

Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin



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SUMMARY OF 2010 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 166th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin was held at the Madison Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Avenue in Madison, on June 4th and 5th 2010. The Representatives Banquet and the Installation of Grand Lodge officers were also held at the Madison Masonic Center. 166 of 183 constituent lodges were represented. All Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance except for Jeffrey Marquardt District Deputy #, who was excused. All Past Grand Masters were in attendance except, Darrell Aderman, Robert Billings, Bruce Christianson, Denman Kramer, Donald Krueger, Perry Risberg, Kenneth Shannon and Russell Selbo.

Grand Master Craig S. Campbell opened and presided over the entire communication, including the banquets. The following officers were elected, appointed and installed.

ELECTED

Joseph B. Harker.....	Grand Master
Davey L. White, Jr.....	Deputy Grand Master
Dennis V. Siewert.....	Senior Grand Warden
Daniel L. Slavik.....	Junior Grand Warden
John A. Benedict.....	Grand Treasurer
Michael A. DeWolf, PGM	Grand Secretary

APPOINTED

Donald F. Iliff	Grand Chaplain
Kenneth C. Gorgen	Grand Lecturer
William Beetcher.....	Senior Grand Deacon
Franklin J. Struble.....	Junior Grand Deacon
Donald W. Hensiak.....	Senior Grand Steward
L Arby Humphrey	Junior Grand Steward
John W. Krinke.....	Grand Marshal
Frank J. Mayer.....	Grand Tiler
Travis M. Hand.....	Deputy, District #1
H. Scott Paulson	Deputy, District #2
John C. Tilley	Deputy, District #3
Christopher J. Hirthe.....	Deputy, District #4
Mark D. Jerdee	Deputy, District #5
Travis J. Lehrer.....	Deputy, District #6
David C Bomkamp	Deputy, District #7
Scott E. Pedley	Deputy, District #8
Ralph L. Behlke	Deputy, District #9
David E. Tainter	Deputy, District #10
John P. Marra.....	Deputy, District #11
Robert C. Strader	Deputy, District #12

Lawrence L. Myers, PGM was elected to a five-year term as Trustee of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin. Donald W. Hensiak and Dayton A. Jones were each elected to three-year terms on the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board. Keith H. Harmon and Lowell H. Scott were elected to a three-year term on the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board.

Fifteen Resolutions were presented, four were adopted, three were defeated, four were not considered and four were not approved to form or legality.

Resolution No. 1-2010: To adopt the annual budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, calling for expenditures of \$828,700.00, was **adopted**.

Resolution No. 2-2010: To provide for per capita tax was **adopted**.

Resolution No. 3-2010: To designate the place of holding the Annual Communication in June 2011 in the City of Madison was **adopted**.

Resolution No. 4-2010: To permit lodges to conduct business in any degree was **not considered**.

Resolution No. 5-2010: To restrict the representatives and delegates to the Annual Communication to Master Masons was **not considered**.

Resolution No. 6-2010: To restrict voting in lodge to Master Masons was **not considered**.

Resolution No. 7-2010: To restrict membership on a Masonic Trial Commission to Master Masons was **not considered**.

Resolution No. 8-2010: To require that before a Master or Warden could be installed he must take and pass the Wisconsin Masonic Correspondence Course offered by Grand Lodge was **defeated**.

Resolution No. 9-2010: To provide for the waiving of dues for those serving the US armed forces in a war zone was **not approved to form or legality**.

Resolution No. 10-2010: To permit any member of the lodge, except the secretary, to be treasurer was **not approved to form or legality**.

Resolution No. 11-2010: To limit the number of amendments to any resolution at the Annual Communication was **not approved to form or legality**.

Resolution No. 12-2010: To permit the Master, after opening in the Master Mason degree, to call down to a lower degree for the transaction of business was **defeated**.

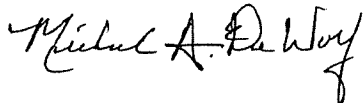
Resolution No. 13-2010: To require every Mason to pay \$1.00 toward the George Washington Masonic Memorial, the amount to be collected by the Grand Lodge with the per capita tax was **adopted**.

Resolution No. 14-2010: To remove the word "Deity" from the Wisconsin Masonic Code and replace it with "Supreme Being" was **defeated**.

Resolution No. 15-2010: To create a Grand Lodge Unified Dues System and permit lodges to choose not to participate was **not approved to form or legality**.

Those resolutions adopted at the Annual Communication became in force and effect at the time of their adoption. The 167th Annual Communication will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 10th and 11th, 2011 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Fraternally submitted,



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GRAND MASTER'S EDICT To be read at the next stated communication of your lodge

In June of 1998 the following Decision was Adopted by the Grand Lodge of WI while in Annual Session.

WHEREAS, the insurance program of the Grand Lodge has given added protection to all covered Lodges at very competitive prices, and

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

IT IS THEREFORE, MY DECISION that each Constituent Lodge become covered under the Grand Lodge blanket Policy, including real estate, personal property and liability coverage.

In addition to the above Decision,

- The Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin recognizes the importance of ensuring that all constituent lodges protect their lodges and lodge functions with appropriate liability insurance coverage.
- The Grand Lodge has a fiduciary responsibility to secure a master liability insurance plan that will provide protection for the specific activities of The Grand Lodge and all constituent lodges.
- Since all constituent lodges are members of the Grand Lodge by virtue of the charter issued to them,

It is therefore my Edict:

That ALL Constituent Lodges will participate in and share in the cost of The Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Wisconsin Insurance Plan. Cost sharing for the liability coverage will be based on the End-Of-Year Primary Member count listed on the Recapitulation Report for each lodge.

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

Given under my hand this 11th day of June 2010.

M. : W. : Joseph B. Harker
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin

Attest:

Michael A. DeWolf, PGM
Grand Secretary