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AGENDA

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Saturday, February 20, 2010

9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Registration
9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Western Masonic Conference Meeting
9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. NMFC Meeting
9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. MRC
1:00p.m. Planning Committee Meeting
2:00.m. Nominating Committee Meeting
6:00p.m. Grand Lodge of Virginia "GALA"

Sunday, February 21, 2010

8:30a.m.-3:00p.m. Registration
9:00a.m. Grand Secretaries' Tour Departs
9:00a.m. Religious Observance
10:45a.m. MasoniChip Meeting
10:45a.m. Committee on Info for Recognition receives
correspondence

GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE OPENS

10:00a.m. Call to Order and Welcome
Thomas K. Sturgeon
Grand Master, Pennsylvania
Conference Chairman

Invocation

Colors Presented:

National Anthems Canada, Mexico, U.S.

Welcome William E. Rorer, Jr.
Grand Master, Virginia

Response Charles F. Marlowe, *Grand Master, Indiana*
Vice Chairman

Report of Conference Planning Committee Chairman

Gale H. Kenney, *Grand Master, Washington*
Committee Chairman

Report of Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Glenn E. Means, *Past Grand Master, Missouri*
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Report of Nominating Committee

Charles F. Marlowe, *Grand Master, Indiana*
Conference Vice Chairman

10:30a.m. Election of 2011 Officers

10:45a.m. National Masonic Foundation for Children Report

11:05p.m. Masonic renewal Report

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Luncheons 11:30a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Grand Masters with Ladies

Deputy Grand Masters with Ladies

Grand Wardens and Officers with Ladies

GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE RECONVENES

2:00p.m.	Call To Order Thomas K. Sturgeon, <i>Grand Master, Pennsylvania Conference Chairman</i>
2:05p.m.	Masonic Service Association Report
2:30p.m.	MasoniChip International Report
2:50p.m.	Introduction of all Visiting Dignitaries
3:30p.m.	Announcements and Call to Recess
5:00p.m.	Grotto Reception

EVENING FREE

Monday, February 22, 2010

8:00a.m.-1:00p.m.	Registration
8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.	GRAND SECRETARIES CONFERENCE CONVENES
9:00a.m.	Comm. Information for Recognition Meeting
9:30a.m.	Time & Place Committee Meeting

GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE RECONVENES

9:00.m.	Call to Order Thomas K. Sturgeon, <i>Grand Master, Pennsylvania Conference Chairman</i>
9:45a.m.	Invocation Freemasonry for the 21st Century

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

9:15.m.-10:00a.m.	National Masonic Foundation for Children
Group I	Masonic Medical Research Laboratory
Group II	2011 Officers & Planning Committee Meeting
Group III	
10:15a.m.-11:00a.m.	National Masonic Foundation for Children
Group I	Youth Groups
Group II	Masonic History Preservation
Group III	2011 Grand Masters Meeting
Group IV	

11:00a.m.-12:30p.m.	LUNCH
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Busses to George Washington Masonic Memorial

1:30p.m.	George Washington Association Meeting and Report
2:30p.m.	Photographs of GM's and Visiting Jurisdictions
3:00p.m.	George Washington Memorial Reception
4:30p.m.	Busses Return to Hotel
6:30p.m.	Grand Secretaries Social Hour
7:30p.m.	Grand Secretaries Banquet

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

7:00a.m. Shrine DeMolay Breakfast

*Sponsored by Imperial Shrine
Imperial Sir Jack Jones, Imperial Potentate*

9:00a.m. Ladies Tour

8:30a.m. GRAND SECRETARIES CONFERENCE RECONVENES

GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE RECONVENES

9:00a.m.	Call to Order <i>Thomas K. Sturgeon, Grand Master, Pennsylvania Conference Chairman</i>
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

9:15a.m.-10:25a.m.

Group I	Public Relations
Group II	Membership
Group III	Information Technology
Group IV	Lodge Issues

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

10:30a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Group I	Public Relations
Group II	Membership
Group III	Information Technology
Group IV	Lodge Issues

12:00 Noon-1:00p.m. Lunch

GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE RECONVENES

1:30p.m.	Call to Order <i>Thomas K. Sturgeon, Grand Master, Pennsylvania Conference Chairman</i>
1:45p.m.	Committee on Information for Recognition Report
2:10p.m.	Introduction of 2010 Conference of Grand Secretaries Officers

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2:15p.m.	Report of Time and Place Committee
2:25p.m.	2011 Host Committee Report
2:45p.m.	Business Session
4:00p.m.	Announcements and wrap up Thomas K. Sturgeon, <i>Grand Master, Pennsylvania</i> <i>Conference Chairman</i>
	Benediction
6:00p.m.	Grand Masters Social Hour
7:00p.m.	Grand Masters Banquet

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PROCEEDINGS

OPENING SESSION

Sunday February 21, 2010

Most Worshipful Thomas K. Sturgeon – *Chairman*
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Most Worshipful Charles F. Marlowe – *Vice Chairman*
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Indiana

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: I would appreciate if you would all find your seats. I now call the 83rd Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America to order. My name is Thomas K. Sturgeon, Grand Master of Masons in the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the Great state of Pennsylvania. Grand Masters, it is a great honor that I am allowed to serve as your Conference Chairman for this 2010 session of the Conference of Grand Masters. The theme for this Conference is Inspired by our Past, Embracing our Future. In a rapidly changing world Freemasonry must also change and evolve, no one knows better than I. Many of those changes keep Freemasonry relevant to the new generation as the past has been difficult for many to grasp and understand. We must continue to develop leaders for our Fraternity and equip them to meet the challenges of tomorrow's rapidly changing world. The breakout session topics were selected and planned to present ideas and guidance for our future leaders of our Fraternity and of our world. It is my pleasure and honor to welcome each of you here today to Arlington, Virginia, and I do especially welcome the ladies and visitors who are here with us. I know that everyone who participated in the Grand Lodge of Virginia's evening with George and Martha Washington had a great time. We thank you Grand Lodge of Virginia for such a wonderful time. (applause) Grand Masters, there are floor microphones on three sides of the table. For the benefit of our reporter, Miss Jill Fry, I would ask that when you have something to say, please go to a microphone and identify yourself before beginning your comments. Those committees who have reports to present, please give Miss Fry a copy to ensure that she receives your copy in a expeditious manner.

It is my pleasure now to introduce and call on Brother John Chambliss of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to invoke the blessing and presence of our Lord on this our Conference. Brother Chaplin.

R.W. John Chamblis: May we pray. Supreme Architect of the universe the giver of all good gifts and graces, we, indeed, acknowledge your presence among us today. We claim that presence and we acknowledge the diversities that you have provided. We thank you for allowing us to safely journey to this place to consider the business of advancing the causes and the purposes of our great Fraternity. However, as we go about the business of helping the needs of others, and to provide the leadership, we pray that you will inspire each one of us to be the very best that we can be. May the things that we say, the things that we do, indeed bring praise, honor and glory to your most holy name, and at the conclusion of this event that you will guide us back to our families. We ask these things in thou most holy name. Amen. So Mote It Be.

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M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you, Brothers. We will now have the presentation of colors of the three Nations represented at this Conference, Mexico, Canada and the United States of America. It is my great pleasure to call upon good a friend, Most Worshipful William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Virginia to introduce the color guard for representation of colors and for the National Anthems. Brother Grand Master.

M.W. WILLIAM E. RORER, JR.: The colors will be presented today by Kena Shrine, Legion of Honor, accompanied by Kena Shrine Highlanders Pipe and Drum Band. During the playing of the national anthems please join the singing using the song sheets that are provided at your chairs.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and NATIONAL ANTHEMS

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you Legion of Honor and Pipers from Kena Shrine for your presentation of colors today. I also wish to thank Doctor J. Blaine Blubaugh for the religious service and Worshipful Brother James D. Baker for the music at the religious service this morning. Fellow Grand Masters and visitors, friends of Freemasonry all across this state it is my pleasure to introduce to you the Most Worshipful Brother William E. Rorer, Jr. Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient and Freely Accepted Masons of Virginia, please rise for Grand Master William Rorer.

M.W. WILLIAM E. RORER, JR.: Thank you, Grand Master. Fellow Grand Masters and guests, it is both my honor and pleasure as the newly installed 165th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia to appear before you today to extend our greetings to the members of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. A welcome is extended to each of you to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the old dominion. The home of presidents and the home of the oldest continuous independent Grand Lodge in the country. Your being here today for this meeting amply demonstrates not only your interest, but also your obvious love and commitment to Freemasonry and everything that it professes to symbolize and for which it stands. Because of that dedication and zeal that I am so pleased to personally welcome each and every one of you here today. I assure you that the numerous preparations Most Worshipful J.H. Jones, III with the committees will make this for yet another enjoyable, and most certainly a successful Grand Masters Conference. A welcome center has been established to answer questions or to assist you in making your stay here a memorable experience.

Inspired by our past, embracing our future. What a wonderful theme for Freemasonry and this Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. We as Master Masons are proud of the Masonic heritage that has been handed down to us by our founding fathers. The builders of our good nations, Freemasonry has an illustrious sister in these great lands of ours. Freemasonry actually helped preside over the formation of our republic and had much to do with its growth. Men like George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, John Hancock, Joseph Warren, John Paul Jones, Marquis Lafayette and Baron Von Stuben and others all Master Masons were present at its formation. Whenever the past felt the need to throw off the oath of a question whether political, intellectual or spiritual and demanded unalienable rights, they found a true friend in the Masonic Fraternity. Unless our Craft were truly good, or our calling honorable, we would not have lasted for so many centuries, nor

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would so many men and ladies shown themselves ready to promote our interests. Many men from every period of our history and from every field of human endeavor have had their lives influenced by our Craft. Astronauts, explorers, doctors, lawyers, educators, scientists, politicians, statesmen, generals, admirals, men of the cloth, businessmen, authors, laborers, labor leaders, musicians, sports heroes, movie stars and many, many others have carried the proud title of Master Mason. Millions of men from all over at 16,000 Lodges in the United States alone are dedicated to the same love of country, the same brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God, which has motivated Freemasons throughout history. Our fundamental teachings rest upon the most basic of all truths. Every man, before he is allowed to participate in the rights and privileges of our Fraternity, must profess his faith in God, the Grand Architect, the Master Builder of the universe. Freemasons share a common belief in the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. They believe in the dignity and worth of the individual in his God ordained life, to achieve his destiny through his own efforts. They are pledged to uphold the time honored institutions of honesty, integrity, and forthrightness and are strong supporters of the fundamental principles of physical, intellectual, moral, political and religious freedom for all our citizens in all our nations. Freemasonry shows that man may become better. Not better than his fellow man, put better than himself. By making better men we build a better community, better nations and a better world.

Your task to build a better world God said, and I answered how? The world is such a large and vast place and so complicated now, And I so small and useless am, there is nothing I can do.

God in his wisdom said, just build a better you.

We have in Freemasonry the potential to become one of the strongest, most dynamic, moral forces in the world today. The great principles taught in our Lodges must become part of the very fabric of each of our lives so that by character and action, by what we do as a Fraternity and as individuals thereof, we are the examples of good citizenship and that we are men who refuse to compromise with those forces that today seek to destroy our places of worship, our homes, our schools and our force. And even the great government which protects our brotherhood.

Out of all that I hear and see,
Day by day I am building me;
I alone have the right to choose
What to reject and what to use.
Nobody's workmanship but mine
Can keep the structure true and fine,
Strong or feeble - false or true –
I build myself in the deeds I do.

In embracing our future, the time has come to engage fraternally and redeem a sustained analysis of Masonic planning as it is, not as we imagine it to be. All brothers of good will are now looking toward a more open minded, more tolerant and more Masonic approach to our brotherhood. To that end, increased numbers of Masons from around the world are making the necessary efforts to build a bridge of light, which does not end at national borders or within the limits of individual Masonic offices. It is time to open our minds and hearts to inherit legacies of rich traditions. To embrace our future, we will be making an asserted

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effort to use the current technology through computers and phone communications with each other and learn by the new generations of communication techniques and embrace their methodology and thereby understand the impact on our future membership through the use of social networking, information technology, and public relations. It is indeed a great privilege to have the opportunity to open more widely the doors of understanding. So let us attempt to in our time together to overcome the friction of difference that far too often marks the realities of the world and tarnish even our Masonic world. The Masonic Orders have endured through time, culture, civilizations and society. However, it has survived through the centuries not by falling passive to movements in society, but rather often has been at the forefront of important change within society. In those moments of leadership it has been its strongest. So it is my sincere desire that you each enjoy our Virginia style of southern hospitality and the many special events planned for the 2010 Conference of Grand Masters. The events have been planned to help you be inspired by history and prepare you for embracing our future. It is in this frame of reference that I again welcome you to this truly memorable occasion. Thank you. (applause and standing ovation)

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you Most Worshipful Brother Rorer for your inspiring and wonderful comments. It is so great to be here in Virginia. I now call on Most Worshipful Brother Charles F. Marlowe, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, our Conference Vice-Chairman for a response.

M.W. CHARLES F. MARLOWE: Thank you, Most Worshipful. Most Worshipful Rorer. Good morning everybody. Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, honored guests and Brethren, on behalf of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America I wish to thank our brothers of the great State of Virginia and its most distinguished Grand Lodge for the welcome extended to the attendees and hosting this 2010 Conference, I can tell you, it comes with a lot of effort, and work and we are all very glad that you did it.

The comments of Most Worshipful Brother Rorer are correct in that our host in a very positive way makes each of us feel that we are an important part of a very special force, a spiritual brotherhood that spans space and time, our beloved Masonic Fraternity. Such a warm welcome awakens emotions within each of us that evinces a true cry in the belonging. Most Worshipful Brother Rorer has set a challenge before us to make Masonry relevant to today without forgetting our past, and doing it with, as he put it, dedication and zeal. In the technological age that finds no reason for human contact or commitment, our fraternity fosters the feeling of family. Our brothers of Virginia have done an outstanding job of making us all feel very much at home. Again, with sincerest thanks, Mr. Chairman, thank you for the privilege of delivering this response. I thank you Brother Rorer for all of your hospitality for everyone in this room. Thank you. (Applause).

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you, Grand Master Marlowe. Thank you very much for those comments. At this time I would like to personally thank the Brethren responsible for this 2010 Conference session. Brethren, you will be introduced as your committee chairmen gives their report, but I want to add my personal thanks for all that you have done to make the Conference as good as it will be and as good as it is. At this time I would like to ask all past officers of the Conference to please stand, introduce yourself and give the year that you served. Would you please come to the microphone and introduce yourself, past officers of the Conferences as far back as we go. I know there are several here.

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M.W. RONALD C. BELANGER: Right Worshipful Sir, Ronald C. Belanger, Past Grand Master of Maryland. I served as Chairman of this Conference in 2005. Thank you.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Please remain standing.

M.W. JERRY CARVER: Right Worshipful Sir, Jerry Carver, Grand Master of South Carolina, Conference Chairman 2009.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you, Jerry.

M.W. CHIP BORNE: Right Worshipful Sir, my name is Chip Borne, Vice-Chairman of the Conference in 2006. Past Grand Master State of Louisiana.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you.

M.W. RONALD AUNGST: Grand Master Ron Aungst, Past Grand Master of Virginia. I was Time and Place Committee Chairman in 2007.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: I don't even know you. Anybody else? If you would, please give a round of applause to these Past Grand Masters for their work? (applause) Brother Executive Secretary Means, do we have a quorum present?

M.W. GLENN E. MEANS: We do have a quorum present. We have 60 of our 64 members present, Right Worshipful Sir. British Columbia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan are not present with us this year.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you very much. Conference members it is a great pleasure for me to introduce probably the person who works the hardest for these Conferences, let me introduce Most Worshipful Gale Kenney, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, who is the Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee. He will give his report at this time along with the rules of the Conference. Gale Kenney, Grand Master of Washington.

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2010 PLANNING COMMITTEE

L to R: Raymoind S.J. Daniels, Ont; C. Wayne Libby, Jr., NH; Charles F. Marlowe, IN, Vice Chairman; Thomas K. Sturgeon, PA, Chairman; William E. Rorer, Jr., Host Grand Master; Gale H. Kenney, WA, Chmn Planning Committee; Terry A. Posey, OH

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

M.W.GALE H. KENNEY: Brother Chairman, Right Worshipful and Most Worshipful sirs, good morning. Right Worshipful Brother Chairman, distinguished guests, Most Worshipful Grand Masters, my brothers all, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Masters Conference. It is with great pleasure that I bring to you this report on behalf of the Planning Committee which met in Arlington on Friday and Saturday May 1st and 2nd, 2009. The Planning Committee has put together a great program that we hope you will all enjoy. At this time I would like to introduce the members of the Committee. Would you please stand when your name is called so your hard work and dedication to our Fraternity can be recognized: Most Worshipful Brother Raymond S. J. Daniels, Grand Master of Ontario; Most Worshipful Brother C. Wayne Libby, Jr., Grand Master of New Hampshire; Most Worshipful Brother Terry W. Posey, Grand Master of Ohio; Most Worshipful Brother Barry Rickman, Grand Master of South Carolina; our Conference Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother Thomas K. Sturgeon, Grand Master of Pennsylvania; our Vice-Chairman Most Worshipful Brother Charles F. Marlowe, Grand Master of Indiana; Most Worshipful Brother William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Virginia and our host for this session; and Most Worshipful Brother Glenn E. Means, Past Grand Master of Missouri, the Executive Secretary to the Conference. (Applause.) Thank you Most Worshipful Brother Rorer for all of the courtesies you and the Virginia Masons extended to us during our planning in May of last year. The Grand Lodge of Virginia had a very well thought out plan for the pre-conference tour. the Saturday evening entertainment with George and Martha, which was absolutely wonderful, and the ladies tour. I would also like to thank Most Worshipful Brother Means for his support, leadership and knowledge in putting this Conference together. I wish to thank these Brethren for their contribution to this year's program and it is our sincere hope that you will enjoy as well as learn from the session. The Committee members finalized the subject matter and presenters and provided this information to Most Worshipful Brother

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Means, who put it all together to produce the written program, as well as, coordinating the hotel rooms, meeting rooms and equipment needs with the hotel. The breakout sessions will cover a wide range of topics which many of you did request and should be of great benefit to all Grand Masters and other elected Grand Lodge Officers present. These sessions will afford you an opportunity to not only learn, but to interact with the other members from the many different Grand Jurisdictions present. Our breakout sessions will offer leadership, philosophy, membership and challenges of a growing craft just to name a few. It is the Planning Committee's hope that this session will motivate the leaders of tomorrow and so we encourage all of the Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Wardens to take advantage of the breakout sessions as much as possible.

Our By-Laws in Article IV, set forth the rules by which the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America is to be governed. To refresh your memory, they are:

1. Any item of business not placed on the agenda for the annual meeting by the Planning Committee may be added if approved by three-fourths majority vote of the Grand Masters and other authorized representatives in attendance at this meeting.
2. Except as otherwise provided in the By-Laws, any item of business brought to the floor for vote shall be decided by a two-thirds majority vote of the Grand Masters or other authorized Representatives having seating privileges.
3. Only Grand Masters, or duly authorized Representatives of member Grand Lodges having speaking privileges, are authorized to speak at any session. Other persons desiring to speak must first obtain the permission of their respective Grand Master.

In addition, the Planning Committee recommends the following additional rules for this 2010 Conference to augment the By-Laws. They are:

1. It is necessary that proper credentials be worn by each member for admission into the Conference and in order to be properly received and seated.
2. When properly recognized by the Chair, the Brother so recognized will approach a microphone; state his name, his office and the jurisdiction he represents before speaking on any subject.
3. Parliamentary Procedure shall be based upon commonly accepted practices in Roberts' Rules of Order.

Right Worshipful Brother Chairman, we have the following Right Worshipful Brothers designated by their Grand Masters to represent them and sit in their place at this Conference: Right Worshipful Brother L. Kent Needham, Deputy Grand Master of Kansas for Most Worshipful Brother Roy T. Sullivan, Jr.; Right Worshipful Brother Kris Goodman, Deputy Grand Master of Manitoba for Most Worshipful Brother David G. Love; Right Worshipful Brother Vincent Libone, Deputy Grand Master of New York for Most Worshipful Brother Edward G. Gilbert; Right Worshipful Brother Gene Carnes, Deputy Grand Master of Texas for Most Worshipful Brother Orville L. O'Neal; and Right Worshipful Brother Dean Behrens, Deputy Grand Master of South Dakota for Most Worshipful Brother Jack H. Welker. Right Worshipful Brother Chairman, I move for the adoption of the Planning Committee's report, along with the 2010 Conference rules, and that these representatives be approved and offered all the courtesies extended to a Grand Master. Thank you.

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M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: You have heard the motion, do I hear a second? (Second) We have a second. All in favor, hands up? Hands down. Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you Grand Master Kenney. Brothers, I now call upon Most Worshipful Brother Glenn Means, Executive Secretary-Treasurer for his report. I need to announce that the Masonic Chip International program that was to begin at 10:45 a.m. this morning has been rescheduled to 10:45 a.m. Monday morning in Salon D. Now, Most Worshipful Brother Means, your report please.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

M.W. GLENN E. MEANS: Thank you Right Worshipful Brother Chairman. Right Worshipful Brother Chairman, Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Grand Masters, distinguished brethren, ladies and guests, good morning. I don't know about you but Mary Jane and I had a really fun time last night with George and Martha, or General Washington and Mrs. Washington. My congratulations to the Virginia officers, Masons and their ladies, who worked really hard to put together such a great event. With that kind of start, this has to be an outstanding Conference. Each year after the Conference, the hotels where we have contracts for the next three years are contacted and a review of the rooming block reserved is made. I had worked with the hotel through the four years leading up to our conference and we, again, have one of the largest attendances at a conference. We over filled our block, and I had to go to a secondary hotel for some of our folks. The hotel has not a single room vacant. In fact, they themselves are shuttling some of their own customers to another hotel. So we really filled the place for them. Our attendees this year, as usually, are just a cross section of all of America. We have farmers, we have businessmen, clergy, we have lawyers, we have sales, any occupation that you can possibly think of the is represented in this room, and to me that is one of the great things about our Fraternity is we encompass everything, we encompass everybody, and we have a lot of fun at it. In your agenda there have been some room changes. I will go through them quickly. Our Chairman will announce them again as the time for them comes up. So just to give you a heads up on it. The luncheon for today, the Grand Masters with their ladies, that will be in Salon B, as in boy. The Deputy Grand Masters with their ladies will be in Salon K, as in king. At 4:00 p.m. today, there is a line down there says 4:00 p.m. National Sojourners meeting, that has been moved to Tuesday afternoon at the conclusion of our conference. That's for Chapter 996, the Grand Master Chapter of National Sojourners. But at 4:00 p.m. today, for those new officers and planning committee members who we will elect shortly, there is a short meeting for them at 4:00 p.m. in the Madison Room. So that on Monday at the first break out session, the Group IV where it says 2011 officer planning committee, that would be cancelled, there would be no need for it. We had to make some room changes because of the numbers. In the lunches, the rooms we had originally to work with turned out to be too small for our great number, we had come out and so we had to go to a larger room. And then I owe an apology to two Grand Masters here, Most Worshipful Brother Paul M. Curran, Grand Master from American-Canadian Grand Lodge and Most Worshipful Charles Belknap, Grand Master from Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. On the back side of the program pamphlet, where I list the Grand Masters, unfortunately, I screwed those two names up. Doctor Ruediger Templin, although he is a member of the Grand Lodge of the American-Canadian Grand Lodge, he is the Grand Master of United Grand Lodges of Germany, not the American-Canadian Grand Lodge.

At this point I do not have a complete financial statement for 2010 because the books s will

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not be closed until March the 31st. The hotel bill and various other bills have yet to arrive and be paid prior to that time. So as of right now, with no bills in, we are in great shape financially. We have \$146,579 dollars, which is waiting to pay the bills. After all are paid, we should have about \$14,000. So we have kept the Conference in the black about \$3,000 to \$4,000, and that is about where we normally come out each year. Your Chairman and Planning Committee run a very tight ship on this. As in the past, after the close of the books and the audit, a complete financial report will published in the 2010 proceedings. I mailed two copies of the proceedings to each member jurisdiction. I normally do not mail copies to the sister jurisdictions or appendant bodies unless they specifically request one.

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and especially Most Worshipful Brother William Rorer, Jr., Most Worshipful Allan Atkins, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary and all of the brethren of the Virginia Host Committee. They did an outstanding job in working behind the scenes and helping put all of this Conference together.

I especially want to thank my wife, Mary Jane, for helping with work associated with preparing for the Conference. And as usual she and Judy Fletcher have done just an outstanding, excellent job at the registration desk for the past two days. So I thank you Judy and Mary Jane.

I do congratulate the Conference officers and committee members for their leadership and planning of this Conference. I know that all of you will find this Conference really most interesting and informative.

Most Worshipful sirs, at last year's Conference I reported that in accordance with the instructions of the 2008 Conference, a not for profit corporation had been formed, a new tax ID or EIN, or identification number obtained to operate us as a Section 501(c)(10) tax exempt fraternity. At the business session on Tuesday afternoon last year, '09, motions were passed to end the association's existence, and transfer the assets to our new corporation. That has been accomplished. I have been in contact with the IRS and I have received specific instructions on filing the final forms tax forms, 990, of the old association, along with all of the necessary explanatory letters, and the filing of the form for the new corporation at the end of this current fiscal year, which is March 31st. These will be the final actions that complete the change over from the association to a corporation. And I believe that the Conference has taken a great step in the right direction to remove or lessen potential liabilities on our individual Grand Lodges or members of this, now a corporation. I, again, want to express my gratitude for working with the officers of the Conference this year. It seems that every year I stand up and say I work with the best people in the world. It is true. You know, over my working lifetime, I spent a number of years in the army, worked for a lot of senior officers, including the Secretary of the Army. I then went in the federal government, worked with a lot of managers there. But non compare to you gentlemen as bosses. The camaraderie, the help, and guidance that you give me is unquestionably the best in the world. For that, I thank you. I know that in your own Grand Lodge you're the top dog, but all of a sudden you're in a room where everybody is a top dog. On more sad note, I have some cards I would like to pass around and please, if you would, sign it. In Illinois the Deputy Grand Master, Terry Stouter's wife is very ill and he had to cancel being here. I would like to send her a card. Past Grand Master of Massachusetts Edward Darling's wife is ill. And our first lady from last year, Terry Anderson, Past Grand Master

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of California, Larry Anderson's, wife fell and shattered her knee just about 3 days before they were ready to come out here. And also if you would also please keep Most Worshipful Brother Gilbert, Grand Master of New York in your prayers. His doctor just would not allow him to travel. He has had some severe heart problems. It is too far to drive, and the doctor wouldn't allow him on the airplane. So if we could just sign the cards, I will see that they get sent on behalf of each of you. I thank you.

I look forward to the remainder of the Conference. It is going to be a good one. The hotel is a great venue. If you have any problems, please let me know. We'll straighten them out with the hotel. Thank you. (Applause.)

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you brother secretary. We need a motion to accept his report. So moved. Second? Second. Motion and second. All in favor hands up. Hands down. All opposed. Motion carries. I just want to make an arbitrary comment here about how this thing works. We just tell all of you that you have no idea how much work and how good a job our Executive Secretary does until you reach the level of being where we are up here, and those Planning Committee and Time and Place Committee Members He does just a wonderful job. He likes to pass it off onto other people, but the truth of the matter is that the glue in the foundation of this organization is with our Executive Secretary, and I would like to recognize him at this time. (Applause.)

I would like to mention to everyone as we pass the cards around, the Grand Masters and all of those Grand Lodge people please be cognizant of the health of our Grand Master of New York and wish him well as he continues to recover and become a viable person for the fraternity again. So thank you for that. Now, it is my pleasure to present to you Most Worshipful Brother Charles F. Marlowe, Grand Master of Indiana as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the report of the Nominating Committee. Grand Master Marlowe.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

M.W. CHARLES F. MARLOWE: Thank you Right Worshipful Brother Chairman. Most Worshipful Brethren, Right Worshipful Brethren, guests all, the Nominating Committee, before I begin, I would like to introduce the members of the Nominating Committee. Please stand as I call your name. Myself, and I am already standing, Most Worshipful Brother Charles E. Johnson, Grand Master of Colorado, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Velvin, Jr., Grand Master of Maryland, Most Worshipful Brother Terry Posey, Grand Master of Ohio, Most Worshipful Brother Barry A. Rickman, Grand Master of South Carolina, and Most Worshipful Brother Thomas K. Sturgeon, Grand Master of Pennsylvania and Committee Chairman. I would like to let you know that nothing happens in a vacuum here or anywhere else. It all requires a lot of hard work, but for us this was a labor of love and we enjoyed doing it. Thank you very much for assisting me in this Committee. (Applause). Prior to coming to Virginia for this Conference the Committee reviewed the biographical information submitted by those who will be Grand Masters at the time of the 2011 Conference. We also reviewed any letters of recommendation submitted regarding those individuals. The Committee met on Saturday and, again, reviewed and discussed the biographical information submitted. Additionally, the committee has received and reviewed recommendations from Southwestern Conference that Pierre "Pete" Norman of Texas be the representative for the Committee on Information for Recognition as replacement for Most Worshipful Past Master Donny Broughton, who

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had to resign, and the recommendation that John Colligas, Past Grand Master of New Jersey be a representative on the Committee for Information of Recognition. We, the nominating Committee, endorse those commendations.

Your nominating Committee submits the following recommendations to serve as officers and committee members of the 2011 Conference of Grand masters. As your name is called please stand and remain standing. For Conference Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother Bradford A. Goebel of Ohio. For Conference Vice-Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother John L. Cook, Jr., Minnesota. For the Planning Committee Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother Steven J. Ponzillo from Maryland. On the Planning Committee as members, Charles V. Egan, III, Colorado, host for the 2011 year; Most Worshipful Brother James W. Rowan, Arizona; Right Worshipful Brother Richard L. Swaney of Illinois; Right Worshipful Brother Miles A. Oliver, Arkansas; Right Worshipful Brother J. Alan Cross, British Columbia. The Time and Place Committee Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Johnson, IV of Vermont. Time and Place Committee members, Right Worshipful Brother Vincent Libone, New York; Right Worshipful Brother Joseph B. Parker of Wisconsin; Right Worshipful Brother Kristjan "Chris" Goodmanson of Manitoba. And for the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Glenn Means. On the Information for Recognition Committee, Pierre "Pete" Norman, Past Grand Master of Texas and John Colligas, Past Grand Master of New Jersey. These are the recommendations of the Committee. Mr. Chairman.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Marlowe. It is my understanding that all people whose names were read, have agreed to serve. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I declare nominations closed. I ask Most Worshipful Brother Terry Posey, Grand Master of Ohio to make the unanimous vote.

M.W. TERRY W. POSEY: Mr. Conference Chairman, Terry Posey, Grand Master of Ohio, the home grand lodge of next year's Conference Chairman, and I move for approval of the report and the unanimous vote.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you very much. Is there a second. Second. Motion made and seconded. All that favor hands up. Hands down. All opposed, hand up. Motion carried. (Applause.) Thank you Brother Marlowe and all members of the Nominating Committee. I recognize, and everybody knows the selection of these nominations are very difficult. I sat in on that also and there are a lot of great, qualified people, and to narrow them down for these things are a pretty difficult job. Before we have the National Masonic Foundation for Children Report, I need to make an announcement concerning the room for the Committee on Information for Recognition for the receipt of reports. Today's just for the receipt of reports. It is not the committee's regular meeting. That meeting will take place tomorrow. Today's receipt of report will be at 10:45 a.m. in the Madison Room, which is on first floor of the hotel, to the right of the front desk. The Committee's regular meeting will take place tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. in Salon F Room, which is just down the hallway from that room. It is now my pleasure to call on Most Worshipful Brother Earl J. Washburn, Executive Secretary of the National Masonic Foundation for Children for their annual report. Brother Earl.

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NATIONAL MASONIC FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN REPORT

M.W. EARL J. WASHBURN: Right Worshipful Mr. Chairman, Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, Brothers, ladies, my name is Earl Washburn, Past Grand Master of Vermont, the Executive Director of the National Masonic Foundation for Children. I would like to recognize my board for you. Before I do that, I need to introduce to you Kathy O'Mally, who is the Executive Director Assistant, Kathy, glad to have you here today. (Applause.) Our Board members Phillip W. Morton, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Vermont; Ronald L. Lynette, Past Grand Master of Ohio; Daniel C. Yandel, Past Grand Master Illinois; Len Proden, Past Grand Master of District of Columbia; David Doan, Past Grand Master of California; Vincent Libone, Deputy Grand Master of New York; William B. Jeffers, Jr., Past Grand Master of Arizona; Walt Wheeler, Past Grand Master of Michigan and Foundation Secretary; Douglas R PolICASTRO, Past Grand Master of New Jersey and Foundation Treasurer; H. Wayne Kingsly, Past Grand Master of Nevada, and Vice-President; and I present to you Ronald K. Aungst, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania and Foundation President.

M.W. RONALD K. AUNGST: Thank you, Brother Earl. Right Worshipful Grand Masters, Conference Chairman, Most Worshipful Brothers, Host Grand Masters and Most Honorable guests, it is my pleasure on behalf of this foundation to make this following report to you. You have a full report before you and I would give an abridged report. It has now been 24 years since this committee has been established by you, the Conference of Grand Masters. It was then that you told us that we should select a program that would best assist students, it is the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program. It is a teacher training program developed to support and identify at risk kids and get them the help they need. Educators consistently comment on the training they receive. Many of whom were relieved when they leave our sessions and make comments such as. "It is the best training I have to help my kids in these troubled times, in the last ten years, 20 to years. Very impressive and very informative". Today the Masonic Model continues to be the premier student assistance program for the schools, school systems in the jurisdictions where it is being offered. There are now enough Grand Lodges involved to say to the Conference that the Masonic Model is the nearest thing we have to a national Masonic program for Grand Lodges, thus the initiative of founding Grand Masters. In these unsettled times many states are seeing many budget cuts and consequently the educational systems are taking major cuts themselves. But we as Masons can be proud of our divine support in efforts to keep our focus on the well being of our kids at risk. Since it's inception more than 42,000, yes, 42,000 teachers have been trained in this program. Current statistics are that every teacher trained in this program impacts an average of eight and a half students per year. Simple math, it is over 350,000 students each year that this program assists and helps them in troubled times. Currently the MSA training is in 12 states Arizona, California, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, North Dakota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota and Vermont, where we have provided 38 training sessions. These are three day, two day and booster programs, and it is my pleasure to inform you that already scheduled for 2010 are 13 additional training programs. For those Grand Lodges not in our Masonic Model Program in your jurisdiction, please consider bringing this valuable program to your schools and your communities. Yours and our kids need, at a time when we continue to look for great visibility in a positive way, there is no better program to fill this endeavor. I would especially like to thank those states that have been most consistent in their support of this program California, District of Columbia, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois, and the American Canadian

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Grand Lodge, and those additional that continue to make contributions as we will receive shortly today. I would remind you that we have a web site, www.Masonicmodel.org which will provide you additional information as well as invite you to stop by other booth so we can talk with you individually. I would like at this point in time to move acceptance of this report. Would there be a second. There's a second. All those in favor. Raise hands. Opposed. So moved. Thank you very much. Brother Ron Lynette, please give your report.

M.W. RONALD LYNETTE: Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipful Grand Masters, this year we have three board members who need to be reelected. We are also adding two new board members also, and they are as such. Most Worshipful Brother Bill Jeffers of Arizona, Most Worshipful Brother Doug Policastro of New Jersey, Most Worshipful Brother John Kozinski from American Canadian, we have Deputy Grand Master Brian Durkett of North Dakota, and Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Velvin, Jr., Grand Master of Maryland. Do I hear a motion on those names I mentioned? So moved. We have a second? Second. All those in favor by usual sign of hands. Against? So moved. Now, the nominations for officers for 2010. For President we have Right Worshipful Brother Ron Aungst of Pennsylvania; Most Worshipful Brother Wayne Kingsly of Nevada, Vice-President; Most Worshipful Brother Doug Policastro of New Jersey, Treasurer; Most Worshipful Brother Walter Wheeler of Michigan, secretary. Do I hear a motion? Second? Second. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Against? So moved. Thank you, Brethren.

M.W. RONALD AUNGST: Thank you, Brother Ron. At this time I would ask the Grand Master of California, Most Worshipful Kenneth Nagle, and Grand Master of Illinois, Most Worshipful Richard Swaney to approach the podium. Brother Earl, would you give comment at this time?

M.W. EARL WASHBURN: Thank you, Brother Ron. At this time I would like to present our Medallion of Excellence. This award was created by this foundation to recognize the Grand Jurisdiction that have done an outstanding job in presenting our program. I want to say we have got two this year for two very different reasons. California has been running their program since the 1994/95 school year, and they have shown the dedication, and resolve and persistence to this program and brought it to the forefront in California. In 2000 we had a survey done by Doctor Carl Portman in Pittsburgh which showed that for every teacher that goes through our training, Masonic Model training, they positively affected seven children during the course of the school year. We did our own survey last year, and our figures out of California told us that for every teacher that goes to the Masonic Model Student Assistance Training in California they positively affect 8.5 children in a school year. So that number is up. My brothers, this program does work. Illinois after a good start in the early years went on through a couple of years of hiatus, but an outstanding effort over the last couple of years has brought MSAT back to the forefront in the Grand Lodge of Illinois. They have done an outstanding job there through their Deputy Grand Master and Junior Past Grand Master, Danny O'Dell and Rick Swaney. We want to recognize them for their outstanding effort. So Brother Ron, on behalf of our foundation, for California, Medallion of Excellence, and Brother Ken, you do an outstanding job there and it has been a great joy being with you the last few months and getting to know you really well. Brother Rick, on behalf of the foundation, Medallion of Excellence, and I know you have been a strong proponent, you have served on our board for a couple of years, and we really appreciate what both of you fellows have done for the past year for the efforts of MSAT in both of your states. We thank you very much.

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M.W. RONALD AUNGST: Give them a nice round of applause. (Applause.) I would like to remind you as well, one more time, that we have two breakout sessions scheduled tomorrow morning. We look forward and welcome you to attend them for great information. At this time I, along with our Board of Directors for this Foundation would accept your contributions to continue to help yours and our kids at this time. Thank you. Appreciate the opportunity to present this report to this committee.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you very much, Brother Washburn. It is now my pleasure to call upon Most Worshipful Brother Neil Neddermeyer, Past Grand Master of Minnesota and Chairman of the Masonic Renewal Committee for their annual report.

MASONIC RENEWAL COMMITTEE REPORT

M.W. NEIL NEDDERMEYER: Right Worshipful, Most Worshipful sirs, brethren and guests, before I start I would like to ask more all of the members of the committee to stand or raise your hand. Thank you. I see one of our oldest members standing back there with one of our newest members. Most Worshipful Brother Ed Farris, from New Jersey is retiring from the Committee this year and we appreciate all of the many, many years of service that you have given to the Committee, and I won't ask you to come up because of time issues, but great anticipation, and great appreciation the Masonic Renewal Committee of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America recognizes Most Worshipful Brother Ferris and for his many, many years of outstanding service in the Masonic Renewal Committee and his commitment to improving Freemasonry throughout America. My Brothers, Ed Ferris. (Applause.) The Masonic Renewal Committee of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America was created more than 20 years ago, it needs to be introduced every year because it continues to reinvent itself. Once it tried to guide Grand Lodges of North America, now its role is support and assistance to those same Grand Lodges. Once it organized conferences, but now it distributes information to Grand Lodges to assist them in forming their own leadership conference. Once it consisted of only Past Grand Masters and recognized nationally recognized Masonic leaders, now it is diversified and involves new members of the committee in the craft and the young lives. Once it produced and distributed packets and books for sale, now it gives them away by internet. On the Masonic Renewal website you can get those pamphlets and books. It is only one year old, but it too has been reinvented. The Grand Masters login section is being eliminated as well as the calendar and news sections. That was because of lack of participation. The rest of the website will remain the same and will be improved. I might add a new Masonic Committee section will be added by the site to continue to be the best reference library for Masonic programs for Grand Lodges and all Masonic leaders. Please go to www.masonicrenewal.org and experience a new intensity of Masonic Education. With all of these changes cited, it is still the best reference library and you will appreciate seeing it. Some of our Grand Lodges have established a web page of Masonic colleges, currently creating a template for use by other Grand Lodges wishing to create such educational programs. That template can be downloaded and adapted to the individual needs of each jurisdiction. Over the next couple of years the committee will establish a list of Masonic speakers, including a biography of each and the topics of their expertise. There will be an estimated cost of hiring these individual speakers and a section for evaluation will be available in the future, the speakers list will contain individual video excerpts of each speaker. The Grand Lodge of California developed a successful program called The Leadership Program. This program includes leadership topics for lodge masters

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to assist them in performing their duties. The Committees Program, a similar program is e-mailed quarterly to each Grand Master here in North America. This download can be edited and transported for use by each Grand Master in the hope that that Grand Master will put his own name on it and send it out to his individual constituent lodges. Dan Brown's book "The Lost Symbol" will be released as a movie within the next two to three years. With this in mind, the Committee is assembling a multimedia press release template to be edited by individual Grand Lodges. The template will include video statements of the Grand Master and several other unique options. The committee is opening dialog with many members of recognized Grand Lodges throughout North America and in doing so has created its own Facebook page to join the discussion enter Masonic Renewal Committee on the search section of your Facebook page and please join in on the dialog. We continue to search for new ideas and services to assist the Grand Lodges of North America. Every one of us is committed to serving every one of you. Respectfully submitted, Ed Neddermeyer, our Chair, but before I leave, one last opportunity to be performed, I would ask Right Worshipful Brother, or excuse me, Most Worshipful Brother Richard Lynn of Florida, do we have a presentation to make?

M.W. RICHARD LYNN: Thank you Most Worshipful Sir. As one of the newer members of the Committee I take great pleasure and honor to be able to make a presentation, more especially since the Brother that we are very proud of, one whom all of our Grand Lodge officers support and he supports our Grand Lodge in all of their endeavors. It is with great appreciation that the Masonic Renewal Committee of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America proudly presents this lifetime achievement award to Imperial Potentate, Illustrious Sir, Jack H. Jones for his 20 years of leadership and service to the committee and his steadfast dedication to the Masonic Fraternity. Congratulations. (Applause and standing ovation.)

IMP. POTENTATE JACK H. JONES: This is a surprise. You really know how to surprise somebody, don't you, Most Worshipful. Such a great honor. This is, you have almost caught me without words and that is really hard to do for me. It has been such a great pleasure for me over these years, as Most Worshipful Richard mentioned, that I have had the great pleasure and honor of serving on this Committee, the Masonic Renewal Committee. I have tried to contribute whatever I could, whatever little bit that might be, or in whichever direction that the Masonic Committee has gone. We have had some great members and great distinguished Masons, many members of that Committee that moved things forward and have helped so many of the Grand Jurisdictions, and I know materials and things that they published and developed over the years, and now forming a new direction in the paperless type, being modernized in the sense that it really is that I know it will be helpful for all Grand Lodges, not just throughout North America but throughout the world. And that is what we all want to do for Masonry because Freemasonry is the premier organization anywhere on earth. Thank you, sir. Thank you very much for this great honor. (Applause.)

M.W. NEIL NEDDERMEYER: Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful sirs, I ask for the approval of this committee report.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: We have a motion. Second? Second. All in favor raise your hand. Opposed? Motion carried. Thank you. Brethren, in the Nomination Committee report there was just an oversight made and I would like to just correct that now. They

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didn't read all of the names of the Time and Place Committee. So with your indulgence, I would like to ask you at this time to approve part of the Nomination Committee Report, Right Worshipful Brother David Owen of the Grand Lodge of Idaho as a member of the Time and Place Committee. If there is no objection, all in favor would you please hands up? Hands down. Anybody opposed? (No response.) Thank you very much. I wanted to get that cleared up. Thank you Brother Neddermeyer, we appreciate that. I take this opportunity now to introduce to you Clarence Shawver, Grand Monarch of the Grottos of North America and thank the Humanitarian Foundation of the Grottos of North America for again providing the name badge lanyards for this years Conference. Please show our appreciation for their generosity. (Applause.) Grand Monarch welcome and thank you so much.

M.W. CLARENCE SHAWVER: Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Masters and Grand Lodges. It is an honor to be here as a Mason, and I want to thank you for all you do for children. Our philanthropy is children, dentistry to Special needs. We work with the Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois and the Dallas Children's Pediatric Hospital In Dallas, Texas, with children awaiting surgery or transplants. We are now in association with the Shrines of North America or the Shriners, I should say, with their cleft pallet program. They do the surgery and we do dentistry. But the Grottos was formed 120 years ago by Masons setting around wanting something to do and add to good fellowship of Brother Masons. If I walked around this room and introduced myself and talked to every Grand Master and Right Worshipful Brother, I could walk out of here with a Phd degree because there is a wealth of knowledge that we will never ever see in this world again right here in this room. Thank you, sirs, for your courtesies and I hope to be here again. Thank you.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you. (Applause.) I now call for brief remarks Brother Steve McPhearson of the Masonic Communities and Service Association for a few remarks. Brother McPhearson.

BRO. STEVE McPHEARSON: Conference Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas K. Sturgeon, Grand Masters of Masons of North America, Brothers, guests and friends all, good morning. I am Steven McPhearson, President and CEO of Masonic Care, provider of healthcare services to seniors located in Wallingford, CT., also President of the Masonic Communities Service Association referred to as MSCO, we represent over 35 Masonic affiliated human service organizations throughout the United States. Thank you for the opportunity to briefly discuss our providing services. Information material and contact information on MSCO is at your table. In addition, I encourage you to visit our booth outside the auditorium to collect additional material and view a brief video of our activities. I am and I know you will be extremely proud of the services and care we provide. Collectively we have over 10,000 employees servicing in excess of 20,000 people every day and generates almost three-quarters of a billion dollars of annual revenue through our services. We are truly a force and you should be proud of it. This past summer the Masonic Communities Services Association celebrated its 78th anniversary. Since our founding in 1931 we have evolved from Masonic Homes Association of North America to the Masonic Communities Services Association, again, serving over 35 Masonic affiliated organizations, providing care to children and seniors from California to Massachusetts, and Michigan to Florida. As our organization grows to meet the ever changing needs of those it is a privilege to serve we are looking to the future. As healthcare today will impact each of our members, we will be prepared to address the challenges head-on. If your jurisdiction contains a MSCO

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member, contact them please and offer assistance. It can take the form of volunteer work or you can contact one of the representatives here in Washington or at the state Capital. Our collective voices need to be heard now more than ever. MSCO's mission is to assist member organizations be the best they can be and to set the standard of care for Masonic charitable organizations that others can recognize and emulate. Our vision is to be a resource for the best practices in the Masonic sponsored human services organizations. The act and material that you are taking contains a map showing our 35 locations throughout the country, a listing of Chief Executive Officer from each location is also included. As you travel, I encourage you to take the time to visit one or more of our facilities and I guarantee you will not be disappointed. Our annual meeting this year is at the Masonic Villages of Pennsylvania in Elizabethtown from June 13th through the 15th hosted by Brother Joseph Murphy. Joe and his team provide inspiring care. We are grateful for their willingness to host our annual session this year. I have been privileged to work with Masonic Care for the past ten years. The rewards from the brothers and sisters cannot adequately be put into words. As Brother Benjamin Franklin once said, "May you live well, not long". Our MSCO facilities are open to those most in need to live well. Thank you for the opportunity to address you today and I hope to see you at our booth and may you have a successful conference. (applause)

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Brethren, we will now recess for lunch. Please note you are allowed the extended time of two and a half hours to eat. One of the things your Planning Committee decided was that we think one of the great values of this Conference is when people sit around and talk to each other and communicate and then work together. So we extended lunchtime to two and a half hours. Because of the increased number of those attending we had to make some room changes so please listen up to make sure you go to the right room. The Grand Masters and ladies go to Salon B, which is just down the hall with the host being myself and the Grand Master of Virginia. The Deputy Grand Masters will go to Salon A, which is also just across the hall near the business center, the host being Right Worshipful Brother Kenneth E. Willis, Deputy Grand Master of Indiana and Right Worshipful Brother Brad Goebel, Deputy Grand Master of Ohio. The Grand Wardens with their ladies are in Salon J, which is also just around the corner from this room. The hosts are Right Worshipful Brother Gregory Walbridge, Senior Grand Warden of Indiana and Right Worshipful Brother Michael Sanders, Senior Grand Warden of Washington. Before we break for lunch are there any announcements? I call this Conference in recess until we resume at 2:00 o'clock p.m. sharp. Enjoy your lunch.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 21, 2010 CONFERENCE RECONVENES

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Brethren, thank you very much. The Conference is now reconvened. Brethren, I want to make this announcement with regard to the Visiting Dignitaries. They will meet in Salon H, which is right over and they will be escorted with signs and all of you will be taken care of there. The Planning Committee this year made a change. We decided that to shorten the time of introductions, we will only than introducing and only going into Salon H will be the highest ranking officer of that appendant body. So instead of having 200 introductions, we might only have 50. So hopefully no one finds offense to that, but the point is this, that immediately following the Masonic Chip presentation the dignitaries will be announced. So the highest ranking person of that organization should go to Salon H. So that's just around the corner. Also I just want to make a brief announcement.

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You know we have in this country, and maybe not too many, but we have some German speaking lodges. And the Herman Rumble Lodge in Philadelphia is celebrating its 200th anniversary next year on February 12th. The Grand Master of Germany will be here. So if you have any interest, or have lodges in your jurisdiction that have a persuasion for the German speaking or oriented German Lodges, you might want to pay attention to that date. Thank you. Now, it is my pleasure to introduce Brother Ray Vandenberg, Past Grand Master of New Jersey, he is going to be Chairman of the Masonic Service Association presentation. Brother Ray.

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M.W. RAY VANDENBERG: Thank you, Right Worshipful Sir. Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, my brethren all, my name is Ray Vandenberg. I am the Chairman pro tem and at this time it gives me great pleasure to call the 91st Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of North America to order. I would like to introduce Most Worshipful Tom Galyon, Past Grand Master of Ohio, the Executive Commissioner; Most Worshipful Lanny Sanders, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma, Executive Commissioner; to my far right our Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Most Worshipful Richard D. Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Vermont; Most Worshipful Bill Roberts is our Chairman, and as I am speaking, Bill is being admitted to the hospital to be advised if he will be undergoing surgery this coming week. Also, Fred Sorsabal of California has a conflict and could not be with us. At this time it has been recommended, and I would like to have someone place the nomination the name of Most Worshipful V. Arthur Bush to serve as the presiding officer of this annual meeting. Do I have that nomination? So moved. Seconded. All in favor say Aye. Opposed. Will you please escort Most Worshipful Brother Art to the podium.

M.W. ARTHUR BUSH: Thank you very much. It's a real pleasure to be here. Are you having fun? You ought to be because where else could you have fun but in a room full of Masons? I want to tell you, I really want to thank the Masonic Service Association for placing my name in nomination, I truly do. It is a great honor. I also want to thank the Brothers who voted for me and honor not for met, but for the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon and I thank you so much for honoring my jurisdiction. I would like to thank the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The Grand Lodge of Missouri sponsored the Grand Lodge of Oregon's Charter. 160 years ago the charter came across on board one of the Conestoga Wagons over the Oregon Trail, and the Brothers in the jurisdiction of Oregon thanks the Brothers in Missouri. Thank you. Are there any announcements at this time? Hearing none, we will move to the approval of the report. My Brothers, you have in front of you a copy of the report that has been handed out. We will handle these as a group, and I will now read the reports contained therein. The Executive Commission is broken down into two sections, that is operations and hospital visitation. It is further broken by finance, education, publication, membership, North American relief, foreign relief, necrology, and Masonic Information Center. Do I have any questions with regard to the reports as they have been submitted? Hearing none, I will call for a vote for a motion to approve the reports as submitted. I have a motion and a second. It has been moved and seconded to accept the Annual Reports as submitted. Discussion? (No response.) All of those of in favor vote by the usual sign of a Mason. Those opposed. Motion carries. At this time we have two vacancies that we would like to fill. One is for Chairman of the Executive Commission, and I will now call on Most Worshipful Brother Carl Banks, the Grand Master of Nevada.

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M.W. CARL BANKS: I would like to place in nomination the name of William G. Roberts, Deputy Chairman for a three year term. He would have been most happy to be here as a commissioner. I move for Motion of William G. Roberts a three year term.

M.W. ARTHUR BUSH: I hear a second to the motion? Second. It has been moved and seconded to elect William G. Roberts, Past Grand Master of Nevada as Chairman of the Executive Commission for a three year term. Discussion? All those in favor vote by the usual sign of a Mason. Those opposed? Motion carries. We also have to fill another vacancy and that is in the western division of the Masonic Service Association of North America. I now call on Most Worshipful Brother Ken Nagle, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of California.

M.W. KEN NAGLE: Mr. Chairman, I place in nomination the name of Most Worshipful Brother Frederick L. Sorsabal as Executive Commissioner for a three year term to continue to represent the Western Division. I so move.

M.W. ARTHUR BUSH: It has been moved. Do I hear a second? It has been moved and seconded to elect Most Worshipful Brother Frederick Sorsabal, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California and as a member of the Western Division of the Masonic Service Association for a three year term. Discussion? All of those in favor, vote by the usual sign of a Mason. Those opposed? So carried. Both of these Brothers are not with us today, however, both of these brothers have stated they are more than happy to continue serving this Masonic Service Association. Under other business. The Executive Commission in their report has made the following recommendation. After all reports are presented, this Association endorses the acts of the Executive Commission and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the period of January 1st, 2009 to December 31, 2009. I need a motion to adopt this recommendation. Do I have a motion? So moved. Do I have a second? Second. It has been moved and seconded to adopt. All those in favor signify by the usual sign of a Mason? Those opposed? So carried. I would now like to call on Most Worshipful Brother Richard Fletcher.

M.W. RICHARD FLETCHER: Good afternoon, Brethren. Just a couple of points of interest to mention to you. At your places you have the winners of the 2009 Twain Award. The Twain Awards that have been chosen for the year 2009. It was a tough year to chose. There were a lot of good submissions and we want you to congratulate the Lodges of your jurisdictions that did achieve this award. The other thing I want to mention to you just briefly is that we do have an appeal out on behalf of the Grand Orient of Haiti. We have had a great deal of difficulty in communicating. I have been in touch with a Brother John Boose, who is the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. He has called me on a number of occasions. The last time was from Santo Domingo because communication in Haiti was very bad. He said most of the lodges were destroyed but as far as they know, they are not aware of at the time of any loss of life of any members. But at this point just who knows, there is such chaos in the country. We are working with an organization in New York that we have found to be genuine and will help the Grand Orient of Haiti with the funds. We don't want to just send them into the country because we really don't know where they would end up, so want to insure the monies are being properly administered. I want to assure you of that. Quite a bit of money has come in and we thank you for the support. I have never been to Haiti but I understand it is very hot in the daytime and very cool at night and the people really have no shelter, they have no place to go. They are afraid to go into the buildings because the

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buildings are still collapsing. So it is a very, very tragic circumstance, and I do thank you for the support you have given us. You will have received invitations for the Deputy Grand Master's Reception tomorrow. It is in the Alexandria Room which is on the second floor. We hope there are many of you that will come to that as can. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you very much for letting me give this brief report.

M.W. ARTHUR BUSH: Is there any further business to come before this group? No response.) Then I turn the podium over.

M.W. KEN NAGLE: At this time I would like to propose a resolution. Be it resolved that this 91st Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of North America expresses its sincere appreciation for the outstanding manner in which Most Worshipful Brother D. Arthur Bush, Grand Master of Masons of Oregon has served as Chairman of our Annual Meeting, conducting the necessary business for the Masonic Service Association with dispatch, efficiency and good humor. And I would like to make that motion. I would like to have a second to that motion. Second. All in favor signify by the voting sign of a Mason. So approved. Most Worshipful Sir, a copy of the resolution for your files. Thank you very, very much for presiding.

M.W. ARTHUR BUSH: It was an honor, truly an honor.

M.W. KEN NAGLE: At this time we would now like to have those Grand Lodges that would like to make a presentation to support our benevolent work, please come forward so we could lighten them of their heavy burden. Anyone who would like to make a contribution, please come forward. Brothers just one final word. Your Executive Commissioners have been elected by this host body to serve you. We are here to serve you, to help you in any way, shape or form that Masonic Service Association can. Please call on us. We do travel. We do visitations and all in the interest of Masonic brotherhood. At this time the 91st Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of America is hereby adjourned in peace and harmony. Thank you very much. (Applause).

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you. It is now my pleasure to call Right Worshipful Brother John Hess, Senior Grand Warden, President of the Masonic CHIP International for their Annual Board Meeting.

MASONIC INTERNATIONAL REPORT

R.W. JOHN HESS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Most Worshipful sirs, Right Worshipful sirs, and Brethren all, it is our pleasure to address this Conference again this year. Since the beginning of Masonic Chip well over one-half million children in the United States have been identified in your jurisdictions. We know that it just in our state of Missouri, six children are safe back home because of what we have done. And that is magnified all across the country. We thank all of you for the participation that you do to help the children of our country. We have made our report over the years, and it is not much fun to hear a bunch of old gray haired men up here talk, so we brought some ladies with us today from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children who are going to explain why you really need to do this program. And we hope that the information -- we know that the information will be beneficial and we know that you will enjoy it, but we are going to move the screen over and we are going to turn the meeting over to the Center. Our board meeting will be in Salon B after this meeting, and anybody interested we would appreciate your attendance. I turn this over to Ms. Maggie Stark.

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MS. MAGGIE STARK: Good afternoon everyone. Thank you all for inviting me here. Again, my name is Maggie Stark. I am the Senior Program Coordinator for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Today I would like to talk to you about the National Center and the partnership between Masonic Chip Program and the Take 25 Campaign and programs that have been brought out to communities on behalf of the partnership status. First, just to give you a little of an overview about the National Center. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children was established in 1984 under federal mandate as a private non-profit organization. Our mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, assist in recovery of missing children, assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation. One of the most prominent cases is that of five year old Adam Walsh who went missing from a Florida Shopping Mall in 1979, and Adam's case really prompted the National Center to open its doors. Since then, the National Center, over the past 25 years has really done a lot of research on the issues behind missing and exploited children. The statistics show that each year 800,000 children are reported missing to law enforcement. That breaks s down to 2,000 children a day. These are children from every jurisdiction. From every state, from everybody's backyard and this is a real problem that affects each of our communities. Thankfully the vast majority of these children are recovered quickly. Many of these children never make the headlines, about over the past few year there have been headlines of that of children who have escaped their would be abductors. That is why the National Center started researching attempted abductions. We are probably the only agency in the United States tracking attempted abductions and kidnappings nationally, and we do this by receiving reports from local law enforcement and then analyzing the trends nationally and regionally. The statistics show that attempted abductions happen more often to children between the age of ten and 14, they happen more often to female children than male. They usually involve a suspect with a vehicle. About 60 percent happen when a child is going to or from school, or school related activities, which is between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The statistics also show that a lot of the children are able to escape their would be abductors. About 50 percent of the children showed some sign of reaction, they were kicking, yelling, screaming or somehow getting away, bringing attention to their dangerous situation. That shows that somebody has talked to them about ways to recognize and avoid potential dangers. We as community leaders really have a responsibility to spend time talking to children about safety and help educate them about ways they can better protect themselves. Communication really is the key to keeping children safer. By opening up a line of communication with children, you can empower them to make safer decisions. You can provide them with potentially life saving information and you can also build a trusting relationship where they feel comfortable talking to you if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or confused. The National Center operates one of the most effective methods of prevention and communication. That is why we created a program such as Take 25 Campaign to try to educate community members about ways to start up this dialog with children. The Take 25 Campaign was created in honor of National Missing Childrens Day, which was first recognized by President Ronald Reagan in 1983 and each administration has honored this day as a time to raise awareness of the issues surrounding missing and exploited children, to renew efforts to reunite these children with their families, and to make child safety a National priority.

The Take 25 Campaign encourages parents, guardians, law enforcement and community members to spend 25 minutes talking to children about safety, and to help initiate ongoing dialog the Take 25 Campaign provides safety tips and conversation starters all free of charge to community members. These resources are actually printed by Lifetouch Corporation which

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is the nation's leading employee-owned photography company. Lifetouch has supported the Take 25 Campaign for the past two years and this year for the third year they will again print all of our resources for us. That breaks down to over one and a half million pieces of child safety material they'll print for us. That generous donation allows us to provide free resources to community members, and each of you in front of you have the Community Outreach folder that has a sample of all of our available resources, including safety tips, which are available in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Korean Arabic and brail, as well as discussion starters and sample outreach materials, and for those of you who your interested in getting involved in their local community and hosting child safety events. Take 25 Campaign has partnered with members of local, state, national and federal organizations from law enforcement, social services, education sectors and they have helped get constituents involved and they will include the National PTA, United States Secret Service, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association and, of course, Masonic CHIP. And, again, it really helps to engage their constituents on getting involved on behalf of children in their community. Now, during the first year in 2007, with the help of many of these organizations we were able to host 375 Take labs across the country and these included Child ID events, Town Hall Meetings, school presentations or simply distributing materials to the community. During the second year in 2008 we increased the number of events to 737. This past year, with the help of the Masonic CHIP Program, we were able to host 1,335 events 475 communities across the United States and Canada. Masonic CHIP events actually made up ten percent of the total number of events hosted last year. This is a huge number, this is more than any other program partner hosted last year. More than any other program partner, and this all was within the first year that Masonic CHIP supported Take 25 Campaign. So we are really looking forward to the way that the program will continue to grow and the partnership will continue to grow over the coming years. Now, there are many ways you can become involved in the Take 25 Campaign. If your jurisdiction participates in a CHIP Program, you can distribute child safety material at your CHIP Events that are scheduled in you jurisdiction. If not, you can partner with your local community partners such as educators, law enforcement, fire departments and really join together to form a task force in your community on child safety. You can post photos on your jurisdiction's website. This is really the fastest, most efficient way to help recover a missing child. You can also encourage your local elected officials to issue a proclamation in honor of National Missing Childrens Day. Last year the South Dakota Governor Michael Brown declared May 25th to be South Dakota CHIP and Take 25 Day. So these are some things you can do in your jurisdictions as well. You can also link to the Take 25 website, you have three that are downloadable from our site, and to find out more information we have additional resources available through Missingkids.com which is the National Center's website. They kind of talk about the other programs we have. One of our programs is our call center, our 24 hour hotline which is 1-800-the-lost, and that is a vehicle for which people can report incidents of child abduction and sexual exploitation. Through our Exploited Childrens Division we have established a cyber tip line, which is considered the 911 of the Internet. This is, again, another vehicle to report instances of child sexual exploitation. Another prevention program at the National Center is the NetSmartz Workshop. That teaches kids all ages how to be safer while they use the internet and also while they are out and about in the real world. Then, of course, through the Take 25 site, which is take25.org, you can find additional information about each of these resources. Again, we encourage everyone to get involved. We have got three resources that we distribute to you across the country. All of those are child safety education and we are willing to give them to you for any event you have taking place. Get them out into the community and make sure you protect the children in your community just

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like everyone within the CHIP Program has done. I did bring somebody that I would like to present to you, the Masonic CHIP International. This is something on behalf of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and just a way to really thank them for the support they have provided to the Take 25 Campaign and really their dedication to keeping our nation's children safer. (Presented to R.W. John Hess) (applause)

R.W. JOHN HESS: We have come a long way since our Grand Master Conference of 2004 when Doctor Hart and Peter Banks came to the Conference and asked us to get involved in children identification. We have come a long way, we have a long way to go and try to keep going down the road. Mr. Chairman, this is the end of the report of our committee.

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Seated, L to R: Larry Plaskett, NJ; Dave Luebke, AZ; Clifford “Chip” Stamm, Ct; Ray Dobbs, Ontario
Standing, L to R: Denny Robinson, SD; John Hess, MO; William E. Rorer, Jr., VA

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Just so I am clear, are you all done? Thank you very much. Now it is my pleasure to call on Most Worship Brother from Indiana, Grand Master Marlowe to assist me in the introduction of the visiting dignitaries, our appendant bodies and sister jurisdictions. Brother Marlowe.

M.W. CHARLES F. MARLOWE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: It is my pleasure now to call upon the person to respond for all of our distinguished guests, the Illustrious Imperial Potentate Jack Jones from Shriners North America. Jack. (Applause.)

IMPERIAL POTENTATE JACK JONES: Grand Masters, distinguished guests and ladies all, it's such a great honor and pleasure to have this opportunity to speak on behalf of those that have just been introduced to you from all over the world and different parts of North America, and our Grand Jurisdictions and Ladies groups that are here as well. I want to thank you for the wonderful hospitality. This is, of course, a really historic national Masonic City. Those of us in the United States in particular, this is the main city that is named after the first president and a founder of our great nation, George Washington, and we are all going to be here tomorrow and be able to see the great Masonic facility, the George Washington Masonic Memorial, and it is just so wonderful. I know many of you have been there probably many times and it is great. It is the part of our gathering here and to those new Grand Masters particularly that belong to this Conference of Grand Masters, you are the leaders, you are the one, you are the person taking this all to those lining up behind you that will continue our reference in our great roles we have and so proud to be masons. I am so proud to be a 50 year Mason, and it's been something in my life that is so wonderful as I know that it has been for all of you, because that's something that no one can ever take away from you. To all of you at the Conference, those of you who are the leaders and attendees, the breakouts and all of the good information that is given to you in this Conference will

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be beneficial to all of us. So on behalf of your guests here, thank you so much. It has been a great Conference so far. (Applause.) Let this be a symbol of unity between Shriners of North America and Masonic Blue Lodge and all of the Grand Lodges across the country. I know you have used unity as one of your slogans. That is my slogan this year, two simple words “Unity wins”. And if and we are all unified as a Masonic Family, as one related organization we will win, we will go forward. (Applause.)

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Brethren, Jack Jones. Thank you very much. Now it’s my pleasure to introduce to you at this time Chelsie Norman, the Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow for Girls in Virginia. (Applause.)

CHELSIE NORMAN: Most Worshipful Grand Masters and distinguished guests, I represent Rainbow International for my home state of Virginia. Welcome. While I was preparing for my year, I wasn’t quite sure what I wanted to do for my charity. It did take me about a month after being installed as Grand Worthy Associate Advisor that I realized that what I wanted to devote Junior Rainbow’s full charitable attention to, the homeless. Last August I had the distinct pleasure of attending the Supreme event which is held in the Windy City of Chicago. The city was amazing. So many lights, eating outside for dinner while listening to the band play down the street, and having a fire show play outside our motel window, it truly was a magical place. However, I was surprised to find at the hotel there was a man sitting in the corner with a cardboard sign. As we strolled past him I read the sign that completely changed my perspective. It read, “Hey guys, I’m Joel and I’m homeless. Not a bad guy who just made bad decisions”. So it really got to me, we all make bad decisions at some point, but what if any bad decision we had made led to such a severe consequence as Joel’s. Everyone deserves a second chance allowing him or her to make a better life for themselves. However, it was at that point that I wasn’t sure I wanted to focus on the homeless. It was the following day when I was searching for a place to eat and slowly a homeless man walked alongside us, asking us about the morning paper and asked us how we were and how our mornings were going. I gave him a dollar and his eyes lit up. He was so grateful, and that’s when I knew. When saw the light in his eyes, and thought they said, someone in this world does care. There is no other choice to make, my mind was set. I have chosen the Feed America organization which collects money and distributes it to food and clothing donations for the homeless. We also have hands-on experience by having food and clothing drives in popular and highly populated parts in my jurisdiction. On behalf of the Supreme Worthy Advisor, we advise you to believe in yourself, your friends, and your God. Bringing back the fairy tales of my childhood, I have been teaching the morals that the tales teach like giving of peace and to not judge a book by its cover. Like Cinderella, those that remain patient and continue to believe that one day your dreams will come true, your prayers will be answered and you will receive reward because good things come to those who wait. And Thumbelina, that taught us that you can be small and mighty. I ask that you inquire about Rainbow and ask for a brochure for your daughters, nieces, and granddaughters. Thank you for your hospitality and we have one more question. How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb. (laughter) I don’t know, it was stupid. (laughter) (applause)

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: It is my pleasure now to introduce to you Job’s Daughters International, Miss Anastasiya Kryzhanivska. Miss international Job’s Daughter and Arielle Gordon, Supreme Bethel Honor Queen.

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MISS ANASTASIYA KRYZHANIVSKA: Good afternoon illustrious sirs, distinguished guests and Brethren. We would like to tell you a story. This is the tale of the ten year old little girl named Katlyn. She comes from a broken family. Her parents work days and nights trying to make ends meet and has very little quality time together. That little girl has grown up to be a proper female role model. One day her father heard about Job's Daughters from a work colleague. He asked about this Order and decided if they focused so deeply on positively growth of each member, and is run by the girls, for the girls, it was just what his daughter needed. After meeting some of the members of the youth group, she joined a local Bethel and was instantly included in their family. We will skip forward a few years to Katlyn when she is 13. She has been in Job's Daughter's for three years and has undergone a dramatic transformation with the support and guidance of the Bethel, and the friendship and kindness of the daughters. Katlyn has gone from a shy little girl to a happy fun loving teenage. She has participated in many events in the community helping families just like her own. This just taught her to appreciate just how fortunate she is to have Job's Daughters in her life. Katlyn volunteers for her family, her Bethel and her community. Let us go forward to an even later point in time when she has become Honor Queen and the leader of her Bethel. We now see an even greater change. She relaxes in the confidence of her sisters knowing that she would lead them fairly and well. She now has the ability to speak in front of large crowds and run meetings. Katlyn's term of office has been planned out with the greatest care and focused on the giving back to others. With the help of her Bethel she has raised over \$3,000 for charity. She is now well known in her community as a philanthropist, as a natural born leader, and that she was born to do great things. In appreciation for her hard work, Katlyn's Bethel decided to take her to Supreme Session knowing full well that her family could not afford it. While there she entered her name in the opportunity to be Supreme Bethel Honor Queen. She had no idea what was about to happen. As related to the motion her name was announced. During different circumstances Katlyn would not have had all the opportunities that they can offer. She travelled the world, meeting her sisters, speaking in front of thousands of people and trying to inspire in others the same passion for Job's Daughters as she had. Thus our little girl has transformed from someone in desperate need of nurturing and guidance of a female role model into a young woman capable and inspired to save in others. As you can see, Job's Daughters International is not just another youth group. We believe in personal growth of each and every member. Our teachings are based on the Book of Job who has overcome tremendous difficulties but has never forgotten about his fellow man. While helping our community, our members learn to appreciate the value of giving. In observing the hardship of others, we learn to appreciate their own possessions. And seeing the reactions of the people they help inspire us to help more and more, to grow up to be exemplary members of our communities. As you heard in our story, little Katlyn has been transformed from a timid little child to a graceful, responsible young lady who has seen more of the world than more people ever hope to do. In our organization any girl, no matter her background, becomes equal to all her sisters the minute she enters the Bethel meeting. That is the reason why we wear our Grecian white robes. Among other things, our members value democracy and have the ability to be elected into a position of leadership based upon her merit, not position in society. Our Order is the only international youth organization that requires its members to be related to a Master Mason. We are extremely proud to be your daughters and as a result many of our girls will encourage their fathers and uncles to become Freemasons as well. Furthermore, as so many of our members continue their involvement they are likely to tell their husbands and brothers to join. Moreover when our daughters decide to start a family, they become the bearers of future Masons. Thus from just one girl,

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we are capable of creating three generations of Masonic families. We would like to thank you for the opportunity to promote our Order and address the Annual Conference of the Grand Masters and for your continued support. The survival of both of our organizations is dependent on our mutual cooperation and support. However, we would like to ask each of you for two more things before we leave. First, please visit our booth at the doors of Salon A by the ballroom. We would like to be able to talk to you and answer any questions you might have. But the second, we would like to all in the room to please stand up. Please rise. Thank you for the standing ovation. Have a good day.

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2nd Row: Unidentified; Unidentified; Rudiger Templin, UGL Germany; Mario Guia, Portugal; Panayiotis M. Jaonnou, Cyprus; Jose Carretero, Spain; Malcolm Edwards, Spain.

3rd Row: Hamid Shooshani, Iran; Abbas Satrap, Iran; Unidentified; Bruno Verge, France; Marcos Hans, Brazzil; Miguel A. Vega, Baja California; Hector P. Meixueiro, Baja California

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you so very much. That was very, very well done. We appreciate it very, very much. Grand Masters I want to make an announcement here about tomorrow when we are at the George Washington Memorial and where we will take our picture on the steps. There's questions about how we will dress, and the answer to that is this: The officers of the Conference are going to wear their routine dress that they have normally with the collars and aprons. You all can wear whatever you want, but if you have your collar and Apron with you, we would appreciate if you wear it. But, you know, no restriction. What we want to have as much Masonic look to it as we possibly can. Any thing else to add to that? Later there will be the opportunity for the Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters to have their picture taken with George Washington's Trowel and gavel. That picture will certainly be more impressive to you if you are in your Masonic Dress. Having said that, you will hear a little bit more about that tomorrow. The other thing is, we hope tomorrow to line up Grand Masters quicker than we lined up the people today to be introduced as guests. So tomorrow it will be truly a test of all of our patience to be able to get lined up on the steps as expeditiously as possible and get that picture taken.

M.W. ARTHUR H. CARLSTROM: Mr. Chairman.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Yes, sir.

M.W. ARTHUR H. CARLSTROM: My name is Arthur Carlstrom, Grand Master of

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Connecticut. There is some discussion of whether we are supposed to be wearing a tuxedo or dark jacket or dark suit?

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: I am wearing a tuxedo and I encourage you to wear a tuxedo if you have it. Okay. Any other questions about the dress tomorrow? (No response.) Grand Masters, everybody, before I call the Conference to recess for today, there are several important announcements. I remind everybody the Conference will reconvene in this room at 9:00 a.m. sharp tomorrow morning. I also remind all of you who are elected officers and any members of the 2011 Conference that you are to meet in the Madison Room, which is down by the hotel front desk immediately after we adjourn here today. The Executive Secretary will also meet with you. I also strongly recommend that a representative of the 2011 Host Committee, or other members of the Host Jurisdiction attend this meeting. For all of those who will be Grand Masters at the 2011 Conference, your meeting with your officers will be at 10:15 tomorrow, 10:15 a.m. tomorrow in Salon H during the second breakout session. I especially want to remind everyone that the Time and Place Committee will be called to order by Most Worshipful Thomas M. Velvin, Jr., Grand Master of Maryland in Salon 1 tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. The Committee will receive bids to host the 2014 Conference and prepare a recommendation to report later in the Conference. Any jurisdiction wishing to present a bid to host the Conference is encouraged to do so at that Committee Meeting. Are there any other announcements that anybody wants to make?

M.W. GLENN E. MEANS: Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Chairman. For the 2011 Officers that are going to meet downstairs, that's just around the side of the hotel lobby registration desk. If you will give me about 15 minutes before I get down there and meet with you, because I will have to gather up the Conference paraphernalia. This room will be cleaned up tonight, so anything that is in front of you that you want to keep, take it with you. The other item is up here at the corner of the desk in the large cardboard box I have extra copies of the 2009 proceedings. You are welcome to take one. I would ask that you give our sister jurisdictions a chance to pick one up, because I normally do not mail to them. But any extra copies, please feel free to take one. The other item is the cards sent around this morning. Did they make it? I will pick those up. Tomorrow at the George Washington Memorial, there will be an opportunity to have your photo taken with the George Washington gavel and trowel. I have been informed that at the National Sojourner Chapter 996 Grand Master's Chapter meeting, which is immediately after we adjourn on Tuesday in Salon A, that they made arrangements to have the trowel brought over here so it will be an additional opportunity so have your photo taken with that. Thank you, sir.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Okay. Having said that, this Conference stands adjourned until 9:00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow morning.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010 CONFERENCE RECONVENES

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Good morning everybody. The Conference is now reconvened. I will call Brother John Jeffers, Deputy Grand Master of Virginia for the opening prayer.

D.G.M. JOHN JEFFERS: Supreme architect of the universe, as we face the opening of

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this new day, we gratefully acknowledge our evening of rest and refreshment, and we look forward to all of the opportunities of this day that you have placed before us. While today we also acknowledge the birthday of one of our great Masons, of George Washington, we pray that we will keep high his memory, of what he was been to our Craft and to our country. We pray that we will open our minds and our hearts to the learning opportunities that we may grow our Craft, making stronger individuals who can be great servants to you. Keep us safe in all of our actions and bless our deliberations. We ask these things in thy holy name. Amen. So Mote It Be.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you, Brother Jeffers. Brethren, I call your attention that those of you who have given, or who are going to give reports, if you want them accurately reflected in the journal for next year, or this year, make sure you get your copy to the court reporter. You haven't done a very good job of that yet. So keep that in mind if you want that to be accurate. Brothers, for those of you who wish to attend the meeting on Committee on Information For Recognition, that meeting is at 9:00 a.m. this morning in Salon F Room. For all of the members of the Time and Place Committee, those who wish to make bids for the 2014 Conference, the Time and Place Committee will be at 9:30 in Salon Room H. Time and Place will be in Salon H. That's one of the changes that we made here this morning. So Time and Place, Salon H, 9:30. Brethren, we will now break for our breakout sessions. All breakout session rooms are just around the corner from this room. The topics and rooms are listed in your programs. At the conclusion of the breakout sessions at 11:00 o'clock, lunch will be served for those who have tickets in Salon IV Room. Salon IV for lunch. That's just adjacent to this room. If you do not have a ticket and want to purchase one, please see the registration desk. The photographs of the Grand Master, Visiting Officers, and Sister Jurisdictions, and the Conference Committees will be taken this afternoon on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial immediately after the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association Annual Meeting and report. The photographs of the Grand Masters will be taken with collars and aprons. So take them with you on the buses. The Executive Secretary will explain the photograph process when we reconvene at the Memorial and you will be asked to pay for the photographs there at the Memorial. So if you want a photograph, you will be asked to pay for it there. I would ask that you quickly assemble in the auditorium at the Memorial as we have a lot to accomplish in a very, very short period of time. The Grand Secretary Social will beginning and 6:30 p.m. this evening in the foyer, in the front of this room and the Grand Secretary Banquet will be in this room at 7:30 p.m. tonight. At this time I call the Conference to recess for the remainder of the morning in order that we may attend the breakout sessions. I remind everybody that we will reconvene at the Memorial at 1:30 p.m. sharp. Are there any announcements?

M.W. GLENN E. MEANS: Right Worshipful, sir, I didn't get to you early enough this morning. The banquet this evening, instead of this room, it is the room next door. It is where we have the Virginia banquet on Saturday night Salon A through C, which is just the other side of this room. In the Grand Master's luncheon yesterday there was a ladies bracelet that was found after the luncheon was over. If your lady is missing a bracelet from yesterday, it's with my wife Mary Jane up at the registration table. Also on one of the shuttles that came in from Dulles Airport there was a black jacket that was left on the shuttle. It likewise is up there. So if you're missing a black jacket, check with Mary Jane. I don't see brother Most Worshipful Ron Aungst in the room. We have your briefcase up at the registration as well. Grand Masters, when you leave the room today, I request that leave your place cards

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in place. I am going to collect them so I can put them out again on Tuesday morning. On a cautionary note, we learned this morning, that Brother Tom Paine who is the S.G.I.G., for New Mexico, Tom's credit card was appropriated sometime between the time of leaving New Mexico and yesterday, and was maxed out in Pennsylvania. So, just cautionary note on theft and identity theft. Fortunately it was caught in time, so he is not liable for any damages or any charges.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Kind of hard to believe something like that would happened in Pennsylvania. (laughter) My Brethren, learn from the breakout sessions and have a good lunch. Enjoy your Conference. We will reconvene at 1:30 at the Masonic Memorial. This Conference stands in recess.

MONDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 22, 2010 CONFERENCE RECONVENES

R.W. GEORGE SEGHERS: Brethren, we are going to begin our session today with the presentation of the colors by the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line. Please be upstanding. (Colors presented.) Thank you. At this time I will call on Right Worshipful Brother Thomas K. Sturgeon, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the 2010 Conference of Grand Masters of North America.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Good afternoon, Brethren. Welcome back and I call the Conference to order. It is my Pleasure to introduce to you Most Worshipful Brother Anthony P. Wordlow, Past Grand Master of California and President of the George Washington Memorial Association for their annual meeting and their report.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

M.W. ANTHONY P. WORDLOW: Good afternoon, Brethren. We want to welcome you to your magnificent George Washington Masonic Memorial 100th Annual Meeting and celebration of our most esteemed Brother George Washington's 278th birthday. We are delighted to welcome you today. Our George Washington Masonic memorial is one of a kind begun by our farsighted brethren of a century ago. My brothers, it is up to us to continue to support their brilliant legacy of this classical marvel which inspires humanity through education, and emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the man, the Mason, the father of our country. At this time I would like to call on Worshipful Frank Dunaway, Jr. for the invocation. If you will please stand.

R.W. FRANK DUNAWAY, JR.: All mighty and eternal God, father of all men, Supreme Architect of the universe, we ask that you would look down with favor upon this annual gathering of the members of George Washington Masonic Memorial Association. We earnestly beseech the to grant us your help that all of our deliberations here, and whatever we say here, and do here will be acceptable in thy sight. These things we ask in your holy name. Amen. So Mote It Be.

M.W. ANTHONY P. WORDLOW: Looking around and noticing the viewing of the room and roster, I declare that there are enough present to have a quorum and I declare a quorum present. Now, at this time I would like a motion to dispense with the reading and

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approve the minutes of the 99th Annual Meeting as presented in the Annual Report. So Moved and seconded. Any discussion? I guess not. All in favor say Aye. All opposed no. Thank you. Introduction of the officers of the Association. I am Anthony P. Wordlow, President. Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Second Vice-President. Ridgely Gilmour, Third Vice-President. George Seghers, Executive Director. Let's give them a hand. (Applause.) I would now like to introduce the of members of the Executive Committee. Myself as Chairman. Roger Simmons, who is not able to be with us today, is the First Vice-President, Donald J. Hicks, Jr., Ridge Gilmour, Robert Conley, and George Seghers, our Secretary, and Frank Dunaway. I forgot him down there at the other end. Let's give them a hand. (Applause.) At this time I would like to introduce the members of the Board of Directors, starting with Robert P. Conley from Michigan. Frank R. Dunaway, Jr., Alexandria Washington Lodge. Reese L. Harrison, Jr., Texas. John L. Palmer, Tennessee. Michael A. Sutton, Idaho. Neil I. Bidnick, New York. Ridge Gilmour, Utah. James J. Kelley, Nevada. John S. Ryan, New Jersey. Claire V. Tusch, Maine. J.B. Van Hollen, Wisconsin. Jimmie A. Berkey, New Mexico. George O. Braatz, Ohio. Philip G. Buchholz, Wyoming. Donald G. Hicks, Jr, Massachusetts. Thomas C. Jackson, Minnesota. Dennis D. Johnson, Oregon. Calvin Keyler, Vermont. J.F. Jeff Webb, Louisiana. Let's give them a hand. (Applause.) And now I would like to introduce Thomas K. Sturgeon, Grand Master of Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Conference. (Applause.) Charles F. Marlowe, Grand Master of Indiana and Vice-Chairman of the Conference. (Applause). Grand Master Gale H. Kenney, Grand Master of Washington and Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee. (Applause). William E. Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Virginia, our host master. (Applause.) We do indeed want to thank each and every one of you for including the memorial events in your Conference. At this time I would like to introduce Michael D. Brumback, Past President of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. (Applause.) Warren D. Lichty, Past President, Grand Master. He is not present. Edgar M. Peppler, Past President of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Donald M. Robey, Past Executive Secretary-Treasurer. (Applause.) At this time I would like to have Andrew U. Hammer, Master of Alexandria Washington Lodge Number 22. Well, he was supposed to bring you a little welcome from the Alexandria Washington Lodge, but I guess maybe he didn't get out this morning. How about Russell E. Reno, Past Grand Master of Nebraska, founder of the George Washington Lodge of Nebraska. (Applause.)

M.W. RUSSELL E. RENO: My purpose in addressing you today is to talk about an adventure we are starting in Nebraska called the Washington Memorial Lodge. As I was planning to serve as Grand Master of Nebraska last year I was finding ways to raise funds for the George Washington My 30 plus years in marketing told me that I needed to make the Memorial real and relevant to the Brothers who live as far as 1,600 miles away and who may never see the memorial. So I recalled the presentation used at this Conference in 2006 by Most Worshipful Brother Clayton Bourne of Louisiana about focus lodges such as, he talked about a lodge for civil war re-enactments. As my interest in the George Washington Masonic Memorial grew, it followed that I pondered how to give value to our Nebraska brothers about the Memorial, I turned to the idea of starting a lodge with the sole purpose of supporting the Memorial. In Nebraska our Constitution allows special purpose lodges to be created and that language is included in the handout that I will provide shortly. A special purpose lodge can seek permission to operate and I will file papers in the next few weeks for dispensation forming the Washington Masonic Memorial Lodge. It will be a statewide lodge. The lodge will raise funds several ways. First, we will have dues. The dues will be \$25 charge a per capita in a special purpose lodge members and it will also include a donation

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to the Memorial. We will have a lodge incentive program to encourage the members of the lodge to make additional donations. Those members will encourage Lodges in their areas to hold fundraisers for the Memorial. Of course the lodge will generate a greater awareness of the memorabilia through our work in those nine different areas we have in the state, and will encourage brothers and Lodges to make donations. On the educational side, the Lodge will provide educational programs about Washington, programs about the colonial period of time and dinner meetings across the state. We will include family members in that to make it family friendly. These presentations will then become a part of a database for members to use when making presentations at Lodge fundraising dinners and at meetings at area Lodges when they come to the Memorial. Members also will have the opportunity to travel. Every other year members will take a trip to a location historically significant to the colonial period of time and as incentive to keep Lodge officers active and involved the Master and his wife's cost of the trip would be provided at no cost. This September the members of our Lodge will travel to Fredricksburg to see Washington's birthplace, his Lodge, and here in Alexandria, of course, visit the Memorial, as well as the house of the Temple and other sites in Washington, D.C. and there is very high interest in the trip. Once members see the Memorial I think that their commitment to raise funds for this Memorial will increase. Meetings will be held just twice a year. We have divided the state into nine areas with a radius of 90 mile radius of all 147 lodges. We will keep up the interest in our statewide lodge by taking our Lodge out to the members. Dinner meetings will be held at least three of the nine areas twice during the year so we will cover two-thirds of the state each year. The meeting will be dinners held in April and May and October and November. To date 91 brothers have expressed interest in joining this statewide lodge. At our Annual Communication two weeks ago, our Brothers voted overwhelmingly to increase the per capita so that everybody pays \$1.00 a year to the Memorial. I think that was due in part to the enthusiasm for this lodge, as well as an excellent presentation made by George Seghers. The opportunity for brothers to become charter members have generated an interest in joining the lodge. There a lot of guys that wanted to be the first ones on the petition to start the lodge, so that's another incentive. Our lodge will give the Memorial greater meaning in Nebraska I think because Brothers will see the additional value that the Memorial is giving them through the involvement of the members of our Lodge and promoting the George Washington Memorial. I want to thank George Seghers for his assistance. He has been working to develop a special medallion for our Lodge, as well as an Apron for the Lodge as well. The Medallion will bear a profile of Washington on one side and the Memorial on the other. The Memorial's logo will be embroidered on the Apron. These will help enhance the feeling of exclusiveness of the members of our Lodge. If you have any questions, I will be available afterward to speak to you. Thank You. (Applause.)

M.W. ANTHONY P. WORDLOW: Guess who showed up. Here is Andrew U. Hammer, Master of Alexandria Washington Lodge Number 22. (Applause.)

W.B. ANDREW U. HAMMER: Brethren and friends, I welcome you to the home of Alexandria Washington Lodge Number 22 and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on the 100th anniversary of the Association's founders to build this magnificent structure. Today is a most historic occasion for our Lodge, the Memorial Association and Alexandria. 100 years ago when our Master Charles H. Callahan invited the Grand Masters to come to our Lodge to discuss the building of this Memorial. It was a dream that had yet to become a reality, and as we sit it is a reality from a dream. Our building marks the skyline of

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Alexandria with distinction. It would make the men who founded our Lodge deeply proud of what their legacy has inspired. I want to express thanks to a few people who we both know and who certainly deserve it, beginning with Right Worshipful Dunaway, who has served our Lodge and the Memorial Association with great skill and ability for over 20 years. Frank has decided that Florida is where he needs to be now, and we have to respect that decision. That doesn't mean we have to like it. We will miss you, Frank, and we wish you the very best in your new home. You know you always have a home, that's whenever you choose to visit, and I thank you immensely for your work and your service to us. (Applause.) A special thanks to Right Worshipful George W. Seghers, Executive Director for the outstanding and exemplary work he has done to improve this memorial. In his work he has been ably assisted by his Director of Collections, Worshipful Mark Tabbert, and together they have begun to realize and envision this building that its founders surely intended. These two men work tirelessly for the good of this Fraternity in a variety of necessary ways. I tell you this because I see it. As Master of the Lodge I am here quite often during the week, and I have been impressed with the long hours both of these Brothers put in to improve our common home. Finally, I invite all of you to join us at 4:00 o'clock, p.m., this afternoon in the South Lodge Room what will be a very special meeting of our Lodge. I will be making an important announcement pertaining to the relationship between the Lodge and the Memorial. I particularly encourage Grand Lodge officers to attend if within the length of your cable tow. At the end of the meeting we will exhibit for only a few moments the actual Masonic Apron of George Washington as well as the original Charter and Warrant of our Lodge dating from 1788 and 1783 respectfully. We have replicas on display in our Lodge Replica Room, but today we will display the authentic items. Please do join us if you can, and I thank you for the opportunity to speak with you again. (Applause.)

M.W. ANTHONY P. WORDLOW: Now, at this time we will have the reports of officers of the Association. My report you will see in the Annual Report. Also the report of the Executive Secretary or Director is sure in there too. So if you have any questions, talk to him. Unfinished business. The financial summary is on Page 55 of this Centennial Celebration booklet. If there are any questions, contact the Executive Director with any questions.

M.W. GEORGE SEGHERS: Honorable Mayor Arnold is here, will you please rise. Please come up and give us a few words of welcome from our fair city. (Applause.)

MAYOR ARNOLD: I just wanted to come by for a moment to extend greetings to welcome all to the City of Alexandria, Virginia, George Washington's boyhood home. You are celebrating your Centennial. We are very pleased that this is part of the history of this great historic city of Alexandria that was founded and formally incorporated in 1749, so we are in the process of celebrating a 261st birthday. But certainly as a lifelong resident myself of this great city, and remembering as a kid coming up here on the hills to play and so forth, and obviously since the recent snow storms other children have had the opportunity to benefit from sleigh riding on this beautiful hill. This temple has contributed an awful lot to the history, the growth and expansion of the city as we have grown and expanded, so has this temple, this lodge. The history that you have is something that is very valuable and certainly worth being appreciative of, but more importantly, the fact that not only is Alexandria a caring community, but we know that the Masons are caring individuals with the philanthropy and everything that you do, and you need to know that here in the City of Alexandria not only for this temple but for the many lodges that are located here, they too

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continue to give back to the community each and every day to help make a difference. So for that we thank you. Welcome to the city. We hope you enjoy your stay, your visit. We have an awful lot for you to do, to see, to enjoy yourselves and if I can be of any services, feel free to give my office a call. Thank you very much and let's give George a round of applause. He has done a remarkable job. (Applause.)

M.W. ANTHONY P. WORDLOW: Thank you very much for being here with us today. We really do appreciate that. I would like the Nominating Committee to come forward now. The Chairman is Kenneth G. Nagel, Grand Master of California; Larry A. Hancock, Grand Master of Alabama; and Roger Pageau, Grand Master of Massachusetts, would you please come forward.

M.W. KENNETH NAGEL: Mr. President and Brethren all, your Nominating Committee, consisting of myself, Most Worshipful Larry Hancock, Grand Master of Alabama and Most Worshipful Roger Pageau, Grand Master of Massachusetts present the following Brethren for your consideration as members of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association to serve a term of three years until February 22nd, 2013. Most Worshipfuls Jack D. Anderson, Past Grand Master of Montana; Robert P. Conley, Past Grand Masters of Michigan; Joe R. Manning, Jr. Past Grand Master of Oklahoma; Russell E. Reno, Past Grand Master of Nebraska; and Worshipful Andrew U. Hammer, Master of Alexandria Washington Lodge Number 22. Mr. President, all Brothers have been contacted and are willing to serve if elected. Respectfully and fraternally submitted your Nominating Committee, and I so move.

M.W. ANTHONY P. WORDLOW: Are there any other nominations? If not, are you ready for the question? Are you ready for the question? All of those in favor will say Aye. Aye. Those opposed, no. So elected.

M.W. KENNETH NAGEL: Your Nominating Committee, consisting again of the three of us, also present the following brother for your consideration as a member of the Board of Directors for a term, of one year until February 22nd, 2011, that is Most Worshipful Anthony P. Wordlow, Past Grand Master of California. Mr. President, when I ask you, you said you would serve if elected. Therefore, I so move.

M.W. ANTHONY P. WORDLOW: Are there any other nominations? Are you ready for the question? All of those in favor say aye. All of those opposed, no. So elected.

M.W. KENNETH NAGEL: And finally your Nominating Committee, again, consisting of the three of us previously introduced present the following brethren for your consideration as officers of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association to serve a term of one year until February 22nd, 2011. President, Anthony P. Wordlow, Past Grand Master of California. First Vice-President, Roger A. Simmons, Past Grand Master of Alabama. Second Vice-President, Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Past Grand Master of Massachusetts. Third Vice-President, Ridgely A. Gilmour, Past Grand Master of Utah. Secretary George D. Seghers. All brothers have been contacted and are willing to serve if elected. I so move.

M.W. ANTHONY P. WORDLOW: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are you ready for the question? All of those in favor will say Aye. All those

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opposed no. So ordered. Thank you, Most Worshipful. I will probably have to buy him a couple of dinners when I get home.

M.W. KENNETH NAGEL: You can count on it.

M.W. ANTHONY P. WORDLOW: At this time I would like to recognize and thank the retiring members of the Board of Directors for their support and the effort on behalf of the monument. Frank R. Dunaway, Jr., Reese L. Harrison, Jr., Texas, who is not able to be here with us, John L. Palmer, Tennessee, and Michael A. Sutton of Idaho. Let's give them a big round. Thank you. (Applause.) I would now like to appoint the Executive Committee members, myself as Chairman, Roger A. Simmons, Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Ridgely H. Gilmour, Robert P. Conley, Andrew U. Hammer, and George Seghers, Secretary. There being no further business, I will now adjourn the meeting and turn it over to George.

M.W. GEORGE SEGHERS: Thank you, Brethren. Thank you for being here. I would like to thank a few people before we leave. I certainly want to thank Right Worshipful Brother Sturgeon, Chuck Marlowe, Gale Kenney, all of the guys that are involved in the Conference this year, the Planning Committee for working so well with us, and so closely and allowing us to be a part of the Conference, and actually having the theme on its history. We really appreciate that and thank you for coming over here today.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you.

M.W. GEORGE SEGHERS: It has been a great honor to have you all here today. We would love to you have come back when you can stay longer and enjoy what we have here to offer. This wonderful building and these grounds, you own it and you're responsible for it, all of you Grand Lodges. Grand Masters you represent our membership, which is the Grand Lodges of the United States. I want to especially thank Brother Jim Shad from Michigan who came to be with us here today. Jim is our model for an the Ambassador to the Memorial. He has done more for us in the last ten, 12 years in Michigan than you can even think of. Thank you for being here, Jim. (Applause.) Of course I want to thank my Grand Master, Bill Rorer, G.J. Jones, Brad Phillips, Allen Atkins, Howard Sobel, the great team that helped get this thing together. Thank you, Brethren. (Applause.) We are going to leave here very shortly. Before we do, we would like to show you a very short film we have made on George Washington and the Memorial. The theme of the film is Washington is the inspiration for our country and the inspiration for the Memorial. Brethren, if you would go down and sit in the audience. Then immediately following the film we are going to open the curtain and unveil a new portrait we had painted of Washington. We commissioned it especially for this Centennial event. I'll tell you right up front, it's not the Gilbert Stewart, or it's not the Dollar Bill Portrait. The portrait we have done portrays Washington as he looked based on the forensics that Mount Vernon did. We incorporated some nice Masonic symbolism in it, and the author is actually here. You can't see him in the dark, but Chris Bernie is here, the artist that did this painting, and he also did the wonderful new Memorial crest that we'll discuss downstairs. Okay. (Film played.) (Applause.) Brethren, I want to make a few remarks. We have got a couple of more things to do. I want to let you know that today we are very fortunate to have three very important historical items here in the Memorial. First we have the Washington trowel that he used in 1793 to lay the cornerstone of the Capital, that belongs to Alexandria Washington Lodge. Potomac Lodge has brought

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over the gavel that he also used that same day. Fredricksburg Lodge, his mother lodge has honored us with the Bible that he took his obligations on. The Grand Masters that are present today, and the Deputy Grand Masters will have an opportunity this afternoon to have your picture taken with these artifacts. Now, we are going to show you our new painting, and I will be talking a little bit while we are doing that, but this is our Hundredth Anniversary, Brethren. A hundred years ago today the Grand Masters of the United States came together and formed this Association to build this memorial to the one man who did more and gave more for the creation of our country than any other. It's a wonderful thing we have done. It's a wonderful organization. It's a wonderful building. The Fraternity is a wonderful organization that supports it, and inspires the country and remembers Washington, perpetuates his ideals and his character. Immediately following this, our President will be accepting contributions from anyone who would like to give them at this point. We are rushed for time. There will be a very brief dedication of the statute in Memorial Hall by the International Order of Demolay, the Grand Masters here and the local members. (Portrait unveiled.) (Applause.)

When we commissioned this we asked Chris, this is the artist right here, Christopher Bernie, we asked him to present Washington preparing to go to lodge that night. He has his apron on, he has his bible open, he is ready to go. It is not the usual pose but we thought it was quite appropriate. It's a very distinct Masonic portrait. If you look closely, we have got a little bit of Masonic symbolism in there that most of you will catch. Brethren, the next thing we are going to do is the group picture of the Grand Masters on the front steps as they have done, this is the third time that I have know of. So before you leave, stop by Memorial Hall, they'll do a little dedication, a very brief one of the statute that Demolay gave to the Memorial in 1950. It was dedicated by President Truman and Brethren, one of Glenn's fellow statesmen. Glenn, do you have any announcements you would like to make? Please come up. Immediately following this, Brethren, we have a gala reception downstairs. Birthday cake and champagne. This is Washington's birthday, 278th. Thank you for coming. (Applause.)

M.W. GLENN MEANS: We will follow the same procedures we followed in the last several years. That is each of you will receive a card. On one side please complete it with your name, your jurisdiction, and the number of pictures or number of prints that you would like. For our visiting sister jurisdictions if you would also please enter your address on the form. When we get outside the photographer will line everybody up and we will take a number of photographs. The first one will be the index photograph which is simply hold the card up in front of your face and it has a number on it which will then allow me to take the name off the back to create the captions for the photos in the proceedings. The first photo we will take will be the Grand Masters. The second photo will be the Visiting Jurisdictions. The third photo will be the Conference Officers, and then the Officers with the members of the Planning Committee and the members, the officers and the members of the Time and Place Committee. Immediately after the photographs are taken, if you will come back inside, George has a little table set up and my wife, Mary Jane, will be there. If you would please give her the card, and then the money for however many prints that you want. And the prints should be back tomorrow sometime shortly after lunch and I will be able to pass most of those out to you before the banquet. For those that I don't reach, we will have all of the remainder of the prints at the banquet so can you pick them up there. That's pretty much procedure we have used year after year. The only difference is we are going to be on the Memorial steps instead of in chairs in the hotel.

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M.W. GEORGE SEGHERS: Brothers, at this time if you would like to make contributions, President Wordlow will be glad to accept them right here on the floor. Please, if you are ready to go, you can drop off your money, go out through the two doors on the sides, go up to Memorial Hall and watch the boys dedicate the statue. Then you can go get your picture taken. Then please come down for some cake and champagne.

TUESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 23, 2010 CONFERENCE RECONVENES

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: The conference is now reconvened. I call on Brother Paul Shubert for the prayer.

M.W. PAUL SHUBERT: Supreme Architect of the Universe, we thank you for the many blessings that we have here in this room. From this wonderful day, to our friends whom we have enjoyed the last several days, to our families who await our return. Let us use this last day of fellowship to learn and to help us prepare as we return to the various leadership roles and opportunities. Let us open our hearts and our minds that we may guide those whom we lead, that all our actions may be pleasing in your sight. Help us to remember that as we build our personal lives in accord with the words that you have provided to us, and which rest upon our altar, that we have learned so that we may become better examples of those, for those around us to follow. For we pray in your holy name. Amen. So Mote It Be.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you, Brother Shubert. Brethren, we are at our last day. It seems like only yesterday we were at Anaheim, California with last year's Conference. Time seems to slip by awfully quickly these days. As I say to some of the people when I give them the 50 year pins, they talk about how fast life goes. I tell them life is like a roll of foil, the closer you get to the end, the faster it goes. But we appreciate you all being here. Our only order of business this morning is the breakout sessions. We remind everyone that we will reconvene 1:30 p.m. sharp to the Conference. Brother Means, any announcements?

M.W. GLENN E. MEANS: Thank you, Rightful Chair. We have the black three quarter length jacket up at the registration desk. It was left on one of the shuttles when you were brought from the airport last Friday or Saturday. In front of each of your chairs, Grand Master of Virginia placed a transportation schedule and information on the terminal at Reagan National. Also, if your jurisdiction has any questions on transportation, Virginia will be there to answer them at their registration table. For those who did not get their photos taken with the George Washington trowel and gavel yesterday, this afternoon after we close the session the National Sojourners Chapter 996 meeting is in Salon A. I understand they that they made arrangements for the gavel or trowel to be brought over. If you would like and additional picture with it, or members of your jurisdiction would like to have their picture taken with it, go to their meeting.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Brethren, the session is in recess for the purpose of breakout sessions until 1:30p.m. sharp. Be back for the final session. Thank you.

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M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Good afternoon, Brethren. I call the Conference back to order. First, I invite to the podium Brother Allen Adkins to make an announcement about transportation.

M.W. ALLEN ADKINS: Brother Chairman, good afternoon Brethren. In the lobby and at each of your seats this morning you were given a couple of sheets of paper about return transportation to the airports. They will be big buses. Tomorrow, you do not need to make reservations unless you are departing from BWI. To Reagan National and to Dulles International the times are posted. Allow two hours from the report time from the hotel to Reagan and three hours from hotel to Dulles. See me if you have any questions. The buses will be loading. They will be 55 passenger buses. They will be going every half hour. If you have any questions, let me know. If you have any questions of the limousine service, let me give you a number that you can call, 202-320-3322, and that's Pauline. She will assist you. If you need me, my phone number is 804-240-1467. Thank you very much. I will be around if you have any questions.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: I call to the podium now Brother Bill Turner.

W.B. WILLIAM TURNER: Good afternoon, Brethren. Welcome to your concluding session. It is indeed my honor and privileged position to address you and invite you to the Grand Masters Chapter Number 996 National Sojourners which will be meeting in Salon A at the closing of this session. Although it is called Grand Masters Chapter, it is open to everyone. So if you are the least bit interested, we would invite you and love to have you in our company. I would add that as part of the program we are going to have the George Washington gavel once again presented there, and there will be a 15, maybe 20 minute presentation about the history and the legacy of that gavel. Then the President of the Chapter, Most Worshipful Brother Al Boyd, who invites you, by the way, this is his invitation, will then conduct some business and we will be initiating a number of you into the Order of National Sojourners and others will be initiated into the Chapter in specific. So welcome one and all. As soon as this session is closed, please come to Salon A. I think you will have a wonderful time and a wonderful experience. My time is up and I thank you for your's. You can have photos taken, by the way, with the gavel, if it is your will and pleasure. Thank you.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: It is my pleasure to call to the podium Most Worshipful Brother Clifford Stamm, Past Grand Master of Connecticut, President of Masonic Chip International to announce the new elected officers and any other business he might have.

M.W. CLIFFORD STAMM: Thank you, Mr. President. Most Worshipful Brothers, Right Worshipful Brothers, Brothers all, Masonic Chip International had our Board meeting yesterday. We elected three new members to our Board. Brothers Peter Dunlap, Senior Grand Warden of Alberta, Thomas McCarthy, Grand Master of Minnesota, and Woody Bilyeu, Grand Master of Louisiana. Vice-President Larry Plaskett, Grand Secretary of Jersey, Past Grand Master of Jersey, and me as Chairman of the Board and Secretary-Treasurer. We would like to present some plaques to the jurisdictions that helped us this year. We would also like to announce that the power point presentation as well as the Take

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25 video will be available on our website www.masonchip.org, and also at our Worker Bee Sessions that we are having upcoming. They are on the list in front of you, in Maryland, at their Cockeysville Grand Lodge Office, March 19th, 20th and April 8th, 9th and 10th in Columbia, Missouri. We would like to have gather up here seven Grand Masters to give them a special award in combination for their services afforded on many levels in helping us get in partnership with the National Center on their Take 25 Campaign. Most Worshipful Arthur Carlstrom, Grand Master of Connecticut; Most Worshipful Leonard Buffington, Grand Master of Georgia; Most Worshipful Robert Landry, Grand Master of Maine; Most Worshipful Thomas Velvin, Grand Master of Maryland, Most Worshipful Roger Pageau, Grand Master of Maine; Most Worshipful Larry Reynolds, Grand Master of Missouri; Most Worshipful William Rorer, Grand Master of Virginia. Please join us up front. While they are gathering, I just want to say that so many conferees this year need some clarification on Take 25. This is actually something that is big a revelation for Masonry and the Masonic CHIP Program. A federal agency is now willing to give us recognition and acceptance for every single one of our child safety events we do anywhere in North America. So we want your Lodges and your Grand Lodges to help us post that, publish it on the Take 25 site. This is just a union of us and them. Anyone that would like to be involved, will have that legitimacy of their event, the Take 25 Event of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The other thing we wanted to address is the coming learning activities, the unfolding of the Take 25 Campaign, Brother Denny Robinson has been asked to be a Director on their Board of Directors for Take 25. So that is part of the partnership to have us be one of the Directors on their Take 25 Campaign. And, Mr. President, I would like to make a Motion or a resolution to accept the report as distributed on Sunday and then talked about here today, and endorse the actions and activities of our Board of Directors for this past year on behalf of the conference to approve this slate of 2010 officers in front of you and conclude business. Can I have a second.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Do we have a second? Second. In other years of this whole convention, the other years someone would do a second there would be a lot of people talking. This year nobody says anything. We have a second. All of those in favor say it with their hands raised please. Hands down. Opposed? Motion carried.

M.W. CLIFFORD STAMM: Thank you.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Right Worshipful Brother Donald G. Hicks, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts for the report of the Committee on Information for Recognition. Brother Hicks.

COMMISSION OF INFORMATION FOR RECOGNITION REPORT

M.W. DONALD G. HICKS, JR.: Report of the Commission on Information for Recognition for the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, Right Worshipful Brother Chairman, Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brethren. It is my honor and privilege as Chairman of this Commission to present the 57th annual report of the Commission on Information for Recognition. I am pleased to present the other members of this Commission and honor them for service. Most Worshipful Terence Shand, Past Grand Master of Ontario, Canada; Most Worshipful M. William Holsinger, Past Grand Master of California; Most Worshipful Scott J. Krieger, Past Grand Master of Nebraska; Most Worshipful James D.

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Woodward, Past Grand Master of Utah; Most Worshipful Clayton J. Borne, III, Past Grand Master of Louisiana; W. Pierre G. Normand, Past Master of Texas; Most Worshipful Curtis N. Lancaster, Past Grand Master of Utah, Secretary-Treasurer and I am Most Worshipful Donald G. Hicks, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, and Chairman. Since the delegates to this Conference change each year, I would like to repeat the standards for recognition adopted for our guidance when this Commission was formed in 1952. These are the guidelines used to evaluate the regularity of a Grand Lodge, and thereby determine whether it is worthy of consideration for recognition by our member Grand Lodges. This Commission provides this data for use by our Grand Lodges, and does not attempt to influence or recommend what action should be taken. The Commission serves you in an investigative and advisory capacity only. The standards for recognition are summarized as follows:

1. Legitimacy of origin.
2. Exclusive territorial jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty.
3. Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks - specifically, a Belief in God, the Volume of the Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the Furniture of the Lodge, and the prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion.

Applying these standards to the requests of several Grand Lodges during our deliberations, we now share the following information:

BAJA CALIFORNIA

The two groups representing the Grand Lodge of Baja California agreed at the meeting of the Commission last year (2009) to sit down with the assistance of selected mediators and work for a resolution of their differences. This was accomplished and Most Worshipful Franco Magdaleno Soto representing one faction, and Most Worshipful Brother Hector Pablo Meixueiro, representing the other faction, signed the "California Agreement" which summarized the terms for unification of the two groups. Following that meeting, the Grand Lodge group headed by G.M. Soto ratified the agreement. The Grand Lodge group headed by G.M. Meixueiro would not concur with the agreement. During the year, several attempts to encourage completion of the ratification process were unsuccessful. Both Grand Masters attended the current meeting of the Commission, and both agreed to negotiate modifications to the agreement that will lead to ratification. Until this is accomplished and the official officers of these Grand Lodges are determined, the Commission suggests that any further recognition of the Grand Lodge of Baja California be held in abeyance.

BOLIVIA

A new Grand Lodge has surfaced in Bolivia, named the Grand Lodge of York Rite for Bolivia, located in the Department (state) of Cochabamba. It was founded in June of 2008 and composed of members from the Grand Lodge of Bolivia. There is no evidence of them being constituted by a regular Grand Lodge, nor is there a pact or treaty that the Grand Lodge of Bolivia will share the jurisdiction with them. The claim of this Grand Lodge is that the Constitution of Bolivia gives them, and no one else, sovereignty in the Department of Cochabamba. It is suspected that this may be true politically, but not Masonically. This Grand Lodge has not been recognized by any other Grand Lodges, but they claim legitimacy by virtue of the fact that their members come from Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Bolivia, which is recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England. In view of the data presented,

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it is the opinion of the Commission that the Grand Lodge of York Rite of Bolivia does not meet the standards for recognition.

GRANDE ORIENTE PAULISTA OF SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

The Grande Oriente Paulista has contacted the Commission as a prelude to establishing treaties of fraternal relations with member Grand Lodges of this Conference. This Grand Lodge was created from dissident Lodges of the Grand Orient of Brazil. They claim to have mutual consent with the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo and the Grand Orient of Sao Paulo to share the jurisdiction of Sao Paulo, but no such documentation was presented. They claim to adhere to the ancient landmarks. They do not have recognition from any member Grand Lodges of this Conference, but they do claim to have recognition with York Rite Grand Chapters. Based on the data presented, it is the opinion of the Commission that the Grand Oriente Paulista of Sao Paulo does not meet the standards for recognition.

MOLDOVA

The Commission reported last year the Grand Lodge of Moldova did not meet the standards for recognition because of concerns about the legitimacy of its origin. Data has subsequently been presented that modifies that opinion. The Grand Lodge of Moldova was consecrated by the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy, which has not met the standards, even though they practice regular Masonry. The Grand Loge of Moldova has severed relations with the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy and has now established fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Italy. The Grand Lodge of Moldova is composed of Lodges that practice regular Masonry, and has established fraternal relations with many of the regular Grand Lodges in Europe. The Commission is of the opinion that since there is no way for this Grand Lodge to correct their origin, and since they are regular in all aspects of Masonic practice, they can now be considered to have met the standards for recognition.

MOZAMBIQUE

The Grand Loja de Mozambique was consecrated on July 11, 2009 by the Grand Loja Legal de Portugal, from three lodges previously chartered by the Legal Grand Lodge of Portugal. The Grand Lodge will work in the Portuguese language and will have exclusive jurisdiction over Masonry in that country. The Grand Lodge was formed based on the ancient landmarks and traditions of regular and recognized Grand Lodges. It is the opinion of the Commission that the Grand Lodge of Mozambique meets the standards for recognition. The Grand Master is Ussamane Aly Dauto, and the address of the Grand Lodge is: Rua do Infantario, n308, Matola, Mozambique.

PARAGUAY

As was reported last year, the two Grand Masters of the Grand Symbolic Lodge of Paraguay met under the guidance of mediators appointed by the Commission, and arrived at an arrangement to resolve the differences that divided the Grand Lodge. Both Grand Masters signed the "California Agreement" and pledged to present the document to their respective members for ratification. This process progressed very slowly during the past year and finally stalled. Upon the arrival of both Grand Masters at this Conference, they agreed to

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resume negotiations toward an agreement. This has been accomplished with the assistance of the three previous facilitators, and new terms, called the “Arlington Agreement” have been signed by both parties. Assurance has been given that this will be ratified by all involved. It is very encouraging that unification of Freemasonry in Paraguay has been restored.

SLOVAKIA

The Grand Lodge of Slovakia (Vel’kej Loze Slovenska) was constituted on March 21, 2009 by the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic the United Grand Lodges of Germany, and the Grand Lodge of Austria. The Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia was originally constituted in 1923 and went into exile during WWII. It was officially revived in 1990 with only 23 remaining Masons. After the political division of the country in 1993 into the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia was renamed the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic with jurisdiction over lodges in both Republics. Full Masonic sovereignty was granted on March 21, 2009, when the Grand Lodge of Slovakia was constituted from the District Grand Lodge of Slovakia, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Czech Republic. The Commission is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Slovakia meets the standards for recognition. The Grand Master is Imrich Beres, and the address of the Grand Lodge is: V.L.S., Fazulova 1, 811 07 Bratislava, Slovakia GL.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. A significant amount of correspondence is being sent from the Grand Lodge National of Portugal. This Grand Lodge should not be confused with the Grand Lodge Legal of Portugal, which is the one that meets the standards for recognition.
2. Several Grand Lodges have received communications relative to the creation of a new United Grand Lodge of South Africa. The Grand Lodge of South Africa is the only Grand Lodge operating as such, even though England, Ireland and Scotland continue to operate Districts and Lodges with the arrangement under which the Grand Lodge of South Africa was constituted in 1961. Any attempt by any other Grand Lodge to consecrate a lodge in South Africa will be strongly opposed, as it is not considered open territory.
3. The Grand Lodge of California has established a treaty with the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile that they may co-exist in the jurisdiction of California, as well as in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.
4. It was reported that at a recent meeting of several European Grand Masters, the concept of establishing a Commission such as ours was discussed. This Commission would be concerned with issues of recognition and regularity among Grand Lodges in Europe. If such an organization becomes reality, it will greatly enhance the work of our Commission.

I now Call on Most Worshipful Brother Lancaster for the Treasurer’s Report.

M.W. CURTIS N. LANCASTER: Brethren, in the interest of time I’m going to summarize this and details will be listed in the record that we publish and send out to all Grand Lodges. This accounts for the funds that were received and distributed during the year 2009. 60 members of this Conference contributed a total of \$2,955. They are all listed in the report. Distribution of expenses such items as Conference travel expense, printing Annual Report,

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postage and stamps, secretarial services, copies and office supplies amounting to \$2,080.39, giving us a positive cash flow of \$864 for the year. The current balance is \$10,501.37. This complete report will be included in the printed report of the Commission.

M.W. DONALD G. HICKS, JR.: Thank you, Brother Lancaster for your report. Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brethren, my sincere thanks to you for your attention and for giving me the opportunity to serve this Conference. This concludes the 57th Annual Report of this Commission and I move acceptance of the report. The Chair has authorized me to take a second and call for a vote. Is there a second to the motion to accept the report. Second. All those in favor signify by raising their right hand. Down hands. Anyone opposed like manner. It's a vote. This report, of course, is respectfully submitted by myself as Chair, Past Master Terence Shand, Past Master M. William Holsinger, Past Master Scott J. Krieger, Past Master James D. Woodward, Past Master Clayton J. Borne, III, Past Master Pierre G. Normand, and Curtis N. Lancaster, Past Master, Secretary-Treasurer. Brethren, you are all aware that the Conference nominating committee submitted the name of Pierre G. Normand of Texas to finish the unexpired term of Donny Braughton, Texas who resigned. They also submitted the name of Most Worshipful Brother John M. Policastro, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey as a new member of the Commission and he was duly elected by the Conference. The term of service for a new Commission member is seven years. Currently our organization is established as follows for the year 2010, beginning right after this meeting. The Chairman will be Most Worshipful Terence Shand, Past Grand Master of Ontario, Canada; Vice-Chairman will be Most Worshipful M. William Holsinger, Past Grand Master of California, and continuing our very important member Most Worshipful Curtis N. Lancaster as Secretary-Treasurer, Past Grand Master of Utah. Thank you, Brethren, for your attention to our long and detailed report. As Brother Lancaster indicated, it will be published on our website as well as each Grand Lodge will be furnished a copy or multiple copies. Thank you.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you, Brother. Thank you for all of the important work that you do. So many Grand Lodges depend on your decisions in the way we act among ourselves. Thank you very much. Brother Means has an announcement.

M.W. GLENN E. MEANS: Brother Chairman, For those members of our Sister Jurisdictions, my wife Mary Jane is at a table directly outside of the doors and she has your photos taken at the memorial yesterday for you.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: It is now my pleasure to call to the podium, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Velvin, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and Chairman of the Time and Place Committee for the Committee report.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT

M.W. THOMAS VELVIN, JR.: Good afternoon, Brethren. Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, Tom, on behalf of the 2010 Committee on Time and Place, I extend our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve this Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. With your approval, I would at this time be pleased to introduce your Committee. They are William H. Berman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Jersey; Brother Donald C. Ross, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Quebec, Brother Charles G. Johnson,

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Most Worshipful Grand Master of Colorado; Brother Roger W. Pageau, most Worshipful Grand Master of Massachusetts; and I am Thomas M. Velvin, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland. We thank all who participated in the excellent presentations that were brought before this Committee at its meeting yesterday morning. Brother Chairman, the Committee on Time and Place recommends to this Conference that the 2014 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America be awarded to the Host Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland. The Grand Lodge of Maryland has designated Baltimore as the host city. We further recommend that Brother Glenn E. Means, Executive Secretary of this Conference be given the authority to initiate negotiations for a contract with a facility in the Baltimore area. Understanding the extensive behind the scenes coordination and support that is required to host a conference of this size, we applaud and thank the Grand Lodge of Maryland for stepping forward for 2014.

The Time and Place Committee has one further item to present for your consideration. It was the unanimous decision of the Committee to recommend to the Conference the establishment of a Committee to study moving the dates of the Conference to a time of year when the weather might be more favorable. This Committee would report their findings at the 2011 Conference. Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, I move the acceptance of this report.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you Brother Velvin. You heard the motion, is there a second? Second. All in favor, this is the motion only for the location of the 2014 Conference. All in favor hands up. Opposed, hands up. Motion carried. The 2014 Conference will be in Baltimore, Maryland.

In consideration of the Committee's recommendation I will appoint a Committee to look into the moving of the date of meeting for future years. Please, Grand Masters pay attention. I would ask that the 2011 Grand Master of California, the 2011 Grand Master of Florida and the 2011 Grand Master of Ohio Chair, take this responsibility on. So please pass it on to those who are following you if you are one of those three states so they can report at next year's Conference on what decision they come to. It is my pleasure at this time to call the Host for next year in Denver, Colorado, Most Worshipful Charles Johnson, Grand Master of the State of Colorado.

M.W. CHARLES JOHNSON: Brethren, ladies, the Masonic family and the State of Colorado are pleased and honored to host the 2011 Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries in the Capitol City of Denver where everything is a mile high. We just got a weather report here, and we got one this morning too that said in Denver this morning it was clear and bright, and I am sure that it will warm up a whole bunch from the 4 degrees that was reported at the airport. In addition to a great hotel, and all of the downtown sites, we do have some diversions. The United States Air Force Academy is about 40 miles south of Denver. The ski resorts are about a mile to the, or about an hour to the west and you have the U.S. Mint and bunch of other historical and museum type places that you will find on your free time. Many of you have asked about restaurant choices, and our Deputy Grand Master is over here at our remote tourist bureau and so if you need some information on those before you leave, get his card and he will do some preliminary work for you. One thing that we know about in Colorado is a restaurant called the Buckhorn Exchange, and this particular restaurant is the oldest one in Denver, been there over a hundred years in the same site, and they serve a variety of deer, elk, buffalo and other wild entrees. Plus

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they also have our two resident seafood choices, rainbow trout and, of course, the Rocky Mountain Oyster. So we hope that they have a website. They also will have details on the Conference on our Grand Lodge website after the June planning meeting, when those of you that are coming to Denver during that time will make that planning schedule. We should know more details then. That information is on the back of that little card that I put at your stations over lunchtime. Looks like a windmill that is on there, you will get that information. Now, you might wonder why is there a windmill on there? I can tell you, we are all proud of our mountains in our state. However the Grand Master at this time lives on the plains, where you can see for about a hundred miles in every direction, and the cows outnumber the people about a hundred to one. And gentlemen, that ain't all bad. We are looking forward to hosting you in Denver. Thanks for your time. (Applause.)

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you Most Worshipful Brother Johnson. I will want to pass on the Rocky Mountain Oysters. It is my pleasure at this time to call Most Worshipful Brother Roger Pageau, Grand Master of Massachusetts to the front.

M.W. ROGER PAGEAU: Thank you, Brother Chair. I want to take just a few minutes of your time to talk to you about an idea we feel would be beneficial for Freemasonry throughout the United States. As I believe we all know, Freemasonry is a membership business. If we don't have members, we don't have Freemasonry. Many of our jurisdictions over the recent years have suffered membership declines. What we are looking for now is a way to turn that around. What we are suggesting is a program that we have used for several years now and is very effective. We are suggesting television advertising. I use the term advertising not in a commercial sense, but informational sense. We have developed several spots that feature former Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Most Worshipful Benjamin Franklin, who will portray Freemasonry as it really is to people, and tell them how they can find out about what a great organization we are. Our success has been, we have probably more than tripled our new initiates in the course of the last three years, and that is without one day classes or any of the things that some people are so concerned about. So at this point I will turn this over to Rob McQue, my director, who will speak a little bit about this program. Now I want you to understand one thing. We are asking for your assistance in a national advertising program. If this happens, we will run the program. If we do not have enough participation, we will run it on a local basis. The commercials -- I say commercials, the advertising is already shot. It's all in the can, it's ready to go. It's all paid for. All we are buying is the television time. So Rob, I will turn this over to you. Rob. Thank you, Brethren.

BUSINESS SESSION

MR. ROB McQUE: Good afternoon, Brethren. Thank you very much for your time. As the Grand Master said, that we have an opportunity and as we learned from Masonic tradition, there was a group of Masons who came forward to form this country. What we are talking about now is another opportunity for a group of Masons to continue that story. This is a national program. We felt Freemasonry is a classy organization, always has been, always will be. But just as there is a need to have Grand Lodges to bring together our constituent lodges, there is a time, and a place, and opportunity where we as Grand Lodges can all come together for the advancement of the Fraternity. That's what we are talking about. The past two years the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has served as a sponsor for the Boston Pops Fireworks Display which takes place on the 4th of July each year. As Brother Pageau

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explained, the production for all of these commercials have already been taken care of. The whole program is essentially in the can, but what we want to do is kind of talk to you today a little bit about what the message of this program is all about. What we are really trying to do is raise awareness across the nation of what Freemasonry does. To do that I would like to introduce Brother Bob Koresta and Jim Bender, who have been invaluable in developing the message and concept for this.

BOB KORESTA: Thank you, Robert. One thing I wanted to clarify when Robert talked about awareness. I think everyone here is well aware that there is no shortage of people talking about Freemasonry these days. It's not an awareness problem, we can read about Freemasonry everywhere we look, on TV, on Television, it's on movies, but what these people are not telling about Freemasons, which is what we stand for. And, Brothers, we do stand for something. Freemasonry stands for something. It stands for the character, for the virtues, for the integrity of what created this country. And that's what is important. That is the story that we want to try to tell. 200 years ago Freemasons helped 13 Colonies get together and create this country. 100 years ago Grand Masters got together here to in many ways make that connection between Freemasonry and those founding fathers. Now what we are asking is that Grand Masters today to come together to re-establish that connection, to reestablish the connection to our founding fathers and the values that they stood for. On July the 4th we have a national holiday that celebrates our independence. What better day for Freemasons to put their message out? What better day is that to tell that story? In one day, brothers, the mini documentaries on this show we can re-establish that connection to the founding fathers. We can tell Americans what we stand for. And with quality service we can excite and inspire our Brethren, and we can make all of us proud. That is what is important. But, we need to tell our story. With that, I am going to hand it over to Jim Bennett.

JIM BENNETT: Thank you, Robert. When you have a great story, you need a great story teller. And who better than the Past Master Benjamin Franklin. He is probably the quintessential Freemason as we look at Freemasonry and we try to find one image, one man tell to tell our story, both be our image, be our voice. A man who has the wit, the wisdom of Freemasonry and who can come forward and speak for us. And one that you can get 51 men in here to agree on this is the man, that is Benjamin Franklin. We are going to try to run that, but we want to also mention that you are going to see Richard Easton, one of the great world actors, a Tony Award Winning Actor. I don't know how many of you have seen Ben Franklin series that ran a few year ago. He was in that, and he was Benjamin Franklin, he is Benjamin Franklin, he does a great job. So we're hoping that we can get this to go on so you can see what we are talking about here. Brethren, you have before you a DVD, a CD Rom. On that CD rom has the video we were about to show you. What there is there is a clip from last year's broadcasts presenting or introducing the CBS Fireworks Spectacular as well as a couple of the spots we have produced featuring Benjamin Franklin. Again, you have it before on those on those DVDs. What I want to tell you about the CBS Fireworks Spectacular is that 7,000,000 people across America watch that program. It is the number one rated program in its time slot. Very much as New York is becoming or is recognized as being the home for New Years Eve, the ball drops in Time Square. Boston, the Boston Pops Concert is very similarly being associated with the 4th of July. I very much consider this to be the Super Bowl of patriotism. So what we are proposing is that during that hour broadcast between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. when the Boston Pops concludes its concert, plays the Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture with the cannon fire, and then finishing up with the

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firework spectacular, we would have four spots that would run during that hour. In addition, there would be another ten spots that would precede the leading into that week, that night's event that would run on CBS morning show, as well as the Weekday News. Now, the cost of doing this, putting this program together is \$250,000. And what that would come to essentially \$5,000 per Grand Lodge. Now, what we are asking is for you to consider within the length of your cable toe, to support this effort. We know that not all Grand Lodges can, \$5,000 would be a stretch for them. We know other Grand Lodges could help those so that we can reach that goal of the \$250,000. So what we would like to ask is that you consider what it would be reasonable and manageable. We are not asking for any type of commitment, but you do have before you some paperwork. It is essentially a pledge sheet and you can simply fill it out. Let us know if this is something that your Grand Lodge is interested in supporting. Leave it on the table for us to collect afterwards. We will know where we standing to move forward. Again, this has proven to be a very, very successful program for us in Massachusetts. Our brethren are absolutely excited about it. I think your brothers will as well. Certainly one more spot run on one evening is not going to solve all of our membership issues. It is not going to create a flood of new members to your lodges. I guarantee it will create a lot of interest. You will certainly see a lot of hits on your website over that weekend. I would like to say that with the way the program would work with these Freemason spots, you would go to Freemasons.org, and from that website it would be a direct link to your Grand Lodge. We are going do that for all 52 Grand Lodges, not just those that participate. So all Grand Lodges will have the link from the Freemasonry site to your own lodge website. I would like to open up to any questions if there are any.

UNIDENTIFIED GRAND MASTER: I have one. How are you going to link into your, what are you going to use to send the hits to the different states?

JIM BENNETT: It will be a repoint. So somebody will visit the Ask a Freemason org website. There will be a drop down list that will take them to their state. From there they will link right to your home page. Or if you have some other site that you would like them to go, or some other page on your site, if you have like a membership directive page instead of your home page. But, again, these things get sent right to the home page.

UNIDENTIFIED GRAND MASTER: What are your demographics of your viewers in the past, do you have that broken down in age categories?

JIM BENNETT: Of viewers? Yeah, we actually get that Information for you. The work for us is to put together a package we will be able to receive all of that information. We can get that information for you. Any other questions?

UNIDENTIFIED GRAND MASTER: Is this going to be on CBS, is that what.

JIM BENNETT: Yeah, that is correct. CBS the broadcaster of the National Fireworks spectacular and essentially we would be a sponsor of that program.

UNIDENTIFIED GRAND MASTER: All across the U.S.?

JIM BENNETT: Yes. That would be all across the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii. Any other questions then Brethren? (No response.) There are presentations that we need

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to use in this arrangement. So they need to set this up not just for our presentation, but for the groups coming right behind us. So we'll, you know, we'll be able to show you the spots but. (Video played). I thank you for your indulgence. I am sorry we had technical difficulties. Are there any questions at this time? If not, again, we certainly want to thank you very much for your time, for your attention, most importantly want to thank you very much for your patience as we are dealing with our little issue here. Of course if there are many questions after, we are certainly available to answer those. You have the information before you, the brochure, contact information.

M.W. ROGER PAGEAU: Brethren, the quality that you see on this screen is not the quality you are going to see when you look on your computer. These are high definition, major movie style production quality that you are going to see. There is a bunch more on there as well besides the one you have seen here. Thank you. (Applause).

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you very much. I would suggest that any of the Grand Masters that have an interest in the program, obviously you can't make a decision that quick, you might want to go back and think about it, talk about. If you have some interest in trying to participate, get a hold of Most Worshipful Brother Pageau in Massachusetts and we will work with you to toward some conclusion of the interest in that program. So thank you very much. At this time I would like to call on Most Worshipful Brother J. Ray Marsh, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and the Grand Secretary of South Carolina and the President of this year's Conference of Grand Secretaries. Most Worshipful Brother Marsh.

M.W. J. RAY MARSH: Brethren, again, I thank you. Brethren, it is his pleasure and honor to present to you the officers of the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America for the next year, 2011. With my Brothers Ron Miller, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; Jerry Kopp, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta; Curtis Mundahl, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota; Gilbert Savitski, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York; and Allan Adkins, Grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and I didn't get the titles. Ron Miller is our President; our First Vice-President is Jerry Kopp; Second Vice-President Curtis Mundahl, Gilbert Savitski is our Deputy Secretary/Treasurer, and Allen Atkins, our Chaplain and, Ben Grisham, Secretary/Treasurer of the Conference. We do thank you for letting us interrupt your activities here and thank you for the interruption.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you, gentlemen. I suspect that every Grand Master in this room, including me, recognized the great value of the Grand Secretaries and we appreciate that cordial relationship that makes our Grand Lodges work in a better fashion each and every day. So thank you Grand Secretaries very much. At this time it is my pleasure to call Grand Master Kris Goodmanson of Manitoba.

D.G.M. KRIS GOODMANSON: Good afternoon. Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipful Sirs and Brethren. My name is Kris Goodmanson, I am not a Grand Master, in fact I'm about six months away from that title being bestowed upon me. I am flattered. I am from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Canada. I am pleased and sincerely appreciate your valuable time to listen to my brief appeal on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba "Just a Buck" campaign in support of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights and the Grand Lodges raising

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one dollar from every Mason on the planet. I have left some information on your desks about the museum and with respect to raising that one dollar as I just mentioned, I would also mentioned, I would also like to point out that there is a coin that has been taped on there that is legal Canadian currency by the way, it's called the Loonie. And so on your next visit to Canada, might I suggest that you bring that along and that can be the first tourist dollar you spend in Canada. Brethren, in asking you to consider today joining the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and raising monies for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Last year I was able to report at this Conference that the museum was just about to break ground, and I am pleased to report today that the museum is now seven months into its construction. It is scheduled to open in the spring of 2012. I would ask that if I can now get your kind attention to a very brief video that will enhance and explain the technology behind the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. (Video played.) That structure is 17 stories high. A quarter of a million square feet devoted to human rights. It is going to cost \$310,000,000 to build. \$150,000,000 of that is going to be raised by private sector, people like you and I. People who believe in human rights issues. The museum was initially budgeted at \$265,000,000 four years ago, and a private campaign was to raise \$105,000,000. This past summer the museum organizers were pleased to announce it raised \$108,000,000 only to find out about the additional cost now involved and the private sector has to pick up the balance of the additional amount. So the campaign is working exceptionally hard, but museum construction continues. As you can see this is not your typical museum. It's not a dust collecting full of shelves of artifacts, it is very, very high tech. It represents a one of a kind place where human rights tragedies and stories can be told. Where people be given the opportunity to come and share, and meet, and dialog on the issues of human rights today and into tomorrow. It will become a place to learn about human rights lessons from around our planet. The museum is going to be serving many stories, both world social history, and the stories that they would like to share with us. Our museum research as we have been told, that there may have been anywhere from 80,000 to 200,000 Freemasons killed during the Holocaust. Perhaps you now know why it is that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba has chosen to take an active part in this. Freemasons were sent to concentration camps as political prisoners and were forced to wear an inverted triangle on their shoulder lapels. We have also learned that many Freemasons who were arrested were also Jews. So it is very difficult to determine just how many were taken away to camps because they were Freemasons. You may ask why does the world need such a museum now? Why should Freemasons share in this important story it has to tell. Despite much progress we still live in a world where millions remain imprisoned to object cruelty. As you saw on the one report suggests human tragedies have forced as many as 2 million people into slaved into prostitution in Europe, Asia and the Americas. In South Asia five times as many languish in bondage until they pay off their debts. These are unacceptable atrocities, but their unshackling can only come about if we draw attention to their plight and encourage leaders from around the planet to encourage strategies and solutions to address them. This is where a place such as the Canadian Museum for Human Rights could play a vital role. There are probably more than 5000 museums in North America providing visitors with opportunities to learn lessons about art, history, science to name a few. Do you as Freemasons not feel that Human Rights deserves a spot on that list? This is a world stage where Freemasons whose principal tenants of friendship, relief and brotherly love can help solve the human rights interests of people around the globe. The shiny pin you see I wear on my lapel represents the Grand Lodge of Manitoba's interest and commitment to supporting Human Rights. Please join us in reaching for the stars by joining the "Just a Buck" campaign and be one of many in our fraternity to become a human rights star. Today

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Freemasons have the opportunity to join a growing number of people who are dedicated to no longer being indifferent and become human rights stars that have the potential to change our world. Brethren, thank you for your kind attention. (Applause.)

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: It is my pleasure to call now to the podium Miss Sarah Tenney from the USS Missouri.

MS. SARAH TENNEY: Mr. Chairman, Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful leaders, guests and visitors in the audience, my name is Sarah Tenney, I am with Battleship Missouri Memorial, Honolulu, Hawaii. Today I am here to give you a report on the funds that you provided to us over the last ten years. Part of this presentation has changed, several times actually. I think since Friday, after watching all of you interact with each other, a lot of questions have come to my mind. One the first is the character of this room full of people the character in which we want to continue a relationship with this group of people. Is the history and legacy of this particular organization still the same legacy that the Battleship Missouri so honorably, beautifully and with resolve performed in its tenure in World War II, Korea and the Gulf incident. I would like to actually celebrate a moment the quite a few things we have just done. The last few years we could not have done without your support and help and so this is going to be a very fast presentation. I am going to give you a report of the use of the funds. As you only know the surrender ceremony from World War II took place on the Battleship Missouri. It is the location of where the end of the world's largest and most comprehensive world incidents took place. This surrender ceremony could not have happened without the Masons. The relationship to the Mighty Mo is that President Roosevelt was a 33 Degree Mason and he commissioned the ship. President Harry S. Truman was a 33 Degree and he was a Missouri Grand Master who served President of our nation during this time period. General Douglas MacArthur a 33 Degree, he was a supreme commander of the allied forces as well as conducted the unconditional surrender ceremony. The next slide that you will see basically shows that our vision is to create and maintain a fitting memorial to the people and historic events that reflect our nations legacy of duty, honor, strength, sacrifice and resolve. Most people think that that just means our nation's Americans, but truly Americans could not have done it without other allied forces and several representative countries. Since 1998 when these funds were provided to us we have gone from four employees to 122 employees. We have employed over a hundred companies and vendors, including colleges and different groups that come to do special events at our location. This battleship sits in Pearl Harbor, we have 55,000 volunteers. More than 160,000 students have come because of your help. More than 400,000 visitors per year come to Battleship Missouri now. As you may have heard, we drydocked her in October and we have returned as of January. The next big slide is pictures of the condition of the structure before it went in. You can just go through those, it gives you a sense of how much we needed to be able to take care of the 2,500 soldiers used to manage when they were working on this in different areas on this ship. The condition of the superstructure was actually that in ten years we were going to be forced to drydock after saving funds and money. We needed to have your initial funds to basically get our business model up and running, then also to ensure that we had a mission that was accepted and valued by the community. The condition of the superstructure over time obviously was breaking down and in August of 2007 we received a report that the ship was listing. This listing forced us into an emergency \$20,000,000 capital campaign, which I am very happy to report has been raised and provided all of the funding necessary to actually drydock the ship in these past four months. The condition of the hull, as you can

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see it here, in marine was all throughout the ship, actually was what gave us the urgency to be able to perform the campaign and actually take care of this historic icon. The cleaning of the hull was performed by the Navy Seals. We had hundreds of people that came forward to assist us as we were making this particular decision. Shaft seals were broken. We found places within the 690 tangs that were not workable anymore. These mooring lines, we had never been able to replace them with actual steel lines. This is the USS Wisconsin which shows what we have recently been donated to us, these chains that you see that are going to be replacing the lines now. Our cathodic protection system had been turned off for four years, unknowing to us pre-post cleaning, the pretty side, the rainbow side is actually what it is not supposed to look like. That's been very ineffective. It was replaced. We also put a \$1,000,000 ping penetration system. These are sensors inside the ship that were able to be put in during the drydock period. This is a picture of us on our way to the actual drydock itself. We had five tug boats pulling the battleship away. This is a bottom of the drydock. You can see the condition of the ship and how bad she was at the time. You can also see the 372 blocks that were put underneath the ship's bow line. We had to actually balance the ship one time to ensure that we got everything on the bottom of the ship from where it needed to be cleaned. This gentleman that is standing here show you a little bit of the size and scope of how big the ship is. This is our five person team. I'm the person on the right-hand side to help manage, and plan and take care of the organization during this process. This is what she looks like now. This is actually in Drydock Number 4 in Pearl Harbor, which I would like to relay is the only drydock that the battleship fits in. The Titanic is just a few feet longer than our battleship. We actually were only two feet from the side of the drydock and these locations we had to arrange relationships with Navy and also the state of Hawaii before we could get the ship in. This is what she looks like now. These plates are solid brass, the screws are solid brass. They hesitated as to whether to take them off and we decided to leave them on. These next few slides are basically the teak deck. As you can see on the surrender deck herself it's an uneven area. I don't know how many of you know that there is a teak embargo with the United States right now. We were unable to get the same type of teak to be able to replace that. This is just the example of some of the pock marks across the 35,000 square feet area on the ship. This is what we are doing in 2,500 square foot sections to be able to replace the teak deck. The next slide shows what the final teak does look like. We actually have received a gift of teak. These next few slides are just simply what was evolved over the last ten years. Education, Eagle Scouts, different types of brochures have been able to essentially provide public service announcements for volunteers. He have created wounded warrior, we have facebook, twitter, annual routines on being able to get e-mail newsletters out. More than 2,500 annual donors to our ship. This wounded warrior volunteer leadership are actually people who do not have either feet, hands or prosthetics but they come and volunteer at our ship. Our overnight encampment program is probably the most popular now. People can stay in groups of 150 people on the ship. This crew member's room is the location where we have all of our tech support on the ship now. The things on the ship now are actually reminiscent of what the crew members did. One of the things that we actually have aligned ourselves with is we will not partner with crews that do not have values, care, respect, values to transfer from generation to generation. This simply shows the structure of the contribution that as it comes into the ship. We made \$8,000,000, \$1,000,000 of that is basically annual contributions so we have reoccurring gift programs and planned giving programs and we use it always to either educate, preserve, reach out or give to operational support. What I would like to do is ask you to look at the two packets that may be sitting in front you. There is a white packet that the coin was on top of. Inside this particular packet is the report that I am

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going to be providing a few notations on. I would like to ask that you take it back to your Grand Lodges and other lodges and report on the results of what your work and funding has provided us. The second item that was in your registration packet only for the Grand Masters is this manila envelope. The manila envelope has the information inside of it I will be referencing and going through as well. In terms of the report, we came to you in 1998-1999 in a conference that was held in Hawaii, and we essentially requested that you make a donation which came out to \$50,000 to us. We at that time thought we would need a pier and also communication programs to be developed. Instead we got confidential information from the Navy that proved that Dock Five was actually built, four of them for the Battleship Missouri, and therefore, they decided not to move the ship from that pier. We will not have to build a pier. So all of the funding that you provided to us have either gone into the renovations of the master at arms location, which is highly visible area where all visitors go by, as well as the education programs. Our next step is to develop the education programs and today you will see inside your packet that there is a resolution where we are asking that the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II this year, taking place December 2nd, we recognize those lodges that have decided to make a contribution to support the National Masonic Foundation for Children. We decided to partner with this particular organization to ensure the funding that you are providing to us goes back and takes the youth that you are already supporting and brings them to this venue or teleconferences to this venue to your organization. I would like to thank your organization at this time, especially the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Grand Lodge of Hawaii for their assistance over the last few days. Also Glenn Means for his support and assistance with providing this information in the packets. And I would like to open the floor to any questions if there are any. Not one question. Thank you very much for your time. I would like to end in conclusion with questions that I had in my mind have really reaffirmed in me that the leadership we will be following from my generation, carrying on to your generation is in good stead. We appreciate all of help and work you have done. The coin in front of you is a thank you in appreciation for all of the things that the lodge and organizations have done for our ship. And for those of you on your way out the door, we have a replica surrender card if you would like to have one those on the way out.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you very much. (Applause.) I would like to now call on Right Worshipful Brother Tom Boduch, Deputy Grand Master of Tennessee to talk about the organ donation program.

D.G.M. TOM BODUCH: Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Sirs, brethren all. In Tennessee in 1994 we began a Masonic Renewal program called Vision 2013 to deal with the fact that our members were not participating in lodge activities and we were losing membership. As our program evolved we found that many of our brethren wanted opportunities to take those lessons that we teach inside of the walls of lodge put them into action outside of the walls. The program began by promoting organ donor awareness. One of our members, Brothers Don Jones spearheaded a seminar and he had a personal vested interest because 15 years ago he received a transplanted heart which gave him a second chance at life. He has spoke to many other Grand Lodges, and our brethren in Connecticut have taken this program to a much higher level than we thought possible and here to describe what they are doing is Brother Richard Deno from Connecticut. Brother Deno.

BROTHER RICHARD DENO: Good afternoon my brothers. I have seen many of you over the last couple of days at my donate life booth. We created about a year ago the Masonic

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Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Program. It started back about six years ago when my wife went on dialysis, and 14 months ago after four years and three months on dialysis she received a kidney she had been waiting for. What we decided to do was try to partner with Donate Life and come up with a way to help Masons to sign up to become organ donors. I'm sure everyone in this room probably knows of someone who is either an organ donor transplant, or has passed away waiting for an organ. I have some great news. Yesterday I met one of the most delightful couples and you both know them, he is one of your Past Grand Master's of Oklahoma, I would like him to stand. There he is, Lanny Sanders. His wife received a lung on September 17th after many years of being sick. So what we did was we created a program, because there are two other programs that are working with Donate Life right now aside from Connecticut, of course as Tom Boduch just mentioned Tennessee is. But also Pennsylvania is working with their, with Donate Life people in Philadelphia to give the gift of life. What simply happened was I said, boy one of these days I would love to be in front of the Grand Masters and talking to them about going back to their jurisdictions, and after all isn't one of the tenets of Freemasonry brotherly love? What greater expression of brotherly love can there be than an organ/tissue donation and saving of lives. Four hours later I get an e-mail saying you are on the program. I said excuse me. I called him up. He said, oh, yes, you're all set. And here I am. The people that donate life are very appreciative of our efforts with the Masonic Organ/Tissue Awareness Program. What they have done is they have contacted every single Donate Life affiliate throughout the country and said Masonic Organ/Tissue Awareness Program is going to be taking place at the Grand Master's Conference and you might hear from them. So just like they just said, ask a Freemason.org for you folks will be looking for members to call to become members. The Donate Life Affiliates throughout the country will hopefully be hearing from you, and hopefully you will be duplicating the efforts that have taken place in Connecticut, Tennessee and in Pennsylvania. I know, for example, talking with the delightful Betty Sanders yesterday, and talking with Lanny today, Lanny said that they were told that had she not received this lung transplant, she would not be alive beyond Christmas. Trust me. I saw her yesterday. For those of you from Oklahoma and beyond that know her, she is delightful. She is wonderful and she is back to her vibrant self. As my wife is after six long years on dialysis. Basically what we are asking you, and I have given packets to every single Grand Master, and every single Deputy Grand Master little manila envelopes. We are not asking you to copy the program we are doing. We are saying go back and I have given you the contact information to contact the Donate Life affiliate in your jurisdiction and just meet with them and hopefully you will be encouraged to help save lives in your jurisdiction by partnering with them and having an organ and tissue donation awareness program in your various jurisdictions. Now, because I put all of this together Canadian/Canada, I specifically have to contact all of the different providences, the organ and tissue donor programs so that they would be able to contact them because Donate Life is not available up in Canada, but they have their own program. So our Canadian Brothers and Grand Masters you will find contact information in your kit in order to contact your Donate Life or your organ and tissue donor services up in your districts up in Canada. I would like to entertain a questions that someone might have. Anyone? (No response.) Did I do it that good? Thank you very much for your time. (Applause).

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Thank you very much. It's maybe because of the lateness of the day your questions got lighter. Glenn Means, do you have announcements?

M.W. GLENN E. MEANS: I was given a packet here for the Grand Master of Russia. I don't know whether he is still in the Grand Secretary's room or not. He was here earlier.

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I will find him later.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Brethren, the Conference is ready to close. I would ask at this time is there any further business? Well, let me tell you it has been a great pleasure for me to serve as your Chairman of this Conference for this year. I attended six of these and never thought that I would be here, but it has been my pleasure to serve with you and for you. I want to tell you that yesterday we were at a great facility in that Memorial, the George Washington Memorial. You know I was sitting there yesterday thinking that a hundred years ago a group of brothers and a group of men decided that they should have a memorial to George Washington as it relates to his Masonic career, and I was thinking that probably then there were people who would say to them why are you doing this, and you'll never ever get it done, it's too big of a project, it will never work. There are always the naysayers even in our fraternity, but I tell you that the people that a hundred years ago had a vision, and their vision was to create a monument to George Washington. I ask each and every one of you as you leave here today as Grand Masters of your jurisdiction for the year 2010, have a vision. No matter what the vision is, we all have different visions. We all have different opinions. But have a vision that so a hundred years from now this fraternity will exist as it does now with the same strength and vitality that it has now. It won't happen automatically. It wouldn't happen if we sit and be passive about it. It will only happen if each and every one of us act as a leader of this fraternity, make the hard decisions and do the things that will sustain this fraternity for a long time. So, my Brethren, I thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as your Chairman this year. I remind you that tonight, and you will find controversy over this so listen carefully. The banquet tonight is at 7:30. The social hour is at 6:30. No matter what you see in any printed matter, the official thing is 6:30 and 7:30. So let that be the exact facts for tonight. At this time I would like to call on Right Worshipful Brother William Rorer, Jr. the Grand Master of Virginia for the closing prayer.

M.W. WILLIAM RORER, JR.: Brethren. Supreme Architect of the universe we are about to leave this sacred place to go back to the duties of leading our fraternities where so ever disbursed. We thank you for allowing us to gather this week to enjoy each others company, tackle the duties of the Craft and to learn from one another. We ask that you watch over those who are protecting us, for those who care for us. May you offer us traveling mercies as we travel to our next destinations and may you keep us in the palm of your loving hand until we are able to meet again and all God's people say. Amen. So Mote It Be.

M.W. THOMAS K. STURGEON: Brethren, I declare this Conference of Grand Masters of 2010 Grand Master Masons of North America officially closed at the conclusion of the banquet tonight. Stand adjourned.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/ TREASURER

Fiscal Year April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010

The Conference prepares its statements on the cash basis of accounting. Under this method revenue is recognized when received rather than when earned and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when incurred.

The Conference is exempt from Federal income tax as an exempt organization described in Section 501 (c) (10) of the Internal Revenue Code as of this filing.

Balance April 1, 2009 Checking & Savings \$99,210.19

INCOME:

Grand Lodge Contributions	20,250.00	
Registration Fees	24,250.00	
Conference Income (Banquet/Luncheons)	102,646.00	
Ladies Tours	9,212.00	
Photographs	2,500.00	
Miscellaneous	3.14	
Interest	<u>2,620.00</u>	

Sub Total Income \$161,481.14

TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$260,691.33

EXPENSES:

Dues	40.00	
Office Expense	314.70	
Postage	505.58	
Printing/Copying	679.39	
Salary	15,000.00	
Telephone/Internet/Website	950.02	
2009 Conference Proceedings	3,224.66	
2010 Conference Planning Session	6,112.69	
Audio Visual	3,131.02	
Banquet/Luncheons	110,023.93	
Conference/Hotel	8,831.25	
Photographs	1,963.00	
Ladies Tours	9,212.00	
Insurance	354.00	
Conference Expenses	<u>1,840.83</u>	

Sub Total Expenses \$162,183.07

BANK ACCOUNTS:

Checking	\$17,429.34	
Savings	\$81,078.92	<u>\$98,508.26</u>

TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR: \$260,691.33

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BY-LAWS OF
CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH
AMERICA, INC.

ARTICLE I

Purposes of the Corporation

Section 1. Purposes. The corporate purposes are set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE II

Members of the Corporation

Section 1. Members. The Members of the corporation shall consist of the fifty (50) Masonic Grand Lodges of the United States, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, the ten (10) Grand Lodges of Canada, the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the American-Canadian Grand Lodge. Additional North American Masonic Grand Lodges applying for membership shall first have been recognized by the majority of Members prior to application and membership acceptance shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at the Annual Meeting when membership is proposed.

Section 2. Voting Privileges. The privilege of voting in behalf of any Member of the corporation shall be vested in the Grand Master who shall be serving from time to time pursuant to the lawful succession procedures in effect in each Grand Lodge or by either a Senior elected officer or a Past Grand Master of a Grand Lodge who shall be designated by the Grand Master thereof to sit as a Representative in his place and stead at any meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

Section 1. Members. The corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the Grand Masters of the Member Grand Lodges who shall be serving from time to time pursuant to the lawful succession procedures in effect in each Grand Lodge or by a Senior elected officer of a Grand Lodge who shall be designated by the Grand Master thereof to sit as a Representative in his place and stead at any meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation. For the purposes of this Section the certification by the Grand Secretary of any Member Grand Lodge as to the identification of the current Grand Master of that jurisdiction or the designation of any Senior elected officer of a Grand Lodge by the Grand Master thereof to serve as a Representative in his place and stead shall be accepted as conclusive evidence of such person's qualification to attend any meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation.

Section 2. Limitation of Powers. In all events the powers of the Board of Directors shall be subject to all limitations imposed upon the corporation by the Articles

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of Incorporation and by the laws of both the State of Missouri and the United States of America.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings of the Board of Directors

Section 1. Annual Meetings. Annual Meetings of the Board of Directors shall normally be held beginning on the third (3d) Sunday in February of each year at a time and place to be designated by vote of the Board of Directors at its annual meeting which shall have been held in February of the fourth (4th) year prior thereto, so that, by way of example, the annual meeting to be held in 2013 shall be held at the time and place designated by vote of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting held in 2009. The annual meetings to be held in 2009 to 2012, inclusive, shall be held at the times and places which shall have been designated by vote of Conferences at annual meetings which shall have been held prior to the incorporation of this corporation.

If at any annual meeting a Board shall have failed to designate the time and place for an annual meeting to be held four (4) years thereafter or in the event of an emergency requiring a change in the time and place of an annual meeting previously designated by a vote of a Conference held prior to incorporation or at a prior annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the Planning Committee which shall be serving at the time of the discovery of such circumstance shall be authorized to designate the time and place of the annual meeting in question.

Section 2. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time upon the call of the Chairman or, in the event of his absence or disability, the Vice-Chairman, or upon the written request of not less than one-third (1/3) of the Members of the corporation.

Section 3. Description of Meetings. Consistent with the history of the organization any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be known as a Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. The year and date or dates of any such Conference may be used for further identification purposes in describing any such Conference.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. At least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for the annual meeting or for a special meeting of the Board of Directors written notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be mailed by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to each member of the corporation to the attention of the Grand Secretary thereof.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum of the Board of Directors for the purpose of any meeting shall consist of not less than a majority of the Grand Masters and other authorized Representatives of the Member Grand Lodges described hereinabove in ARTICLE III, Section 1.

Section 6. Agenda for Meetings. The agenda for the annual meeting of the Board shall be established by the Planning Committee, subject to approval by the Board.

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Section 7. Additions to Agenda. Any items of business not placed on the agenda for the annual meeting by the Planning Committee may be added, if approved by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the Grand Masters and other authorized Representatives of Member Grand Lodges described hereinabove in ARTICLE III, Section 1, in attendance at the meeting.

Section 8. Minimum Voting Requirements. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws any item of business brought to the floor for vote by the Board of Directors shall be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Grand Masters and other authorized Representatives of Member Grand Lodges having seating privileges at the meeting.

Section 9. Seating Privileges. All Grand Masters of Member Grand Lodges and all other Representatives of the Member Grand Lodges described hereinabove in ARTICLE III, Section 1, shall be accorded seating privileges at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 10. Other Attendees. In addition to Grand Masters and duly authorized Representatives designated by Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Senior Grand Wardens and Junior Grand Wardens of Member Grand Lodges identified as such by the Grand Masters or by the duly designated Representatives of Member Grand Lodges described hereinabove in ARTICLE III, Section 1, shall be authorized to attend business sessions of the Board of Directors. Attendance by any other persons at a meeting of the Board of Directors or at any meeting of a Committee thereof shall be subject to approval of the Board and on such terms and conditions as it shall direct.

Section 11. Speaking Privileges. Only Grand Masters or duly authorized Representatives of Member Grand Lodges described hereinabove in ARTICLE III, Section 1, shall be authorized to speak at any session of the Board of Directors. Other persons desiring to speak at any meeting of the Board must first obtain permission from their respective Grand Masters or the said authorized Representatives of the Member Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE V Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. Officers. The Officers of the corporation shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Host Grand Master, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. The said officers other than the Host Grand Master shall be elected by the Board of Directors on the first day of each annual meeting of the Board and they shall serve for a term of one (1) year, commencing at the conclusion of the annual meeting. All officers, except the Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Executive Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer, shall be serving in the position of Grand Master of their respective Grand Lodge jurisdictions at the time of the annual meeting. In the event of a vacancy in one or more of the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Executive Secretary and Treasurer a person may be appointed to fill such office for the balance of the unexpired term by the Planning Committee which shall have been appointed at the preceding annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

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Section 2. Chairman. The Chairman, if present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. Also, he shall appoint the members of the Nominating Committee, and exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or as authorized by these By-Laws.

Section 3. Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman, if present, at all meetings of the Board of Directors and in the absence of the Chairman he shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. Also, he shall preside as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or as authorized by these By-Laws.

Section 4. Host Grand Master. The Host Grand Master shall be the Grand Master who shall then be serving in that office in the Grand Lodge jurisdiction in which any Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America shall be held. He shall assist the Chairman and other officers in planning and holding any such meeting.

Section 5. Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall attend the meeting of the Board of Directors and record the proceedings thereof as approved in a book prepared for that purpose. Also, he shall attend the meetings of the Planning Committee, Time and Place Committee, and Nominating Committee and assist the other officers and committees in carrying out the business of the corporation and he shall be the custodian of the books and records of the corporation.

Section 6. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all money and other property belonging to the corporation as to which the Board of Directors shall not have directed other custody. Also, he shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Nothing hereinabove shall be deemed to preclude the naming of one person to fill the offices of Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 8. Upon resolution adopted by the Board of Directors an Assistant Executive Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer, both of which offices may be filled by one person, may be elected to serve in the event of the absence or disability of the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. The Board of Directors is authorized to approve the designation of persons to serve on the following Standing Committees:

1. Planning Committee.
2. Time and Place Committee.

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Section 2. Special Committees. The Board of Directors is authorized to create such additional Committees as it shall deem reasonable and proper. All of the powers and duties of such Committees shall be assigned by the Board. Special Committees may be created from time to time to facilitate an effective working relationship with other Masonic organizations, including, but not limited to, the Information for Recognition Committee, the Masonic Service Association of North America, the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, MasoniChip International, Inc., and the Masonic Renewal Committee.

Section 3. Planning Committee. The Planning Committee, consisting of the Conference Chairman, Conference Vice-Chairman, Host Grand Master, Chairman of Planning Committee and four (4) members shall be authorized to prepare plans for the conduct of each meeting of the Board of Directors, including the agenda for each such meeting.

Section 4. Time and Place Committee. The Time and Place Committee, consisting of the Conference Chairman, Conference Vice-Chairman, Chairman of Time and Place Committee and four (4) members, shall be authorized to receive and consider applications from Member Grand Lodges for the holding of succeeding Conferences of Grand Masters of Masons in North America and to make a recommendation at each annual meeting of the Board of Directors as to the designation of the time and place of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in the fourth (4th) year thereafter.

Section 5. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, consisting of the Conference Vice-Chairman as Chairman and five (5) members, shall be authorized to recommend to the Board of Directors for its approval the persons to serve on any other Standing Committees of the corporation, as well as the officers of the corporation and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

ARTICLE VII

Funds

Section 1. The monies and other assets of the corporation may be deposited in such funds as the Board of Directors shall direct, subject to any restrictions or conditions which may be imposed by action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year shall end on the 31st day of March of each year.

ARTICLE IX

Corporate Seal

Section 1. The corporate seal shall be circular in form and have inscribed around the edge thereof the name of the corporation and in the center thereof the word "Seal."

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ARTICLE X Registered Office

Section 1. The registered office of the corporation may be designated or changed from time to time by vote of the Board of Directors at an annual meeting of the Board. Any change which shall be made subsequent to any annual meeting of the Board shall be subject to approval of the Planning Committee and such approval shall be subject to ratification by the Board of Directors at its next annual meeting. Notice of any change of the registered office shall be furnished to the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri as may be required by law.

ARTICLE XI Registered Agent

Section 1. The registered agent of the corporation may be designated or changed from time to time by vote of the Board of Directors at an annual meeting of the Board. Any change of agent which shall be made subsequent to any annual meeting of the Board shall be subject to approval of the Planning Committee and such approval shall be subject to ratification by the Board of Directors at its next annual meeting. Notice of any change of the registered agent shall be furnished to the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri as may be required by law.

ARTICLE XII Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors in attendance at any annual meeting of the Board, provided that a written statement of any proposed modification of the By-Laws, together with a statement of purpose, shall accompany the notice of any such meeting at which such proposed modification is to be voted upon.

Section 2. The Articles of Incorporation may be altered or amended as authorized by law, provided that a written statement of any proposed modification of the Articles of Incorporation, together with a statement of purpose, shall accompany the notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation at which such proposed modification is to be voted upon.

APPROVED: By unanimous vote February 17, 2009 at the 2009 Conference of the Conference Grand Masters of Masons in North America, Inc.

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GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Alabama - November, Tuesday after third Monday
Alaska - February, first Thursday
Alberta - June, second Friday
Arizona - June, first Friday and Saturday
Arkansas - February, first Thursday
British Columbia - June, Thursday preceding St. Johns Day
California - October, second Monday
Canada (Ontario) - July, third Wednesday
Colorado - January, fourth Monday
Connecticut - April, first Wednesday
Delaware - October, first Wednesday
District of Columbia - December, second Saturday
Florida - June, to be determined by Grand Master
Georgia - October, fourth Tuesday
Hawaii - April, third Friday and following Saturday
Idaho - September, third Thursday
Illinois - October, Friday after first Tuesday
Indiana - May, third Tuesday
Iowa - September, third Friday
Kansas - March, third Friday
Kentucky - October, third Monday
Louisiana - February, first Monday (subject to change)
Maine - May, first Tuesday
Manitoba - June, first Friday
Maryland - November, Saturday preceding the Third Monday
Massachusetts - December 27th, Installation
(Quarterlies March, June, September, December, second Wednesday)
Mexico (York) - March, second weekend
Michigan - May, fourth Tuesday by statute
Minnesota - March or April, date determined by Corporate Trustees
Mississippi - February, Tuesday after second Monday
Missouri - September, last Monday and following Tuesday
Montana - June, fourth Friday
Nebraska - February, first Friday
Nevada - November, second Monday
Newfoundland-Labrador - November
New Brunswick - May, second Friday
New Hampshire - May, third Saturday
New Jersey - April, first Wednesday after fourth Tuesday
New Mexico - March, third Friday
New York - May, first Tuesday
North Carolina - September, fourth Friday
North Dakota - June, Thursday following second Tuesday

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Nova Scotia - June, first Friday

Ohio - October, usually second or third Friday

Oklahoma - November, second Monday

Oregon - June, first Tuesday

Pennsylvania - December 27th

(Quarterlies March, June, September, December, first Wednesday)

Prince Edward Island - June, fourth Saturday

Puerto Rico - April, last Sunday

Quebec - June, first Thursday

Rhode Island - May, third Monday

Saskatchewan - June, third Friday

South Carolina - April, fourth Thursday

South Dakota - June, third Friday

Tennessee - March, fourth Wednesday

Texas - December - first Friday

Utah - fifth Friday of the year

Vermont - June, Wednesday after second Tuesday

Virginia - November, Friday preceding second Monday

Washington - June, second Thursday

West Virginia - October, second Monday

Wisconsin - June, second Monday

Wyoming - August, second Monday

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GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

January-

Utah, fifth Friday of the year
Colorado, fourth Monday
Puerto Rico, last Sunday (quarterly)

February-

Louisiana, first Monday
Alaska, First Thursday
Arkansas, first Thursday
Mississippi, Tuesday after second Monday
Nebraska, first Friday

March-

Pennsylvania, first Wednesday (quarterly)
Massachusetts, second Wednesday (quarterly)
Mexico (York), second weekend
Minnesota, date fixed by Corporate Trustees in either March or April
New Mexico, third Friday
Kansas, third Friday
Tennessee, fourth Wednesday

April-

Connecticut, first Wednesday
Florida, to be determined by Grand Master
Hawaii, third Friday and following Saturday

Minnesota, date fixed by Corporate Trustees in either March or April
New Jersey, first Wednesday after fourth Tuesday
South Carolina, fourth Thursday
Puerto Rico, last Friday to Sunday (annual)

May-

Maine, first Tuesday
New York, first Tuesday
Rhode Island, third Monday
Indiana, third Tuesday
New Hampshire, third Saturday
Michigan, fourth Tuesday
New Brunswick, second Friday

June-

Pennsylvania, first Wednesday (quarterly)
Arizona, first Friday and Saturday
Manitoba, first Friday

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Quebec, first Thursday
Nova Scotia, first Friday
South Dakota, third Friday
Wisconsin, second Monday
Alberta, second Friday
Massachusetts, second Wednesday (quarterly)
Vermont, Wednesday after second Tuesday
Oregon, first Tuesday
North Dakota, Thursday following second Tuesday
Washington, second Thursday
Saskatchewan, third Friday
Montana, fourth Friday
Prince Edward Island, fourth Saturday
British Columbia, Thursday before St. Johns Day
Florida, June

July-

Canada (Ontario), third Wednesday
Puerto Rico, last Sunday (quarterly)

August-

Wyoming, second Monday

September-

Pennsylvania, first Wednesday (quarterly)
Massachusetts, second Wednesday (quarterly)
Idaho, third Tuesday
Iowa, third Friday
Missouri, last Monday
North Carolina, fourth Friday

October-

Delaware, first Wednesday
Illinois, Friday after first Tuesday
California, second Monday
West Virginia, second Monday
Kentucky, third Monday
Ohio, usually second or third Friday
Georgia, fourth Tuesday
Puerto Rico, last Sunday (quarterly)

November-

Nevada, second Monday
Oklahoma, second Monday
Virginia, Friday preceding second Monday
Alabama, Tuesday after third Monday
Maryland, Saturday preceding the third Monday
Newfoundland-Labrador

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December-

Pennsylvania, first Wednesday (quarterly)

Texas, Thursday preceding first Friday

Massachusetts, second Wednesday (quarterly)

Massachusetts, December 27th (Feast of St. Johns)

District of Columbia, second Saturday

Pennsylvania, December 27th (annual)

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OFFICERS TO SERVE THROUGH
COMPLETION OF THE 2011 CONFERENCE**

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Conference Vice Chairman

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**Conference of Grand Masters
FUTURE CONFERENCES**

**February 20-22, 2011
Sheraton Denver
Denver, Colorado
Vote of 2007**

**February 19-21, 2012
Sheraton Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia**

**February 17-19, 2013
Hyatt Regency
Kansas City, Missouri**

**February 16-18, 2014
Marriott Baltimore Waterfront
Baltimore, Maryland**

**February 15-17, 2015
To Be Determined
By the 2011 Conference**

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