

Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin



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SUMMARY OF 2011 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 167th 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 10th and 11th 2011. The Representatives Banquet and the Installation of Grand Lodge officers were also held at the Madison Masonic Center. 173 of 183 constituent lodges were represented. All Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance. All Past Grand Masters were in attendance except, Darrell Aderman, James J. Byrnes, Bruce Christianson, William E. Day, Denman Kramer, Lawrence L. Myers, Kenneth Shannon and Russell Selbo.

Grand Master Joseph B. Harker opened and presided over the entire communication, including the banquets. The following officers were elected, appointed and installed.

ELECTED

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

APPOINTED

David R. Ritchie	Grand Chaplain
Kenneth C. Gorgen	Grand Lecturer
Franklin J. Struble.....	Senior Grand Deacon
Donald W. Hensiak.....	Junior Grand Deacon
L Arby Humphrey	Senior Grand Steward
Scott E. Pedley.....	Junior Grand Steward
Jerry G. Potter.....	Grand Marshal
Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM	Grand Orator
Ronnie C. Jaacks.....	Grand Tiler
Travis M. Hand.....	Deputy, District #1
Gary L. Stang.....	Deputy, District #2
John C. Tilley	Deputy, District #3
Christian M. Hirthe	Deputy, District #4
James M. Kent	Deputy, District #5
Travis J. Lehrer.....	Deputy, District #6
Daniel M. Burkeland	Deputy, District #7
Marc B. Steiber.....	Deputy, District #8
Terrence R. Brown	Deputy, District #9
John W. Krinke.....	Deputy, District #10
Wayne A. Budwick.....	Deputy, District #11
Robert C. Strader	Deputy, District #12

Steven L. Ritt was elected to a five-year term as Trustee of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin. Joseph B. Harker, PGM and John W. Wilke, PGM were each elected to three-year terms on the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board. Keith D. Chamberlain, PGM was elected to a three-year term on the Wisconsin Masonic Journal Board.

Eleven Resolutions were presented, four were adopted, one was defeated, five were not approved to form or legality and one was directed to the Esoteric Committee for review.

Resolution No. 1-2011: To adopt the annual budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, calling for expenditures of \$879,645.00, was **adopted**.

Resolution No. 2-2011: To provide for per capita tax was **adopted**.

Resolution No. 3-2011: To designate the place of holding the Annual Communication in June 2013 in the City of Madison was **adopted**.

Resolution No. 4-2011: To permit the Grand Secretary to suspend a member from all lodges if suspended for non-payment of dues from his primary lodge was **not considered**.

Resolution No. 5-2011: To exempt 50-year members who are 71 years old or greater, from paying lodge dues or per capita tax was **defeated**.

Resolution No. 6-2011: To make various changes to the Pure Work was **directed to the Esoteric Committee for review**.

Resolution No. 7-2011: To cause the Board of Masonic Service and Assistance to pay per capita tax for financially unable and mentally incompetent members was **not considered**.

Resolution No. 8-2011: To require a plural lodge to notify a primary lodge if a member is to be suspended for non-payment of dues was **adopted**.

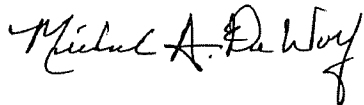
Resolution No. 9-2011: To require accountability and due diligence in locating a member who is about to be suspended for non-payment of dues was **not considered**.

Resolution No. 10-2011: To permit removing life members from rolls after 10 years was **not considered**.

Resolution No. 11-2011: To abolish election of Grand Lodge officers and have them selected by committee was **not considered**.

Those resolutions adopted at the Annual Communication became in force and effect at the time of their adoption. The 168th Annual Communication will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd, 2012 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Fraternally submitted,



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