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All questions are true or false. Mark and "X" on the correct answers on the enclosed answer sheet. Please print your name, address, city, ZIP code and lodge number on your answer sheet.

Be sure you use the WIGL-008-Rev. August 2009 copy of the **MASONIC CODE** to look up and check your answers. If your lodge does not have the updated version, please email the Grand Secretary at grandsecretary@wisc-freemasonry.org or visit the Grand lodge Web Site and download a copy.

Completed answer sheets should be returned to: Grand Masonic Center, Attention: Cheryl Martin, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118, along with a check for \$4.50 payable to the Grand Lodge of WI F&AM. The questions are yours to keep for further reference and study. Good luck!

1. T F The ancient landmarks of Freemasonry are the supreme Masonic Law.
2. T F The Masters and Wardens of all Wisconsin chartered lodges are members of the Grand Lodge.
3. T F All Grand Lodge Officers must be a resident of Wisconsin, and a Past Master of their chartered lodge.
4. T F The annual communication begins at 9:00 a.m. on the second Monday of June.
5. T F The Grand Lodge shall prescribe rules and regulations for the organization and government of constituent lodges.
6. T F The Grand Master may take away a lodge charter, and suspend the functions of a lodge.
7. T F The Grand Master may waive examination of a candidate in open lodge.
8. T F All Grand Lodge officers receive compensation in the form of a salary.
9. T F The Grand Lodge Trustees may not loan funds to other Masonic Bodies, except constituent lodges.
10. T F Each Area Administrator should visit each of his lodges at least once a year.
11. T F Area Administrators are paid a salary for their work.
12. T F The Wisconsin Masonic Journal is the official publication of the Grand Lodge.
13. T F The operations of the Masonic Journal are governed by the editor.
14. T F A lodge may change its meeting place any time it wishes without permission.
15. T F Each lodge shall file an annual report with the Grand Secretary by February 15, or be charged a fine.

16. T F A lodge may conduct business at a stated meeting, even if the Master and both Wardens are absent.
17. T F The Grand Master must approve remodeling plans of a Masonic Temple.
18. T F The flag of the United States shall be displayed at every communication.
19. T F A vote to consolidate lodges must be a 2/3 vote and must be a written ballot.
20. T F If a lodge surrenders or forfeits its charter, all money, property and books belong to the Grand Lodge.
21. T F The Grand Secretary provides 25-year membership cards to constituent lodges on request.
22. T F Any lodge failing to attend the annual communication shall be fined \$30 unless excused by the Grand Master.
23. T F If a plural member is suspended for non-payment of dues in one lodge, he may still maintain membership in the second lodge (except Research Lodges).
24. T F The Master of a lodge has absolute power in the government of his lodge—subject to some restrictions.
25. T F The Master may decide who is, and who is not, admitted to lodge.
26. T F Committees of the lodge are selected by the members of the lodge.
27. T F The Master has the power to remove an officer of his lodge.
28. T F The decision of a Master may be appealed by vote of the members of that lodge.
29. T F Only an appointed officer of the lode may resign his office, except the Secretary or Treasurer may resign if they move permanently out of the jurisdiction of the Lodge.
30. T F A Trustee is a Masonic officer.
31. T F The Senior Warden has the responsibility to be liaison officer with related youth groups.
32. T F The Tiler is the only lodge officer not required to be a member of that lodge.
33. T F Election of officers shall be held at a stated communication within 60 days prior to December 27, or as soon thereafter as practicable.
34. T F The Master may order a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Warden, Treasurer, or Secretary.
35. T F Members of a lodge may campaign for the member they feel is most qualified to be elected to a particular office.

36. T F Installation of officers should be on, or before, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, or as soon thereafter as practical.
37. T F Trustees may be elected to an unlimited number of consecutive years.
38. T F Trustees need to have meetings only when necessary.
39. T F Trustees may pay the bills incurred in up-keep of the lodge.
40. T F Trustees are required to secure approval of the lodge before selling, investing, lending, borrowing, or pledging of any personal property having a value of more than \$5,000.
41. T F Inventory of property is a duty of the Trustees.
42. T F Trustees make recommendations affecting finances to the lodge for their consideration.
43. T F Lodges are not required to have by-laws.
44. T F Amendments to lodge by-laws shall be reviewed by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
45. T F By a 2/3 vote, a lodge may suspend a by-law.
46. T F The Finance Committee of a lodge shall be the Master, Secretary, and the Treasurer.
47. T F No financial account shall be allowed or paid by the lodge until the same shall have been approved and a report made thereon by the Finance Committee.
48. T F The Master prepares the lodge budget for his year.
49. T F By vote of the members, a lodge may spend its funds for any purpose.
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50. T F Masonic relief is the primary obligation of each constituent lodge.
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51. T F Each lodge shall have a Charity Committee, consisting of the Master and Deacons.
52. T F The lodge may permit use of its Temple and grounds for non-Masonic uses, such as day care centers or church meetings.
53. T F Gambling is not permitted in a Masonic Temple, with certain exceptions.
54. T F While the lodge is in session, smoking is permitted in the lodge room, with permission of the Master and vote of the brethren.
55. T F Business of the lodge may be conducted at any communication.

- 56. T F State communications are opened on the Master Mason Degree.
- 57. T F Voting on petitions for degrees may be done at a special communication.
- 58. T F A lodge can only open to transact business or do work when there are present at least three Master Masons who are members of the lodge, one of whom must be the Master or a Warden, except funerals.
- 59. T F There is no specific procedure for opening and closing a Masonic Memorial funeral service.
- 60. T F The Master may use his key or “cipher” during opening and closing of a lodge to correct the ritual.
- 61. T F In addition to other requirements, an applicant of degrees shall be a legal resident of Wisconsin for at least six months, unless waived by the Grand Lodge of both jurisdictions.
- 62. T F An applicant for degrees must be able to read, write, speak, and understand the language of the ritual.
- 63. T F Every petition for membership shall be received and acted on without regard to race, color, or creed.
- 64. T F Every petition for membership must be recommended and signed by two members in good standing, both of which must belong to the same lodge where the petition is being presented.
- 65. T F At least thirteen days shall elapse between the time a petition for degrees has been received by a lodge and balloting thereon.
- 66. T F The Master shall appoint an Interviewing Committee of four members for each petition.
- 67. T F The Interviewing Committee shall determine qualifications, and file an individual or collective report with the Secretary.
- 68. T F The ballot on a petition for degrees shall be secret, and may not contain any black cubes to elect.
- 69. T F If the ballot for petition is not clear, the Master shall inform the lodge, and inform the petitioner that he has been rejected.
- 70. T F Accountability for casting the black cube is required in order for the applicant to be rejected.
- 71. T F In all voting except by secret or written ballot, a member may change his vote, but only before the result has been announced.

72. T F At least thirteen days are required between a candidate being elected for degree, and the Entered Apprentice Degree.
73. T F There is a minimum of thirteen days required between the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees, or the Fellowcraft and the Master Mason Degrees.
74. T F In the interest of time, a lodge may confer a degree at one communication and do the lectures at a later communication.
75. T F No degree team shall exemplify the work in any lodge until such team has obtained a certificate of permission from the Grand Master.
76. T F All Master Mason shall demonstrate proficiency of the Master Mason examination within 60 days of receiving the Master Mason Degree.
77. T F In certain cases, the Master has the authority to waive the examination of a candidate.
78. T F The key or “cipher” may be used to examine a candidate.
79. T F If there is an objection to advancement of a candidate, the Master shall order a ballot to be immediately taken.
80. T F If a candidate neglects for one year after election to present himself for initiation, or having received a degree, neglects for one year to present himself for advancement, he is in default.
81. T F A ballot must be had before a candidate in default can advance.
82. T F To confer degrees for an out-of-state lodge, clearance must be granted through the Office of the Grand Secretaries of both jurisdictions.
83. T F Dues of the lodge are payable in advance, on or before the first day of January in each year.
84. T F A lodge may increase or reduce its dues by vote of the members, without permission from the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.
85. T F A member who resigns during the year may be issued a partial refund of his dues.
86. T F Special assessments levied by a lodge must have the approval of the Grand Master.
87. T F A member of a lodge cannot be suspended for nonpayment of dues until one year after the date to which his dues are paid.
88. T F Suspension for nonpayment of dues shall be a suspension from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.
89. T F There is a five dollar fee for membership restoration after being suspended.
90. T F Only a Master Mason can transfer membership to another lodge.

91. T F Any member of the lodge who is not delinquent in dues may transfer membership to another lodge.
92. T F A certificate of transfer shall be granted only upon election to membership in another lodge.
93. T F A Mason has the right to visit another lodge and should not be deprived of that right without good cause.
94. T F There are no lodges that a Mason may not visit.
95. T F The Grand Lecturer is the custodian of the pure esoteric ritual.
96. T F The Master of a lodge may permit minor variations in the ritual.
97. T F Distribution of posting keys in each lodge is the responsibility of the Master of that lodge.
98. T F The District Lecturer shall be responsible to annually certify those Masons in his district whom he finds to be proficient in all aspects of the esoteric work.
99. T F A lodge may print a roster of its members.
100. T F A lodge membership roster may not be used for business or political purposes.
101. T F A lodge may participate in a parade without special permission.
102. T F The only Masonic clothing allowed at a Masonic funeral is white gloves and white aprons, and the officers' jewels.
103. T F The Masonic apron shall be worn in the prescribed manner over the suit jacket or other dress at all stated and special communications, with certain exceptions.
104. T F The wife, widow, mother, sister, or daughter of a Mason is permitted to wear Masonic emblems.
105. T F Masons may use the Masonic emblem on business cards, personal sign boards, circulars, etc.
106. T F The Masonic emblem on an automobile should be removed if the vehicle is sold.
107. T F Every lodge which has ownership in a building shall have one million dollars in liability insurance.
108. T F Perpetual membership may not be transferred from lodge to lodge in Wisconsin.
109. T F Perpetual membership may be purchased only by a living Mason in good standing.
110. T F The lodge of a perpetual member receives that member's dues on March 1 of each year, only for as long as that member lives.

- 111. T F Perpetual membership may be paid in a single sum, or in deferred payments over a five-year period.
- 112. T F A lodge may discipline its Master during the term of his office for misconduct.
- 113. T F Each lodge has the power to institute proceedings to discipline its own members wherever they may reside.
- 114. T F A lodge may also institute discipline proceedings against a member of another lodge.
- 115. T F The three ranking officers of a lodge are the Committee on Discipline.
- 116. T F The discipline of a Mason shall be only upon the charge of “unmasonic conduct.”
- 117. T F Any conduct which may bring Masonry into disrepute is considered “unmasonic conduct.”
- 118. T F If found guilty of “unmasonic conduct,” the member is automatically expelled from the fraternity.
- 119. T F Wisconsin Statutes protect the Masonic insignia from being used by non-members.
- 120. T F A vote of 2/3 is necessary to suspend a member for non-payment of dues.
- 121. T F A vote of 2/3 is necessary to fix the annual dues.
- 122. T F A majority vote is needed for everything not specifically listed in the table of votes.
- 123. T F Election of officers requires a simple majority vote.
- 124. T F One of Mackey’s Landmarks is the modes of recognition.
- 125. T F The “legend of the third degree” is one of Pound’s Landmarks.
- 126. T F The right of every Mason to visit other lodges comes from one of the Ancient Landmarks.
- 127. T F The Bible is the only Holy Writings’ allowed on the Altar.
- 128. T F A Transfer of Certificate to a lodge out of Wisconsin must be processed through the Office of the Grand Secretary.
- 129. T F The lodge secretary shall compile a list of dues delinquent members by February 28.
- 130. T F There is a suggested form for Lodge By-laws.