



WISCONSIN MASONIC HANDBOOK

CHAPTER 19

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAN

A. INTRODUCTION

The Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin created chapter 94 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin, providing for perpetual membership, at its 1983 Annual Communication. A Wisconsin Lodge, at its option, may adopt a Perpetual Membership Plan upon two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at a stated communication, but it shall not become effective until the Grand Master shall have approved it.

To assist Wisconsin Masons in understanding the new provisions of the Code, the Grand Lodge has prepared two separate summaries relating to Perpetual Membership. One is primarily for Master Masons who are considering perpetual Membership. The second is for Wisconsin Lodges and the officers; the summary contains many of the technical provisions, which may not be of interest to the average Master Mason. Both summaries will be helpful in understanding the Perpetual Membership Plan of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin. These follow as Sections C. and D. of this chapter.

The present "Procedure for Adoption of Perpetual Membership" (Section B.) is limited solely to the procedure to be followed by a Wisconsin Lodge in adopting a Perpetual Membership Plan.

B. PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION

1. Alternate Procedure for Adoption

A Lodge may adopt a Perpetual Membership Plan in either of two ways. One way is to amend the Lodge By-Laws to provide for a Perpetual Membership Plan. The second is to adopt the Perpetual Membership Plan by resolution, without formally amending the Lodge By-Laws. The procedure to be followed is similar, whether or not the Lodge By-Laws are being amended.

That is, a Lodge may prefer to have its Perpetual Membership Plan set forth in its By-Laws (as well as its fees for degrees and annual dues) in order that there might be one place to look for certain essential provisions relating to the Lodge. On the

other hand, a Lodge may prefer to have the Perpetual Membership Plan (as well as the amount of the fees for degrees and annual dues) set forth by separate resolution, in order that the By-Laws do not have to be retyped or reprinted when a change is made. Some Lodges furnish copies of their By-Laws to all members, while other Lodges only make copies of the By-Laws available to members upon request.

The factors to be considered by a Lodge is deciding whether to adopt a Perpetual Membership Plan by amending its By-Laws or by simply passing a resolution are similar to those which a Lodge would consider in deciding whether or not its fees for degrees or its dues are to be set forth in its By-Laws of simply adopted by resolution of the Lodge.

If the members of the Lodge do not have a particular preference whether the Perpetual Membership Plan should be part of their By-Laws or be adopted by simple resolution of the Lodge, the simple resolution procedure is probably preferable. Accordingly, this Outline of Procedure is limited to the procedure for adoption of a simple resolution, and does not specifically deal with amendment of the specific By-Laws of a Lodge. If amendment of the Lodge By-Laws is desired, the Grand Secretary will be pleased to advise the Lodge Secretary of the differences in procedure.

2. Determination of Purchase Price

At the time of the adoption of the Plan, the purchase price of a Perpetual Membership may be determined by the Lodge, provided, however, the purchase price established or subsequently revised shall not be less than the amounts determined by multiplying the sum of the existing Lodge dues and existing Grand Lodge per capita tax by a factor set forth in the table adopted by the Grand Lodge. Although a Lodge may establish a higher purchase price, it is anticipated that most Lodges will adopt the minimum purchase price adopted by the Grand Lodge. Accordingly, this outline is based on such minimum Grand Lodge schedule. If a Lodge does not specifically establish a purchase price in excess of the minimum amount, then the minimum amount shall be the purchase price. In the event a Lodge desires to establish higher purchase prices, the Grand Secretary will be pleased to confer with the Lodge Secretary on the procedure.

3. Procedure Steps

STEP 1 - A member of the Lodge, orally or in writing, presents a resolution at a stated communication of the Lodge. The form of such resolution may be as follows:

"I move the following: Resolved: That the Lodge adopts the Perpetual Membership Plan of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin."

STEP 2 - The Worshipful Master of the Lodge may permit discussion, but he shall not put the matter to a vote at this time. The Worshipful Master shall order the resolution to be considered at a subsequent stated communication of the Lodge. For example, the Worshipful Master may state:

"I hereby order that the resolution to adopt the Perpetual Membership Plan of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin shall be considered by the members at the stated communication of the Lodge to be held on "

(Note: The Worshipful Master shall allow sufficient time to enable the Lodge Secretary to give ten (10) days written notice set forth in Step 3.)

STEP 3 - The Lodge Secretary shall give written notice to all members of the Lodge at least ten (10) days prior to the stated communication at which the vote to adopt the resolution is to be taken. The notice shall inform all members that a resolution to adopt the Perpetual Membership Plan of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin has been presented, and the notice shall state the date, time and place when such resolution will be considered and a vote taken thereon. Such written notice may be by special letter, bulletin or insertion in the Lodge newsletter or trestle board. For example:

"All members of the Lodge are hereby notified that a resolution to adopt the Perpetual Membership Plan of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin has been presented and such resolution will be considered and a vote taken thereon at the stated communication of the Lodge to be held on , 20 -, at _p.m. at the Masonic Temple located at "

STEP 4 - At such subsequent stated communication, the Worshipful Master shall announce that a resolution was previously presented at a stated communication of the Lodge to adopt the Perpetual Membership Plan of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin. The Worshipful Master shall inquire of the Lodge Secretary whether at least ten days written notice has been given to all members of the Lodge. Assuming that the Secretary replies in the affirmative, the Worshipful Master would ordinarily permit discussion on the resolution. When the Worshipful Master is satisfied that there has been adequate discussion, he shall call for a vote thereon. Normally, such vote would be by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. If there is a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at such stated communication, the Worshipful Master shall declare that

the resolution has passed and direct that the Lodge Secretary communicate the same to the Grand Secretary and request approval by the Grand Master.

STEP 5 - The Lodge Secretary shall complete the Certification form (SEE HANDBOOK FORMS) in duplicate, and transmit both copies of the form to the Grand Secretary for approval.

STEP 6 - Upon approval by the Grand Master, one copy of the Certification form will be returned to the lodge for the lodge file.

STEP 7 - Upon receipt of the approved Certification, Application forms (HAND BOOK CHAPTER 26 OR 27) must be completed by the members in triplicate, one copy for the member, one for the lodge file and one copy for the Grand lodge.

C. SUMMARY OF PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR WISCONSIN LODGES

1. INTRODUCTION

The Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin adopted Chapter 94 of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin, providing for Perpetual Membership, at its 1983 Annual Communication. The Grand Lodge has prepared a separate "Procedure for Adoption of Perpetual Membership" for use by Lodges, which are considering the adoption of the Perpetual Membership Plan. That outline sets forth the steps to be followed by a Lodge in adopting the Plan.

In addition, the Grand Lodge has prepared a "Summary of Perpetual Membership for Master Masons" which is primarily for Master Masons who are considering Perpetual Membership, once it has been adopted by the Lodge of which the Master Mason is a member. The present "Summary of Perpetual Membership for Wisconsin Lodges" contains additional material, which specifically relates to the Perpetual Membership Plan as it affects Wisconsin Lodges. It also contains many of the technical provisions, which may not be of interest to the average Master Mason, but will be important to the Lodge and its officers. Extra copies of the "Summary of Perpetual Membership for Master Masons" are available upon request from the Grand Lodge office.

2. BENEFIT TO LODGE

The Lodge can benefit if its members participate in the Perpetual Membership Plan. If a Member of the Lodge purchases a Perpetual Membership, the Lodge

would receive annual payments from the Grand Trustees who administer the Plan. Once the member has paid for his Perpetual Membership in full, the Lodge would not be faced with the possibility of having to suspend such member for nonpayment of dues nor remit his dues in case of financial hardship (but continue to pay the Grand Lodge per capita tax). Upon the purchase of a Perpetual Membership, payments to the Lodge from the Grand Trustees will continue forever, even after that member's death.

The Plan is structured to permit investment of the assets of the Plan at a total rate of return greater than that needed to make the required annual payments to the Lodge (and the Grand Lodge). Such contemplated excess revenues can be distributed to participating Lodges in future years. The Grand Lodge at its annual communication can only authorize distributions of excess revenues, but distributions shall be made no less frequently than at least every five years.

Under the Perpetual Membership Plan, the Grand Lodge general fund will also receive annual payments to cover the per capita tax. Through this sharing, present and future members of the Craft throughout Wisconsin should be benefited. The Grand Lodge, however, does not share in the distribution of any contemplated excess revenues.

Assets of the Perpetual Membership plan are managed by the Grand Trustees as a separate fund. Assets can be managed in larger amounts at favorable rates of return. The administrative burden is borne by the Grand Trustees.

3. PURCHASE PRICE AND INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

The Lodge determines the purchase price of a Perpetual Membership, except that it cannot establish a purchase price below certain minimum standards set forth in the Masonic Code. The minimum purchase price for a single sum payment and the method for determining the amount of installment payments are set forth in Sections 94.0694.08 of the Masonic Code. Examples of the amounts payable under both the single sum and installment method are set forth in the "Summary of Perpetual Membership for Master Masons".

4. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

In addition to the Questions and Answers in the "Summary of Perpetual Membership for Master Masons", the following covers matters of particular interest to Lodges and some of the more technical matters which may also be of interest to Master Masons.

Question: What does the Lodge Secretary do with the two copies of the application form received by him from a Master Mason who desires to purchase a Perpetual Membership? (The applicant keeps one copy for himself)

Answer: The Lodge Secretary reviews the application, certifies its correctness and promptly transmits one copy and the required payment to the Grand Secretary. The second copy is to be retained by the Lodge Secretary for the Lodge files.

Question: May someone purchase a Perpetual Membership for a qualified Master Mason by submitting the application form and required payment to the Lodge Secretary?

Answer: Yes, except that a Lodge may not itself purchase a Perpetual Membership for a Master Mason.

Question: What regular payments can the Lodge expect to receive annually from the Grand Trustees?

Answer: The amount of the existing Lodge dues (i.e., the amount at the time the Participant became a member of the Plan).

Question: When will such payment be received?

Answer: On or before March 1 of each year after the year in which the Participant became a member of the Plan.

Question: If in later years the Lodge dues increase or decrease, will the regular payments from the Grand Trustees to the Lodge increase or decrease?

Answer: No but the Lodge could receive a special distribution in future years, but this would be attributable to excess revenues earned in the Plan.

Question: What payments will the Grand Lodge general fund receive from the Grand Trustees and when?

Answer: The amount of the existing per capita tax (i.e. the amount at the time the Participant became a member of the Plan) and such payment will be received by the Grand Lodge on or before March 1 of each year after the year in which the Participant became a member of the Plan.

Question: Will the payment to the Grand Lodge general fund change if the

per capita tax changes?

Answer: No. Payment to the Grand Lodge general fund of the amount of the per capita tax as above set forth will relieve the Participant and his Lodge of the liability for the per capita tax payment which would otherwise be required for such Participant.

Question: What is the benefit to the Lodge (and the Grand Lodge) if the regular payments are fixed at the amount when the Participant became a member of the Plan?

Answer: The payments to the Lodge (and the Grand Lodge) continue after the member's death in perpetuity. In addition, the Lodge (but not the Grand Lodge) may share in a special distribution of excess revenue.

Question: How does the Lodge share in excess revenues of the Plan?

Answer: If the Grand Trustees determine that the Plan has produced income in excess of amounts reasonably necessary to meet its projected obligations, the Grand Trustees shall recommend to the Grand Lodge that amounts be distributed from the Fund to Lodges who have adopted the Plan and have Participants therein. The amount the Lodge receives from such special distributions will be based on the proportionate amount paid into the Plan attributable to Participants who are living or deceased members of the Lodge.

Question: If a Participant is purchasing a Perpetual Membership on a deferred basis, and the Participant dies, are the regular payments to the Lodge (and the Grand Lodge) reduced?

Answer: Yes. In such event the Grand Trustees would pay to the Participant's Lodge the Grand Lodge reduced amounts reflecting the proportion of the number of payments timely made to the total number of required payments.

Question: If the purchase price of a Perpetual Membership is being paid on a deferred basis, and if an installment payment is not made when due, but the Participant is still living, are the payments from the Grand Trustees to the Participant's Lodge (and the Grand Lodge) similarly reduced?

Answer: Yes, However, if the Participant is living, he shall pay to his Lodge any difference between the amount so paid by the Grand Trustees and the amount of the then per capita tax and the then dues, and the Lodge shall pay to the Grand

Lodge any difference between the then per capita tax and the amount paid by the Grand Trustees to the Grand Lodge general fund.

Question: What happens if the Participant doesn't pay such difference?

Answer: In default of such additional payments by the Participant to his Lodge, he may be suspended for nonpayment of dues in accordance with the Masonic Code of Wisconsin.

Question: What payments will be made to the Lodge (and the Grand Lodge) in the event of suspension or expulsion of a Participant?

Answer: The Participant's former Lodge (and the Grand Lodge) will continue to receive any amounts which would have been paid had the Participant not been suspended or expelled.

Question: If a Participant wishes to transfer from one Wisconsin Lodge to another Wisconsin Lodge, what happens to his Perpetual Membership?

Answer: Such Perpetual Membership may be transferred only if both Lodges consent to such transfer. Upon written notification from both consenting Lodges to the Grand Secretary, future payments to the Participant's Lodge will be made to the transferee Lodge.

Question: What happens if two or more Lodges consolidate?

Answer: The Perpetual Membership of the Participant shall be transferred to the consolidated Lodge.

Question: What happens if a Lodge surrenders its charter to the Grand Lodge?

Answer: Any amounts which would have been payable to the Participant's Lodge will be paid to the Grand Lodge general fund until the Participant affiliates with another Wisconsin Lodge. After such affiliation, all future payments by the Grand Trustees to the Participant's Lodge will be made to the Lodge with which the Participant has affiliated.

Question: If a Participant holds or requires membership in a non-Wisconsin Lodge can payments be made by the Grand Trustees to such non-Wisconsin Lodge?

Answer: No.

Question: If the Participant resigns from his Wisconsin Lodge or transfers his membership to a Lodge in another jurisdiction, will the Grand Trustees continue payments to the Wisconsin Lodge (and the Grand Lodge)?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Can a Perpetual Memorial Membership be purchased for a deceased Master Mason?

Answer: Yes, except that a Lodge itself may not purchase such Perpetual Memorial Membership.

Question: What is the purchase price of a Perpetual Memorial Membership?

Answer: The purchase price is the amount then in effect for the oldest classification of members of the Participant's Lodge, excluding any amount attributable to the Grand Lodge per capita tax. Payments by the Grand Trustees would be made to the deceased Participant's Lodge, but no payments would be made to the Grand Lodge general fund for per capita tax.

Question: Are there any additional provisions relating to Perpetual Membership?

Answer: Chapter 94 of the Masonic Code contains the detailed provisions. This Summary explains the Code provisions. The Grand Trustees are also authorized, with the approval of the Grand Master; to prescribe such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for administration of the Plan; provided that no such rule or regulation shall be contrary to any express provision of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin.

D. SUMMARY OF PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR MASTER MASONS

1. INTRODUCTION

Perpetual Membership may be obtained by a Master Mason who is a member of a Wisconsin Lodge if his Lodge has adopted the Perpetual Membership Plan of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Wisconsin.

Perpetual Memberships are totally voluntary in two respects. First, a Lodge, at its option, may adopt a Perpetual Membership Plan. Second, after a Lodge has adopted a Plan, a Master Mason in that Lodge, at his option, may purchase a Perpetual Membership.

If a Lodge has adopted a Perpetual Membership Plan, some of its members may obtain a Perpetual Membership, while others may decide to continue to pay annual Lodge dues and Grand Lodge per capita tax.

2. BASIC CONCEPT

The name, Perpetual Membership, accurately describes the Plan. By making a one-time payment, the Master Mason obtains a Perpetual Membership in his Lodge and no further dues or per capita tax need be paid. His membership in his Lodge and the Masonic fraternity may be terminated only for un-Masonic conduct or in certain other rare situations.

The one time payment is invested by the Grand Trustees with similar funds. The Grand Trustees then make annual payments to the Lodge and the Grand Lodge for dues and per capita tax. If the income earned by the Grand Trustees exceeds projected obligations, excess revenue distributions may be made to the Participant's Lodge. Payments by the Grand Trustees continue in perpetuity. They do not stop with the death of the Participant in the Plan.

Perpetual Membership is more than just a life membership or a method of prepayment of dues. A Master Mason who purchases a Perpetual Membership has provided for his own Masonic financial security and he has established an endowment for the future benefit of his Lodge and the Masonic fraternity.

3. PURCHASE PRICE

The Lodge determines the purchase price of a Perpetual Membership. A Lodge cannot establish a purchase price below the minimum amount determined in accordance with the Masonic Code of Wisconsin. Such minimum purchase price is determined by multiplying the sum of the existing Lodge dues and existing Grand Lodge per capita tax by a factor set forth in the following table:

MEMBER'S AGE	FACTOR
18-33.....	20
34-41.....	19
42-48.....	18
49-54.....	17

55-60.....	16
61 and older.....	15

Example:

Assume that a Lodge has adopted a Perpetual Membership Plan in accordance with the above table, the existing Lodge dues are \$34.00 per year, the existing Grand Lodge per capita tax is \$26 and a Master Mason, age 54, desires to purchase a Perpetual Membership.

The \$60 total (for dues plus per capita tax) is multiplied by a factor of 17, producing a single sum purchase price of \$1020.00.

4. INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

If a Master Mason desires, he may pay the purchase price in deferred payments over a five-year period (rather than in a single sum). If he decides to pay over a five-year period, the single sum purchase price is divided by a factor of 4.61 to determine the amount of each payment. The amount so determined is the amount of the initial payment to be made at the time of application and identical amounts are payable in five additional equal annual installments (for a total of six payments), such installments being due on the annual anniversary date of the application.

Example:

Assume that the same Master Mason in the prior example decides to pay the purchase price on a deferred basis over a five-year period.

His total single payment purchase price of \$1020 is divided by the factor of 4.61, producing an installment amount of \$221.25. The Master Mason would then make a payment of \$221.25 at the time he applies for Perpetual Membership. He would make identical payments of \$221.25 for the next five years. Thus, the Master Mason who elects the deferred payment plan would pay a total of \$1327.50 (i.e. $\$221.25 \times 6 = \$1,327.50$).

5. APPLICATION FOR PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

A Master Mason who desires to purchase a Perpetual Membership should obtain an application form from his Lodge Secretary. After completion of the form, which is in triplicate, two copies are submitted to the Lodge Secretary, and the third is retained by the Master Mason.

Payment of either the single sum purchase price or the initial required payment (if election is made to pay in installments) should accompany the application form submitted to the Lodge Secretary. All checks should be made payable to "Perpetual Membership Fund".

6. CERTIFICATE OF PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Master Mason who purchases a Perpetual Membership will receive a certificate of Perpetual Membership. Such Certificate bearing the Master Mason's name will be signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary shall forward such certificate to the Lodge Secretary for appropriate presentation. Together with the Certificate of Perpetual Membership, the Grand Secretary shall send a Perpetual Membership card encased in plastic, to the lodge Secretary for delivery to the perpetual member.

7. DUES CARD

A Master Mason who purchases a Perpetual Membership will receive a regular dues card each year. The dues card will be issued by his Lodge Secretary and will not contain any special designation.

8. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

If a Master Mason who is considering applying for Perpetual Membership has additional questions, the following answers may be helpful:

Question: What are the qualifications for application for Perpetual Membership?

Answer: Any Master Mason in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year in a Lodge, which has adopted a Perpetual Membership Plan, may become a Participant in the Plan.

Question: In calculating the purchase price, what age is used?

Answer: The age used is the age actually attained, not a future age, even though the Master Mason may be closer to the next anniversary of his birth.

Question: In determining the purchase price by multiplying the sum of the existing Lodge dues and existing Grand Lodge per capita tax by the factor

for a specific age, is the calculation based on current dues and per capita tax or next year's dues and per capita tax?

Answer: Current year's dues and per capita tax are used, with two limited exceptions. If, at the time of application, the Lodge has already adopted a resolution or amended its By Laws to provide for an increase in dues for the next year, "existing Lodge dues" means the amount of such increased dues. Likewise, if the Grand Lodge has already adopted a resolution to provide for an increase in per capita tax for the next year, "existing Grand Lodge per capita tax" means the amount of such increased per capita tax.

Question: If a Master Mason selects deferred payments, is the total purchase price of a Perpetual Membership greater than payment in a single sum?

Answer: Yes, the sum of the six payments over a five-year period is slightly more than 30% higher than the single sum purchase price. In effect, the deferred payment plan includes an interest factor (slightly less than 12% on the unpaid balance) to compensate for the income, which the Grand Trustees might have earned had they received the single sum purchase price.

Question: Is the interest factor deductible on the participant's income tax return?

Answer: The Grand Lodge expresses no opinion as to whether such interest factor is tax deductible. Ask your tax consultant.

Question: Can a Lodge or the Grand Lodge revise the purchase price of a Perpetual Membership or discontinue the plan?

Answer: The purchase price may not be revised or the plan discontinued by a Lodge or the Grand Lodge for an existing Participant in the Plan. However, such changes could apply to possible future Participants.

Question: If the Lodge dues or Grand Lodge per capita tax are increased or decreased after a Master Mason becomes a Participant in the Perpetual Membership Plan, does this affect payments made or to be made by the Participant?

Answer: No, unless the Participant has elected to pay on a deferred basis and fails to make a payment as required.

Question: Is a Participant relieved of any liability for special assessments by

the Participant's Lodge or the Grand Lodge?

Answer: No.

Question: If a Participant is making installment payments, and fails to make a timely payment, what additional amount does the Participant owe?

Answer: The Grand Trustees will pay a reduced amount to the Participant's Lodge for dues and to the Grand Lodge for per capita tax, such reduced amounts reflecting the proportion of the total number of payments timely made to the total number of required payments. The Participant must then pay his Lodge any difference between the amount so paid by the Grand Trustees and the amount of the then Lodge dues and then per capita tax. If the Participant does not make such additional payments, he may be suspended for nonpayment of dues. If a Participant fails to make a timely installment payment and desires to recommence installment payments at a later date, he may do so only with the consent of his Lodge and the Grand Trustees, after a fair and equitable consideration of the Participant's age and the dues and per capita tax at the time that deferred payments are sought to be recommenced.

Question: If a Participant is making installment payments and dies, are his estate, widow or family members responsible for making any further payments?

Answer: No

Question: Can refunds be made to any Participant?

Answer: No refunds can be made from the Plan to any Participant, any other person or any Lodge for any reason.

Question: If a Master Mason is a member of two or more Wisconsin Lodges, can he purchase a Perpetual Membership in all such Lodges?

Answer: Yes, if the Lodges have adopted the Grand Lodge Perpetual Membership Plan. The purchase price for a Perpetual Membership in a plural Lodge, however, does not include any amount attributable to the Grand Lodge per capita tax, as per capita tax is not payable by the plural Lodge.

Question: If a Participant transfers his membership from one Wisconsin Lodge to another Wisconsin Lodge, can his Perpetual Membership be transferred to the transferee Lodge?

Answer: Yes, but only if both Lodges consent to such transfer.

Question: If a participant holds or acquires a membership in a non-Wisconsin Lodge, will any payments be made by the Grand Trustees to such non-Wisconsin Lodge?

Answer: No.

Question: Why should a Master Mason purchase a Perpetual Membership?

Answer: He can pre-pay his dues when he can best afford to do so. By making a one-time payment, (or completing the installment payments) the Participant will be protected against possible future increases in dues or per capita tax. Perhaps, more importantly, however, is that the Participant is making his Lodge the continuing beneficiary of a living trust fund. Upon the death of the Participant, payments to his Lodge will continue in perpetuity. (Note: The Grand Lodge has prepared an additional "Summary of Perpetual Membership for Wisconsin Lodges". This additional summary contains material that is of particular interest to the Lodge and its officers. Any interested Master Masons may obtain a copy of this additional summary from the Grand Lodge Office. The provisions of the Masonic Code of Wisconsin governing Perpetual Membership are contained in Chapter 94, created by the Grand Lodge at its 1983 Annual Communication. A copy of the Code provisions can also be obtained by any interested Master Mason from the Grand Lodge Office.)

E. RECOGNITION PLAQUES

Plaques to designate a lodge's perpetual members are now available through the Grand Lodge Office. These plaques make for impressive recognition for the lodge as well as recognition to the perpetual members.

The cost of these plaques may change so call or e mail the Grand Lodge for pricing.