Monitors are as follows and may be contacted to assist in ritualistic work consistent with the General Regulations. Although we are cognizant that emergencies do sometimes arise, please make your requests with as much notice as possible.

No.	Name	Grade	Commission Expires
#104	Jack Benson (176)	1	2013
#185	William G. Ross (23)	1	2013
#189	Edward R. Halpaus (223)	1	2011
#195	Alan Adams (79)	1	2012
#197	Robert Selden (1)	3	2013
#198	Richard Wallace (33)	2	2012
#199	Al Golder (30)	2	2011
#201	Peter B. Van Osdol (176)	1	2013
#202	Patrick Lang (209)	1	2012
#203	Jacob Geer (263)	1	2013

#205	James White (165)	2	2011
#206	Ted Martz (346)	1	2013
#208	Kenneth Reed (346)	2	2012
#209	John Curlott (346)	1	2012
#210	Richard Fredrickson (293)	2	2012
#211	Rolf Widstrand (293)	1	2012
#212	Mike Bell (346)	2	2013
#213	Keith Reiersen (5)	3	2013
#214	Tim Callahan (21)	3	2013

The Board of Custodians would also remind those interested in the services of a Monitor that there are many "Monitors Emeritus" and "Custodians Emeritus" as well as Custodians and Monitors who are very capable and willing to help with the ritual work. See the Proceedings for the appropriate lists. A total of 378 Brothers attended 19 schools of instruction during this reporting period. Although this is an increase from last year, some lodges are overrepresented and MANY are not represented at all. The members of the Board of Custodians stand ready to assist lodges with learning to properly perform the degrees. We would urge the lodges to work with the District Representatives and Area Deputies in scheduling schools so we can all work together for ritual improvement and consistency throughout Minnesota.

### Report of the Board of Custodians of the Ritual Work Schools of Instruction

Date	Area	Lodge	Location	Degree	Attendance	Presiding
09/21/09	Metroeast	1	Stillwater	FC	20	Foster Solem
11/30/09	Metroeast	263	Roseville	MM	19	Foster Solem
01/21/10	Metroeast	168	St Paul	4 <sup>th</sup> School	20	Foster Solem
04/28/09	Northwest	100	Brainerd	4 <sup>th</sup> School	37	David Olson
09/12/09	Northwest	16	Monticello	4 <sup>th</sup> School	6	Gary Bill
03/23/09	Southwest	96	St James	EA	11	Grant Lillevoid
04/07/09	Southwest	64	Fairmont	FC	14	Grant Lillevoid
07/16/09	Southwest	119	Marshall	MM	13	Grant Lillevoid
04/30/09	Southeast	49	St Charles	FC	31	Brian Beermann/Don Olson
09/29/09	Southeast	22	Pleasant Grove	MM	46	Brian Beermann/Don Olson
10/29/09	Southeast	21	Rochester	4 <sup>th</sup> School	29	Brian Beermann
11/30/09	Southeast	21	Rochester	Lecture School	24	Brian Beermann/Gary Bill
02/18/10	Southeast	67	Farmington	4 <sup>th</sup> School	12	Brian Beermann
05/12/09	Metrowest	28	Clearwater	MM	16	John Studell
09/13/09	Metrowest	165	Minneapolis	E.A.	9	John Studell
09/28/09	Metrowest	30	Anoka	4 <sup>th</sup> School	30	John Studell
01/09/10	Metrowest	30	Anoka	E.A.	8	John Studell
02/13/10	Metrowest	30	Anoka	FC.	20	John Studell
03/13/10	Metrowest	30	Anoka	MM	13	John Studell
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>378</b>	

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gregory J. Lane  
Board of Custodians (Chairman)

## ANNUAL REPORT OF MINNESOTA DEMOLAY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Minnesota:

I thank the Minnesota Masons for the opportunity to report and update you on the activities of Minnesota DeMolay. Last year DeMolay celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary; we explored our roots and planned for the future of our fraternal youth organization of young men between the ages of 12 and 21. The DeMolay Chapters set a membership goal equal to the number of years as the age of our organization. To accomplish that goal the members of the Chapters relied upon the foundation of our organization, the seven cardinal virtues, Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanness and Patriotism. They were visible in their activities to prospective members by carrying those seven cardinal virtues into their daily lives. They were visible at our Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters and supporting the events and activities of the Masonic appendant bodies. Did you see them serving at your Lodge? Did you see one of the public ceremonies? Either a Flower Talk or Ceremony of Lights? Did you support one of their spaghetti dinners or pizza sales or wreath sales? Did you see them helping the shrine at a circus? Had you made a donation to the Relay for Life on behalf of one of the DeMolay Chapters. If you have, Thank you! You have made the difference in the lives of these young men just by one simple action you have supported them, but you have also helped yourself as a Mason and your Lodge. These young DeMolay are your prospective Lodge members, they are your future, as they form an opinion of our Masonic Fraternity by your actions towards them they will want to join the Masonic Adult family. DeMolay International's, Grand Master's theme for this year is **"Building Freemasonry through DeMolay."** He realizes the potential of the base of our Masonic pyramid and it starts with our youth, whether DeMolay, Job's Daughters or the Rainbow for Girls, they are our Masonic future!

Minnesota DeMolay would like to thank the continued support from the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Tom McCarthy has attended numerous activities of our youth Organizations, he has been a most welcomed if not participating guest when he attends a DeMolay function. DeMolay would like to thank those Lodges who are the Sponsoring Bodies of DeMolay Chapters, providing a safe environment for the young men to conduct meetings and activities. During the course of the year, Minnesota has had several inquiries to the process of reactivating or instituting new DeMolay Chapters. At this time, there are five chartered DeMolay Chapters in the state of Minnesota, stretching from Rochester to Duluth. Applications have been applied for and are under development in four other area. You can show your continued support for the DeMolay program by supporting the new groups as they form in your area. When a DeMolay activity is announce in your Lodge, plan on attending, you would be surprised, what these young men are learning and demonstrating as our future leaders, come back to a future activity see how they have matured and developed in their character.

Minnesota DeMolay conducts communication through a constant contact list, the State is on Facebook as well as individual chapters, ask to join its simple ad you will keep abreast of DeMolay happenings in the state, also check out [mndemolay.org](http://mndemolay.org).

We once again thank you for your support, encourage your participation and let's watch together as we build Freemasonry through DeMolay.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Hailer, Executive Officer,  
Minnesota DeMolay  
Active Member,  
International Supreme Council

## REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota:

I am honored and feel very privileged to serve as the Deputy Grand Master of Minnesota. I assumed a position that has been occupied by distinguished Masons who have set very high standards in the performance of the duties of this office. Throughout the year I have tried to emulate those attributes that we would all admire. I am also excited because of the hard work put forth by the Corporate Board, Area Deputies, District Representatives, Custodians and Lodge leaders. I personally want to thank each of you for your dedication to our gentle craft. I assure you, your work never goes unnoticed.

MWB Thomas G. McCarthy, thank you is just two small words to give to such a great leader. This past year day by day your service to the craft was impeccable. The tone you set within your first few days in the Grand East allowed the craft to know we were in good hands. You brought forth new ideas that even set examples for your Corporate Board. Especially, the tremendous work you put forth on your day to day blog, showed what a sincere love you have for the craft and the work you were engaged in.

During my year as Deputy Grand Master, I have represented the Grand Lodge of Minnesota across this great State and other jurisdictions, in Iowa, South Dakota, Manitoba and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Further, I attended the Midwest conference of Grand Lodges where numerous ideas are shared and discussed. I also attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Alexandria, Virginia. It was delightful to attend several breakout sessions and again obtain a lot of useful information and training.

I have been warmly received at all Masonic events within the State. I have been able to build stronger relationship with Lodge leaders and I wish to thank all for the courtesies you have shown my office.

A great portion of my year as Deputy Grand Master has been spent planning for 2010. If I am elected to serve as your next Grand Master let me assure you that we will not stray from the road we are now traveling. Our duty in the coming year will be is to insure that we continue to build our plans and programs to fit the young brothers of today and tomorrow.

Through our committee structure we continue to make great progress. Our long range plan for all the committees is to empower them so they will be able to better respond quickly in an ever changing environment. Once a committee has put forth it's plan to the Corporate Board, meeting well be by conference call allowing a masons from across the state to take part in any committee he has an interest. I ask each of you to consider working on a committee, they are: Public Relationship, Membership, Mentoring, Leadership and Youth. Remember you do not have to be a Past Master to work on a committee, just have a strong desire to serve the craft.

The Youth Committee, face the biggest challenge this year. There was more changes needed than on any committee. The main focus of the Youth Committee is the new KidsID Program. Throughout this past year the executive committee has worked and continues to work on new policies. After several pilot programs the new system has proven to be of great asset for the Lodges as well as a needed service for the communities these Lodges serve. The rollout and growth of the program within the lodges will be key in the up coming year. The vision for this program has been set and as we continue to place key leaders into the program let us all remember that it will take every mason to make it a success.

Even though our plans and programs evolve around our committees, I would be remiss if I did not speak to the main tool of lodges with a strong frame work, the Lodge Recognition Program. This will again be the cornerstone for the lodges. Our concentration will be to make every effort to improve those lodges that are in the bottom level of the program. The District Representative will have new tools to assist them with the program.

As Masons we need to constantly remind ourselves that we now live in a world where the word change is a constant, so constant that it can be daily. Masonry has stood the test of time. We must embrace change while at the same time maintain the values of Freemasonry as inculcated in the charges as well as in general principals of the craft. Our Freemasonry should reflect the image that we as freemasons are accessible and will provide to our brethren and the society in general, clear values that are worthy of that confidence; values such as culture, ethics, and humanism.

As Masons I feel we now face a period of enlightenment as defined by Webster; education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge. I challenge our senior brethren in the coming year to teach the principals of Masonry as well as impart there years of knowledge to our young brothers.

Fraternally submitted,  
John L. Cook, Jr.  
Deputy Grand Master

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota:

Minnesota is pleased to have been honored with the presence of Distinguished Guests from Sister Jurisdictions and Appendant Bodies at our 157th Annual Communication. The inspiration their presence brings, demonstrates true brotherhood, friendship, and fellowship which is the epitome of Masonic relationships. The most hearty welcome is extended to each of you.

VERMONT - 1794 - Most Worshipful Brother Richard E. Fletcher, Past Grand Master and Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association of North America.

WISCONSIN - 1843 - Most Worshipful Brother John W. Hein, Past Grand Master and Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

IOWA - 1844 - Worshipful Brother Justin R. Dodge, Junior Grand Steward.

CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO - 1855 - Right Worshipful Brother Pat Curran, Past District Deputy Grand Master.

NEBRASKA - 1857 - Most Worshipful Brother John T. Parsons, Grand Master; Worshipful Brother Cullen F. Pilker, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; Lawrence J. Zwart, Chairman, Fraternal Relations Committee.

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON - 1871 - Worshipful Brother Gordon Kickbush, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota near the Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon; Right Worshipful Brother Conner Clarke, Past District Deputy Master.

MANITOBA - 1875 - Right Worshipful Brother Allan J. L. Hadley, Junior Grand Warden; Most Worshipful Brother Clayton Munz, Past Grand Master and Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; Most Worshipful Brother Ted Jones.

SOUTH DAKOTA - 1875 - Right Worshipful Brother Dean Behrens, Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother Richard Decker, Senior Grand Warden; Most Worshipful Brother Dennis Robinson, Past Grand Master, Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Coordinator, National MasoniCHIP Program; Most Worshipful Brother Virgil D. Andersen, Past Grand Master.

NORTH DAKOTA - 1889 - Most Worshipful Brother Arnold L. Ellingson, Past Grand Master and Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

SASKATCHEWAN - 1875 - Most Worshipful Brother Willmer Pizzey, Past Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother Kent Pizzey, Past Grand Steward.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE - Worshipful Brother Jerry B. Oliver, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Minnesota.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MINNESOTA - Worshipful Brother Douglas E. Nygard, Grand High Priest.

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF MINNESOTA - Worshipful Brother Ronald A. Miles, Illustrious Grand Master.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MINNESOTA - Worshipful Brother Hugh Swift, Grand Commander.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR - Sue Bay, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother James D. Morris, Worthy Grand Patron; Worshipful Brother Glen H. Carlson, Past Grand Patron and Grand Secretary.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE - Brother Gary W. Sibben, Chief Rabban, Zuhrah Shrine Temple.

GROTTO (Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm) - Brother Michael Wahl, Past Grand Monarch of North America.

DEMOLAY - Talon Beck, State Master Councilor, Minnesota Order of DeMolay; Worshipful Brother Mark Hailer, Minnesota State Executive Officer.

ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS - Emily Niederhaus, Grand Bethel Honored Queen; Kelsey Wyman, Miss Minnesota Job's Daughters; DeAnna Hennebry, Grand Guardian; Worshipful Brother Larry Jensen, Associate Grand Guardian.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION - Most Worshipful Brother Richard E. Fletcher, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association of North America; Worshipful Brother John McBride, Field Representative, Minneapolis; Worshipful Brother Peter Kloskowski, Field Representative, Saint Cloud.

MINNESOTA MASONIC CHARITIES - Worshipful Brother Mark A. Campbell, Chairman; Most Worshipful Brother Eric J. Neetenbeek, Chief Executive Officer; Brother John L. Schwietz, Development.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger J. Taylor, P.G.M., Chairman  
Charles Baltos, P.G.M.  
Warren K. Clark, P.G.M.  
Charles J. Luman, P.G.M.  
Philip G. Soderberg, P.G.M.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL RELATIONS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Minnesota:

### Requests for Recognition

During the past year, your committee on External Relations has not received any request from any Grand Lodge for recognition.

### Representatives

M.W. Grand Master Thomas G. McCarthy recommended the appointment of the brothers listed below to be Grand Representatives Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for the following named Grand Lodges and the Grand Masters of those Grand Lodges have consented:

WB Thomas A Pederson	Grand Lodge Alpine of Switzerland
WB Michael J. Vinson	Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of N. Carolina

M.W. Grand Master Thomas G. McCarthy has given his consent that the brothers listed below be appointed Grand Representatives of Grand Lodge of Minnesota near the following named Grand Lodges:

WB Douglas G. Lee	Grand Lodge of South Carolina
Br. Gisli Marteinson	Grand Lodge of Iceland
WB Harry N. Cook	Grand Lodge AF&AM of South Australia and the Northern Territory
WB Grahame H. Cumming	United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory

The Committee also received and reviews other items of correspondence from foreign jurisdictions throughout the year; these items are for information only and need no action.

Fraternally submitted,  
Roger J. Taylor, PGM, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Minnesota:

It is the responsibility of the Finance committee is to be good Stewards of the funds that have been entrusted to the Grand Lodge by its members. We have suffered from the downturn of the stock market and the Grand Lodge is no different. So during the year 2009-2010, we have carefully observed all expenditures and have economized when ever possible.

The detailed budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010, listed in detail in the following pages, shows a projected loss of \$24,544.25. I am proud to announce that due to a positive variance of \$31,235.34, we ended that fiscal year with a net income of \$6,691.09.

It should be noted that greater emphasis was placed in spending on the expansion of Grand Lodge services, such as planning conferences directed for the Area Deputies and District Representatives. Because of the increase of services provided by the Area Deputies and District Representatives, the expenses to support their effort has also increased. We went over budget in this area (more than we have in past years).

Because of the uncertainty of the financial markets and the steady decline in membership, and with it the decrease in income, the Finance Committee will continue to move with prudence and wisdom. They will strive to ensure that the money is invested wisely in responsible programming that will help build and support the Craft in the years to come.

The Finance Committee makes the following recommendations:

- 1) That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to disburse Grand Lodge funds for all normal and necessary expenses for the months of March and April 2010 or until such time as the Grand Lodge holds its next Annual Communication.
- 2) That the brethren, at this Annual Communication, approve the expenditures for those areas that exceeded the budget this past year. (A detailed list of expenditures compared to budgeted amount can be found in the financial statements, elsewhere in the preprinted booklet.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas E. Hendrickson  
Sr. Grand Warden, Chairman

**The Grand Lodge of Minnesota  
Profit and Loss Budget Overview  
March 2010 through February 2011**

	Mar '10 - Feb '11
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Annual Per Capita Fees	442,975.00
Insurance Income & Reimburse.	41,000.00
Interest Income	1,000.00
Meal Sales - Annual Comm.	35,000.00
MN Mason Newspaper Income	8,250.00
Miscellaneous Income Items	
Miscellaneous Income	600.00
Postage Income and Reimburse.	4,000.00
Sales - Dues Cards	2,700.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income Items</b>	<b>7,300.00</b>
Miscellaneous Items Sold	
Bookstore	5,750.00
Ciphers, Codes, Manuals, Quest Forms and Misc Supplies	7,500.00
Pins, Buckles, Ties, Magnets	1,000.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Items Sold</b>	<b>5,800.00</b>
Raising Fees	2,400.00
Special Events Income	
Arizona Reunion	500.00
One Day to Masonry Meals	2,700.00
One Day to Masonry Petitioners	15,000.00
<b>Total Special Events Income</b>	<b>18,200.00</b>
Special Services Income	9,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>585,175.00</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	17,500.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>17,500.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>567,675.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Section 1 - Allocated Per Capit	
Benevolence Fund Allocation	1,527.50
GWNMM .25 Allocation	3,818.75
Benev. - Help, Aide & Assist	38,187.50
Raising Fees Allocation	2,400.00
<b>Total Section 1 - Allocated Per Capit</b>	<b>45,933.75</b>
Section 2 - Annual Comm. Expens	
Distinguished Guests' Expense	11,000.00
Facilities	4,000.00
Payroll - Mileage and Per Diem	27,000.00
Meal Expenses	35,000.00
Misc. Expenses and Awards	5,000.00
Printing - Annual communication	4,000.00
<b>Total Section 2 - Annual Comm. Exp...</b>	<b>86,000.00</b>

	<u>Mar '10 - Feb '11</u>
<b>Section 3 - Special Meetings</b>	
Area Conferences	2,400.00
Grand Lodge Officers' Meetings	7,500.00
<b>Total Section 3 - Special Meetings</b>	<u>9,900.00</u>
<b>Section 4 - GLO &amp; DR Expenses</b>	
Grand Master's Exp. Allowance	28,000.00
Visits Approved by the GM	12,000.00
Officers' Aprons Collars Jewel	2,500.00
GL Officer Misc Expense	4,000.00
District Rep Collars & Jewels	1,700.00
District Representative Visits	12,000.00
<b>Total Section 4 - GLO &amp; DR Expenses</b>	<u>60,200.00</u>
<b>Section 5 - Cust Monitor Trial</b>	
Custodians, Monitors Expenses	2,600.00
Custodian Collar Apron Jewels	500.00
Trial Commission Expenses	1,000.00
<b>Total Section 5 - Cust Monitor Trial</b>	<u>4,100.00</u>
<b>Section 6 - Grand Lodge Office</b>	
Bank Service Charges	120.00
Audit Expense	6,000.00
Capital Equipment	3,000.00
Credit Card Acceptance Fees	1,000.00
Grand Lodge Office Employee Exp	
Grand Treasurer's Salary	1,800.00
Employee Benefits	25,106.28
GL Office Payroll Expense	129,310.24
Social Security & Unemploy. Tax	10,444.96
<b>Total Grand Lodge Office Employee...</b>	<u>166,661.48</u>
Insurance and Bond Premiums	49,000.00
Investment Fees & Charges	24,000.00
Maintenance Office Equipment	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,700.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00
Postage Expenses	8,000.00
Printing & Stationery	4,200.00
Rent Expense	17,709.87
Telephone and Long Distance	3,000.00
Travel Expense	2,000.00
<b>Total Section 6 - Grand Lodge Office</b>	<u>293,391.35</u>
<b>Section 7 - Committee Expenses</b>	
Masonic Education	
Leadership & Training	15,000.00
Mentor Program	3,000.00
Misc Education Expense (NOS)	5,000.00
<b>Total Masonic Education</b>	<u>23,000.00</u>
<b>Membership</b>	
Grand Master's Table & Reunions	1,000.00

	<b>Mar '10 - Feb '11</b>
<b>Membership Meeting Expenses</b>	5,000.00
<b>One Day to Masonry</b>	12,000.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	18,000.00
<b>Misc. Committee Exp</b>	3,000.00
<b>Total Section 7 - Committee Expenses</b>	44,000.00
<b>Section 8 - Publications</b>	
<b>E-Masonry - Web Site</b>	10,000.00
<b>List of Lodges Masonic</b>	1,050.00
<b>Minnesota Mason Newspaper Exp</b>	34,000.00
<b>Distribute Annual Proceedings</b>	500.00
<b>Total Section 8 - Publications</b>	45,550.00
<b>Section 9 - Issues</b>	
<b>50 Year Pins</b>	3,700.00
<b>Refunds Paid</b>	9,000.00
<b>Total Section 9 - Issues</b>	12,700.00
<b>Section 10 - Public Relations</b>	
<b>PR, Radio, Newspaper, Brochures</b>	2,000.00
<b>Special Events</b>	4,500.00
<b>State Fair</b>	10,000.00
<b>Total Section 10 - Public Relations</b>	16,500.00
<b>Section 11 - Annual Memberships</b>	
<b>Commission on Recognition</b>	50.00
<b>N. Am. Conf. of Grand Masters</b>	250.00
<b>N. Am Conf of Grand Sec.</b>	110.00
<b>Masonic Service Assoc. (MSA)</b>	950.00
<b>Masonic Relief Assoc. (MSB)</b>	200.00
<b>MW Conference on Masonic Ed.</b>	282.00
<b>Total Section 11 - Annual Membershi...</b>	1,842.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	620,117.10
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-52,442.10
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-52,442.10</b>

**GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENCE FUND**  
**Profit and Loss Budget Overview**  
 March 2010 through February 2011

	<b>Mar '10 - Feb '11</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Help, Aide & Assist Income	39,375.00
Allocated GL Funds	2,775.00
Interest Income	12,000.00
Cap. Gains, Losses & Inv Inc...	36,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>90,150.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Help, Aide & Assist Expense	12,000.00
DeMolay Organization	12,000.00
Job's Daughters	6,000.00
KidsID Expense	24,000.00
Retirement Benefits	10,398.60
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>64,398.60</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>25,751.40</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>25,751.40</b>

## REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER & COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota:

**“Masonic Education; no test, no pressure: Learning for the pure enjoyment of learning.”**

*The mission of the Grand Lodge Education Committee is to provide good solid Masonic educational information to all people who are interested in receiving it, in the most effective and frugal way possible; always remembering that Masonic Students include Masons and non-Masons alike.* Learning about Freemasonry truly is life changing, or at least it can be, when one takes what he learns and applies it to his own life to his benefit. It is through the information that Masonry has to pass on to its votaries that we Masons can truly become the better men we want to be. When we do this we prove the truth of the statement and slogan of Freemasonry about taking in good men and making them better.

This has been a fun and exciting year when it comes to Masonic Education. We have launched our You Tube Masonic Education videos, and they have been very well received. It has been a learning experience, and we have been blessed with the help of Brother Ian Luhm as the film crew and editor for these videos. There have been other Brothers who have come forward to volunteer help towards our video efforts that have also been greatly received. We have 3 more Brethren whose help is welcomed by Brother Ian and me. Brothers Thomas Smith, Tom Peterson, and W. Bro. Dennis LacQuay, when they saw how they might help they stepped up and offered, which was readily accepted.

The many programs of our Grand Lodge Education Committee are working well and providing a very good benefit to the Masons of Minnesota:

The Masonic Monday Question is continuing to be very popular and helpful. This was a program suggested by M.W. Bro. Tom Jackson a number of years ago. A few members of the Education Committee regularly provide the questions and answers for the Masonic Monday Question; R.W. Bro. Tom Hendrickson, Bro. Glenn Kiecker, and W. Bro. L.C. Addison II. These questions are not only helpful in learning more about Freemasonry for the individual Mason they are also useful to the Lodge Education officer and others when putting together a program or talk for a Masonic event for research, and questions for Masonic discussion groups. M.W. Brother Thomas C. Jackson also provides our education committee with access and space to post the Masonic Monday Question at <http://www.lodgebuilder.org>. Soon we will have a Face Book Page for the Masonic Monday Question too. That will make this information easier to obtain for a number of Masons.

Talking about Masonic Questions our oldest Masonic Question program is the Masonic Conundrum, which was begun in 2003. Over the years the Masonic Conundrum Column has been headed up by a few of us on our committee; W.B. David Rahm, W.B. Dan Lang, and our current Masonic conundrum columnist W.B. L.C. Addison II of Montgomery Lodge # 258. The Masonic Conundrum Column appears in each issue of the Minnesota Mason. Brother L.C. does a fine job with the Conundrum column; it is quite popular with the Masons of our jurisdiction. This column and the questions have been very popular over the years, with a good number of responses to each question. The first correct answer received from a Brother in each area of our jurisdiction receives a selected book as a reward.

The Masonic Conundrum and the Masonic Monday Question are both good places to go to for ideas and topics for Masonic Education for a Lodge program, as well as for after Lodge discussion groups. Also thanks to W. Brother Mike Ross our Education Committee has a Face Book Group for the Masons of Minnesota to go to to post information that is educational and interesting to Masons. The Minnesota Masons Face Book Group is meant for Minnesota Masons, and Masons from other regular and recognized Grand Lodges for the sharing of Masonic information and knowledge; it also has a discussion page to post questions and to receive input and answers.

Our Minnesota Masonic Book Club is being headed up by W. Brother John Freeburg, with assistance from M.W. Brother Terry Tilton and R.W. Brother Doug Campbell. The Minnesota Masonic Book Club has been in existence for a good number of years, and has provided a very good selection of books over those years. It selects 4 books a year, which are sent out on a quarterly basis to the members of the club. Masonic Lodges as well as Masons can be and are encouraged to become members of the club; it is a wonderful way to learn about Freemasonry, as well as to be able to build up a very nice Masonic library in a frugal way. The books selected by the club are sold to members at less than the publishers retail price, so it is a great way to purchase Masonic books. To join our Minnesota Masonic Book Club, just send an email to the Grand Lodge office with Book Club in the subject line. The email address for the Grand Lodge is: [grandlodge@qwest.net](mailto:grandlodge@qwest.net) or for those who don't use email just phone or send a letter to the Grand Lodge office at; 11501 Masonic Home Drive - Bloomington, MN 55437-3699 - 952-948-6700 or 800-245-6050

Our Grand Lodge Bookstore is managed and administered by R.W. Brother Doug Campbell, and W. Brother Gary Odegard at our Grand Lodge office. However, during the annual communications of our Grand Lodge our Education Committee solicits volunteers to help with the bookstore for the enjoyment and satisfaction of Minnesota Masonry. This year our good Brother - W. Brother Keith Kennedy is

heading up our bookstore efforts at our Grand Lodge Communication. If you have the time, stop by the book store and visit with Brother Keith and our other Brethren who volunteer to help us; they will be pleased to meet you and, if you would like, they will be pleased to assist you with the selection of a good Masonic book.

The feedback from the e-publications of T.F.S., Masonic Matters, and More Light, indicates they are all being well received. They are accomplishing their intended purpose, which is to be used for Masonic Education in Stated Communications, Masonic Discussion Groups, in newsletters and web sites, by Lodges and Grand Lodges. The e-publication of T.F.S. is primarily written by me, but Brothers Elliott Saxton and L.C. Addison contribute papers from time to time for inclusion in T.F.S. Occasionally there are other Masons who will also contribute a paper, and I will include theirs in either T.F.S. or More Light. Those who would like to contribute a paper for possible publication, or to receive a free subscription to these e-publications, need only send an email to [erhmasonic@gmail.com](mailto:erhmasonic@gmail.com) with either 'contribution' or 'subscribe' in the subject line, and their email address will be added to the list to receive the publications, and / or I will write to them about their contribution.

The Masonic Question Box is a program to answer individual questions on anything regarding Freemasonry. No question is too large or small, to simple or complex. As a one clergyman and friend of mine says about his Q&A program; 'If you want your questions answered, or maybe your answers questioned come to our question and answer discussion group.' Well, we don't have a face to face discussion group, but we do have an electronic one, (see above about our Face Book group) and our Question Box program. Through these programs we will answer your questions, and maybe question your answers.' So, if you have a question you would like answered, or if you have an answer that you wonder is the correct answer, the 'Question Box' of the Grand Lodge Education Committee is the place to go for further information. We do our level best to provide the questioner with the right answer and the documentation to show where the answer can be substantiated. Our goal is to help the Masons of Minnesota enjoy Masonry more by clearing up anything on Freemasonry they may be wondering about. It seems it can become frustrating to have a question that does not get answered, and that is what the Question Box is for - to get the answers to your questions. Anyone who wants to get a question answered, please just send an email with your question to; [erhmasonic@gmail.com](mailto:erhmasonic@gmail.com) or by phone at 763-552-0466 or by mail c/o the Grand Lodge office at 11501 Masonic Home Drive Bloomington, MN 55437 and one of us on the Education Committee will help with the answer.

The Masonic Speaker's Bureau is still in-tact and operating, however, it seems to be one of our lesser known programs. There are a number of very qualified and well known Masons who are willing to come to Lodges to speak on Masonic Topics. If you would like to have someone come to your Lodge or other Masonic function to present a talk just contact me at [erhmasonic@gmail.com](mailto:erhmasonic@gmail.com) and I will assist you by helping you find a speaker.

In conjunction with the Question Box we have another fine place to go to for posting questions and receiving answers, which is the Lodge Builder Web Site at: <http://www.lodgebuilder.org> this web site is courtesy of M.W. Brother Tom Jackson and it is a fine site to go to for information. Brother Tom has given our Grand Lodge Education Committee a forum where members of the site (it's super easy to register and become a member) can post questions, and answers to questions. In addition our Masonic Monday Questions and answers are also posted there. So, there are a good number of ways our Grand Lodge and Minnesota Masons help Freemasons in the study and enjoyment of Freemasonry by the use of a computer.

The Education Committee is also exploring, and looking for other areas to be of more service to the Masons of Minnesota. When a new useful program is ready to be launched it will be publicized to the Masons of Minnesota in the Minnesota Mason newspaper as well as through our e-publications. If you have an idea for an education program we might explore for the betterment of Freemasonry, we would appreciate hearing about it; ideas to improve the delivery of Masonic Education are always welcome and eagerly anticipated. Please send your ideas to [erhmasonic@gmail.com](mailto:erhmasonic@gmail.com)

If you feel that you would like to be on our Grand Lodge Education Committee and have something to contribute to the benefit of Minnesota Masonry please contact me, so we can talk. You can contact me by phone or email: 763-552-0466 [erhmasonic@gmail.com](mailto:erhmasonic@gmail.com) That's one of the very good things about Freemasonry: With all of the committees within the Lodges and Grand Lodges, with all of the work that needs to be done throughout our Craft, there is plenty of room for Masons to become involved through volunteering.

Finally, the Education Committee would appreciate being put on the distribution list for Lodge Newsletters. If your distribution list for your Lodge newsletter is for email distribution, please add [masonicmonday@gmail.com](mailto:masonicmonday@gmail.com) to your distribution list. If your Lodge sends out your Lodge newsletter by U.S. Mail please mail it to; Education Committee C/O Ed Halpaus - 612 McLean Street - Mora, MN 55051 - I will say that receiving newsletters by email is preferred; emailing them is a lot easier on the Lodge finances than using regular mail.

The programs of our Education Committee are doing well and they are a positive influence for Freemasonry.

**"Masonic Education: Life Improvement"**

Respectfully submitted, Edward R. Halpaus,  
Grand Lodge Education Officer

**REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**  
**March 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010**

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Minnesota:

It is my pleasure and duty to present the annual report of the Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2010.

**PROCEEDINGS, COMMUNICATIONS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.**

The Annual Proceedings of the 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota are being distributed by e-mail, by CD-ROM and made available on the Grand Lodge of Minnesota website. Contained within the 2009 Proceedings are the required tables and photograph of the presiding Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas C. Jackson. Commissions have been issued as necessary since the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge with the direction of M. W. Brother Thomas G. McCarthy.

There were four Occasional Communications of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota this past year, on August 27, 2009; October 10, 2009; October 24, 2009; and January 23, 2010. All are highlighted in the report of the Board of Corporate Trustees.

**RETURNS**

There were 159 Chartered Lodges on the rolls March 1, 2009. There were two mergers lodge merger over the course of the past year, Bloomington Lodge No. 340 being merged into Minnehaha Lodge No. 165 and Paul Revere Lodge No. 321 being merged into Templar Lodge No. 176. we also chartered two new lodges at the 156th Annual Communication, Sir Winston Churchill No. 351 and General Douglas MacArthur No. 352. There are presently 159 Chartered Lodges on the rolls as of February 28, 2010.

Annual Returns were received from all Chartered Lodges on time or within a reasonable period thereafter with the exception of the following eight Lodges who still have not sent in their reports for 2009: Star in the West Lodge No. 60, Sauk Centre; Star Lodge No. 62, Rockford (now with two past due returns); Paynesville Lodge No. 71, Paynesville; Mt. Tabor Lodge No. 106, Detroit Lakes (per capita is paid); Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 133, Morris (report filed for 2009 but per capita due for 2008 and 2009); Nelson Lodge No. 135, Buffalo; Chisago Lodge No. 232, North Branch; and Cuyuna Range Lodge No. 276, Crosby. We have a relatively short period of time (25 days this year) between the end of the Grand Lodge fiscal year on February 28th and the Annual Communication to prepare for the Annual Communication. It can create a serious burden on the Grand Lodge office when the Annual Returns (which are due annually on January 15th) are late and/or incomplete. Much more importantly, we appreciate and sincerely thank those Lodges and Secretaries who, year-in and year-out, file their returns promptly as required by the Code.

**MEMBERSHIP RECAPITULATION**

Membership as of December 31, 2008 (as corrected).....	15,781
Raised.....	393
Joined.....	554
Restored.....	39
	<u>Total Gains 986</u>
	Subtotal ..... 16,767
Withdrawn.....	636
Stricken.....	408
Suspended.....	0
Deceased.....	541
	<u>Total Losses 1,585</u>
Net Membership December 31, 2009 (unadjusted) .....	15,182

The membership figures show a 3.80% net loss for the year, 599 Masons. The two large mergers this year do tend to exaggerate the joined and withdrawn numbers.

## **BOND AND INSURANCE**

The Grand Lodge has arranged through the Praetorian Insurance Corporation, to provide Public Liability, Building Liability, Medical Payment, Employee Dishonesty, Paraphernalia, the Grand Master's jewel and Contents Coverages for the Grand Lodge and all constituent Lodges that wished to participate. This group policy is issued in the name of the Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges as scheduled. The liability limit of the underlying policy is \$1,000,000 and that amount is doubled through an excess liability umbrella policy. Our group insurance policy is open to any Constituent Lodge wishing to participate and share in the group coverage expense. In addition to the above coverages, there is in effect coverage for Worker's Compensation through the SFM Companies. Directors and Officers liability coverage (\$2,000,000) is under a policy issued by the Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company covering Grand Lodge Directors and Officers.

## **FINANCIAL**

In the interest of time, I shall not review the entire financial schedule in detail. Detailed numerical reports of income and expense items and expenditures and income versus budgeted amounts can be viewed on the following pages. The Grand Treasurer's Report covers the fund balances, and we are both in agreement as to our asset values. The annual certified audit of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota takes place every May and the auditor's report will be available for the asking from the Grand Lodge office and a summary printed in the Grand Lodge Proceedings. You can be assured that the general operating expenses of your Grand Lodge are watched very carefully. We are here to manage the funds that have been entrusted to our care, and we hope that we have been of the best possible service to you.

## **VISITATIONS**

As Grand Secretary, I have had the opportunity to visit numerous areas of the state to share in a wide variety of Masonic activities. While I am unable to make every event, I do try to share in the activities of your Lodge when I can.

## **GRAND LODGE OFFICE**

The office of Grand Secretary is an administrative position in which supportive service is rendered to the Officers and Brethren of Constituent Lodges, the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Boards, District Representatives and Custodians, as well as other Jurisdictions and Appendant Bodies.

The office is generally a busy place. I extend my sincere thanks to my coworker, W. Brother Gary Odegard, for his hard work and cheerful cooperation with all of the duties he handles. Without Gary assisting me with the myriad of duties comprising the Grand Secretary's position, the work could not have been completed in a timely manner.

It has been my distinct pleasure to have served the Masons of Minnesota as your Grand Secretary again this past year. Each year it is my distinct pleasure to work closely with the Grand Master. Developing a close, working relationship with the Grand Master is one of the joys of my office. I have had a very enjoyable year working with Grand Master Thomas G. McCarthy and I wish him all the best as he enjoys just a bit of time back with his family.

The office of Grand Secretary is an extremely important one to the Masons of Minnesota and that fact drives my conduct daily. For me, working for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota is more than employment and I sincerely appreciate the distinct honor it is to serve as your Grand Secretary. To the the 15,183 members of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Constituent Lodges, it has been an honor to again serve as your Grand Secretary, and I thank you for the trust and confidence you have shown in me by electing me to this office.

Fraternally submitted,  
Douglas Campbell, Grand Secretary

**The Grand Lodge of Minnesota  
Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual  
March 2009 through February 2010**

	<u>Mar '09 - Feb '10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bud...</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Annual Per Capita Fees	457,218.00	456,750.00	468.00	100.1%
Insurance Income & Reimburse.	41,188.43	43,000.00	-1,811.57	95.8%
Interest Income	717.73	6,000.00	-5,282.27	12.0%
Meal Sales - Annual Comm.	33,709.80	38,000.00	-4,290.20	88.7%
MN Mason Newspaper Income	9,280.03	9,900.00	-619.97	93.7%
<b>Miscellaneous Income Items</b>				
Masonic Light Income	140.00			
Miscellaneous Income	665.78	300.00	365.78	221.9%
Postage Income and Reimburse.	3,940.33	2,500.00	1,440.33	157.6%
Sales - Dues Cards	2,784.12	2,000.00	784.12	139.2%
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income Items</b>	<u>7,530.23</u>	<u>4,800.00</u>	<u>2,730.23</u>	<u>156.9%</u>
<b>Miscellaneous Items Sold</b>				
Bookstore	6,239.25	9,000.00	-2,760.75	69.3%
Ciphers, Codes, Manuals, Quest Forms and Misc Supplies	9,831.10	6,000.00	3,831.10	163.9%
Pins, Buckles, Ties, Magnets	1,010.50	500.00	510.50	202.1%
	7,377.32	5,200.00	2,177.32	141.9%
<b>Total Miscellaneous Items Sold</b>	<u>24,458.17</u>	<u>20,700.00</u>	<u>3,758.17</u>	<u>118.2%</u>
Raising Fees	2,795.00	2,400.00	395.00	116.5%
<b>Special Events Income</b>				
Arizona Reunion	900.00	500.00	400.00	180.0%
One Day to Masonry Meals	1,563.00	1,500.00	63.00	104.2%
One Day to Masonry Petitioners	9,900.00	17,500.00	-7,600.00	56.6%
<b>Total Special Events Income</b>	<u>12,363.00</u>	<u>19,500.00</u>	<u>-7,137.00</u>	<u>63.4%</u>
Special Services Income	10,046.50	9,000.00	1,046.50	111.6%
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>599,306.89</u>	<u>610,050.00</u>	<u>-10,743.11</u>	<u>98.2%</u>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>				
Cost of Goods Sold	16,328.31	17,000.00	-671.69	96.0%
<b>Total COGS</b>	<u>16,328.31</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>-671.69</u>	<u>96.0%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<u>582,978.58</u>	<u>593,050.00</u>	<u>-10,071.42</u>	<u>98.3%</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Section 1 - Allocated Per Capit</b>				
Benevolence Fund Allocation	1,575.00	1,575.00	0.00	100.0%
GWNMM .25 Allocation	3,932.50	3,937.50	-5.00	99.9%
Benev. - Help, Aide & Assist	39,375.00	39,375.00	0.00	100.0%
Raising Fees Allocation	2,699.00	2,400.00	299.00	112.5%
<b>Total Section 1 - Allocated Per Capit</b>	<u>47,581.50</u>	<u>47,287.50</u>	<u>294.00</u>	<u>100.6%</u>
<b>Section 2 - Annual Comm. Expens</b>				
Distinguished Guests' Expense	9,503.50	10,000.00	-496.50	95.0%
Facilities	3,798.79	4,000.00	-201.21	95.0%
Payroll - Mileage and Per Diem	25,324.50	30,000.00	-4,675.50	84.4%
Meal Expenses	32,180.84	38,000.00	-5,819.16	84.7%
Misc. Expenses and Awards	4,692.53	5,000.00	-307.47	93.9%
Printing - Annual communication	3,716.31	3,800.00	-83.69	97.8%

	<u>Mar '09 - Feb '10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bud...</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Total Section 2 - Annual Comm. Exp...</b>	79,216.47	90,800.00	-11,583.53	87.2%
<b>Section 3 - Special Meetings</b>				
Area Conferences	0.00	2,400.00	-2,400.00	0.0%
Grand Lodge Officers' Meetings	10,476.46	7,500.00	2,976.46	139.7%
<b>Total Section 3 - Special Meetings</b>	10,476.46	9,900.00	576.46	105.8%
<b>Section 4 - GLO &amp; DR Expenses</b>				
Grand Master's Exp. Allowance	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Visits Approved by the GM	17,462.50	11,000.00	6,462.50	158.8%
Officers' Aprons Collars Jewel	1,198.00	2,500.00	-1,302.00	47.9%
GL Officer Misc Expense	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
District Rep Collars & Jewels	123.50	1,700.00	-1,576.50	7.3%
District Representative Visits	16,857.60	12,000.00	4,857.60	140.5%
<b>Total Section 4 - GLO &amp; DR Expenses</b>	63,641.60	57,200.00	6,441.60	111.3%
<b>Section 5 - Cust Monitor Trial</b>				
Custodians, Monitors Expenses	738.66	2,600.00	-1,861.34	28.4%
Custodian Collar Apron Jewels	1,340.00	500.00	840.00	268.0%
Trial Commission Expenses	1,463.80			
<b>Total Section 5 - Cust Monitor Trial</b>	3,542.46	3,100.00	442.46	114.3%
<b>Section 6 - Grand Lodge Office</b>				
Bank Service Charges	96.75	240.00	-143.25	40.3%
Audit Expense	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Capital Equipment	483.88	5,000.00	-4,516.12	9.7%
Credit Card Acceptance Fees	1,062.13	800.00	262.13	132.8%
Grand Lodge Office Employee Exp				
Grand Treasurer's Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	100.0%
Employee Benefits	24,096.72	24,140.56	-43.84	99.8%
GL Office Payroll Expense	129,202.56	129,310.24	-107.68	99.9%
Social Security & Unemploy. Tax	10,443.08	10,444.96	-1.88	100.0%
<b>Total Grand Lodge Office Employee...</b>	165,542.36	165,695.76	-153.40	99.9%
Insurance and Bond Premiums	48,419.16	52,000.00	-3,580.84	93.1%
Investment Fees & Charges	19,556.90	24,000.00	-4,443.10	81.5%
Maintenance Office Equipment	288.79	1,000.00	-711.21	28.9%
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,690.91	4,200.00	1,490.91	135.5%
Office Supplies	1,516.69	2,500.00	-983.31	60.7%
Postage Expenses	8,504.09	8,000.00	504.09	106.3%
Printing & Stationery	3,904.91	3,000.00	904.91	130.2%
Rent Expense	16,828.08	17,028.99	-200.91	98.8%
Telephone and Long Distance	3,105.56	3,000.00	105.56	103.5%
Travel Expense	2,219.39	2,000.00	219.39	111.0%
<b>Total Section 6 - Grand Lodge Office</b>	283,219.60	294,464.75	-11,245.15	96.2%
<b>Section 7 - Committee Expenses</b>				
Masonic Education				
Leadership & Training	6,634.12	15,000.00	-8,365.88	44.2%
Mentor Program	2,893.05	3,000.00	-106.95	96.4%
Misc Education Expense (NOS)	4,040.18	3,000.00	1,040.18	134.7%
<b>Total Masonic Education</b>	13,567.35	21,000.00	-7,432.65	64.6%

	<u>Mar '09 - Feb '10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bud...</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Membership</b>				
<b>Grand Master's Table &amp; Reunions</b>	1,135.95	1,000.00	135.95	113.6%
<b>One Day to Masonry</b>	7,999.64	11,000.00	-3,000.36	72.7%
<b>Total Membership</b>	9,135.59	12,000.00	-2,864.41	76.1%
<b>Misc. Committee Exp</b>	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total Section 7 - Committee Expenses</b>	22,702.94	36,000.00	-13,297.06	63.1%
<b>Section 8 - Publications</b>				
<b>E-Masonry - Web Site</b>	7,252.43	10,000.00	-2,747.57	72.5%
<b>List of Lodges Masonic</b>	1,017.92	1,050.00	-32.08	96.9%
<b>Minnesota Mason Newspaper Exp</b>	33,654.09	40,500.00	-6,845.91	83.1%
<b>Distribute Annual Proceedings</b>	250.00	1,000.00	-750.00	25.0%
<b>Total Section 8 - Publications</b>	42,174.44	52,550.00	-10,375.56	80.3%
<b>Section 9 - Issues</b>				
<b>50 Year Pins</b>	1,634.73	3,400.00	-1,765.27	48.1%
<b>Refunds Paid</b>	9,220.50	8,000.00	1,220.50	115.3%
<b>Kids ID Program</b>	2,774.10			
<b>Total Section 9 - Issues</b>	13,629.33	11,400.00	2,229.33	119.6%
<b>Section 10 - Public Relations</b>				
<b>PR, Radio, Newspaper, Brochures</b>	679.16	2,000.00	-1,320.84	34.0%
<b>Special Events</b>	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
<b>State Fair</b>	7,950.53	10,000.00	-2,049.47	79.5%
<b>Total Section 10 - Public Relations</b>	8,629.69	13,000.00	-4,370.31	66.4%
<b>Section 11 - Annual Memberships</b>				
<b>Commission on Recognition</b>	50.00	50.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>N. Am. Conf. of Grand Masters</b>	250.00	250.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>N. Am Conf of Grand Sec.</b>	0.00	110.00	-110.00	0.0%
<b>Masonic Service Assoc. (MSA)</b>	975.72	1,000.00	-24.28	97.6%
<b>Masonic Relief Assoc. (MSB)</b>	197.28	200.00	-2.72	98.6%
<b>MW Conference on Masonic Ed.</b>	0.00	282.00	-282.00	0.0%
<b>Total Section 11 - Annual Membershi...</b>	1,473.00	1,892.00	-419.00	77.9%
<b>Total Expense</b>	576,287.49	617,594.25	-41,306.76	93.3%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	6,691.09	-24,544.25	31,235.34	-27.3%
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>6,691.09</b>	<b>-24,544.25</b>	<b>31,235.34</b>	<b>-27.3%</b>

**The Grand Lodge of Minnesota  
Profit and Loss Prev Year Comparison  
March 2009 through February 2010**

	<u>Mar '09 - Feb '10</u>	<u>Mar '08 - Feb '09</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Chan...</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Annual Per Capita Fees	457,218.00	471,231.00	-14,013.00	-3.0%
Insurance Income & Reimburse.	41,188.43	42,813.07	-1,624.64	-3.8%
Interest Income	717.73	6,343.46	-5,625.73	-88.7%
Meal Sales - Annual Comm.	33,709.80	38,299.27	-4,589.47	-12.0%
MN Mason Newspaper Income	9,280.03	11,699.29	-2,419.26	-20.7%
<b>Miscellaneous Income Items</b>				
Masonic Light Income	140.00	0.00	140.00	100.0%
Miscellaneous Income	665.78	856.88	-191.10	-22.3%
Postage Income and Reimburse.	3,940.33	1,982.18	1,958.15	98.8%
Sales - Dues Cards	2,784.12	3,117.00	-332.88	-10.7%
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income Items</b>	<u>7,530.23</u>	<u>5,956.06</u>	<u>1,574.17</u>	<u>26.4%</u>
<b>Miscellaneous Items Sold</b>				
Bookstore	6,239.25	7,624.03	-1,384.78	-18.2%
Care Bear Income	0.00	324.00	-324.00	-100.0%
Ciphers, Codes, Manuals, Quest	9,831.10	7,680.00	2,151.10	28.0%
Forms and Misc Supplies	1,010.50	846.42	164.08	19.4%
Pins, Buckles, Ties, Magnets	7,377.32	6,526.13	851.19	13.0%
<b>Total Miscellaneous Items Sold</b>	<u>24,458.17</u>	<u>23,000.58</u>	<u>1,457.59</u>	<u>6.3%</u>
Raising Fees	2,795.00	2,920.00	-125.00	-4.3%
<b>Special Events Income</b>				
Arizona Reunion	900.00	1,050.00	-150.00	-14.3%
One Day to Masonry Meals	1,563.00	1,560.00	3.00	0.2%
One Day to Masonry Petitioners	9,900.00	12,885.00	-2,985.00	-23.2%
<b>Total Special Events Income</b>	<u>12,363.00</u>	<u>15,495.00</u>	<u>-3,132.00</u>	<u>-20.2%</u>
Special Services Income	10,046.50	10,316.00	-269.50	-2.6%
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>599,306.89</u>	<u>628,073.73</u>	<u>-28,766.84</u>	<u>-4.6%</u>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>				
Cost of Goods Sold	16,328.31	14,649.42	1,678.89	11.5%
<b>Total COGS</b>	<u>16,328.31</u>	<u>14,649.42</u>	<u>1,678.89</u>	<u>11.5%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<u>582,978.58</u>	<u>613,424.31</u>	<u>-30,445.73</u>	<u>-5.0%</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Section 1 - Allocated Per Capit</b>				
Benevolence Fund Allocation	1,575.00	1,625.00	-50.00	-3.1%
GWNMM .25 Allocation	3,932.50	4,068.00	-135.50	-3.3%
Benev. - Help, Aide & Assist	39,375.00	40,625.00	-1,250.00	-3.1%
Raising Fees Allocation	2,699.00	2,912.00	-213.00	-7.3%
<b>Total Section 1 - Allocated Per Capit</b>	<u>47,581.50</u>	<u>49,230.00</u>	<u>-1,648.50</u>	<u>-3.4%</u>
<b>Section 2 - Annual Comm. Expens</b>				
Distinguished Guests' Expense	9,503.50	10,366.63	-863.13	-8.3%
Facilities	3,798.79	2,692.98	1,105.81	41.1%
Payroll - Mileage and Per Diem	25,324.50	30,531.80	-5,207.30	-17.1%
Meal Expenses	32,180.84	36,613.77	-4,432.93	-12.1%
Misc. Expenses and Awards	4,692.53	4,157.13	535.40	12.9%
Printing - Annual communication	3,716.31	3,480.86	235.45	6.8%

	<u>Mar '09 - Feb '10</u>	<u>Mar '08 - Feb '09</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Chan...</u>
<b>Total Section 2 - Annual Comm. Exp...</b>	79,216.47	87,843.17	-8,626.70	-9.8%
<b>Section 3 - Special Meetings</b>				
<b>Grand Lodge Officers' Meetings</b>	10,476.46	11,064.73	-588.27	-5.3%
<b>Total Section 3 - Special Meetings</b>	10,476.46	11,064.73	-588.27	-5.3%
<b>Section 4 - GLO &amp; DR Expenses</b>				
<b>Grand Master's Exp. Allowance</b>	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Visits Approved by the GM</b>	17,462.50	16,670.06	792.44	4.8%
<b>Officers' Aprons Collars Jewel</b>	1,198.00	3,262.00	-2,064.00	-63.3%
<b>District Rep Collars &amp; Jewels</b>	123.50	1,813.50	-1,690.00	-93.2%
<b>District Representative Visits</b>	16,857.60	9,615.63	7,241.97	75.3%
<b>Fraternal Development</b>				
<b>Contractual Fee</b>	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	-100.0%
<b>Travel &amp; Expenses</b>	0.00	505.56	-505.56	-100.0%
<b>Total Fraternal Development</b>	0.00	5,505.56	-5,505.56	-100.0%
<b>Total Section 4 - GLO &amp; DR Expenses</b>	63,641.60	64,866.75	-1,225.15	-1.9%
<b>Section 5 - Cust Monitor Trial</b>				
<b>Custodians, Monitors Expenses</b>	738.66	1,315.18	-576.52	-43.8%
<b>Custodian Collar Apron Jewels</b>	1,340.00	67.50	1,272.50	1,885.2%
<b>Trial Commission Expenses</b>	1,463.80	0.00	1,463.80	100.0%
<b>Total Section 5 - Cust Monitor Trial</b>	3,542.46	1,382.68	2,159.78	156.2%
<b>Section 6 - Grand Lodge Office</b>				
<b>Bank Service Charges</b>	96.75	101.55	-4.80	-4.7%
<b>Audit Expense</b>	6,000.00	5,500.00	500.00	9.1%
<b>Capital Equipment</b>	483.88	2,491.79	-2,007.91	-80.6%
<b>Credit Card Acceptance Fees</b>	1,062.13	769.82	292.31	38.0%
<b>Grand Lodge Office Employee Exp</b>				
<b>Grand Treasurer's Salary</b>	1,800.00	3,345.00	-1,545.00	-46.2%
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	24,096.72	23,422.88	673.84	2.9%
<b>GL Office Payroll Expense</b>	129,202.56	128,970.56	232.00	0.2%
<b>Social Security &amp; Unemploy. Tax</b>	10,443.08	12,218.13	-1,775.05	-14.5%
<b>Total Grand Lodge Office Employee...</b>	165,542.36	167,956.57	-2,414.21	-1.4%
<b>Insurance and Bond Premiums</b>	48,419.16	51,220.26	-2,801.10	-5.5%
<b>Investment Fees &amp; Charges</b>	19,556.90	22,114.15	-2,557.25	-11.6%
<b>Maintenance Office Equipment</b>	288.79	226.01	62.78	27.8%
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	5,690.91	4,880.44	810.47	16.6%
<b>Office Supplies</b>	1,516.69	845.46	671.23	79.4%
<b>Postage Expenses</b>	8,504.09	8,409.12	94.97	1.1%
<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>	3,904.91	2,827.29	1,077.62	38.1%
<b>Rent Expense</b>	16,828.08	16,212.00	616.08	3.8%
<b>Telephone and Long Distance</b>	3,105.56	2,699.92	405.64	15.0%
<b>Travel Expense</b>	2,219.39	1,942.31	277.08	14.3%
<b>Total Section 6 - Grand Lodge Office</b>	283,219.60	288,196.69	-4,977.09	-1.7%
<b>Section 7 - Committee Expenses</b>				
<b>Masonic Education</b>				
<b>Leadership &amp; Training</b>	6,634.12	17,441.67	-10,807.55	-62.0%
<b>Mentor Program</b>	2,893.05	3,741.68	-848.63	-22.7%

	<u>Mar '09 - Feb '10</u>	<u>Mar '08 - Feb '09</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Chan...</u>
<b>Misc Education Expense (NOS)</b>	4,040.18	3,297.29	742.89	22.5%
<b>Total Masonic Education</b>	13,567.35	24,480.64	-10,913.29	-44.6%
<b>Membership</b>				
<b>Grand Master's Table &amp; Reunions</b>	1,135.95	1,163.05	-27.10	-2.3%
<b>Membership Meeting Expenses</b>	0.00	21.00	-21.00	-100.0%
<b>One Day to Masonry</b>	7,999.64	10,242.16	-2,242.52	-21.9%
<b>Total Membership</b>	9,135.59	11,426.21	-2,290.62	-20.1%
<b>Misc. Committee Exp</b>	0.00	816.05	-816.05	-100.0%
<b>Total Section 7 - Committee Expenses</b>	22,702.94	36,722.90	-14,019.96	-38.2%
<b>Section 8 - Publications</b>				
<b>E-Masonry - Web Site</b>	7,252.43	1,096.65	6,155.78	561.3%
<b>List of Lodges Masonic</b>	1,017.92	1,021.01	-3.09	-0.3%
<b>Minnesota Mason Newspaper Exp</b>	33,654.09	43,205.09	-9,551.00	-22.1%
<b>Distribute Annual Proceedings</b>	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.0%
<b>Total Section 8 - Publications</b>	42,174.44	45,322.75	-3,148.31	-7.0%
<b>Section 9 - Issues</b>				
<b>50 Year Pins</b>	1,634.73	796.12	838.61	105.3%
<b>Refunds Paid</b>	9,220.50	3,178.25	6,042.25	190.1%
<b>Kids ID Program</b>	2,774.10	0.00	2,774.10	100.0%
<b>Total Section 9 - Issues</b>	13,629.33	3,974.37	9,654.96	242.9%
<b>Section 10 - Public Relations</b>				
<b>Care Bear Expenses</b>	0.00	324.00	-324.00	-100.0%
<b>PR, Radio, Newspaper, Brochures</b>	679.16	565.00	114.16	20.2%
<b>Special Events</b>	0.00	795.00	-795.00	-100.0%
<b>State Fair</b>	7,950.53	9,794.26	-1,843.73	-18.8%
<b>Total Section 10 - Public Relations</b>	8,629.69	11,478.26	-2,848.57	-24.8%
<b>Section 11 - Annual Memberships</b>				
<b>Commission on Recognition</b>	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>N. Am. Conf. of Grand Masters</b>	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>N. Am Conf of Grand Sec.</b>	0.00	110.00	-110.00	-100.0%
<b>Masonic Service Assoc. (MSA)</b>	975.72	1,007.10	-31.38	-3.1%
<b>Masonic Relief Assoc. (MSB)</b>	197.28	203.39	-6.11	-3.0%
<b>MW Conference on Masonic Ed.</b>	0.00	282.00	-282.00	-100.0%
<b>Total Section 11 - Annual Membershi...</b>	1,473.00	1,902.49	-429.49	-22.6%
<b>Total Expense</b>	576,287.49	601,984.79	-25,697.30	-4.3%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	6,691.09	11,439.52	-4,748.43	-41.5%
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>6,691.09</b>	<b>11,439.52</b>	<b>-4,748.43</b>	<b>-41.5%</b>

**GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENCE FUND**  
**Profit and Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
 March 2009 through February 2010

	Mar '09 - Feb ...	Mar '08 - Feb ...	\$ Change	% Cha...
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Help, Aide & Assist Income	39,049.75	41,838.00	-2,788.25	-6.7%
Allocated GL Funds	2,924.50	3,081.00	-156.50	-5.1%
Interest Income	12,095.72	17,455.69	-5,359.97	-30.7%
Cap. Gains, Losses & Inv Inc...	110,147.39	-140,960.80	251,108.19	178.1%
Benev Fund Donations Rec'd	650.00	200.00	450.00	225.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>164,867.36</u>	<u>-78,386.11</u>	<u>243,253.47</u>	<u>310.3%</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
Help, Aide & Assist Expense	7,659.50	38,445.91	-30,786.41	-80.1%
DeMolay Organization	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	-100.0%
Job's Daughters	4,500.00	7,500.00	-3,000.00	-40.0%
KidsID Expense	24,592.04	4,413.01	20,179.03	457.3%
Other Donations Made	0.00	343,760.84	-343,760.84	-100.0%
Retirement Benefits	10,398.60	10,398.60	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>47,150.14</u>	<u>410,518.36</u>	<u>-363,368.22</u>	<u>-88.5%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>117,717.22</u>	<u>-488,904.47</u>	<u>606,621.69</u>	<u>124.1%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>117,717.22</u></u>	<u><u>-488,904.47</u></u>	<u><u>606,621.69</u></u>	<u><u>124.1%</u></u>

**GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENCE FUND**  
**Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 March 2009 through February 2010

	Mar '09 - Feb '10	Budget	\$ Over Bu...	% of Bud...
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Help, Aide & Assist Income	39,049.75	39,375.00	-325.25	99.2%
Allocated GL Funds	2,924.50	2,775.00	149.50	105.4%
Interest Income	12,095.72	12,000.00	95.72	100.8%
Cap. Gains, Losses & Inv Inc...	110,147.39	24,000.00	86,147.39	458.9%
Benev Fund Donations Rec'd	650.00			
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>164,867.36</u>	<u>78,150.00</u>	<u>86,717.36</u>	<u>211.0%</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
Help, Aide & Assist Expense	7,659.50			
DeMolay Organization	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
Job's Daughters	4,500.00	6,000.00	-1,500.00	75.0%
KidsID Expense	24,592.04			
Retirement Benefits	10,398.60	10,398.60	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>47,150.14</u>	<u>22,398.60</u>	<u>24,751.54</u>	<u>210.5%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>117,717.22</u>	<u>55,751.40</u>	<u>61,965.82</u>	<u>211.1%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>117,717.22</u></u>	<u><u>55,751.40</u></u>	<u><u>61,965.82</u></u>	<u><u>211.1%</u></u>

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Minnesota:

This past year we saw a significant recovery in our investments. At the end of February, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was at about 10,000 compared to about 7,000 in 2009. This is still lower than the 12,000 at the end of our 2008 fiscal year.

At the fiscal year end, our funds totaled \$5,033,695. The allocation of funds at the end of the past two fiscal years were:

Fiscal Yr End	Cash and Equivalents	Fixed Income	Equity Investments	Other
2/28/2010	15.3%	22.9%	58.1%	3.7%
2/28/2009	21.0%	27.6%	48.4%	3.0%

The change in the allocations from the prior year was due primarily to the increases in market value of tradable investments. Funds are also diversified across different market segments within the fixed income and equity investments to further reduce risk of losses and are managed as a long-term investment.

Overall, our funds had a gain of 36.4% this past fiscal year, exceeding capital losses and fees by \$1,232,934 compared to \$1,584,740 of losses in 2009. As a measure of our investment performance, we benchmark our results to the S&P 500 index for equities and the Barclays Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index for fixed income investments. Our equity investments for the fiscal year were above the S&P 500 index, returning 60.7% compared to the index return of 53.6%. Our fixed income investments were below the benchmark index, returning only 4.4% compared to the index return of 9.1%.

The reserve fund performed well this year, having realized and unrealized capital gains exceeding losses by over \$806,110 and earning an additional \$120,792 in investment income, net of fees. The operations of the Grand Lodge have been able to continue without accessing any of the balances in the reserve fund except for funding of the prepaid dues account.

For the second year in a row the Board of Corporate Trustees authorized the use of over \$115,500 from the reserve fund to cover annual life membership payments made from the prepaid dues fund. The prepaid dues account had investment income of \$163,000 in fiscal year ended February 28, 2010, recovering a significant amount of the losses incurred in fiscal year 2009. But the fund is still about \$35,000 less than its balance at February 28, 2007. The prepaid dues fund had an investment return of 39.5%, significantly above a more typical return for a fund of this type. The balance in the fund is still not enough to produce the level of income to sustain the required disbursements from the fund. An actuarial study was completed this past year recommending that the rates being charged for life memberships be increased. Eventually these increases should allow the fund to become self-sustaining. In the immediate future, additional support from the reserve fund will probably be needed.

With the exception of the prepaid dues fund, the financial situation of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota is quite sound and returns of the reserve fund are more than adequate to cover the current prepaid dues fund shortage. Since its inception in 1993, the reserve fund has grown from of \$604,495 to \$3,224,425.

Fraternally submitted,  
Brent L. Metcalf, Grand Treasurer

# REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2010

## GENERAL FUND 3/1/2009 - 2/28/2010

Balance (Checking and Investments) 2/28/2009		\$454,335.15
Receipts:		
Deposits from Grand Secretary	\$595,710.67	
Investment Income	<u>\$717.73</u>	
	Total Receipts	\$596,428.40
Disbursements:		
Checks Written	\$552,721.71	
Voided Checks	\$0.00	
Transfer - To Reserve Fund	\$1,349.50	
Transfer - To Benevolence Fund	\$42,299.50	
Bank Charges and Credit Card Fees - Checking	\$1,153.88	
Bank Investment Fees All Funds	<u>\$19,556.90</u>	
	Total Disbursements	<u>\$617,081.49</u>
	FUND TOTAL 2/28/2009	\$433,682.06
Assets Represented by:		
Wells Fargo Checking Account Balance 2/28/2010	\$30,780.71	
Wells Fargo Savings Account	\$1,007.77	
Wells Fargo Money Market Fund	<u>\$401,893.58</u>	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND 2/28/2010	\$433,682.06

## RESERVE FUND 3/1/2009 - 2/28/2010

Balance (Investments) 2/28/2009		\$2,411,757.05
Receipts:		
Investment Income Earned	\$120,791.99	
Capital Gains Net of Any Capital Losses	\$806,110.09	
Transfer - From General Fund	\$0.00	
Transfer - From General Fund (raising fees allocation)	<u>\$1,349.50</u>	
	Total Receipts	\$928,251.58
Disbursements:		
Transfer - To General Fund	\$0.00	
Transfer - To Prepaid Dues Fund	<u>\$115,583.29</u>	
	Total Disbursements	<u>\$115,583.29</u>
	FUND TOTAL 2/28/2010	\$3,224,425.34
Assets Represented by:		
Wells Fargo Money Market Fund	\$21,016.16	
Wells Fargo Alternative Investments	\$92,746.40	
Wells Fargo Bond Funds	\$890,212.23	
Wells Fargo Stock Funds	<u>\$2,220,450.55</u>	
	TOTAL RESERVE FUND 2/28/2010	\$3,224,425.34

BENEVOLENCE FUND  
3/1/2009 - 2/28/2010

Balance 2/28/2009 (Includes Lodge Loans Receivables of \$29,732.66)		\$402,025.40
Balance Checking and Investments Only 2/28/2009		\$372,292.74
Receipts:		
Deposits from Grand Secretary	\$650.00	
Investment Income	\$10,362.05	
Capital Gains Net of Any Capital Losses	\$110,147.39	
Lodge Loan Receivables Principal (from Grand Secretary)	\$12,229.75	
Lodge Loan Interest Collected (from Grand Secretary)	\$1,733.67	
Per capita allocation .10 per member - From General Fund	\$1,575.00	
Help Aid & Assist Fund - From General Fund	\$39,375.00	
Transfer - From General Fund (raising fee allocation)	\$1,349.50	
	Total Receipts	\$177,422.36
Disbursements:		
New Lodge Loan Receivables	\$7,500.00	
Checks voided from prior periods	\$0.00	
Checks written (Excludes New Lodge Loan)	\$47,475.39	
	Total Disbursements	\$54,975.39
FUND TOTAL (excluding Lodge Loan Receivables) 2/28/2010		\$494,739.71
Assets Represented by:		
Wells Fargo Real Estate Investment	\$0.00	
Wells Fargo Alternative Investments	\$39,484.11	
Wells Fargo Money Market Fund	\$54,672.59	
Wells Fargo Stock Funds	\$255,642.51	
Wells Fargo Bond Funds	\$144,940.50	
	Total Checking and Investment Fund 2/28/2010	\$494,739.71
Principal Outstanding Lodge Loans:		
Clearwater Lodge #28	\$14,454.79	
Albert Pike Lodge #237	\$0.00	
Excelsior Lodge #113	\$6,731.60	
Constellation Lodge #81	\$3,816.52	
	Total Lodge Loans Outstanding 2/28/2010	\$25,002.91
	TOTAL BENEVOLENCE FUND 2/28/2010	\$519,742.62

COLONEL JAMES B. LADD MEMORIAL FUND  
3/1/2009 - 2/28/2010

Balance (Checking and Investments) 2/28/2009		\$61,118.17
Receipts:		
Deposits from Ladd Fund Trustees	\$179,460.86	
Investment Income	\$174.22	
	Total Receipts	\$179,635.08
Disbursements:		
Checks voided from prior periods	\$0.00	
Checks Written	\$79,332.00	
	Total Disbursements	\$79,332.00
	FUND TOTAL 2/28/2010	\$161,421.25
Assets Represented by:		
Wells Fargo Money Market Fund	\$161,421.25	
	TOTAL COLONEL JAMES B. LADD MEMORIAL FUND 2/28/2010	\$161,421.25

PREPAID DUES FUND  
3/1/2009 - 2/28/2010

Balance (Checking and Investments) 2/28/2009		\$455,991.90
Receipts:		
Deposits from Grand Secretary	\$53,801.44	
Transfer From Reserve Fund	\$115,583.29	
Investment Income	\$21,495.96	
Capital Gains Net of Any Capital Losses	\$163,134.63	
Total Receipts		\$354,015.32
Disbursements:		
Investment Charges for Prepaid Dues Fund	\$0.00	
Checks voided from prior periods	\$0.00	
Checks Written	\$115,583.29	
Total Disbursements		\$115,583.29
FUND TOTAL 2/28/2010		\$694,423.93
Assets Represented by:		
Wells Fargo Money Market Fund	\$96,263.17	
Wells Fargo Alternative Investments	\$27,575.83	
Wells Fargo Stock Funds	\$450,048.61	
Wells Fargo Bond Funds	\$120,536.32	
TOTAL PREPAID DUES FUND 2/28/2010		\$694,423.93

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT - ALL FUNDS  
3/1/2009 - 2/28/2010

Balance (Checking, Investments and Lodge Loan Receivables) 2/28/2009		\$3,785,227.67
Receipts:		
Investment Income	\$153,541.95	
Capital Gains Net of Any Capital Losses	\$1,079,392.11	
Deposits from Grand Secretary	\$650,162.11	
Lodge Loan Interest Collected (from Grand Secretary)	\$1,733.67	
Deposits from Ladd Fund Trustees	\$179,460.86	
Total Receipts		\$2,064,290.70
Disbursements:		
Checks Written	\$795,112.39	
Voided Checks	\$0.00	
Bank (Trust, Investment & Checking) Charges	\$20,710.78	
Total Disbursements		\$815,823.17
FUND TOTAL 2/28/2010		\$5,033,695.20
Assets Represented by:		
Wells Fargo Money Market Fund	\$735,266.75	
Various Wells Fargo Stock Funds	\$2,926,141.67	
Wells Fargo Bond Funds	\$1,155,689.05	
Wells Fargo Real Estate Investment	\$0.00	
Wells Fargo Alternative Investments	\$159,806.34	
Wells Fargo Savings Account	\$1,007.77	
Wells Fargo Checking Account Balances 2/8/2010	\$30,780.71	
Lodge Loans Receivable (Benevolence Fund)	\$25,002.91	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS 2/28/2010		\$5,033,695.20

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota

In accordance with the Standing Resolution adopted at the Annual Communication in 1955, presently coded as Section S1.08, it is with genuine pleasure that recognition be accorded the distinguished guest who has favored us with his attendance at this Annual Communication as well as at two previous communications of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and the Committee therefore is privileged to submit the names and nominate them as Honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

We have five new Honorary Members to recommend this year and are pleased to do so:

Most Worshipful Brother Ted Jones, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Manitoba;

Most Worshipful Brother Virgil D. Andersen, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of South Dakota:

Very Worshipful Brother Kent Pizzey, Past Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:

Worshipful Brother Gordon D. Kickbush, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon.

Right Worshipful Brother Pat Curran, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger J. Taylor, P.G.M., Chairman  
Charles Baltos, P.G.M.  
Warren K. Clark, P.G.M.  
Charles J. Luman, P.G.M.  
Philip G. Soderberg, P.G.M.

## **LODGE RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2008-2009**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota:

The Lodge Recognition Program was introduced in 2007 as a means for lodges to take an active role in gradually improving their lodges by using a criteria set out by four levels of achievement. These levels are:

- A. Lodge in Good Standing**
- B. Bronze**
- C. Silver**
- D. Gold**

Topics in each of the levels address membership, mentorship, lodge activity, community involvement, lodge education, ritual and degree competence. The District Representative is actively involved with each lodge to determine which level a lodge is presently at and assisting the lodge in planning the necessary steps to achieve a higher level. Upon accomplishment of a specific level, the lodge is recognized for their accomplishments.

Lodges that use this program in planning and implementing their calendar have proved to be more vital resulting in an increased number of raisings and higher member satisfaction.

As lodges become more familiar with this program, Area Deputies and District Representatives have also developed better reporting methods, which has improved the accountability and procedures necessary to maintain accurate reports. Procedures will soon be available to enable District Representatives to easily update reports on a monthly basis.

The Area Deputies have been collecting the Lodge results for 2009 and the results will be published as soon as they are available.

Fraternally submitted,  
David E. Olson  
Senior Grand Deacon

## REPORT OF MINNESOTA JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2009-2010

To the Grand Lodge and the Masons of Minnesota

I am happy to report that the Job's Daughters are doing quite well. We have decreased by seven members this year, which of course is a decrease, but we anticipated to decrease much more than that. The Bethels have been very active with all their activities. We did close Bethel #26 in Fergus Falls this last October. We are looking into three different locations for new Bethels. Farmington, Cambridge and Alexandria are the three locations that are interested.

The biggest challenge that the Job's Daughters International is facing is Certified Adult Volunteers. In Minnesota we were in a year training period which we had one year to get as many council members, committee members and parents trained as we possibly could. Starting March 1, 2010 we have many policies that are in place and we must be compliant from now on. This will pose a challenge for our organization when we are looking for new volunteers to serve on councils and to chaperone. Like all challenges we are looking on the positive side that this will protect our youth and volunteers.

We are in hopes to increase our membership this coming year and to increase our parent involvement. We have enjoyed the relationship that we have built between the Masonic Organizations and intent to keep working together for the betterment of the Fraternity.

Respectfully,  
D. Hennebry  
Grand Guardian 2009-2010

## PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota:

The Jurisprudence Committee presents this as the preliminary report of the Committee. The committee has received copies of two resolutions that are to be presented at this Annual Communication. The Committee approves these resolutions only as to form and conformity with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

They are as follows:

### **Resolution No. 1. General Regulation Amendment: Prepaid Dues Fund - Perpetual Life Membership Program Factor Increases**

This resolution if passed would increase the factors used in determining the purchase cost of a Perpetual Life Membership for payment of a Minnesota Mason's Constituent Lodge dues. Based upon actuarial studies this resolution comes from the Prepaid Dues Fund Committee and would bring more monies into the fund in order to increase interest earnings to be more in line with actual annual dues charged by our lodges. This dues income is directly distributed back to the home lodge of the member.

This resolution will take effect following a 2/3 affirmative vote at this Annual Communication.

### **Resolution No. 2. Standing Resolutions Amendment - Job's Daughters' Foundation of Minnesota, Inc.**

This resolution if passed would allow Constituent Lodges in Minnesota to sponsor and financially support Bethels of the Order. It would also allow Constituent Lodges to support the Job's Daughters' Foundation of Minnesota, Inc.

This resolution will take effect following a 2/3 affirmative vote at this Annual Communication.

It should be emphasized that when a resolution is approved as to form, it refers only to the wording and citations to the Constitution and General Regulations. It does not in any way approve of or endorse the resolution as such.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry L. Tilton, P. G. M., Chairman  
Douglas Campbell, G. Secretary  
Robert L. Darling, J. G. Steward  
Charles Luman, P. G. M.  
Roger Taylor, P. G. M.

## REPORT OF THE KIDSID PROGRAM FOR 2009-2010

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota:

### The New KidsID Program

The KidsID program has been a stellar program for Minnesota Masons for the past decade. The program has processed more than 100,000 children, providing their parents with key information on their child for use in an emergency situation. However, a number of program limitations necessitated revamping the program with newer technology and a more comprehensive information collection process.

The new KidsID will contain many of the elements of the old program, and will add some new and upgraded features to make the information gathered more effective and relevant for families and law enforcement. Some features of the new KidsID program include:

- Digital fingerprinting that is far more effective than the ink-and-paper style used previously
- Cheek swabs for capturing DNA information
- Video and voice recordings in addition to a digital photo
- Data will be collected onto a CD and this CD will be given to the child's parent
- The new KidsID program is different than the old program in several ways and will require a greater degree of volunteer training and event organization. An Executive Team of the Grand Lodge has been working on a Process and Procedures Guide which outlines how the program works, what policies need to be followed, and suggested steps to implement for a successful KidsID program. A few key elements regarding the new KidsID program that interested lodges should note:
  - Events must be scheduled 3 months or more prior to the event date.
  - Lodges must attend a "Train-the-Trainer" session and schedule an Event Volunteer Training session to occur within a week of the event. There are two Train-the-Trainer sessions scheduled: May 22nd and June 26th. Both sessions will occur at the Grand Lodge office in Bloomington.
  - The event will cost the host lodge(s) \$4.00 per child processed, but matching grant funds are available from Minnesota Masonic Charities. If a grant is obtained, the final cost to the host lodge(s) will be \$2.00 per child.

The KidsID Executive Team will continuously refine the program based on operational experience. The Team has contacted law enforcement and the MN Dental Association to secure their support for the program and we anticipate that both entities will play a role in making the program successful. The new KidsID program is being modeled after the national Child Identification Program —CHIP— that is in use by many Grand Lodge jurisdictions across the country.

As with the old KidsID program, none of the data collected will be retained by any party; all the data is given to the parents.

Lodges interested in reserving the KidsID equipment should contact Gary Odegard in the Grand Lodge office.

Respectfully submitted,  
John R. Gann, Senior Grand Steward, on  
behalf of the KidsID Executive Team

## ANNUAL REPORT OF MINNESOTA MASONIC CHARITIES

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota:

Minnesota Masonic Charities has continued to fulfill its mission of “enhancing the ability of the Fraternity to deliver services and support to its members, their families and others.”

Minnesota Masonic Charities provided more than \$4 million in the year 2009 in support, grants, scholarships and subsidies to a wide variety of beneficiaries. The beneficiaries included our heritage charities of the Minnesota Masonic Homes, the Masonic Cancer Center Fund, the Minnesota Masonic Historical Society and Museum as well as our Masonic Scholarship Program. In addition to these heritage charities, MMC also supported 42 Lodges, 10 OES Chapters, Minnesota DeMolay, Minnesota Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls, Scottish Rite Language Clinics in Elk River and Duluth and the Zuhrah Shrine Guardian Unit with more than 120 individual grants. Beyond these grants we also teamed with Grand Lodge to support the Honor Flight program for World War Two Veterans and the General Edward Waldon Scholarships for the Minnesota National Guard and Reserve.

While the raw numbers of dollars given and total grants are impressive, it is important to consider what the impact of that charitable support really is. Consider the 800 people who are cared for at any given time in our two Masonic Homes. Consider the thousands and perhaps hundreds of thousands impacted by the cancer research we support at the Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota. Consider the 300 high school graduates who are furthering their education with assistance from MMC. Consider the 200 children who are learning how to communicate this year at the Scottish Rite Clinics. Consider the 100 members of the Minnesota National Guard and Reserve who are obtaining training following deployment overseas. Consider the boys and girls who have warm coats to wear in winter, or who have food to eat because of our support. These are just a few of the ways in which our Charity helps people in need. We can point with justifiable pride to the evidence of our caring by the support we give.

To continue to provide services and support in accordance with our broad mission we need your help. Our matching fund program relies on you to tell us of ways your Lodge can make an impact in your community and for you to ask us to match your work with charitable contributions to worthy causes. Last year 42 Lodges asked for matching grants, and we hope that many more will ask us to assist them this year. We rely on volunteers to help us in many ways. More than 650 volunteers help out at our Masonic Homes, but we are in constant need of new volunteers and not just at the Homes, but also for the Historical Society, which has a need for numerous volunteers to help with our collections, displays and traveling exhibits. Of course, we also need your financial support. Your gifts to us are critical to our ability to continue to fulfill the promise we have made to help those in need and to meet our obligations as Masons.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,  
Eric J. Neetenbeek, PGM  
President/CEO  
Minnesota Masonic Charities

**MINNESOTA MASONIC CHARITIES  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	MASONIC CHARITIES	MASONIC FUNDS	MASONIC CANCER FUND	MM HISTORICAL MUSEUM	MN MASONIC ELDER SERVICES	COMBINED
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Service Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$66,428,720	\$66,428,720
Contribution Revenue	666,437	3,262,510	437,382	3,000	-	1,106,819
Investment Income			0			3,262,510
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 666,437</b>	<b>\$ 3,262,510</b>	<b>\$ 437,382</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$66,428,720</b>	<b>\$70,798,049</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
Program Expenses	\$1,095,287	\$718,687	119,674	35,439	60,049,236	\$62,018,323
Grant and Subsidies	2,116,177	-	1,450,000	35,000	750,000	4,351,177
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,211,464</b>	<b>\$718,687</b>	<b>\$1,569,674</b>	<b>\$70,439</b>	<b>\$60,799,236</b>	<b>\$66,369,500</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (2,545,027)</b>	<b>\$ 2,543,823</b>	<b>\$ (1,132,292)</b>	<b>(\$67,439)</b>	<b>\$6,629,484</b>	<b>\$4,428,549</b>
Net Operating Percentage					8.5%	6.3%
<b>OTHER REVENUE (EXPENSE)</b>						
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	\$18,540	\$18,540
Depreciation and Amortization	-	-	-	-	(\$3,418,166)	(\$3,418,166)
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	(\$3,227,707)	(\$3,227,707)
Unrealized Gains	\$0	23,302,678	-	-	(\$6,627,333)	23,302,678
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>23,302,678</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$6,627,333)</b>	<b>\$16,675,345</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$2,545,027)</b>	<b>\$25,846,501</b>	<b>(\$1,132,292)</b>	<b>(\$67,439)</b>	<b>(\$997,849)</b>	<b>\$21,103,894</b>

**MINNESOTA MASONIC CHARITIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
(Unaudited)  
**DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	CONSOLIDATED	
	DEC 2009	DEC 2008
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash	\$4,206,335	\$6,230,182
Accounts and Pledges Receivable	5,514,676	6,110,176
Prepaid Expenses	105,995	186,395
Securities (at market)	128,546,725	104,233,094
Charitable Trusts	2,255,725	1,310,310
Accrued Interest and Dividends Receivable	217,414	138,269
Total Current Assets	\$140,846,870	\$118,208,426
<u>Assets Whose Use is Limited</u>		
Bond Funds	\$10,498,656	\$10,446,273
Resident Trust Funds and Security Deposits	449,163	341,638
Total Assets Whose Use is Limited	\$10,947,819	\$10,787,911
Total Property and Equipment (at depreciated cost)	\$47,267,253	\$49,105,741
<u>Other Assets</u>		
Unamortized Financing Costs	2,037,769	2,187,709
Total Assets	\$201,099,712	\$180,289,786
 <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$4,714,089	\$4,599,477
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	2,013,199	1,890,624
Accrued Interest	1,293,490	1,296,878
Resident Trust Funds Payable and Security Deposits	511,956	365,604
Charitable Trusts Payables	209,486	209,921
Total Current Liabilities	\$8,742,220	\$8,362,504
<u>Other Liabilities</u>		
Pledge Payable*	\$43,203,747	\$40,398,232
Total Bonds Payable (Net of Current Maturities)	\$57,933,580	\$59,946,779
Total Liabilities	\$109,879,547	\$108,707,515
Total Net Assets	\$91,220,165	\$71,582,271
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$201,099,712	\$180,289,786

\* Net Present Value University of MN Pledge

## REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota:

In 2009, the Grand Lodge Membership Committee was reconstituted with a new focus. Decisions were made by the Grand Lodge Officers to appoint new members to the Committee. The committee started its organizational meetings in the summer of 2009 with examination of its goal and objectives. Members of the Committee settled on several specific areas, including the following goals:

1. **Organize and host a membership seminar.**

The seminar would be patterned after the Shrine Membership Seminar, bringing in speakers from around the country. Instead of having the junior wardens as the de facto membership chairman, the committee decided to invite all Masons around the state. The purpose of the seminar is to educate and, more importantly, to motivate.

2. **To develop and implement a “legacy” program.**

Anyone who has been active in membership is aware that during the recruitment process, respective members often quote “My grandfather was a Mason.” We have lost a generation or more. It does not matter if it was because of the Vietnam war, distrusting authority or some other reason. What matters is that there has been demonstrated success in recruiting people who are aware of their legacy connection and who now have an interest in joining the Masons.

3. **Develop and implement a Lodge Open House program.**

When the public are interested in our lodges, we need to develop educational programs to open the Lodge to the community. Whether it is monthly hamburger days or simply get to know us nights, we need to stress and encourage lodges to open themselves to the community.

4. **Profile and publicize success stories.**

It is common knowledge that there are lodges that are successful. However, we sometimes fail to publicize them, let alone study what makes them successful. While not everyone may agree with all of the methods employed by these lodges, at the very least, there are lessons that all can learn from the successes. We need to study and highlight the success stories both in our publications and in developing our Model Lodge programs.

5. **Emphasize all aspects of the Masonic family.**

Masonry in Minnesota is composed of many branches. While all branches stem from the same trunk (Masonry), there are many Masons who feel abandoned by the Grand Lodge. In recent years, great steps have been made to emphasize “Big Tent Masonry.” These efforts should be continued, and all Masons should be made to feel like they are part of the same Masonic family. We can do this by working together in membership seminars, coordinating calendars and, in general, working in a coordinated manner.

**6. Recognize our Masonic workers.**

We have many Master Masons who are working in all aspects of Masonry. Some are active in their lodges and in the Grand Lodge structure. Others work in Masonic youth groups, the York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine or other aspects of Masonry. Many of those active in Lodge or Grand Lodge activities are not recognized for their efforts.

**7. Develop a recruitment model.**

A fundamental tenant of a successful membership program is to recognize, develop and implement a recruitment model. Many Masonic organizations have recruitment models, such as "prospect parties" or "pal programs." As Masons, however, we come from a tradition of non-recruitment. Although the rules against recruitment changed some time ago, we still have a cultural predisposition against actively recruiting members. We should consider program(s) or models for teaching our members to actively recruit men of character.

**PLAN OF ACTION**

Given these ambitious goals, it was decided that the initial task would be to organize a Membership Seminar. That seminar is currently planned for April 10, 2010, at the Minnesota Masonic Home.

The Membership Committee continues to attempt to recruit new members interested in working on revitalizing Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,  
W.B. Tony R. Krall,  
Membership Chairman 2009-2010

## REPORT OF THE MENTOR COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Minnesota.

When you hear the word "Mentor or "Mentoring" what do you first think of?

- Do you think what does it mean?
- Why is it important?
- Who are/were my Mentors?
- Am I a Mentor?
- If not, then why not?
- What does it take to be a Mentor?

The definition of Mentor is as follows: Mentor 1) is a wise and trusted counselor or teacher, 2) Greek Myth, Mentor was Odysseus is trusted counselor and became the guardian and teacher of Odysseus son, Telemachus. Odysseus, King of Ithaca, left to fight in the Trojan War and left his household to Mentor. Mentor served as a teacher and overseer of Telemachus for several years from youth to manhood.

In time the word Mentor became synonymous with trusted advisor, friend, teacher, and wise person. Mentoring is a fundamental form of human development where one person invests time, energy, and personal know-how assisting the growth and ability of another person.

Mentors help lift others up around them. They take others with them and help change their lives for the better. The positive effects are remarkable. Nothing in life is more enjoyable, or has a greater return on investment.

Now this sounds like it was taken directly from the objection of masonry, "To take good men and make them better".

The Mentoring Committee of 2009-2010 finished working on the "2009 Mentoring Program" which is now available on the Grand Lodge Web Site. The program started out as a 12 Part Program which was designed be used as a resource for lodges or brothers who want to be a part of the Mentoring Process.

The Mentoring Committee recently added a 13th part to the Program which is an Evaluation Form for the new Brother to complete 3, 6, and 12 months after being raised to a Master mason. The form is to give feedback to the lodge or Mentee on things that the brother likes and things that could be improved upon.

The 13 Parts of the Mentor Program can be used in conjunction with the Lodges current information or can be used independently to meet the lodge's needs. The thirteen parts are as follows:

1. Mentoring program -three reasons for a mentor program.
2. Briefing guide for talking to potential candidates.
3. Briefing guide for investigators.
4. Prospect questions before interview
5. Interviewing questions
6. Candidates investigation report
7. Candidate fact sheet
8. Guide for preparing candidates
9. Briefing guide between entered apprentice and fellowcraft degree
10. Briefing guide between fellowcraft and master mason degrees
11. Briefing guide about "lodge"
12. LEO/training briefing guide
13. Evaluation form for the new brother.

The Mentoring Committee has also put guidelines together for District Representatives and Area Deputies to use when evaluating a lodge for the Lodge Recognition Program. The committee presented this program at the annual Area Deputy - District Representative Retreat held in February, 2010.

The current active members of the committee are as follows: Lew Price, Chairman; Dean Dorholt; Monte Miller; Dale Seubert; Rick Wallace; and Bob Darling, Grand Lodge Liaison.

Respectfully submitted by  
Bob Darling, Junior Grand Steward.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota:

The Office Management Committee continues to monitor and oversee the function of the Grand Lodge office, located at 11501 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington Minnesota 55437-3699. We cordially invite all interested parties to visit our offices anytime from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Our office staff, R. W. Brother Douglas Campbell, Grand Secretary, and W. Brother Gary Odegard, have again served Masonry in Minnesota in an exemplary manner. The office functions in an efficient and effective manner, and we truly appreciate the skill, energy, and diligence with which these dedicated Masons serve the Craft.

As always, any questions regarding Grand Lodge operations, can be directed to R. W. Brother Douglas Campbell at 952-948-6700 or 1-800-245-6050 or his e-mail address is: [grandlodge@qwest.net](mailto:grandlodge@qwest.net).

Fraternally submitted,  
Thomas Hendrickson, Sr. Grand Warden  
Chairman, Office Management Committee

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. of Minnesota:

This year's Perpetual Life Membership Program report is presented with much better news than last year. Although the significant economic downturn and investment climate of this "great recession" has done significant harm to our Prepaid Dues Fund, with the direct cash interdiction of the Grand Lodge last year, duplicated again for the 2010 payments, we were able to show some good progress. Another good note is that our Perpetual Life Membership Program (formerly Pre-paid Dues) continues to grow and presently has 3,262 members an increase of 68 over the previous year.

Statistical information shows that currently the weighted average dues of all our lodges is \$70.51 and of our living life members \$60.63. This is significant as it relates to one of the issues which has complicated our future - namely the rising cost of constituent lodge dues. Just six years ago in 2003 the average annual dues of our living members was \$47.90. Thus, we have seen in the past six years a 21% rise in the average dues we payout for our living members. Our weighted investment return would have to increase by 3.5% each year just to cover this increase alone.

Presently there are 1,889 living members as of 12-31-09 and 1,359 members deceased (a mortality rate of 41.66%). There has been a steady increase in the ratio of deceased members to living members (e.g. in 2002 we had 29% ratio). The fund of \$690,991.01 had an investment gain of \$127,354.93 which included a cash infusion by our Grand Lodge of \$115,680.79 or the total value of fund pay outs due last year. There was also members net pay in of \$55,265.67 or a net gain of 18.43% overall. This compares with recent investment returns of 7.8% in 2007, 14.9% in 2006, 7.7% in 2005 and 7.3% in 2004, and 17.9% in 2003.

Payout from the fund for this past year was \$115,583.29 for living members at the 2009 dues level. By direction of the Corporate Board of Trustees under Sec. G22.8 (h), due to the \$664,311.39 negative equity in the fund, no pay outs were made for deceased members this past year. \$1,960.00 was due lodges for one time pay-in, and \$1,046.50 was paid to the Grand Lodge for administration cost. Total payout was \$115,583.29 for this past year. (This is approximately only \$20 more than the previous year). And as mentioned above, by action of the Corporate Board, the 2010 payments were again paid from the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund. Presently the fund surplus (total funds less members net equity) remains at a negative \$548,630.60 which is significant but down from -\$681,519.93 a year ago. By comparison eight years ago in 2001 this was a scant negative \$30,099.

**So what are we to do?** First, the Perpetual Life Fund Committee wants to assure our constituent lodges and all perpetual life members that we are committed to the purpose of this fund - to assist our lodge members with pre-payment of their dues, thus, guaranteeing that they will always remain members of their constituent lodge. The fund also captures dollars for support of the constituent lodge after a brother has returned to the Celestial Lodge above. It is our pledge that all dues for living members will be paid and (by Grand Lodge Regulation Sec. G.22.08(h) when fund returns warrant payment will be made for deceased members.

During the immediate economic downturn, the Corporate Board of Trustees, at the request of the Perpetual Life Membership Committee, has requested some initiatives be taken. **Resolution No. 1. General Regulation Amendment: Prepaid Dues Fund - Perpetual Life Membership Program Factor Increases** has been proposed by your Perpetual Life Membership Committee. Following a recent actuarial study of the fund this past year we have concluded that the issues related to the fund are significantly the increased dues required by our Constituent Lodges and as importantly, the rank factors for our members under the age of 50 who have longer life-spans today and higher dues payments to their lodges.

Discussions continue with members of the Corporate Board to look at fully-funding the negative equity of this fund, however, since the Perpetual Life Membership Fund and all other Grand Lodge of Minnesota funds are invested in the same financial

instruments, it seems prudent to see if the market will continue to turn around in the future and we are able to recapture some of the lost net equity. Currently the fund is at approximately 55% of its full capitalized value.

In the future we may have to invoke the provisions of the General Regulations Section G22.06(b) which allow for incremental increases in payment of a members dues to be capped at 5% per year of the dues increase in effect by the constituent lodge. No doubt, our optimism for higher investment returns, coupled with full payout of members dues (which on average have increased 4.75 % per year) have only exacerbated our current situation. But we hasten to add, this was done at the recommendation of the Perpetual Life Fund Committee to the Corporate Board of Trustees for the benefit of the constituent lodges – wanting them to have the full dues of their Perpetual Life members at the currently assessed annual dues rate.

We trust that the Grand Lodge at Annual Communication will welcome the recommendation of the Perpetual Life Membership Committee to bring greater stability and economic recovery to the fund with the passing of Resolution No. 1. Please rest assured that our commitment to the constituent lodges and their members who have placed their trust in this program remains undiminished and unwavering.

Finally, we would also remind the brethren that Memorial Life memberships may be purchased for \$100 or more in memory of a deceased brother by the Lodge, a brother Mason or the Mason's family or friends. Likewise, Honorary Life Memberships are also available for purchase in honor or recognition of outstanding service to a Masonry of a member by the Constituent Lodge, a brother Mason or a Mason's family and friends.

**For the year 2010 we are recommending the continuation of the following incentives to this program:**

- 1) **The Perpetual Life Membership Program will continue to accept credit card payments of fees and allow for installment payments of up to 4 years at no interest, although lodge dues must continue to be paid by the individual until the entire Perpetual Life Membership fee is paid in full.**
- 2) **Memorial Life Memberships will start with a minimum memorial payment of \$100.**

The Numerical Report of the Perpetual Life Membership (Prepaid) Dues Committee is attached for your information. It has been prepared by our Grand Secretary Douglas Campbell and the Committee would like to extend its appreciation to our Grand Secretary for his diligent work and accounting of this program.

Our Committee continues to hope that many more of the nearly 13,800 Masons of Minnesota who are not a part of this program will see its value and want to join.

In closing the Perpetual Life Membership Committee would like to remind our Brothers that all monies in this program are invested by the Grand Lodge and held in trust in the name of the Constituent Lodges.

Fraternally yours,  
Robert L. Peterson, P.M.,  
Neil Neddermeyer, P.G.M.  
Douglas Campbell, Grand Secretary  
Terry L. Tilton, P.G.M., Chairman

## Numerical Report - Perpetual Life Membership 1/1/09 - 12/31/09

### Membership Data

Prepaid members, living 12-31-09	1,889
Prepaid members, deceased	1,359
Members expelled, suspended or unaffiliated	14
Total membership 12-31-09	3,262

Mortality rate	41.66%
Members joining in 2009	68

### Lodge Data

Average dues of all lodges (weighted average)	\$70.51
Average dues, living life members, paid 2/2010	\$60.63

### Financial Data

Members net equity 1-1-09	\$1,184,355.95	
Members pay-in net, 2009	<u>\$55,265.67</u>	
Members net equity 12-31-09	\$1,239,621.62	
Grand Lodge Capital Pay-in 2009	-\$115,680.79	
Surplus/loss in fund 12-31-09	(\$548,630.60)	
Fund balance 12-31-09		\$690,991.02
Members one-time pay-in for 2009	\$1,960.00	
Income (loss) received on investments	<u>\$127,354.93</u>	
Total income (loss) 2009		\$129,314.93
Total Fund Cash Balance 12-31-09		\$690,991.02
Due Lodge for living members 2010 dues	\$112,576.79	
Due Lodge for deceased members	\$0.00	
Due Lodges for one time pay-in	\$1,960.00	
Due Grand Lodge administration cost	<u>\$1,046.50</u>	
Total Payable (entire amount paid in February 2010)	\$115,583.29	
<b>TOTAL FUND 12-31-09 LESS PAYABLES</b>		<b>\$575,407.73</b>

FUND SURPLUS (total funds less members net equity) (\$548,630.60)

Note: All figures are subject to audit

Note: the 2010 payment of \$115,583.29 was authorized by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Board of Corporate Trustees to be taken from the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund, essentially a cash infusion again for 2010 as it was in 2009.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota

The Committee, organized in 2008, has continued to evolve so that it might meet the goals of the Grand Lodge and its committees. Members of the PR Committee and their lodges include:

WB Mike Hill, Chair	(344)	Br. Thomas Smith	(19)
Br. Bud Scanlen, Vice Chair	(205)	WB Ed Perlman	(176)
WB Steven D. Johnson	(290)	WB John Studell	(165)
Br. Adrian Skytland	(166)	Br. Tom Petersen	(19)
WB Gary Sancary	(06)		

During the past year the committee developed and/or participated in the following available:

1. Continued expansion of the monthly e-newsletter readership
2. Posting on GL web site or letters and ad slicks lodges can use to promote membership and community recognition.
3. Development of new KidsID brochure
4. YouTube web site presentations
5. Added members with marketing & communications backgrounds
6. Identification of PR Committee focus and development
7. Promotion of associate GL committees and their events
8. Development of backup for e-newsletter publishing

The PR Committee's focus continues to be that of promoting a positive image of Masonry both internally and externally. With this communications and marketing tools will continue to be assessed and developed.

Future goals that have been identified include:

1. Create additional development of YouTube events to promote visual Masonry.
2. Development of new and/or revision of current Grand Lodge brochures.
3. Enhanced cooperation between GL Committees
4. Possible union with Web Site Committee to create one Marketing & Communications Committee
5. Expansion of the 1,600+ e-newsletter membership to reach the 15,000+ Minnesota Masons.
6. Promotion of lodge calendars to Area Deputies for article development.
7. Development of a committee budget

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Hill, Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF TRIAL COMMISSIONERS**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota

The Masonic Trial Commission reviewed the following matters in 2009:

Roger Wainwright of Minneapolis Lodge No. 19 was found to have committed unMasonic conduct after trial. He was reprimanded and forfeited his office.

Other matters remain pending, but the above matter is the only instance of alleged unMasonic conduct that was completed in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas G McCarthy, Grand Master  
On behalf of the Masonic Trial Commission

## REPORT OF THE WEB COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota:

In summary members of the Grand Lodge web site committee were very active in the past twelve months moving the Grand Lodge web site off the Masonic Home's computer systems and away from the proprietary development platform into a public domain development platform. Additionally, the committee, based on the direction received from the Grand Master, met and developed a blogging policy for the Grand Lodge. This was approved and added to the current computer use policy for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The web site remains a fundamental element of communication in Minnesota Masonry.

The major accomplishments this year were to move the web site off the Masonic Home's computer and out of the proprietary development software used to develop the site in 2006. By doing this it gave the Grand Lodge web site much more flexibility for future enhancements. By moving to public domain development software it increased the possibility of using resources within the Grand Lodge membership for future maintenance and enhancement.

Regarding the development of a "Blogging Policy" for the Grand Lodge, this became necessary as a result of circumstances arising from the 2008/2009 Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Under the direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas G. McCarthy, the Grand Lodge Web Site Committee met, discussed and developed a blogging policy for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. This policy was presented to the Grand Lodge officers in corporate board session and was approved for inclusion in the current Grand Lodge Computer Use policy.

The Grand Lodge Web Site Committee remains committed to the development of a recruiting web site separate from the current Grand Lodge web site directed at non Masons for the purpose of providing information about our Fraternity and possibility encouraging such persons to seek out additional information and eventually become a member of a Constituted Lodge within the Minnesota jurisdiction.

The committee strongly recommends the Grand Lodge Corporate Board continue their present direction regarding web site development and e-communication efforts

Fraternally submitted,  
Bruce L. Sherman,  
Web Site Committee Chairman



**THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION**  
OF NORTH AMERICA

March 1, 2010

Douglas Campbell, Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Minnesota  
11501 Masonic Home Drive  
Bloomington, MN 55437

Dear Brother Campbell:

On behalf of the MSA volunteers and the countless thousands of hospitalized Veterans they serve, we say **thank you** to each and every member of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for their generous contribution in the amount of \$12,651.00, with \$1,750.00 going back to the 4 Hospitals with Reps and will hold the 5<sup>th</sup> one until we get a Rep.

For more than 50 years, Masons have contributed millions of hours of voluntary service to reach out to help those brave Veterans who, when they were able, made it possible for us to enjoy our freedom and the privilege of living in the United States of America. Admission to V.A. Medical Centers is now based on financial need as well as Military Service.

MSA Representatives and volunteers are active in nearly 180 V.A. Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes throughout the United States. Our Masons dedicate their time to any Veteran no matter what jurisdiction they come from and help make the Veterans as comfortable as possible in their new surroundings.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. Don't forget that the Masonic Service Association is ready to help you in every aspect. Call on us if we may help. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer with the MSA please let us know. We will welcome them with open arms.

Most sincerely and fraternally,

RICHARD E. FLETCHER, PGM  
Executive Secretary

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1910 – 2010  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# George Washington Masonic Memorial

*"To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote  
the virtues, character and vision of George Washington,  
the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country."*

March 3, 2010

Douglas Campbell, Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge Of Minnesota  
11501 Masonic Home Drive  
Bloomington, MN 55437-3699

Dear Brother Campbell:

On behalf of The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association I would like to express our thanks for the donation of \$5,720.75 to the Masonic Memorial. The Grand Lodge Of Minnesota has been and continues to be a strong and consistent supporter of the Memorial. Please extend our thanks and appreciation to the Grand Master and the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Of Minnesota for this contribution and for all they do for the Memorial and Freemasonry.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial was erected and is maintained through the combined efforts of America's Freemasons and Friends of the Memorial as an everlasting tribute to the memory of George Washington. Your continued support enables us to maintain the Memorial in a manner that reflects honor and dignity on Brother Washington and on the Fraternity.

I hope all is well with you and yours and if I personally, or the Memorial staff can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely and Fraternally,

George D. Seghers  
Executive Director

cc: Thomas G. McCarthy, Grand Master  
Memorial Ambassador



## **THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE,  
BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT,  
WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAILED  
AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING?

WHOSE BROAD STRIPES  
AND BRIGHT STARS,  
THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT  
O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCHED,  
WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING?

AND THE ROCKETS RED GLARE,  
THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR  
GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT  
THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE.

OH, SAY DOES THE STAR SPANGLED  
BANNER YET WAVE  
O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE  
AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE?

## **O CANADA**

O CANADA! OUR HOME AND NATIVE LAND  
TRUE PATRIOT LOVE  
IN ALL THY SONS COMMAND  
WITH GLOWING HEARTS  
WE SEE THEE RISE,

THE TRUE NORTH STRONG AND FREE!  
FROM FAR AND WIDE,  
O CANADA, WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE

GOD KEEP OUR LAND  
GLORIOUS AND FREE!  
O CANADA, WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE!  
O CANADA, WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE!

## **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**

GOD SAVE OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN  
LONG LIVE OUR NOBLE QUEEN,  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN:  
SEND HER VICTORIOUS,  
HAPPY AND GLORIOUS,  
LONG TO REIGN OVER US:  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



## 2009-2010 Officers—Grand Lodge of Minnesota

Thomas G. McCarthy (209).....	Grand Master
John L. Cook, Jr. (263).....	Deputy Grand Master*
Thomas E. Hendrickson (2-351).....	Senior Grand Warden*
Brian E. Beermann (191-352).....	Junior Grand Warden*
Brent L. Metcalf (263).....	Grand Treasurer
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Edward R. Halpaus (223-23).....	Grand Lodge Educ. Officer
Steven D. Johnson (290-351).....	Grand Chaplain
William R. Callister (34-8).....	Grand Orator
David E. Olson (165-344).....	Senior Grand Deacon*
James A. Christensen (293-349).....	Junior Grand Deacon*
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Robert L. Darling (16-23).....	Junior Grand Steward*
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R. Peter Schue (209).....	Grand Tyler

\* denotes progressive line position