

**2011 CONFERENCE  
OF GRAND MASTERS  
OF MASONS  
IN NORTH AMERICA, INC.**



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DENVER SHERATON DOWNTOWN HOTEL  
DENVER, COLORADO**

**CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS  
OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA**

**Sunday through Tuesday**

**February 20, 21, & 22, 2011**

**Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel**

**Denver, Colorado**

**“Facing Today’s Challenges”**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Row L to R:** G. Santy Loscano, WA; Kristjan (Kris) Goodmanson, Manitoba; James Rowan, AZ; John V. Egan III, CO, Host GM; John L. Cook, MN, Conference Vice Chairman; Bradford A. Goebel, OH, Conference Chairman; Stephen J Ponzillo III, MD, Planning Committee Chairman; Thomas Johnston IV, VT, Time & Place Chairman; Charles L. “Fuzzy” Cox, MS; Tracy Bloom, KS; Ed Bousquet, OR.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Row L to R:** Abbas Satrap, GM, Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile; John V. Egan III, CO, Host Grand Master; John L. Cook, Jr. MN, Conference Vice Chairman; Bradford A. Goebel, OH, Conference Chairman; Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, MD, Planning Committee Chairman; Richard Dunlavy, Grand Chalcello, Grand Lodge of Malta.

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**AGENDA**  
**2011 CONFERENCE OF**  
**GRAND MASTERS**

**Saturday, February 19, 2011**

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 Colorado "150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party"**

**Sunday, February 20, 2011**

8:30a.m.-3:00p.m.      **Registration**  
9:00a.m.                **Grand Secretaries' Tour Departs**  
9:00a.m.                **Religious Observance**  
10:45a.m.               **Committee on Info for Recognition receives**  
                                 **Correspondence**  
4:14p.m.                **Time & Place Committee Meeting**

**GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE OPENS**

10:00a.m                **Call to Order and Welcome**  
                                 *Bradford A. Goebel*  
                                 *Grand Master, Ohio*  
                                 *Conference Chairman*

**Invocation**  
**Colors Presented:**  
**National Anthems**                *Canada, Mexico, U.S.*  
**Welcome**                         *John V. Egan, III*  
   *Grand Master, Colorado*

**Response**                         *John L. Cook, Jr., Grand Master, Minnesota*  
   *Vice Chairman*

**Report of Conference Planning Committee Chairman**  
   *Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, Grand Master, Maryland*  
   *Committee Chairman*

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

**Report of Nominating Committee**  
   *John L. Cook, Jr., Grand Master, Minnesota*  
   *Conference Vice Chairman*

10:30a.m.                **Election of 2012 Officers**  
10:40a.m.                **National Masonic Foundation for Children Report**  
11:00a.m.                **Masonic Renewal Report**  
11:40a.m.                **Masonic Service Association Report**  
   *Luncheons 12:00 Noon - 1:45p.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**  
Bradford A. Goebel, *Grand Master, Ohio*  
*Conference Chairman*

2:05p.m.                   **MasoniChip International Report**

2:25p.m.                   **George Washington National Memorial Association Report**

3:15p.m.                   **2012 Officers Meeting**

3:15p.m.                   **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

Group I                   **The Lodge Experience**

Group II                   **Strategic Plans**

Group III                   **Membership/Leadership**

Group IV                   **Nat. Masonic Fdtn. for Children**

**EVENING FREE**

**Monday, February 21, 2011**

8:00a.m.-1:00p.m.       **Registration**

9:00a.m.-4:30p.m.       **GRAND SECRETARIES CONFERENCE CONVENES**

9:00a.m.                   **Comm. Information for Recognition Meeting**

**GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE RECONVENES**

9:00.m.                   **Call to Order**  
Bradford A. Goebel, *Grand Master, Ohio*  
*Conference Chairman*

**Invocation**

9:10a.m.                   **Introduction of all Visiting Dignitaries**

10:15a.m.                   **Welcome by Denver Mayor, Hon. Guillermo V. Vidal**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

10:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

Group I                   **The Lodge Experience**

Group II                   **Strategic Plans**

Group III                   **Social Networking**

Group IV                   **Masonic communities Service Assn.**

11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.       **LUNCH**

1:00p.m.                   **Photographs of Grand Masters**

1:00p.m.-2:00p.m.       **Future GM's Meeting**

**GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE RECONVENES**

2:00p.m.                   **Call To Order**  
Bradford A. Goebel, *Grand Master, Ohio*  
*Conference Chairman*

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

2:30p.m.-3:30p.m.

Group I                   **Charity Revisited**

Group II                   **Youth Groups**

Group III                   **Social Networking**

Group IV                   **MasoniChip**

3:30p.m.                   **2012 Grand Masters Meeting**

6:00p.m. Grand Secretaries Social Hour  
7:00p.m. Grand Secretaries Banquet

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

7:00a.m. Shrine DeMolay Breakfast

*Sponsored by Imperial Shrine  
Imperial Sir George Mitchell, Imperial Potentate*

10:00a.m. Ladies Tour

8:30a.m. GRAND SECRETARIES CONFERENCE RECONVENES

GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE RECONVENES

9:30a.m. Call to Order

*Bradford A. Goebel, Grand Master, Ohio  
Conference Chairman*

9:35a.m. Committee on Information for Recognition Report

10:00a.m. Report of Time and Place Committee

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

10:30a.m.-11:00a.m.

Group I Charity Revisited

Group II The Lodge Experience

Group III Membership/Leadership

Group IV M.O.V.P.E.R. Grotto

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Lunch

GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE RECONVENES

1:00p.m. Call to Order

*Bradford A. Goebel, Grand Master, Ohio  
Conference Chairman*

1:10p.m. Business Session

2:10p.m. Introduction of 2011 Conference of Grand Secretaries  
Officers

2:15p.m. 2012 Host Committee Report

2:20p.m. Announcements and wrap up

*Bradford A. Goebel, Grand Master, Ohio  
Conference Chairman*

Benediction

6:00p.m. Grand Masters Social Hour

7:00p.m. Grand Masters Banquet



**PROCEEDINGS  
OPENING SESSION  
Sunday February 20, 2011**

**Most Worshipful Bradford A. Goebel - Chairman  
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ohio**

**Most Worshipful John L. Cook, Jr. - Vice Chairman  
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota**

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Grand Masters, Brethren. You would have your seat. Good morning. I now call this 84th Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America to order. My name is Bradford A. Goebel, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the great state of Ohio. Grand Masters, it is with a great deal of honor that I am allowed to serve as your Conference Chairman for this 2011 session of the Conference of Grand Masters. The theme chosen for this Conference is Facing Today's Challenges. In our rapidly changing world, Freemasonry must also change and evolve. Making those changes to keep Masonry relevant to the new generations is a task that is difficult for many to grasp and understand. We must continue to develop good leaders in our Fraternity and equip them to meet the challenges of today's and tomorrow's changing world. The Breakout Session topics were selected and planned to present ideas and guidance for our future leaders of our Fraternity, and the entire world. It is my pleasure and honor to welcome each of you here today to Denver, Colorado. I do especially welcome the ladies and visitors who are with us. I do know that everyone who participated in the Grand Lodge of Colorado's 150th Anniversary Celebration last evening had a good time. Thank you Grand Lodge of Colorado for such a wonderful time. (Applause).

Grand Masters, there are four microphones on the three sides of our tables. For the benefit of our reporter, Miss Jill Fry, I would ask that if 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 a copy. It is my pleasure to introduce and call on Right Worshipful and Reverend James H. Harris, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Colorado to invoke the blessing and presence of our lord on our Conference. Brother Chaplain.

**R.W. JAMES H. HARRIS:** Let us be in spirit of prayer. God of grace, God of glory. May your presence be with us this morning, as we open the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America. Let us conduct our business today in ways which will be consistent with the values and beliefs of our treasured Fraternity. Keep us on the course set before us and keep us from being bogged down in trivial things while neglecting more important matters before us. We come today remembering our men and woman who serve us overseas in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. We give thanks for them, and everything they are doing for us. We also ask for prayers for their families, who when they sit down at a table for dinner, there might be an empty place there because their loved ones will not be coming home. During this Conference, grant us open minds to do what is best for your fraternity, inspire us gracious God. Treasure these times

we have together to learn from each other, and have faith, hope, charity, and brotherly love. Amen. So Mote It Be.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Please be seated. Thank you, Reverend Harris. We will now have the presentation of the colors of the three nations represented in this Conference, Mexico, Canada, and the United States. I call upon most Worshipful Brother John V. Egan, III, Grand Master of Colorado to introduce the Color Guard for the presentation of our Colors.

**M.W. JOHN V. EGAN, III:** Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, distinguished guests, ladies and all my Brethren, it is with great honor that I introduce to you the Officers of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, led today by Jack Warden, Grand Commander; Scott Wilson the Deputy Grand Commander; and David Reynolds, the Generalissimo and their Honor Guard, who will present the Flags and Colors of our countries. During the playing of the National Anthems, please join in the singing using the song sheets that have been provided at your seats when you came in. Brothers and ladies, if you would please rise for the presentation of the Colors.

#### **PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND NATIONAL ANTHEMS**

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Please be seated. We thank the officers of the Grand Commandery of Colorado for the presentation of the colors today. As we dismiss them we would also like to thank Reverend James H. Harris for the religious service, and Brother Charles Schaeffer for the music at the religious service earlier this morning. The Color Guard is now dismissed. (Applause).

It is now my pleasure to again call on Most Worshipful Brother, John V. Egan III, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado. Grand Master Egan.

**M.W. JOHN V. EGAN, III:** Thank you Grand Master. Good morning. Fellow Grand Masters and guests, it is both my honor and pleasure as the Grand Master of Colorado to appear before you today to extend our greetings to the members of the Conference of the Grand Masters of North America. A welcome is extended to each of you today in Denver, the Mile High City. You being here today for the 84th Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in of North America 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, I am so pleased to personally welcome each one of you today. I assure you that the many preparations have been taking place by our Committees, and that will make yet another enjoyable, and most certainly, successful Grand Masters Conference. A Colorado Grand Lodge welcome center has been established just outside this room in the lobby. My Brothers are there to answer any questions you might have, or assist you in making your stay here a memorable experience during the Grand Lodge of Colorado's 150th celebration. Also, Grand Masters, before you have a packet on your desk. Sorry it's kind of cluttered. Do not open those, please, but it's the poster that we talked about last night as a gift from the Grand Lodge of Colorado to each Grand Jurisdiction. If everybody would like to look in the very back, we have a easel, not

right now because it is in the very back, and you will see that nice poster, they are numbered and you will see the historic pictures there and some other things. That is our gift to the visiting Grand Jurisdictions. With that, thank you so much. (Applause).

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Eagan. I would now call upon Most Worshipful Brother John L. Cook, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and our Conference Vice-Chairman for a response.

**M.W. JOHN L. COOK, JR.:** Good morning. Most Worshipful sirs, Right Worshipful sirs, honored guests and Brethren all. On behalf of the Conference of Grand Master of Masons in North America, I wish to thank our brothers of the great state of Colorado, and its most distinguished Grand Lodge for the welcome extended to the attendees, and their kind hosting of this, the 2011 Conference. The comments of welcome from Most Worshipful Brother Egan 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 order. A spiritual Brotherhood that spans space and time, our beloved Masonic Fraternity. Such a warm welcomes awakens the emotions within each of us and animates a true pride in belonging. In a technological age that finds little reason for human contact or commitment, our fraternity fosters the feeling of family. Our Brothers of Colorado have done an outstanding job of making all of us feel very much at home. Again, our sincere thanks. Mr. Chairman, thank you for the privilege of allowing me to deliver this response. (Applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, Grand Master Cook. We now have another special greeting that will be brought to us by Most Worshipful Brother Egan.

**M.W. JOHN V. EGAN, III:** Thank you, Grand Master. Our current governor, who was the Mayor of Denver just 30 days ago wasn't able to be here, but was kind enough to send a letter to me to read to you and all of our guests today. Greetings: On behalf of the people of the state of Colorado, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Conference of Grand Masters and congratulate the Grand Lodge of Colorado on its 150th Anniversary. We believe no place better lends itself to a Conference than our state. Colorado's outdoors provides a great opportunity to enjoy scenery, while our climate is the envy of the nation. Our Rocky Mountains provide an opportunity to hike, play, and relax with beautiful accommodations across the state. We hope your stay in our state is a pleasurable experience. I wish all the best for a successful Conference. It is my hope that you can come and enjoy the beauty of this great western state again in the future. Sincerely, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, once again, Grand Master Egan. At this time I would like to personally thank the brethren responsible for this 2011 Conference session. Brethren, you will be introduced as your Committee Chairman give their report, but I would want to add my personal thanks to you for your work in making this Conference possible. I would now like to ask all past officers of the Conference to please stand,

introduce yourselves, and give the year that you served at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Start over here.

**M.W. JOHN HARRINGTON:** I'm John Harrington, I chaired this Conference in Portland, Oregon in the year 2007.

**M.W. CLAYTON J. BORNE, III:** Past Grand Master, of Louisiana, I Vice-Chaired this Conference in 2006.

**M.W. THOMAS K STURGEON:** Tom Sturgeon, Past Grand Master, Pennsylvania Chairman 2010.

**M.W. JERRY CARVER:** Jerry Carver, Past Grand Master, South Carolina, Chairman 2009.

**M.W. GALE H. KENNY:** Gale Kenny, past Grand Master, Washington, Chairman Planning Committee 2010.

**M.W. FRED SORSABAL:** Fred Sorsabal, Past Grand Master, California, Conference Chairman 2006.

**M.W. DAVID NEILSON:** Dave Neilson, Past Grand Master, Montana, I was Chair of the Planning in 2008.

**M.W. THOMAS M. VELVIN, JR.:** Thomas Velvin, I was Chair of Time and Place Committee 2010.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you all once again for being with us. Can we show them our appreciation. (Applause.)

**M.W. JACK MARLER:** Jack Marler, Past Grand Master, Chairman of Time and Place 2005.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Jack, sorry I didn't get you with the others, but thank you also for being with us.(Applause). Brother Executive Secretary, do we have a quorum of members represented?

**M.W. GLENN E. MEANS:** Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, we have 60 of our 64 member jurisdictions present, so we do have a quorum. West Virginia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan were not able be present with us this year.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you. Grand Masters, before I call for the Planning Committee Report, a couple of announcements. The Commission on Information for Recognition will meet this morning at 9:45 a.m. in the Tower Court, Room A, which means they should be meeting now. This meeting is only to receive papers and reports to be submitted. It is not their regular meeting, which will take place tomorrow at 9:00 o'clock in the Denver Room. Once again, this is only to receive papers and reports to be submitted. It is not their regular meeting which will take place tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Denver Room. I especially want to remind everyone the Time and Place Committee will be called to order by Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Johnson, IV, the Grand Master of Vermont in the Tower Court, D room at 4:15 p.m. this afternoon. This is a



departure from past years when the Committee met on Monday. The Committee will receive bids to host the 2015 Conference and prepare a recommendation to report on later in this Conference. Any jurisdiction wishing to present a bid to host the Conference is encouraged to do so at that Committee meeting. It is now my pleasure to call on Most Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland who will bring us the Conference Planning Committee Report and present the rules of the Conference which we will adopt today. Grand Master Ponzillo.

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**M.W. STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, III:** Good morning. Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, distinguished guests, Right Worshipful Grand Masters, my brothers all, thank you for the opportunity to serve this Conference. It is with greater pleasure that I bring to you this report on behalf of the members of the Planning Committee, which met here in Denver on Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12, 2010. The Planning Committee has put together what we believe to be a great program, and we hope that you will all enjoy it. At this time I would like to introduce the members of the Planning Committee. And to the Committee, as I call your name, please stand and remain standing so that each one of you can receive recognition for the work that you have done, and the Committee is as follows: Most Worshipful Brother Myles A. Oliver, Grand Master of Arkansas; Most Worshipful Brother James W. Rowan, Grand Master of Arizona; Most Worshipful Brother J. Alan Cross, Grand Master of British Columbia; Most Worshipful Brother Richard L. Swaney, Grand Master of Illinois; along with our Conference Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother Bradford A. Goebel, Grand Master of Ohio, our Vice-Chair, Most Worshipful Brother John L. Cook, Jr., Grand Master of Minnesota; Most Worshipful Brother John V. Egan, III, Grand Master of Colorado; and Most Worshipful Brother Glenn E. Means, Past Grand Master of Missouri, Executive Secretary to the Conference. Would you thank them. (Applause). Most Worshipful Brother Egan, many thanks for all of the courtesies that you and Colorado Masons have shown to us during our Planning Meeting in June of last year. The Grand Lodge of Colorado outlined a very well thought out plan for the Saturday evening entertainment and the ladies tours. I would also like to thank Most Worshipful Brother Means for his support and knowledge in putting this Conference together. I wish to thank these Brothers for their contribution to today's program, and it is our sincerest hope that you will enjoy it as well as learn from this session. The Committee members finalized the subject matter and presenters and provided this information to Most Worshipful Brother Means who put it all together to produce the written program as well as coordinating the hotel rooms, meeting rooms, equipment needs with the hotel. The Breakout Sessions cover a wide range of programs that many of you requested, and should be of great benefit to all of the Grand Masters and other elected Grand Lodge Officers present for this Conference. These sessions will afford you an opportunity to not only learn, but most importantly, my brothers, to interact with other members from the many different and Jurisdictions represented here. Our Breakout Sessions will offer strategic planning, social networking, financial issues and membership and challenges of a growing craft, just to name a few. It is the Planning Committee's desire that this session will motivate the leaders of tomorrow so that we

encourage all of the Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Wardens to take advantage of the Breakout Sessions as much as possible. Our presenters are going to provide you with an opportunity to ask questions, so please feel free to do as those breakouts occur. Our By-Laws in Article 4 set forth the rules by which the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in 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 a three-fourth 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-third 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 the first obtain the permission of their respective Grand Master.

In addition, the Planning Committee recommends the following additional rules for this 2011 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 Procedures shall be based upon commonly accepted practices in Roberts' Rules of Order.

Most worshipful Brother Chairman, I now request that our Executive Secretary report on those brothers designated by their Grand Masters to represent them and sit in their place at this Conference.

**M.W. Glenn E. Means:** Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, we have Right Worshipful Brother Tracy Bloom, the Deputy Grand Master of Kansas, representing Most Worshipful Brother Kent L. Needham. I think Kent has like two weeks left in office. Right Worshipful A. David Watts, Deputy Grand Master of Nebraska, representing Most Worshipful Brother John T. Parsons. Right Worshipful Brother James T. Wayne, Deputy Grand Master of Connecticut representing Most Worshipful Brother Charles A. Buck, Jr. who had a very serious family emergency and was not able to be with us.

**M.W. STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, III:** Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, I move for the adoption of the Planning Committee Report, along with the 2011 Conference Rules, and that these representatives be approved and offered all of the courtesies extended to a Grand master.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, Grand Master Ponzillo. Grand Masters, you have heard the report of the Planning Committee and the Motion for Acceptance. Do I have a second? Second. , I now, is there any discussion? (No response.) All in favor will raise your left hand. All opposed the same sign. So ordered. Thank you, for the adoption of

the rules for this Conference, and acknowledgment of the Deputies and representatives sitting in for their Grand Masters

**M.W. STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, III:** My Brothers, the Planning Committee has one other, actually two other items to bring to your attention. We have an ever increasing need to look at our expenses, and the reality to mount a first class event costs money. At last year's Conference we received good marks from the attendees. However, a recurrent suggestion focused on a relatively simple amenity. I couldn't help but think as the Grand Chaplain urged us not to be concerned in trivial matters, well get ready, because here comes one. That relatively simple amenity is coffee and other liquid refreshments besides water for our general sessions and the breakouts. Did you have a cup of coffee here this morning? If you did, you were partaking of the "golden" coffee. In order to address this issue this year we have determined to provide the coffee and other beverages for this Conference. To do so is an expense that we believe you wanted and will continue to desire. Therefore, at another part of our agenda, we will propose an increase in our registration fee that currently stands at \$250 per delegation. Currently jurisdictions may register as many brethren as they wish for the Conference at this set fee of \$250. Now, Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, and Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brothers, we also called the Conference's attention that our By-Laws allow for the election of an Assistant to our Executive Secretary. So your Planning Committee believes that this individual should be tutored by Brother Means and travel with him as contract negotiations are made for future conferences, as well as to the planning sessions. Thus we recommended traveling expenses of the Assistant to the Executive Secretary be compensated by this Conference. My brothers, regarding the Assistant Executive Secretary, we have no anticipation of Most Worshipful Brother Means' impending retirement, but we do believe that someone else needs to be invested in the requirements of Glenn's job so that we are not unduly affected should some emergency arise. We believe that this is only a prudent business decision. For your review and consideration, we believe that perhaps we should consider the immediate Past Chair of the Conference serve as one year as the Assistant Executive Secretary, and each of his successors do the same, so that at the eventual retirement of the Executive Secretary, a pool of candidates will be available to us from those whom have served as Chair of the Conference, and have knowledge then of the Executive Secretary's function, having served as an Assistant. This will not preclude the election of any qualified brother, but it will provide the Conference possible future Executive Secretaries with greater depth in the position's requirements. Nomination and Election Committee should be charged to present suggestions to the 2012 Conference on how the Assistant should be selected. Your Planning Committee recommends that the Conference registration fee should be increased in order to cover these items from \$250 to \$350 per delegation, and that would be in effect for the 2012 Conference. These funds would provide the compensation needed for the Assistant Executive Secretary's traveling expenses, and cover the provisions for the morning and breakout refreshments. Therefore, at our business session on Tuesday, a formal motion will be introduced on the proposition of raising the registration fee and the issue of the Assistant Executive Secretary. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (Applause).

## PLANNING COMMITTEE



1<sup>ST</sup> Row, L to R: John V. Egan, III, CO, Host Grand Master; Bradford A. Goebel, OH, Conference Chairman; John L. Cook, Jr., MN, Conference Vice-Chairman.  
2<sup>ND</sup> Row, L to R: James W. Rowan, AZ; Myles A. Oliver, AR; Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, Planning Committee Chairman; J. Alan Cross, BC; Richard L. Swaney, IL.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, Most Worshipful for your additional report. I now call upon Most Worshipful Brother Glenn Means, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of this Conference for his report.

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

**M.W. GLENN E. MEANS:** Thanks you, Most Worshipful Brother Chairman. Right Worshipfuls, Most Worshipfuls, Brethren and ladies. I don't know about you, but Mary Jane and I had a really great time at the Colorado party last night. I thank them. (Applause). My congratulations to the Colorado Officers, the Colorado Masons, and their ladies who worked hard



to put together such an event, and all of the work that they have done for our Conference. Each year after the Conference, the hotels where we have contracts for the next three years are contacted, and a review of the room block reservations is made. I contact each one after every conference. I have worked with this hotel for four years, leading up to our Conference and, again, we have one of the largest attendances at a Conference. We have a little over 740 people at this conference. I think that speaks well for us and our Fraternity. Our attendees this year, as usual, are a cross section of all America. He have farmers, we have businessmen, we have clergy, we have lawyers, we have sales people, we have any occupation that you can possibly think of represented in this room today. To me that is one of the great things of our Fraternity, is that we encompass everybody, and at the same time we enjoy doing it. In your agenda, there are some room changes. The National Sojourners Grand Master Chapter 996 meeting on Tuesday afternoon, at the conclusion of our Conference, has been moved to this room. So, Grand Masters, you won't have to go find the other room in the hotel. It will take place here, and they will have a special program for the 996 Chapter. At 3:15 today, for those new officers, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and Chairman of the Planning Committee, and the Planning Committee members, who you will elect shortly, there is a short meeting for them in Director's Row F Room. For that room, you take the walkway over to the other side of the hotel. Take the elevator down to the lobby level. Turn to the left, as you come out of the lobby hallway, and Room F is just right there. After my report, and after the election of officers, if Deputy Grand Masters Robert Jackson and Carl Hinkle and Senior Grand Wardens, Dave Ramsey and James Easterling, who will be the hosts for the Deputy Grand Master's and ladies' lunch and the Grand Warden's and Ladies' lunch, if you would meet with me just outside the room for a few minutes, we can quickly go over your "host duties". In last year's minutes there are a couple of corrections which need to be made for the record, and that is in the MSA meeting, it talks about Most Worshipful Brother Ken Nagle, that should be Most Worshipful Brother Ray Vandenberg. And then a little later, on Page 30 it again mentions Most Worshipful Brother Ken Nagle, that should be corrected to Most Worshipful Brother Richard Fletcher. And then in the report of the Commission on Information for Recognition I have a brother listed in the report as Brother John M. Policastro, I apologize for that, that is Brother John Colligas. So these corrections need to go into the minutes. Grand Masters, at this time I do not have a complete Financial Statement for 2011 because the books for this Conference will not be closed until March 31st. The hotel bill and a few other bills have yet to arrive, and they will be paid prior to that time. So needless to say, with all the money in, no bills paid, we're in pretty good shape. But after the bills are paid, my current estimate is that we will be in the black some \$4,000. And that's about where we normally come out each year. The Conference itself runs close to \$200,000, and your Committee keeps it so tight that I sweat that last \$3,000 at the end of the year. Believe me, they do watch, your Committee does watch the expenses. For those mathematicians, if you figure the percentage on \$3,000 or \$4,000 on a \$200,000 budget, that's really close. The proceedings of this Conference will be published and I will send two copies to each Grand Jurisdiction. If you would like a copy, after this Conference, please e-mail me and I will see that you receive a copy. I do not send copies to the Sister Jurisdictions. I have a few copies from last year left over

in box here by Ms Fry. If any of our Sister Jurisdictions would like a copy, please pick one up. For those others who would like a copy, I simply would ask that you give the Sister Jurisdictions a chance first to get a copy. I want to thank my wife, Mary Jane, for helping with all of the work associated with preparing for this Conference. As usual, she and Judy Fletcher have done an outstanding job at the registration desk for these past two days. Mary Jane and I are really, really saddened that this will be Judy's last year working with us. She and Dick are retiring. When I was first elected to this job, the very first person who came and spoke to me afterward was Judy Fletcher. She said any way I can help, I will. And she has worked with us each year since, and just been, not only great help, but just a great, great friend. This Conference will absolutely, definitely miss her. So would you join me in thanking Judy for all that she has done for us. (Applause.) Thank you, Judy. I want to congratulate the Conference Officers and the members of leadership for the planning of this Conference. I know you'll find it a good Conference, and most interesting and informative. I look forward to the remainder of this Conference. I know it is going to be a good one. This hotel is a good venue. If you have problems, please let me know and we'll straighten them out. With that, sir, I would ask that a Motion be made for the acceptance of my report. So moved. Second.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Brothers it has been moved and seconded that we accept the report that was just given. Is there any discussion? (No response.) All in favor will signify so by raising your hand. All those opposed. So ordered. Thank you, Brother Secretary. It is now my pleasure to present Most Worshipful Brothers John L. Cook, Jr., Grand Master of Minnesota as Chairman of your Nominating Committee for this year, for the report of the entire Nominating Committee. Grand Master Cook.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**M.W. JOHN L. COOK, JR.:** Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Chairman. The Nominating Committee consists of myself as Chairman; Most Worshipful Brother Steven J. Ponzillo, III Grand Master of Maryland; Most Worshipful Brother J. Allen Cross, Grand Master of British of Columbia; Most Worshipful Brother Richard L. Swaney, Grand Master of Illinois; Most Worshipful Brother G. Santy Lascano, Grand Master of Washington; Most Worshipful Brother Reed R. Moseley, Grand Master of Nevada; and Most Worshipful Brother Bradford A. Goebel, Grand Master of Ohio, your Conference Chairman. Prior to our coming to Colorado, we reviewed the biographical information submitted from those who will be Grand Masters at the time of the 2012 Conference, and any letters of recommendation submitted regarding those individuals. The Committee met yesterday afternoon and again reviewed and discussed the biographical information submitted. Additionally, the committee has received and reviewed a recommendation from the All Canadian Conference that Donald C. Ross, Grand Master of Quebec be their representative to the Commission on Information for Recognition. We, the Nominating Committee, endorse that recommendation. Your Nominating Committee submits the following recommendations to serve as the Officers and Committee Members of the 2012 Conference of Grand Masters. As your name is called, would you please stand and remain standing. Conference Chair, Most Worshipful

Brother Stephen J. Ponzillo, III, Grand Master of Maryland; Conference Vice-Chair, Right Worshipful Brother Richard Martin, Deputy Grand Master of Oregon; Planning Committee Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother Randall Rogers, Deputy Grand Master of Oklahoma. Planning Committee members, are as follows: Right Worshipful Brother Jerry D. Moss, Deputy Grand Master of Georgia, Right worshipful Brother Barry Imber, Deputy Grand Master of Nova Scotia; Right Worshipful Brother Paul M. Leary, Deputy Grand Master New Hampshire; and Right Worshipful Brother John Hess, Deputy Grand Master of Missouri. This Grand Masters, and Brethren all, is your Planning Committee for 2012. I'm sorry have one more to announce. Thank you. Right Worshipful Brother Fred Kaiser, Deputy Grand Master from Michigan. I also wish and would like for those as your names are called to please stand. The nominations for the Time and Place Committee are: Time and Place Committee Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother Lon W. Kvasager, Deputy Grand Master of North Dakota; Time and Place Committee members, Right Worshipful Brother Michael L. Sanders, Deputy Grand Master of Washington; Right Worshipful Brother Jerry W. Pinion, Deputy Grand Master of Alaska; Right Worshipful Brother Hans J. Schuerer, Deputy Grand Master of Nevada; and Right Worshipful Brother William L. Alexander, II, Deputy Grand Master of Montana. Also, being nominated your Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Glenn E. Means, Past Grand Master of Missouri. Brothers, you may be seated.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Cook, are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I declare that the nominations are closed and ask that Most Worshipful Brother William Stewart, Grand Master of Massachusetts, make an announcement.

**M.W. WILLIAM STEWART:** Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, I, Most Worshipful Brother Richard Stewart, Grand Master of Massachusetts propose and move the adoption of the cited officers proposed by the Nominating Committee accepted as are entered.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Do we have a second? It has been regularly moved that the recommendations of your Nominating Committee be accepted. Is there any discussion? (No response.) All those in favor will signify. All those opposed. The motion is accepted. So ordered. Thank you Most Worshipful Brother Cook and all of the members of the Nominating Committee. I know that the selection of nominees was a difficult task from all of the well qualified deputies. I now call upon Most Worshipful Brother Richard Fletcher, Past Grand Master of Vermont, and Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Masonic Service Association for the Masonic Service Association Annual Meeting and Report. This is a slight deviation from the yellow printed agenda that you have. We will be switching the National Masonic Foundation for Children's report and the Masonic Service Association report due to some time restrictions.

#### **MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION REPORT**

**M.W. JOE ROBERTS:** Most Worshipful Brothers, Right Worshipful Brothers, my name is Joe Roberts, Past Grand Master of Nevada. I have the honor and privilege of welcoming you to this Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association as its Chairman of the Board of Executive Committee.

This is your organization as voting delegates of the member jurisdictions, and the By-Laws of MSA require that a member of one of the jurisdictions preside as Chairman during the meeting. Do I have a nomination? It has been pointed out to me, a nomination has been made, Most Worshipful Brother Bill Bray, Grand Master of Masons in California. Are there any other nominations? (No response.) Then I shall declared the nominations closed. Most Worshipful Brother Fletcher, will you escort Most Worshipful Brother Bray to the podium, please. I hope I didn't mess up his introduction because he is from California, but I wanted to introduce his as from the Nevada Annex.

**M.W. WILLIAM A. BRAY, III:** Thank you, my Brother. Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, thank you for this opportunity to be able to temporarily Chair this very august committee. I'm truly honored to be able to do this and to represent the great state of California, of which we booted out Nevada, so they are gone. Most Worshipful Secretary, do we have any announcements?

**M.W. RICHARD A. FLETCHER:** No, sir.

**M.W. WILLIAM A. BRAY, III:** All right. Very good. Before each of you, you have a pamphlet that has all of the Annual Report, and the reports on these reports will all be given as a group. All right? I will just name them off to you, the reports of the following committees are the Executive Commission, and there are two reports within that, one is the operations, and the other is the hospital visitation. You'll find a report on finance, education and publications, membership, North American Relief, Foreign Relief, necrology and the Masonic Information Center. Do we have any questions with regard to these reports? (No response.)

If not, then I will ask for a motion to approve the reports as submitted. So moved. Second. Moved and seconded to accept the reports as submitted. All those in favor will signify by raising your right hand. Those opposed same. Brother Secretary, the reports are accepted as submitted. The next order of business will be the election of two positions within this Committee. The first selection will be from the South Atlantic Division of the Masonic Service Association of North America, and I would call upon Most Worshipful Barry Rickman, Grand Master of South Carolina.

**M.W. BARRY A. RICKMAN:** Brother Chairman, Most Worshipful, Right Worshipfuls, the member jurisdictions of the South Atlantic Division of the Masonic Service Association of North America places in nomination the name of Most Worshipful Brother G. Ray Marsh, Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary of South Carolina to represent the South Atlantic Division as an Executive Commissioner for a term of three years.

**M.W. WILLIAM A. BRAY, III:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations. If not, I declare this election closed. All of those in favor will signify by Raising their right hand. Those oppose the same. The ayes have it. G. Ray Marsh, do you accept?

**M.W. G. RAY MARSH:** I do.



**M.W. WILLIAM A. BRAY, III:** And you have been elected to serve on the Executive Commission for a term of three years. Congratulations to you, sir. (Applause.) We have room for one more, so we will have an election for the Central Division of the Masonic Service Association of North America. I will call upon Most Worshipful Glenn Almy, Grand Master of Oklahoma.

**M.W. GLENN ALMY:** Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, it is my pleasure to nominate Most Worshipful Lanny Sanders, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma to continue his service as a Commissioner of the Masonic Service Association of America. Most Worshipful Sanders, has represented the Masons of our district with distinction and I am very confident in his ability. The Grand Masters of our district who have responded to my suggested nomination, have expressed their support. I therefore nominate Most Worshipful Lanny R. Sanders of Oklahoma as a Commissioner of the Masonic Service Association of North America.

**M.W. WILLIAM A. BRAY, III:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? (No response.) If not, I declare this election closed. All those in favor will signify by raising their right hand. Those opposed the same. I ayes have it. Most Worshipful Brother Lanny Sanders, will you accept, sir?

**M.W. LANNIE SANDERS:** I do accept. Thank you my Brethren. (Applause).

**M.W. WILLIAM A. BRAY, III:** Most Worshipful Brother Secretary, do you have a report, sir.

**M.W. RICHARD A. FLETCHER:** Just a very brief one. Good morning. On a little bit of a sad note, I know many of knew a very colorful man from New Hampshire, Skip Watkins, and I'm sorry to have to say that he passed away this morning. We just got notice of it. I don't have any details on the service or anything, but anybody who wanted to find a loyal American would look no further than Skip. I can still hear him during the flag ceremony for the sojourners. I hope all of you noticed the Twain Award and we're pleased with the results. We had some wonderful entries this year and we plan to continue the program in 2012. So, if you get inquiries from your Lodges, please tell them that we will be continuing the program. The last note, I just want to touch on concerns myself. As some or many of you know, that I'm going to be retiring, officially with this meeting, but officially will continue until a person is named in my place, and we have a chance to train him. I want to tell you on behalf of the Commissioners and myself, we met this morning and talked quite a bit about this, that we promise you the very smoothest transition we can possibly give you. It may take a little time, but we ask you to bear with us and we will work our way through it. On a personal note, this has been a grand and glorious trip for me. So I just wanted to borrow some words from Bob Hope and say "Thanks for the memories". (Applause) (Standing ovation.)

**M.W. WILLIAM A. BRAY, III:** Thank you, Most Worshipful. We have another piece of business to take care of. The Executive Commission in the report made the following recommendations. That after all reports are

presented, this Association endorses the acts of the Executive Commission, and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the period January 1st, 2010 through December 31st, 2010. We will need a motion to adopt this recommendation. So moved. Second. It has been moved and seconded that we accept this recommendation. All of those in favor signify by raising your right hand. Opposed same. This recommendation has been accepted. Is there any other business to bring before this meeting at this time. If not, I will gladly to turn the gavel over to Most Worshipful Brother Bill Goebel. Just a side note, Nevada left willingly.

**M.W. JOE E. ROBERTS:** Brethren, I have a resolution I would like to offer at this time. I want to thank Most Worshipful Brother Bill for doing an outstanding job. He took this very seriously and he did a fine job for us. I propose the following Resolution: "Be it resolved that this 92nd Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of North America expresses its sincere appreciation for the outstanding manner in which Most Worshipful Brother William J. Bray, III, Grand Master of Masons in California, has served as Chairman of the Annual Meeting in conducting the necessary business of the Masonic Service Association with dispatch, efficiency and good humor.

**M.W. WILLIAM A. BRAY, III:** I sincerely appreciate it. This will go on the wall at the Grand Lodge office. Thank you very much. (applause).

**M.W. JOE ROBERTS:** Most Worshipful Brother Bill did a fine job because he followed his script, and since I didn't, I have got to make up for a mistake I made at the beginning. I should have introduced all of the Executive Commissioners to you, and even though you have heard two of them be re-elected, I would like to introduce all of them to you. Once again, G. Ray Marsh, Past Grand Master of South Carolina is the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Most Worshipful Ray Vandenberg, Past Grand Master of New Jersey is our Recording Secretary. Thomas H. Gallion, Past Grand Master of Ohio is the Chair, the Commissioner from the Great Lakes Division, Most Worshipful Lanny R. Sanders, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma, Commissioner from the Central Division, and Past Grand Master Fred L. Sorsabal, Past Grand Master of California and Commissioner from the Western Division. I can't make up anymore, that's all there is. I would like to remind the Deputy Grand Masters that you have been invited to a MSA Reception tomorrow from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. before the -- not tomorrow, Tuesday before the Grand Masters' Banquet. Boy I'm messing up everything today. We would like to see you, and have you gather with us and meet us, those of you who we are not familiar with, we'll share some preliminaries to your becoming Grand Masters. Brethren, a few words have been said here, but I think a little more needs to be said as we acknowledge the closing of the very important chapter in the history of the Masonic Service Association, and that is marked by the retirement of Most Worshipful Richard E. Fletcher after a quarter century of service to our organization and to Masonry as a whole. Going back to his beginnings with MSA, he took over at a time when the main focus of the program was as it had always been, which are the general MSA Programs, including publications, the hospital visitation program, and the relief efforts that you're all familiar with. But as time went along, Most Worshipful Brother Dick seemed to get piled on like a pack horse as more and more things seemed to go his way. Recent examples are Masonic Information

Center, the Twain Award, Operation Phone Home for our Troops, and Dick willingly, and with a smile on his face accepted each one of these challenges and made it another part of MSA which was very successful through his dedication and his heartfelt love for the Free and Accepted Masons of America. I think a tribute like this should be focused on one person, but one person is two people, and his lovely lady, Judy, is so much a part of MSA that it's like this recognition has to be for both of them together. It wouldn't be fitting to do it without mentioning them as a team, which they have been very, very strong advocates for MSA. So Most Worshipful Brother Dick, if you come up here please. Most Worshipful and good friend, it seems like presenting a certificate is a small thing, and it really is when you consider the real appreciation that you have received is the admiration of your peers out here, and your brothers. I think that's probably the most important. But as a small token we would like you to receive this certificate of appreciation so all Free and Accepted Masons on the face of the globe know why this certificate is presented to our Most Worshipful Brother Richard E. Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America, in grateful appreciation, and in recognition, of many years of dedicated service rendered by him to the Masonic Service Association of North America, and we humbly recommend him to your fraternal favor and protection. His love and faithfulness not only to this organization, but to all of Freemasonry shall not be forgotten. Given under our hands this 20th day of February, 2011 A.L. 6011." It's signed by each of the Commissioners with a heartfelt thanks, Dick. (applause.)

**M.W. RICHARD A. FLETCHER:** Thank you.

**M.W. JOE E. ROBERTS:** This leads into just a short announcement, but we have as a Commission sent out letters to the Grand Secretaries of all the member jurisdictions, that letter went out roughly the end of November advising you of Most Worshipful Brother Dick's impending retirement. We hope to solicit applications from that notice, and we have had some response, but it's been pointed out to us that in some jurisdictions the word hasn't spread as readily as it might, so we would like you, if you know anyone who is any way interested in this position and needs more information, needs anything at all, they can contact any of the Commissioners. We are decided that based on what the response has been so far, the deadline for applications will be June 1st of this year. Before, well before that, hopefully shortly after this meeting, we will have a job description in place that we will forward to the Grand Jurisdictions as well. So we look forward to your participation in a really big job that we have in finding a new Executive Secretary. Finally, it has been our tradition, many of you are prone to feel generous at this time, we usually get you just before lunch, that's a good time to get money, but Most Worshipful Brother Dick will come down here in front and any of the jurisdictions which would like to make any contributions to our benevolent work, we would like you to come forward at this time. (Contributions accepted.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** I will now call upon Most Worshipful Brother Earl Washburn for the Report of the National Masonic Foundation for Children.

## NATIONAL MASONIC FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN REPORT

**M.W. EARL WASHBURN:** Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, Brothers all, good morning. I am very, very happy to be here today for one really significant reason. We are celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We were born at this Conference in 1986. I want you to know that since then we have educated over a 42,000 teachers through the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program and we have had survey done that told us for every teacher that goes through our training, they in turn positively intervene in seven children's lives during a school year. My Brethren, your efforts over 25 years has exceeded a half million children in a positive way. I think you all should give yourselves a round of applause for what you have done here. (applause.) My name is Earl Washburn, Past Grand Master of Vermont and the Executive Director of the Foundation. I would like to introduce my Board to you. Brothers all, with exception of one, I'll introduce the exception first, is Kathy O'Mally. She is the Executive Assistant. She is or gal Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Kathy O'mally. Thank you, Kathy. (applause.) We have brother David Doan, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of California; Brother Vinny Libone, Most Worshipful Grand Master of New York; Brother Thomas Velvin, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Maryland; Brother Brian Burkett, Most Worship Grand Master of North Dakota; Brother Ron Lynette, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Ohio; Brother Dan Yandel, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Illinois; Brother Len Proden, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia; and Brother Phil Morton, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Vermont. My Executive Board, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Doug Policastro, New Jersey, and he is our Board Treasurer. Brother Wayne Kingsly, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Nevada, he is our Vice-President, and I introduce to you Brother Ron Aungst, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, your Foundation President.

M.W. RONALD K. AUNGST: Thank you, Brother Earl. Good morning everybody. Well, as Brother Earl has told you, this is our 25th Anniversary, and I'll tell you that it is with great excitement that we continue the work for our children across this great jurisdiction of North America. I would like to address one issue. I sent all of you a letter. I hope everybody received your letter to the each of the jurisdictions. I tried to implore to you this message, 25 years ago the focus of this foundation was the most evident, was the dealings of drug and alcohol abuse. I would tell you just as there is renaissance in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, there is renaissance across this world of ours about what is happening with our kids. Just recently, I am sure you have seen it in the national news, that there is a group of kids called The Five Browns, that their father has just been charged with molestation of the three young ladies in that family. North of us there is a prominent military person who has now been charged with similar conduct. In my home state, not too far away from home, a state trooper 44 years old has just been charged with Internet issues of sending videos to a young lady, a 13 year old young lady who was an undercover agent. Today bullying is prevalent all around us. It affects our children, our grandchildren, our neighbor's children. This foundation has expanded its ability to help teachers and train teachers in identifying these programs. So that is



why I am imploring you today that you would consider making that contribution to this foundation. I know that there has been some of you that may not have brought a check along today to make a contribution today. I would also ask that you, and we will accept an "I owe you", we will also accept cash. Just last December our Grand Master had charged all of the lodges in our jurisdiction to help build and plant a new tree at our Masonic Villages. In that day every District Deputy Grand Master lined up in our Grand Lodge and at the end of that day the contributions to that charity were \$732,000. So I ask you, my Brethren, please come forward at the appropriate time. Now, we are going to give way to our reports, but the report that I have for you has been printed for you, I shall not in any way invoke any individual's ability to read the record you have before you, you can conjure it up and read it and understand it I hope that you will find them satisfactory. I, therefore, move for the acceptance of the report of the National Masonic Foundation for Children's Report. It is seconded. All those in favor signify by Masonic sign. Opposed? Thank you. Now, I would like without further ado to introduce who we believe to be one of the architects of the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program, Brother Larry Lavin.

**LARRY LAVIN:** Good morning. I have been involved with this program since 1983. I have seen a lot of changes. When I was a classroom teacher way back in the 70's, sounds like forever ago now, some of the severe problems that I had to deal with were things like kids talking out of turn. Can you imagine. Kids forgetting to bring their homework. Those kind of issues and concerns that I dealt with as a classroom teacher changed pretty radically in 1980's. In 1983 working for the Department of Education in Pennsylvania I was charged with the task of putting a program together to identify high risk kids. At risk for what? Drugs and alcohol, depression, suicide, eating disorders, violence, bullying, all of the above. When we began working with the National Masonic Foundation for Children this was a dream. It was a dream to bring this program across the United States. I think back on my travels, and according to my own calculations I traveled over a million miles since 1986 across this country, back and forth, and worked with tens of thousands of teachers. When I think about the people who I have sat in rooms with, I think about their dedication and commitment. Too often we read in newspapers about all of the problems in our educational system. I invite you to come see a training. Come see what it is like to be in a room full of people who genuinely, seriously care about our children. 25 years ago when this foundation was formed, when it began, this country was a different place. Think about all we have been through in the past 25 years. Whether we talk about recessions, whether we talk about the challenges that are facing the Grand Lodges in membership, when we look at what happened to the contributions and donations that were coming in, we got hit pretty hard. One thing has not changed in 25 years, our at risk kids. This is real personal for me on several levels. I am the father of six. Four of my children have been through this program as clients. They have been through this program and they are successful adults today because people sat in a room, made a decision to come, made a decision to implement the program. I watched it work. This week I'm traveling to Ohio and conduct another training. Last week I was in Oregon. A year ago in Oregon, in Forest Grove, we had a training for a small number of teachers. Registration wasn't high. There was a danger the training was going to

be cancelled. The Grand Lodge of Oregon said, no, if it helps one child, it's worth the cost. I conducted that training. Less than a week later I had a phone call from one of the participants, a counselor, first year counselor, she didn't know what to do. She had a sixth grade girl who was contemplating suicide and she wasn't sure how to handle it. She remembered some of the things that we talked about in training and decided to give me a call. For the next four hours intermittently I was on the phone with her as we put a plan in place to help this young woman. And we did. And I have said to the folks of Grand Lodge of Oregon, we did help one child that week. We helped them pretty quickly. I had a chance this past week in Oregon to revisit that school. They sent more people to training, and one of the young women who was there, she and I were chatting at break and I said how is our young girl doing? They said she is doing great. She is getting the mental health help she needs. Her grades are improving, she is doing well in school. What I would tell you is that is one story out of thousands. One child out of tens of thousands who is alive today because of this program, and I don't say that lightly. When the Grand Lodges got together in 1986 and put this program in place, you were putting in motion saving the lives of children. That's one of the reasons I became a Mason. I thought that is what we were about. We have had 20 plus jurisdictions who have signed on to do the training over the last 25 years. Some still very actively involved. Some not. What has changed? Priorities change. Focus changes. But I guarantee you, at risk kids don't. And the sadness for me is that they get younger, and younger, and younger. I was doing a training in Tucson several years ago and a woman came up to me at break and said I have got one for you. My guess is if somebody comes up to you at lunch or dinner and says I have got one for you, they are probably going to tell you a joke. Given what I do for a living, nobody ever does that to me. To me they are going to tell me some horrific story that I really don't want to hear. This woman, a labor and delivery nurse had just assisted an 11 year old girl giving birth to her first child. Reflect back on your own lives, what you were doing at 11, or what you weren't. Times have changed. Times have certainly changed. We have a principal down in the Tucson area, elementary principal who came to a training because her friend made her come. How does that sound? You have to go to this training. And she said, admittedly, she came in kicking and screaming, she did not want to be away from her building for three days. She came. Two weeks later she and a fellow teacher intervened with a fifth grade child who was contemplating suicide. She said, had I not come to the training I might have missed that one. We have also had a couple of fringe benefits to the trainings. I don't have numbers for this one, but we have had several men who have desired to join this fraternity because they came to the training. They thought if that is what Masons do, if that is what Masons are about, boy, that's not a bad idea. I think the Grand Master from Illinois can attest to the fact that one of those men was involved in a training that we did last year. We start taking a look at what this is about. What has changed? What hasn't? What hasn't changed are the children we serve, and the children we must continue to serve. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to stand here and address you, and I ask you to do one thing. Think about a young man or a young woman who during the course of your life you have known who has gotten into trouble because of some adverse behaviors. Just ask is there a program out there that could have helped?

And the answer is yes, there is. Thank you very for your time.  
(Applause.)

**M.W. RONALD K. AUNGST:** Thank you very much, Larry. At this time I will ask Ron Lynette, Chairman of the Nominations Committee to make his report.

**M.W. RONALD LYNETTE:** Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, this year we have five members who are up for re-election or election, and they are as follows, I will read the names. Daniel C. Yandel, Past Grand Master of Illinois, Most Worshipful Vincent Libone, from New York, Most Worshipful Brother David Doan of California, Most Worshipful Brother Len Proden of D.C., and Most Worshipful Brother Todd L. Eastman of Kentucky are up for a three year appointment for Masonic Model Student Assistance Program. These are the members that I nominate. To I hear a second? Second. All in favor usual sign? Against? Thank you, Brethren. Passed. (Applause.)

**M.W. RONALD K. AUNGST:** Thank you, Brother Ron. I also wish to remind you the Breakout Session Scheduled at 3:15 this afternoon. I hope to see you there. I would also tell you one more thing. Stop at our booth. Talk to us. If you do not have the program currently in your jurisdiction, we welcome the opportunity for you or your representative to attend one of our programs so that they can get firsthand experience about what Brother Lavin just spoke to you about. I want to thank Kathy and our Executive Director Brother Earl, who many of you have seen about promoting our program, and he promotes it from the heart. I also want to thank the rest of the Board of Directors for their assistance and members of our organization. Most especially I want so thank you for supporting this very, very special program that helps kids. At this time I would ask the Board to join me on the floor and I invite all of you, all of you to come forward with your contributions. Thank you. (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Washburn and the members of your National Masonic Foundation for Children for your Annual Report. I have been led to believe that the Grand Monarch of The Grotto of North America is now in the room. If we could have Seward Southerland, our Grand Monarch please approach us, share some words with us, we would like to hear from you.

**M.W. SEWARD SOUTHERLAND:** Good morning. Yes, it's still morning. Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, honored guests, fellow Brothers, and yes, to the ladies, it brings me great pleasure to bring you greetings from the Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm also known as The Grottos of North America. This is my second time at the conference, first as Deputy and now as Grand Monarch. There is a great wealth of knowledge in this room that I found out the first time I was here, and now the second time meeting with the leaders of North America, I know that Masonry is still strong and there is things still to be learned. On that note, we hope you like our lanyards that we supplied you. We have flashlights for anyone who didn't get one, that you may still see the way. And because I say that this is about sharing of knowledge, this year for the first time The Grotto has decided to have a breakout room and wish to extend an invitation to those who wish to come and learn, what the Grottos are doing with our foundation and what

Grottos are doing in North America. So with that, I don't want to take too much of your time because this is a busy place, but I want to thank you for allowing the Grottos to attend and learn. Thank you all. (Applause).

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, Grand Monarch Southerland. My Brethren, an announcement, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation Colorado DeMolay for their welcome and coffee mugs that I hope you were able to receive when you were registered. Would you please help me acknowledge and thank them? (applause.) Also, our thanks goes to Bob Houseman of Harris Connect who helped underwrite the coffee for this morning's session. The Harris Connect group does have a display in the lobby here, if you have an opportunity, stop by and visit their display and thank them for their support of our Conference. We will now be prepared to recess for lunch. Please note that we are allowing for some extra time this year, an extra hour or extra 45 minutes for a total of an hour and 45 minutes for you to eat, visit, get to know your counterparts. To go over the rooms for the luncheons they are as follows: The Grand Masters with their ladies shall dine in the Majestic Ballroom, which is on the Majestic level of this building, one floor down from this particular floor that you are on now. The hosts for that will be myself, Most Worshipful Brother Brad Goebel, Grand Master of Ohio, and Most Worshipful Brother John Egan, the Grand Master of Colorado. The Deputy Grand Masters and their ladies will dine in the Tower Court D Room, which is just down the hall, to the right of this room. The hosts will be Right Worshipful Brother Robert Jackson the Deputy Grand Master of Arkansas, and Right Worshipful Brother Carl Hinkle, who is the Deputy Grand Master of Colorado. The Grand Wardens and their ladies will dine in the Silver Room, which is on the level above this room. The hosts will be Most Worshipful Brother David Ramsey, the Senior Grand Warden of Missouri and Right Worshipful Brother James F. Easterling, the Senior Grand Warden of Ohio. Before we recess for lunch are there any announcements that need to be made at this time?

**M.W. GLENN E. MEANS:** For the Grand Wardens in the Silver Room, that's on the Mezzanine Level, above us, which in this hotel is a little complicated to get there. If you go down the steps, back out into the foyer area, and then around the corner, there are some steps back up, and there is an elevator that will take you directly up to the Mezzanine Level. The other way is to go out these doors, and there are some steps up that will likewise take you to the Mezzanine Level. After you have made the trip once, it makes sense, but the first time it's a little confusing. But it is the Silver Room, and it's on the Mezzanine Level.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** I would now like to call on Right Worshipful Reverend James Harris, Grand Chaplain of Colorado who will offer a lunch blessing. If you would all please rise.

**R.W. JAMES HARRIS:** Supreme Architect of the Universe, this has been a busy morning for us, we are grateful for our time together and we realize how precious these times really are. We are grateful for all of the reports that have been presented, especially hearing about how we are making differences in the lives of so many children. We seek your presence be with us as we break to refresh ourselves and to nourish our

bodies. We give thanks for the food we will be sharing in a world where there is hunger, for faith in a world where there is fear, and for friends in a world where many walk alone. Also, we give you thanks for the coffee we will be enjoying and for our willingness to pay for it. We seek your blessing upon this food and for all of our blessings. Amen. So Mote It be.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 20, 2011  
CONFERENCE RECONVENES**

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Grand Masters, if you get back to your seats we would like to reconvene. My Brethren and guests, this Conference is now reconvened. I hope everyone enjoyed their lunch, made some new friends and reacquainted themselves with some old friends. At in time I would like to call upon Most Worshipful Brother Dennis Robinson, Past Grand Master of South Dakota and President of the MasoniChip International for their annual report and meeting.

**MASONICHIP INTERNATIONAL REPORT**

**M.W. DENNIS ROBINSON:** Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice-Chairman, Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful sirs, is a pleasure to present the 2010 Masonic Chip International Annual Report this afternoon. Before we get started, I would like to introduce the 2010 Board of Directors from MasoniChip International that are in attendance. My far right, Most Worshipful Brother Tom Hardy of Minnesota. Most Worshipful Brother Chip Stamm of Connecticut. On my far left, Most Worshipful Brother Bill Rorer of Virginia. Right Worshipful Brother John Hess from Missouri, and Most Worshipful Brother Larry Plaskett of New Jersey. These men did yeoman's work this year on behalf of MasoniChip. Now, we often times talk about the benefits of MasoniChhip being a wonderful program for children, and child safety education, community involvement, but there's another value to the program that I would like to talk a little bit about today that sometimes we forget. That is the value, the dollar value of good public relations for Masonry in your Jurisdiction. I'm going to quote statistics for the jurisdiction of Missouri. Right Worshipful Nick Cichielo, Grand Treasurer of Missouri did a detailed study of cost, and the value of public relations for the state of Missouri for 2010. Then he went back for overall value for the jurisdiction for public relations value as a result of the MasoniChhip. In 2010 MasoniChip received newspaper coverage, large articles in 62 newspapers for a value of \$83,700. They had eight major city, major articles in a major city like St. Louis, Kansas City for a value of \$1,600,000. They made four live studio news appearances for a value of \$15,120. Nick was involved in 18 radio interviews for a value of \$41,000. They were involved in 25 live radio broadcasts at event scenes for a value of \$202,000, and there were multiple flyers circulated, done by other entities on behalf of Missouri CHIP for a value of \$1,350. For a total estimated public relations value for the Grand Lodge of Missouri of \$1,900,000 in 2010. Since the inception of the program in Missouri, they have received \$5.9 million worth of positive public press on behalf of the MasoniChip. If you're looking for a program to receive recognition, and hear the good things that the Masons do in our communities, MasoniChip is a program to consider. How do you explain away something that you receive free as a

result of your program. We also have worked to make our partnership stronger with many, many organizations, most notably the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children where our premier partnership continues and they have graciously presented to our program in the various jurisdictions, free materials to pass out, well over 100,000 pieces free of charge. Now, these materials that they are willing to send out to the jurisdictions for MasoniChip events are all based around the Take 25 program. Our National Child Safety Day is always May 25th. I know in a number of jurisdictions do specific events around that day, but there is a group that is printing this year alone, 1.6 million pieces of material for that program of which we are entitled, and can receive as much as we need for our events. The only thing they request, when you have it in your packet, is that we register our events, MasoniChip events or other safety events, or child safety promotion ID events, and we put them on a spread sheet, a copy of which has been passed out to your Grand Master. Very easy to do. Takes little time, because they like to have these events on the National Center website. A scratch your back, scratch my back situation. So please when you go back for your MasoniChip people, make sure they get the spreadsheet. I will be e-mailing these out next week, it just came out Wednesday, and it's a very easy way to register your Masonic Child ID, child safety events on their website. They are also working on developing a way that their website at the National Center will be directly linked with the Masonic Children's website and as we put the information on ours, it will automatically feed over to theirs. Again, that part is ongoing and continuing. One new thing I would like to mention, we were going to work on this on Tuesday put we have had a little glitch in the system, but we have been asked to partner with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a new program called SOS, Safety on the Internet for kids. It's a program that works hand in hand with the National Center and MasoniChip. It's based in the schools. There will be awards given in various schools, trophies as a result of this program. It was going to be rolled out at this Conference, but it has been delayed for a short period of time, but we have agreed at our Board Meeting we would be a partner with them and roll out this program on their behalf as soon as it is available to them. So look for more information on that in the future. Also, MasoniChip International has been invited to become a member of the Association of Missing and Exploited Children Organization, and that will provide another direct link from MasoniChip International to all of the various organizations in North America that to nothing but work on child safety and child ID programs. At this time I thank you for listening to me. We have a large committee that works, so I'm going to turn it over now to Most Worshipful Larry Plaskett of New Jersey who has some information for you.

**M.W. LARRY PLASKETT:** Thank you. Good afternoon, Brethren. Just want to talk a little bit to you about what we at MasoniChip International can do for you. First MasoniChip International is a 501(C)(3) Corporation established by this conference whose primary mission is to promote the safety of children. Sometimes the term Child ID has kind of a negative connotation, we only think of that coming into play after the worst thing has happened. That's not the case. Our program is designed with three basic components. First is safety education. Hopefully, that prevents an abduction. Secondly that if an abduction should occur, that we can provide the material to law enforcement to help recover that child before



something happens. And then, of course, the third component, God forbid something would happen, we I can provide the material which will assist law enforcement in identifying the child. Our primary purposes is to support you, the jurisdictions of this Conference in your endeavors and in your programs in your individual states. We are not here to dictate to you how you should run your program. We are here to support you by providing you with materials and any help, aid and assistance that we can. Anything that you need from us, we are here to provide and that can be the best thing for the jurisdictions who are doing programs already. Particularly if you do not have a program at this point, are interested in starting one, we can provide you with the methods the other jurisdictions are using. You can then look at that and decide what works best for you. Every jurisdiction does it a little bit differently and we can provide you with the information on those best practices. So how do we benefit you? How to we benefit the jurisdictions? By providing you with one National voice for Masonic Child Identification Programs. This national voice has led to partnership with the Center for Missing and Exploited Children which would not have been possible on an individual jurisdictional basis. This national voice, and particularly this partnership with the National Center provides credibility to our program as we have, in fact, been approached by a number of other national organizations who are concerned for the safety of children who now want to partner with us because of the credibility that we have lent to the program. We provide you with a clearinghouse of information. You heard Denny allude to earlier of promoting a positive public awareness of Freemasonry by conducting these programs within our jurisdictions. On top of that, we provide a tremendous amount of free public publicity for you as well. So we do actually add some value to you, even if you are not involved in the program at this time. Of course, if you are interested in starting one, that's what we're here for, we are here to help you. Tomorrow afternoon's breakout session goes into a lot more detail of the benefits that we can provide for you. So even if you don't have a program, we do provide some value to you, we do provide some benefit to you and we certainly do appreciate the financial support that you have given us in the past, and look forward to it in the future so we can continue with our mission. In the past I think we have asked each jurisdiction to donate \$500. A lot of jurisdictions have done that and we greatly appreciate it. But needless to say we would be more than happy to accept any donation you deem appropriate for your jurisdiction. So I encourage you to join us tomorrow in our breakout session where we can discuss what we a do for you. I look forward to seeing your in our breakout session. Thank you. At this time I would like to turn the program over to Most Worshipful Brother Bill Rorers who will talk to you a little bit about our accomplishments.

**M.W. WILLIAM RORER:** Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Larry, Brethren all, I would now like to briefly review some of the major events that the MasoniChip International has participated in this last year. In our role to educate and improve the welfare and safety of children in our communities, we train leaders, this year two successful learning academies were conducted, one was set up in the jurisdiction of Maryland, and the other one held in the jurisdiction of Missouri. New this year was a jurisdiction training session and this session was asked for by the jurisdiction of Virginia because it was felt that these events would be

the most efficient way to give Virginia CHIP a boost. In this method of training we take large number of Brethren currently involved in, or interested in becoming involved, approximately 25 participants from all parts of the jurisdiction in attendance. Two of the most experienced trainers and leaders of MasoniChip International provided a wealth of accurate and encompassing training which covered all aspects of the Virginia CHIP International Program as these apply to this specific jurisdiction. Everything was covered from requesting an event, preparing to run events, to running the event, and capturing the results. Special problems faced by this particular jurisdiction were reviewed, and how to use the jurisdiction Masonic CHIP website, how to better use resources, what part the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Take 25 plays in the process as well as other topics were presented. This training has allowed all parts of this jurisdiction to properly run a Virginia Masonic CHIP Program with individuals equipped with the proper tools and knowledge to make each of the future masonic CHIP events in their part of state a successful one. You'll find out in greater detail what went on at this training session in the MasoniChip Breakout Session. It's Group IV in Tower Court "D" at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow. Thank you. I would now like to call on Most Worshipful Chip Stamm.

**M.W. CHIP STAMM:** Good afternoon. Masonic Child ID, or kid's ID, or whatever you choose to operate under, a broad based initiative in your jurisdiction is really the tip of the iceberg of opportunity for Masonic Awareness and Renewal. I would like to call your attention to the ABC News report that really says that the operations of this program, and even the component of education, are just the tip of the iceberg. You really have to get into doing the publicity and the marketing as well as just operating the program. That is where the real benefits are going to be for your jurisdiction. This is something that we feel a Grand Lodge has to be involved in. A lot of jurisdictions have kids in their lodges, are out there doing it and doing a good job out in the community, but there's no coordination and no publicity that the event even happened. Some of them don't know how many kids they have actually identified. We can't toot our horn and say we have done this, so that's were why we encourage in some of our sessions, we'll talk about that on Monday, that the Grand Lodge come up with this and have a three step program where you have operations, publicity, and then marketing to try to get some of the corporations to help you pay for your program. They mentioned in Missouri how much media coverage they got for free, they didn't mention how many donations they have gotten from corporations. I think they, are up over \$300,000 now, John, that they have raised from corporations to pay for their program? Every time you generate a kit it cost you \$2 or \$3 for consumables to make that kit. Well, the lodge get's a local bank or hardware store to support that and be a host of the event and pay \$3 for the hundred kids that were identified and give you a check for \$300. That's the kind of thing that's a real power of this, to get the buy in from all of the community, and the businesses to help you put it on. You have the other civic organizations who will help you, Rotary or anything involving your community. So that's why I like you to pay special attention to the ABC's. In Georgia they started a year or so ago, they have also had over a million dollars in free media coverage from this program. They have raised over \$200,000 from corporate donations. They had per capita for one year, I think of a couple dollars that the

brothers made to get it started. Next year they had corporate donations, and took that per capita charge away. They don't need it anymore. The other thing is, remember who are we doing this for, we are doing this for the welfare and safety of our kids. MasoniChip is also going to work with the FBI Program, I will bring that up in my Resolution. So, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a Resolution here today, the Conference has our report listing our new officers and our new directors that were elected to our Committee. We would like to ask the consideration of this Conference to approve the following motion: To accept our report as distributed today, and allow it to be posted on-line; To approve the actions and activities engaged by our Directors for the past year on behalf of this Conference; To approve the 2011 MasoniChip Board of Directors and it's officers as recommended in our report; To also permit MasoniChip International to partner with the FBI Safe On-line Surfing (SOS) program with a school based competition, and finally, to include this report in the printing of the 2011 Proceedings. Is there a second? Second. All in favor, the voting sign of the Grand Masters. All opposed. Thank you. Motion approved. MasoniChip would like to thank you for the opportunity to come before you today. We are done. (Applause.)

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1<sup>st</sup> Row, L to R: Tom McCarthy, PGM, MN; Larry Plaskett, PGM, NJ; Clifford "Chip" Stamm, PGM CT.

2<sup>nd</sup> Row, L to R; William Rorer, PGM VA; Dennis Robinson, PGM SD.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you Brother Robinson and your Committee for MasoniChip International for your Annual Meeting and Report. It is now my pleasure to introduce to you Most Worshipful Brother Anthony P.

Wardlow, Past Grand Master of California, and President of the George Washington Memorial Association for their Annual Meeting and Report.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION REPORT**

**M.W. ANTHONY P. WARDLOW:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon Brethren. I call this meeting to order. We at the Memorial always start our meeting with a prayer. At this time I would like to ask Andrew Hammer, the Past Master of Alexandria Washington Lodge to present an invocation.

**W.B. ANDREW HAMMER:** Supreme Architect of the Universe, we invoke your blessing at this time. May this meeting thus be done in order, conducted in peace and closed in harmony. So Mote It Be. So Mote It Be.

**M.W. ANTHONY P. WARDLOW:** Brother Seghers, will you read the role of the active members.

**W.B. GEORGE D. SEGHERS:** Ronald G. Address, Ronald L. Ackerman, James W. Rowan, Miles A. Oliver, William J. Bray, John V. Egan, Charles A. Buck, John E. Bednash, Jesse Villarreal, Jay Dick Martinez, Paul Mills, Charles Wegener, David E. Owen, Richard L. Swaney, Kenneth B. Willis, Craig L. Davis, Tracy Bloom, Donald H. Yankey, D.J. Guillot, W. Lewis Greenier, Steven J. Ponzillo, Richard J. Stewart, Frank T. Praria, John L. Cook, Charles L. Cox, Gale F. Turner, John J. Mangen, Reed R. Mosley, C. Wayne Libby, Joseph H. Rival, Gary M. Deck, Vincent Libone, Lewis R. Ledford, Glenn E. Almy, Bradford A. Goebel, Ed Bousquet, Thomas K. Sturgeon, Rafael Rosario, Kenneth M. Bruns, Barry A. Rickman, Dean Behrens, Thomas F. Boduck, Gene Karns, John C. Liley, Thomas Johnson, John M. Chambliss, G. Santy Lescano, Randy B. Martin, Joseph B. Harket, John L. Farmer. Brethren, you are active voting members of the Association. Thank you for being here.

**M.W. ANTHONY P. WARDLOW:** According to the By-laws of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association I declare a quorum present to transact the business of Annual Meeting of the active members of this Association. I will now receive a motion to dispense with the reading, and approve the minutes of the 100th Annual Meeting as printed in the 2010 Annual Report and distributed to the acting members. Motion. Second. So moved. All those in favor raise right hand. All opposed no. Motion approved. I would now like to introduce the officers of the Association. Starting with myself I am Anthony P. Wordlow, President; Roger A. Simmons, First Vice-President; Donald B. Hicks, Jr. Second Vice-President; Ridgely H. Gilmore, Third Vice-President, and our Executive Director George B. Seghers. Thank you, Brethren. Now, I would like to introduce the members of the Executive Committee. Myself Anthony P. Wardlow, Chairman; Roger A. Simmons, Donald B. Hicks, Ridgely Gilmour, Robert Conley. Bob didn't stand up before, now you got to stand up. Andrew Hammer, and again, George Seghers. Thank you. Now, we have some more introductions. The introduction of the members of the Board of Directors, as you will see on the line over there. We have Neil Bidnick, New York; Ridge Gilmour, Utah; James Kelley, Nevada; John Ryan, New Jersey; Roger A. Simmons; Alabama, Clair Tusch, Maine; J. B. Van Hollen, Wisconsin; Jim A. Berkey, New Mexico; George Braatz; Ohio; Phil

Bucchholz, Wyoming; Donald Hicks, Massachusetts; Thomas Jackson, Minnesota; Dennis Johnson, Oregon; Calvin Keyler, Vermont; Jeff Webb, Louisiana; Jack D. Anderson, Montana; Robert P. Conley, Michigan; Andrew Hammer, Alexandria-Washington Lodge; Joe Arman, Jr., Oklahoma; and Russ Reno from Nebraska. Report of the officers of the Association. Reports of the President, Brethren, each one of you has an Annual Report, I believe everybody got one. If you don't, we'll get you one right away. In it you will find my report, and if you would like to just peruse that after the meeting, then if there is any questions you can call George. Right now we will have a report from the Executive Director, George.

**W.B. GEORGE D. SEGHERS:** Good afternoon, Brethren. I want to thank you, first of all, for your continued support of your memorial. On February the 22nd, 1910 Masonic leaders from throughout the United States met in Alexandria, Virginia and formed the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association with the express purpose of erecting a suitable memorial temple to George Washington, the Mason. The result of that meeting is the George Washington Masonic National Memorial which stands in Alexandria, the only National Masonic Memorial in the nation. On February 22, 2010 Masonic leaders from throughout the United States once again met in Alexandria, Virginia, this time at the Memorial to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Memorial Association. Thank you for your attendance and your support for the Centennial of the Memorial Association. The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was conceived, financed, constructed and supported and maintained by the Freemasons of the United States to honor the memory, character, and legacy of America's greatest citizen, soldier, Freemason, and President. We honor and remember those human beings who have done great deeds to benefit all of humanity. I believe that George Washington Masonic National Memorial honoring, perpetuating the memory of George Washington is valid, meaningful, and contributes to the improvement and benefit of mankind. The Foundation of Freemasonry is the improvement of the individual Freemason. Washington's life was a lifelong journey of self-improvement, and it is an inspiration and a model for us to follow. The character, the virtues, and the greatness of George Washington must be preserved and transmitted to this and future generations. The physical structure that is the memorial is incredible, however, it is symbolic of the character and greatness of the man that it memorializes. George Washington gave more, sacrificed more, and did more for the creation of our country than any other. It was his strength of character, his integrity, his courage, his perseverance, and his belief in divine providence that were the deciding factors in the creation of our nation. Today we take for granted the liberty, the freedom and the security that we have. We have forgotten that our liberty, our freedom and our security were a gift from our founding fathers. Without George Washington and our founding fathers we would not have this, our country, the most secure, the most free, and the greatest nation on the face of the earth. It is imperative that we not forget the sacrifices made, the great deeds done, and the great example set by Washington. We must not allow his name, his reputation, his legacy, and his memory to fade away. We must keep him as our role model, our guide, and our model of what a citizen and a Freemason should be. The George Washington Masonic Memorial was created for that purpose. More than 100 years have passed since the creation of the Memorial. The knowledge, the understanding of

the reason for the memorial have slipped away. As Freemasons and as a nation we have allowed the one man who did more, and gave more for the creation of our nation to slip into obscurity. We must not let this continue. We must increase our knowledge of Washington, which will in turn strengthen our admiration, respect and reverence for him. That is the reason for the vision and mission of the memorial for the 21st Century, which is to inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the man, the Mason and father of our country. The challenges we Freemasons must face is whether we are striving to live the virtues Brother Washington exemplified. Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and President of the Memorial Association Luis Waters articulated that challenge clearly in 1929 when he wrote, the Memorial will ultimately tell the world that Masons are builders, builders of individual character, and that the vital question of our time and our country is not how many adhere to any particular creed, but how many accept as their standard the stabilizing and constructive character of him, in whose memory the temple shall stand throughout the coming years. Our Masonic forefathers joined together and created the only National Masonic Memorial in the nation. Thank you for your continued support and interest in the memorial. Your memorial is financed in contributions from Freemasons. Not one cent of public funds has nor will ever be received by the memorial association. The memorial belongs and will forever belong to the Freemasons of the United States. It is our duty and an honor for us to support this magnificent memorial to America's greatest citizen and Freemason, Brother George Washington. Thank you, my Brethren. Please come and visit your Memorial. (applause.)

**M.W. ANTHONY P. WARDLOW:** Thank you, George. We have unfinished business. The financial summary of the last page of your 2010 Annual Report, I will now ask Brother, Most Worshipful Brothers Donald Hicks to make a brief financial report.

**M.W. DONALD G. HICKS, JR.:** Brethren, as always, finances are unfinished business. All things must continue. I would like to bring your attention to the last page, as indicated by our President. That the Memorial Association this year on an operating basis did operate at a deficit of a little bit better than \$300,000. Fortunately we were able to offset that by some net gains in our investment securities by the tune of \$500,000. As a result we did have a net income or change in assets of 200,000. This just kind of covers up the fact that we did actually have a net operating loss. I would like to ask you to turn to Page 39, which is the page just before the summary of financial data. That lists the Contributions by our Grand Lodges. We are pleased to announce that 12 of our Grand Lodges have voted to contribute \$1 per year, per member which now results in about \$170,000 being contributed out of the roughly 475,000 that is contributed by our Grand Lodges. Those 12 Lodges represents 36 percent of the contributed income of our Grand Lodges. The challenge that we face, and the request that we make, is that each Grand Lodge carefully consider the opportunity to vote in your Grand Lodge \$1 per year, per member as a contribution to our George Washington Masonic National Memorial. It is not a difficult task, but it must be planned and worked on by you, the Grand Masters, and your Grand Lodge Officers. Brethren, in addition to the summary of the financial report, I can

report that we have an audited financial statement that is, on which we receive a clean opinion, which means the financial operations of the Memorial meet the standards as set forth by the accounting standards boards and we also received a very clean opinion with respect to the management letter. Brethren, if you have any questions, I will endeavor to respond to them, or like a good Grand Master, pass the buck to your Executive Director. Any questions? Thank you, my Brethren. (Applause).

**M.W. ANTHONY P. WARDLOW:** I believe George gets an awful lot of that. Would like now at this time to introduce the Nominating Committee. Brethren, we will now hold the election of the member of the Board of Directors and the Officers of the Memorial Association. Most Worshipful Brother Ron G. Andrus, will you please come forward and introduce the nominees.

**M.W. RONALD G. ANDRUS:** Thank you, Brethren. I would like to get our Nominating Committee to rise as I call their names. Most Worshipful Richard J. Stewart, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Massachusetts. Most Worshipful John C. Liley, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Utah. At this time the Nominating Committee consisting of myself and the two I just named, present the following Brethren for your consideration as Members of the Board of the George Washington National Memorial Association to serve a term of three years until February 22nd, 2014. John R. Cline, Past Grand Master of Alaska. Hale Todd Easton, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, Thomas K. Sturgeon, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Rafael B. Acosta Rosario, Grand Master of Puerto Rico, Barry A. Rickman, Grand Master of South Carolina, Ridgely H. Gilmour, Past Grand Master of Utah, Gale H. Kinney, Past Grand Master of Washington. All of these Brothers have been contacted and are willing to serve if elected. At this time I will entertain a motion. So moved. Second, do I have a second. Second. A motion has been made and seconded to elect the Brethren I just called off to our Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed, same sign. It is ordered. Brethren, the Nominating Committee consisting of the same three members present the following Brethren for your consideration as members of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association to serve a term of two years until February 22nd, 2013. Roger A. Simmons, Past Grand Master of Alabama. Brother Simmons has been contacted and is willing to serve. Brethren, at this time I will entertain a motion to accept this recommendation. Moved. Do I hear a second? Motion been moved and seconded to accept this recommendation. All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed same sign. So ordered. Brethren, same Nominating Committee present the following Brethren as officers of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association to serve a term of two years until February 22nd, 2013. President, Roger A. Simmons, Past Grand Master of Alabama. First Vice-President, Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, Second Vice-President, Ridgely H. Gilmour, Past Grand Master of Utah, and Third Vice-President, Robert P. Conley, Past Grand Master of Michigan, Secretary George D. Seghers. Brethren, all of these brothers have been contacted and have agreed to serve if elected. At this time I will entertain a motion to accept this recommendation. Moved. Second? Second. Brethren, motion has been made and second to elect these Brethren. Is there any discussion? (No response.) All if



favor raise your right hand. All opposed same sign. Ayes have it, so ordered. I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for their service at that time. Sir, I will turn it back over to you.

**M.W. ANTHONY P. WARDLOW:** Thank you Most Worshipful Andrus. Thank you Grand Master Andrus, again. Grand Master Stewart, Grand Master Liley for serving on the Nominating Committee. I now declare the members of the Board of Directors and the Officers dually elected and installed. Brother Roger Simmons, new President, would you please like to take over?

**M.W. ROGER A. SIMMONS:** Thank you Most Worshipful Brother Tony. At this time I would like to congratulate you on your at least 11 years service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. You sort of paved the way for all of us. You have done a great service there and we certainly appreciate that. Brethren, you have elected me to steer the ship for the Memorial for the next two years, but let me assure you that is not about all that the President is allowed to do, because we have a wonderful Board of Directors that can operate, and not operate, but manage the Memorial. I'm looking forward to working with them for the next two years. Thank you and God bless you. At this time we will have a presentation of one dollar per member contribution plaques to the active members, Brother George.

**W.B. GEORGE D. SEGHERS:** Brethren, we are now going to present a small momento to thank the Brethren of the 12 Grand Lodges that contribute on an annual basis. The reason that this is so important is we can budget this income, we know it is going to come based on your membership, it helps us to run a much better organization. Will the Grand Master or his representative of the following Grand Lodges please come forward and accept the Memorial Crest for in the one dollar per member campaign. Alaska, District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, North Dakota, Utah, Virginia, Washington state, and Wisconsin. Brethren, what these are, these are our three dimensional crest of the Memorial Association with a plaque hanging in the Memorial for support of the Memorial. Also, we are going to request permission of these Grand Lodges to have their crest created and hang on the wall in the Memorial with our Crest. Eventually we hope to have 52 of them in there. We do thank you sincerely for your continued support. Please do come and visit us. Brothers, we do have a plastic cover for them if you to ship them, back or easier to carry them back. So after the meeting if you would like to have that, we will provide it for you. Thank you again for your support. (applause.)

**M.W. ROGER A. SIMMONS:** Brethren, we thank you for your strong and consistent support of our Memorial, or your Memorial. We now have 12 Grand Lodge Jurisdictions that have contributed one dollar per member to the Memorial annually. We thank you for your support and we hope that your actions will be an inspiration to the remaining Grand Jurisdictions and next year we look forward to presenting more one dollar per member contribution plaques. Thank you so much. Our Board Members serve for three years and then rotate over to the Board of Directors. This is done to allow all of our 52 acting Member Grand Lodges the opportunity to serve on the Board. These Brethren done an outstanding job for the last three years, and we thank them for their dedication, for their hard work,

and for their input and all that they have done for the Memorial. At this time I would like to name the retiring board members, they are as follows: If you would please stand when I call your name. Anthony Wardlow from California, Neil Bidnick from New York, James G. Kelley from Nevada, John S. Ryan from New Jersey, Claire Tusch from Maine, J.B. Van Hollen from Wisconsin. Most Worshipful Sirs, we appreciate the time that you have served, and you are deserving our hand of recognition. (Applause.) At this time I would like to make the appointment of the following to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Myself as Chairman, Roger A. Simmons, Donald G. Hicks, Jr.; Ridgely Gilmour, Andrew Hammer, and George Seghers as Secretary. We moved right along, Brethren. At this time if I have your permission I would like to speak from the heart. I have served on this Board right now for approximately 11 years. I saw it when the Memorial needed a lot of work, I think the first committee I served on was Building and Grounds. We did thorough inspections on it, the building was in dire need, the grounds needed a lot of work. And let me tell you right now, it was no reflection on our administrator or on the work force that was there. The problem was, to me, I think was probably the planning of which we have done a lot of planning in the last few years, and also the finances. Now, Brethren, you have just bought a deficit budget. For you that look through that budget you can really tell that it was more than \$300,000 in deficit. I'm not going into any detail because I'm not a finance person, but I'm sure a lot of you will see what we are up against when you read that budget. It reminds me of a Transcontinental plane that left California, a four engine plane, and this plane was about 45 minutes out, the pilot came on the intercom and he said passengers don't be alarmed but one of the engines have gone out, it will delay our flight approximately 30 minutes. Well, as they're going across the ocean, and the pilot comes back on the intercom and says, passengers don't be alarmed, but the second engine has gone out and it will delay our flight approximately one hour and forty-five minutes. As they get on further the pilot comes back on the intercom and says, passengers don't be alarmed, the third engine has gone out, we will make our destination, don't get alarmed, but our delay is two hours and fifteen minutes. Two guys in the back started talking, you know, one of them said to the other, says you know if that fourth engine goes out we are going to be up here all day. Brethren, that was a story, but here's the facts, you Grand Masters, Senior Grand Wardens, Junior Grand Wardens, Deputy Grand Masters, Masons in the States, the United States own the Memorial. You just elected us to transact the business, and maintain, and support the Memorial, and keep it in a beautiful edifice. I imagine probably 90 or 95 percent of you saw the Memorial, you spent some time there last year. Did you enjoy it? I mean is it something that you are proud of? Did you really enjoy it? (applause.) Well, I was talking yesterday after we were talking about me going in as the President, and I am very quiet at the board meetings, they can attest to that. I don't say a whole lot, I do a lot of listening. I am an old farmer out of Alabama I know to listen because my dad's talking to me. I said that to say this, we fly the plane, we steer the ship, but all we can do is what you allow us to do financially. Now, we have an engine out up there at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, I'm going to challenge you, what are you going to do about it? We have been talking a dollar a member for several years. It's up to you.

We can, you know, we can go right along, and we can dip into our reserve, and first thing you know we're not going to have a reserve to dip into. Our forefathers years and years ago pledged one dollar per member, per year to maintain and support the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Now, some of you will probably argue about that, but I'm not, I don't argue about anything like that, I just try to give you the facts. Now, I have a goal. Now, I have heard, you know, some people say hey, the goal is too high. If you make the goal and go over it, you didn't set your goal high enough. My goal is, and I'm talking to the Board, I ain't talking for Roger Simmons, I'm talking about a goal for the Board itself. The goal in two years, for every Grand Lodge Jurisdiction to meet the obligation they committed to about a hundred years ago. Well, that's good and fine, but I think we should go a little bit further than that. I set two goals, I set another goal to raise \$20,000,000 in two years. Now, how in the world are you going to do that? I know you can because I know a lot of you Grand Lodges have the -- you have this money to do that. Now, we have approximately a million and a half of Masons in the United States, and that would only be \$20 per member. That's nothing. We could pass the hat in here today and we could probably take up 40 or 50 thousand dollars because most of you are that generous. Brethren, I hope you are listening. We need it for repair of that engine on that aircraft and put four engines back on it. We can maintain and support an edifice that you won't like if you won't support it, or we'll have something that we are really proud of. Not only that, to memorialize George Washington in the way he should be memorialized. Thank you so much. That's from the heart. It wasn't read. If I can get back on schedule here, I think we still got a little time we'll give some time back to the Committee. After I close, we are going to ask for contributions, if you brought your contribution today, so go ahead and get ready. We'll take them down front here. So with that said, I now declare the 101st Annual Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association adjourned. Thank you so much and God bless each and every one of you. Thank you. (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Brethren, that was the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association Annual Meeting and Report. Please come to order. Grand Masters, before I call this conference to recess for the day, and we are dismissed to our Breakout Sessions, there are several important announcements. I remind everyone that the Conference will reconvene in this room at 9:00 a.m. sharp tomorrow morning. All Visiting Dignitaries who are to be introduced, please assemble in the Tower Court A Room at 8:30 a.m. so we may get you lined up for introductions. I repeat, all Visiting Dignitaries who are to be introduced, please assemble in the Tower Court A Room no later than 8:30a.m. tomorrow morning. I also remind all of those who were elected as officers and Planning Committee Members for the 2012 Conference, you are to meet in the Director's Rowe F Room, which is over by the hotel front desk at 3:30 this afternoon. It's a little different than in your program. We need an extra 15 minutes to make sure the Breakout Sessions start promptly, and with all their equipment. That is 3:30 this afternoon. The Executive Secretary will also be with you. I also strongly suggest that a representative of the 2012 Host Committee, or other members of the Host Jurisdiction attend this meeting. For all of those who will be Grand Masters at the 2012 Conference, your meeting with your officers will be

at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon in the Tower Court D Room after the Breakout Sessions. One other announcement, Grand Masters, our photographs will be taken tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 o'clock after lunch. You will be asked to have your Aprons, and if you brought them, your collars with you. If you need to bring them down in the morning, you may do so. You should have time to have lunch and go up and get them, but if you are at way extreme ends of the hotel you may want to bring them with you in the morning. Grand Masters, please leave your place cards at your places, but take everything else with you as the room will be cleaned overnight tonight. Enjoy and participate in this afternoon's Breakout Sessions. Grand Masters, the Breakout Sessions were not only designed to help you, but those that aspire to be leaders in your jurisdictions. We have taken a great amount of time and effort to put together the best possible presenters and coordinators, and that is what you asked for at this session, was to have quite a bit of emphasis on the Breakout Sessions, and we have designed them with you in mind for this afternoon and the rest of this session. We would certainly ask that you have a good evening, and I will see you all in the morning. Are there any other announcements to be made at this time? (No response.) My, Brethren, I now call this Conference to recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

**MONDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 21, 2011**  
**CONFERENCE RECONVENES**

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Good morning. This Conference is now reconvened, and before I call for our opening invocation, I would like to make a very brief announcement that one of our own, Most Worship Brother Wayne Libby was taken to the hospital early this morning, this is a condition that has flared up with him before, but they felt it best that he be in the care of a hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and your prayers this morning. I would how like to call on Right Worshipful Brother James Harris, the Grand Chaplain with the Grand Lodge of Colorado for our invocation. Right Worshipful Brother Harris.

**R.W. JAMES HARRIS:** Let us be in prayer. Supreme Architect of the Universe, may your presence with us in the second day of the Conference of Grand Master of Masons in North America. We come together on this second day remembering the presidents who have served the United States so faithfully. Especially we remember George Washington and Abraham Lincoln who guided this country through difficult times. We come today praying for peace in a world filled with tension and restlessness. May it also be peace within our own lives as we see seek to live together in peace. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. We come today especially uplifting Wayne Libby, the Grand Master of New Hampshire in our prayers, who was taken to the hospital this morning. May we pray silently, briefly for him. (prayer.) At our Conference we will today participate in welcoming our distinguished guests. We welcome these Brothers whose have come from various places and various countries to be present here at this conference. We also will have Breakout Sessions, covering different topics, help us to learn to grow and to share as we cover the session topics, grant us open minds and grant us wisdom to learn all that we can, and in the words of Brother George Washington, as he wrote to the Grand Lodge, I sincerely pray that the Great Architect of

the Universe may bless you, keep you and receive you hereafter into his immortal temple. Amen. So Mote It Be.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Brethren, please be seated. Thank you, Brother Harris, for our opening invocation. All Visiting Dignitaries to be introduced this morning who are still in the room, please go immediately to Tower A Room, the line-up has already formed, you should be there. If you are still in the room, please make your way down to Tower Room A. Brethren, who also wish to attend the Meeting of the Committee Information and Recognition, that meeting has starting simultaneously at 9:00 a.m. this morning in the Denver Room. We will be watching for our first group of visitors to be brought into the room for introductions. It will be my pleasure to call on Most Worshipful Brother J. Alan Cross, the Grand Master of British Columbia to assist me in the introduction of our Visiting Dignitaries of our Appendant Bodies and Sister Jurisdictions. Most Worshipful Brother Cross, if you could approach the dais. When we see or visitors coming in, we will be ready to receive them. I thank you for your attention. One correction that has been brought to my attention, the Committee for Information for Recognition will meet this morning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the Denver Room. I'm sorry for that correction. Hopefully you got the message now. Most Worshipful Brother Cross, would you please proceed with the introductions.

**M.W. J. ALAN CROSS:** Thank you. Good morning, Brethren, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I am able to introduce and present to you:

**Appendant Bodies and Visiting Dignitaries introduced. (Applause.)**

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** We thank you all our special visitors for taking time to be here, we are honored with your presence. At this time we are going to be calling on a few of our guests to bring greetings on behalf of their organizations. We will start with a Representative from International Order of Rainbow for Girls. I would like to present Alyssa Allen, Grand Worthy Advisor in Colorado.

**ALYSSA ALLEN:** Good morning. I'm thrilled to be here representing Rainbow Girls and their sponsors from all around the world. I am honored to bring greetings from Mrs. Linda-Lee Little, Supreme Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Mrs. Little is very sorry that she is unable to be present. She enjoyed being with you in 2009. She sends her best wishes for the success of this Conference. To the Colorado visitors, I extend a hearty welcome, and hope you enjoy your stay in our beautiful state. Rainbow Gets Girls Ready for Life. It is the theme you will see on our website at [gorainbow.org](http://gorainbow.org). McAlester, Oklahoma, is the home of Rainbow, and it is the site of our International Headquarters. Rainbow for Girls was started in 1922. The ritual was written by a 33rd Degree Mason, the Reverend W. Mark Sexton. Even now, almost 89 years later, his words continue to instill Masonic principles in our Rainbow members. The Initiation lecture given by our Sister of Charity, describing the contents of the Pot of Gold, especially honors Masonry. We are grateful to those Masons who serve as Advisory Board members and who attend our Assembly meetings. Five - Four - Three - Two - One - We have lift off. Last April, Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger, a former Rainbow member from Colorado, traveled to the International Space

Station as a member of the successful NASA Mission STS131. All of Rainbow took pride in her accomplishment, and we were excited that Dottie had the opportunity of taking the trip of a lifetime, fulfilling her dream of traveling into space. Rainbow Gets Girls Ready for Life. It is a theme. It is reality. Thank you for the invitation to be here this morning. (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, Alyssa for being here this morning. Next we would like to call on the representative of Job's Daughters International. We have Aline Busnardo Miss International Job's Daughter and Courtney Painter, Supreme Bethel Honored Queen.

**MS. BUSNARDO:** Hello and good morning everyone. My name is Aline Busnardo I am the Miss International Job's Daughter.

**MS. PAINTER:** My name is Courtney Painter; I am the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, International Order of Job's Daughters. Over 90 years ago, a mother, named Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick, concerned with the future of her daughters and realizing the importance of the early training she received from her Christian mother, especially the beautiful statements expressed in the Book of Job, had a dream to create an organization for young women with proper Masonic relationships. On October 20th, 1920, in Omaha, Nebraska her dream finally came true. She created the Order of Job's Daughters, which became International after the institution of the first Bethel in Canada, in 1931. At present Job's Daughters has also been in Australia, the Philippines and Brazil, with other countries expressing interest. Since its foundation, Job's Daughters has been teaching young women, from the age of ten to twenty, self confidence, self-esteem, public speaking ability and leadership skills. Through these wonderful teachings, the members have the opportunity to run and take part in business meetings, keep track of finances, plan events like fund raising, social and fun activities and prepare themselves for being the leaders of tomorrow. In Job's Daughters, girls learn how to work together, as sisters, to reach their goals, and by doing that, they make everlasting friendships. Our organization also teaches importance of trusting and being faithful unto God. We thank Him for all His guidance and protection in our many prayers during the meetings and we also learn, in the ceremonies, how to lead ourselves according to His teachings and ideals. Respect to our parents and guardians, as well as to our Country and its Flag, are also included in our leanings.

**MS. BUSNARDO:** Besides the great moral values, Job's Daughters also teaches the girls to give back to the community by our charity works. Our main charity is HIKE, which stands for Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund. It is a non-profit charity which purpose is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing losses between the ages of newborn and twenty years, whose parents are unable to meet this special need financially. With the help of Job's Daughters, an estimate of one-hundred children, with our without Masonic relationships are provided with hearing devices each year. For the Job's Daughters of outstanding ability that are in good standing in their Bethels, we also have our Scholarships. They are given every year by our Supreme Guardian Council and there are also many Jurisdictions that work hard to provide other scholarships for the Daughters in the state. With the innumerable

scholarships that Job's Daughters has to offer, the possibilities of a member to further her education are endless. As you can see, our organization has a lot to give to society. Just like Masonic Lodges, to keep the Order strong and growing, we need to find more and more good new members and adults to support them, especially from the ones who give us our heritage and who we recognize at the end of every meeting in our prayers, when we say: "Bless and protect, we pray Thee, the Master Masons who give us our heritage". You can have a special role in this continuous project. You can make a great difference in the lives of many girls. You can take part of our growth and flourish. You can support Job's Daughters by simply taking petitions forms and inviting girls, from the age of ten to twenty, that are related to a Master Mason by blood or marriage, to join to this amazing organization. You can also visit the Bethels nearest you and help them by being one of our adult volunteers. We have here with us petitions and we hope to give at least one to each of you and also to initiate all prospect members in our Bethels. You can help us grow; you just need to give us your support. WE hope we can count on you. We need it more than ever so that we can keep preparing our leaders of tomorrow. On the other hand, you will really feel proud of yourself by opening doors for our Order and for girls that maybe have never heard about Job's Daughters. If you have any questions, please come and ask us or our Supreme Guardian or Associate Supreme Guardian. We will be more than happy to help you. Thank you very much. (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** As a Senior DeMolay, it gives me great pleasure to call on the representative from DeMolay International, Brother Ryan Graiser the International Congress Secretary.

**MR. BENADETTI:** Gentlemen and ladies, good morning. As you can tell I am not Ryan Graiser, I am the International Counselor, my name is Michael Benadetti. Ryan could not be here today. We found out last night his flight was canceled from Nebraska, so he was not able to be in attendance. I did want to bring greetings on his behalf. Thank you very much for having us here again, and always supporting DeMolay. It is our pleasure to be here and I hope you guys will make the time to come and see us during the youth summit that will be later on today. I did want to mention with Ryan not being here, one or two surprises that we had, but in Nebraska you can join Lodge at 18. So many of the DeMolay in Nebraska at age 18 join Lodge and are both members of the Order of DeMolay and Grand Lodge of Nebraska. For myself in Georgia, you cannot join until the age of 21, same year that majority from DeMolay. I fortunately am still able to be in both, and as of a month or so ago I am now a Master Mason of East Point Lodge Number 208. (applause). So I look forward to a wonderful next two days here, getting to meet many of you and talk to many of you about your jurisdictions and their goings on there, not only as the International Master Council, but also as a Master Mason. So thank you. We look forward to meeting you all later. (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you so much to our youth organizations for taking time to be with us today. I know that you have the support of the Masons throughout the United States and the North America and we are hoping that we continue to help your organizations grow, and as we look as adult to be better people, we hope we can encourage you to be better youth that you look forward to being our leaders in the days to come. So



thank you for being with us. I would now like to call on Right Worshipful Brother Michael Dunlavy, the Grand Chancellor from the Grand Lodge of Malta that will bring remarks on behalf of our other guests.

**R.W. MICHAEL DUNLAVY:** Good morning. Conference Chair, Conference Committee, thank you for having us. Grand Lodge of Colorado, thank you for the invite and worshipful Brethren. I bring greetings to you from the Grand Master of Malta, and the Brethren of Malta. I think I got selected to reply on behalf of all of the visitors because I come from the smallest Island. The Island is 22-mile by 10 miles, I think it is the size of Denver Airport. We have a different sort of Masonic operation in Malta. We come from a very religious island, things are more strict, more restricted, but to come to a Conference like this and to see how the North Americans do it, it opens our eyes and we are grateful you be able to see how your organizations and Associations work. We thank you for that. I would like to basically thank you on behalf of myself and the Visiting Brethren for your hospitality and the opportunity of attending the Conference. Thank you Brethren. (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** At this time if we have a representative from Grand Lodge of Iran in the room, I believe they have a presentation to make if they would approach the Dais please.

**M.W. ABBAS SATRAP:** Good morning. It is a pleasure to be here with you and enjoy the hospitality of all of you. I would like to say that I have a special thanks and gratitude to Grand Lodge of California for sharing jurisdiction with us. This is a great pleasure for me, and I really thank everybody. All of you have been so friendly to us in accepting us and working with us so closely. California and Massachusetts are two Grand Lodges that they have shared with us, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the past 25 years, and Grand Lodge of California shares jurisdiction with us two years ago. It is a great pleasure to be here, and now as a token of our appreciation for the hospitality of Grand Lodge of Colorado, I would like to present this to the Grand Master. (applause.)

**M.W. JOHN V. EGAN, III:** We are going to share this with everybody. (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** We need a clean up in aisle one. I'm not sure if these brothers are in the room, but if they are, if Doctor Argob is in the room, if he could please approach the dais. Doctor Aragon is going to bring us some information this morning on the Confederation of Masonic Interamerica.

**DR. ARAGON:** Good morning, Brethren. It gives me great pleasure as Executive Secretary to bring you fraternal greetings from the Confederation Masonic Interamericana known as C.M.I. Sixty-four years have passed since 44 delegations for Central and Latin America met in Montevideo, Uruguay to constitute C.M.I. Today 72 regular Grand Lodges are organized into six regional zones. Included also are the Grand Lodges of Spain, The National Grand Lodges of France, and Portugal, the latter are extra continental affiliations. At this time C.M.I. maintains agreements with the Organization of American States, the United Grand Lodges of England, and the world Conference of Grand Lodges. The Masonic

Confederation Interamericana consists of a group of Regular Grand Lodges whose members identify with the universal ideals of Freemasonry and the principles of C.M.I. The basic principles of virtue are continually stressed from an educational point of view. Agreement exists that the stimulation of scientific and philosophic tenets can be achieved through mutual respect and with recognition that unity and collaboration do not impede or supersede territorial sovereignty, internal affairs, or respect for participating members. Simply stated, C.M.I. looks to establish the basis for realizing and maintaining the teaching and the experience of the universal ideal of Freemasonry. The Grand Assembly is the supreme organ of C.M.I. It meets every three years in April and its next Assembly will be in April 2012 in Brazil, in cooperation with the Grande Oriente de Brazil. You are cordially invited to attend this meeting. You will experience South American Masonic hospitality at its best. My office, that of Executive Secretary of C.M.I. will be involved in a planning meeting this year, 2011, in Tijuana, Mexico. The coordination, promotion and execution of the 2012 Assembly rests with the Executive Secretary, my actual location is in Guatemala. The majority of Masonic organizations hosting events such as this Conference in Denver, the C.M.I. included, adhere to certain principles:

1. Freemasonry is a universal humanitarian order;
2. Freemasonry does not involve partisan politics or social groups;
3. Freemasonry is committed to the concept of an ideal humanity under the calling of a Supreme Architect of the Universe and it does not impose a religious dogma nor does it advance fanaticism;
4. Freemasonry works to achieve the hopes and rights of all people;
5. Freemasonry, and C.M.I. both work to achieve and maintain the universal rights of all people, especially the place of women and the oppressed in society;
6. Freemasonry respects the separation of Church and State.

It might interest you to know that at the 21st Assembly held in Bogota, Columbia, an Academy of Interamerican Studies of Freemasonry was established. Learning will take place through e-learning operating from a virtual campus. C.M.I is interested in the application of evolving technology to expand the rich history and offerings of Masonry to a larger population. Perhaps we can establish a joint effort along these lines. The C.M.I. is communicating with the Shriners International to explore possibilities for extending their services and programs South of the border. Finally, Grand Masters and Brethren interaction and getting to know one another is very important. I hope to greet many of you personally here in Denver. My office exists to assist in reconciling questions of recognition and any differences which appear to exist. You will be welcomed in Brazil in 2012, and of course, I hope to see many of you in May at The World Conference in Cartagena. Viva Masoneria. Good luck to you in the work of this Grand Masters' Conference. We really appreciate the collaboration of our friend who represents C.M.I. for North America PGM of North Carolina Brother Charles Lewis. Fraternalmente.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** I would like the call on the Grand Master of Colorado to introduce a special guest at this time.

**M.W. JOHN V. EGAN, III:** Brethren, it is my honor and pleasure to introduce Guillermo V. Vidal, the first immigrant mayor of Denver, as of January 11, 2011. A native of Conaway, Cuba, our Mayor first arrived in the United States via Operation Peter Pan in 1961. A civil engineer devoted more than 30 years of serving the public, the Mayor has led numerous governmental agencies, including the Colorado Department of Transportation, DRCOG, which is Denver Regional Council of Government, and Denver Public Works, and he is now the Mayor of Denver, Colorado. Please join me in welcoming our Mayor in Denver. (applause.)

**MAYOR VIDAL:** Good morning everyone. Welcome to Denver. And let me also say I know we have some of our Mexican States and other countries present from Latin America. Welcome to Denver, we're really happy to have you. I'm going to thank John Egan the Grand Master of Masons. John Egan, III for inviting me to speak. Then I also wanted to just thank you for the Freemasons contribution to our state and to our city, and that is why I am here really, to do that. As you know, this is snow season for us, normally during snow season, and those of you who know Denver history, a bad snow storm could really be a powerful deterrent to the re-election of a Mayor. I have been Manager of Public Works for seven years, so normally I don't appear in public because I'm usually in a Witness Protection Program. We have actually mastered snow removal quite well, in fact, we have our "A" game on right now. It is actually snowing, about 2 feet of snow, but for you we thought we would make sure that it didn't bother you, so we have our best snow removal efforts going on right now. You know I was thrilled to hear that this is actually the 150th Anniversary off the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, that's why you picked this location. So I thought, you know, I have got to come say hello and welcome you, that is so great. Especially with all of the things that you contributed. You know the original members settled in an old neighborhood called Aurora, and the city would actually spring up from there. Now, I don't know how many of you know that the founders of Aurora actually created the grid system that we have, the street grid system, the number streets running perpendicular, and name streets running parallel. Now, we never figured out perpendicular or parallel to what, because the downtown area is kind of cockeyed to the best. So I don't know if engineers maybe were not handling the surveying at that time but, you know, it established alleys and some of little things that are part of really our character here in Denver. By the way, today, how many of you know the term traffic calm? Traffic calm is about slowing down traffic in neighborhood streets, and the grid system that was implemented in Aurora is actually one of the best strategies around the country today. During the Democratic National Convention, because we had the grid system in the downtown area, in the Aurora area, we were actually able to move traffic, have protestors, have the people coming with the convention and really keep Denver open for business. So it is interesting to let you see that your predecessors started really have helped Denver develop along the way. I don't know how many of you know that Aurora is home to three colleges now, including the University of Colorado at Denver, and by the way, that's where I went to school the University of Colorado at Denver, very proud of it. So it is one of the great amenities that we have here in our downtown area. In our city people can live in the city and go to three separate colleges. Not like most original Masons, I wasn't born in Denver, I was born in Conaway,

Cuba. So I have come a long, long way from there, but I'm proud to call Denver my home. It is a place that I chose, and am as a result the first foreign born Mayor in the city, and I think you should feel proud. I feel like I'm part of your legacy as well. That you created a city that would grow vibrant, would grow diverse, would grow inclusive that one day would have a foreign born Mayor from Conaway, Cuba be its Mayor. I did leave of the city a few times but always came back. I love it here. You can't beat the weather. I mean 300 some sunny days a year, and I think it's just a wonderful place to be. You created a great city. Today Denver with its more than 600,000 residents lies in the middle of a vibrant regional area two and a half million people. We are thriving, I think, even with the economy the way it is. You see our light rail as it exists today, we have two major lines, and we are in the process of developing another 109 mile of passenger rail that will connect the whole region. We have world class cultural facilities that are actually funded by regional taxes, and hopefully you will enjoy some of those. We have great business areas and companies, some of the best shopping centers you will find in the world are here. So please go out, spend your money, we need the sales taxes. We have major educational centers, as I mentioned, and I think we have one of the highest ranked international airports around. So when your predecessors started, imagine what you grew to build. I do want to say how much I appreciate the Masons desire to help children, and you nurture children through your efforts. I know you are helping keep children safe through your free fingerprinting program, and you are ensuring that underprivileged children have a chance to attend college through your college scholarships. As you may also know, my wife is into developing events to take underprivileged children, make them feel special and give them information about scholarships, right up your alley that you have been doing. In any case, I hope you enjoy Denver. I hope you have a great meeting. I hope that the many things you remember from my attendance today is the heartfelt thank you for everything you have done for us, for our state, and welcome. We are really happy you are here. Thank you. (applause). (standing ovation.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Honorable Mayor, I am not sure the right people are here, but I think some of our Eastern states may want to compare notes about some of that snow removal. I think we have had our challenges in the east on some of that this year. I have been advised that we have one more presentation that I would like to make at this time. It is a short one, I have been told, before our breakout sessions. Brother Kris Goodmanson is in the room, if he would approach the dais please.

**M.W. KRIS GOODMANSON:** Good morning, Brethren. I am the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. I have had the unique distinction of having been able to speak to this august body twice in the last two years. At the previous Conference of Grand Masters I spoke about a project going on in Winnipeg, the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. Most of you in the room, I think at least half of you had heard me speak on this issue before when the Grand Lodge of Manitoba undertook this three years ago to create a program called Just a Buck, the intent of the program was to urge Freemasons, which started to be just Western Canada thing, to raise a dollar from every Mason in Canada to support Human Rights. To that end, the campaign has grown significantly. I think a lot of the shared

message with the Most Worshipful Sirs now for the last two years about Freemasons supporting the human right cause around the planet. We have the unique distinction in Winnipeg of a museum, a \$350,000,000 museum I might add, 20 stories tall, being built in a unique location called "The Forks". The Forks in Winnipeg is where two significant rivers meet. On that location we are in the process of building a 20 story structure to commemorate and also work toward Human Rights causes and encouraging the planet to become a part of that. It was my vision to encourage Freemasons to support human rights causes because, Brethren, you and I in this room have grown up with brotherly love, relief and truth as being an important part of who we are. We have all been struggling to encourage young men to become a part of our fraternity. We know that young men are very busy, as we are, but perhaps the thing that we could encourage them to consider, and maybe one of the things that young men would also align ourselves in our thinking with, is the fact that human rights and Freemasonry are all on the same page. Perhaps if we would like to think about encouraging young men to consider being a part of our wonderful fraternity is the fact that Freemasons believe in human rights and human rights issues and causes. That was one of the reasons why "Just a Buck Campaign" was created in Manitoba. Brethren, history records have, show that over 100,000 Freemasons were killed during the Holocaust. That was the driving reason as to why it was started, was to encourage Freemasons planet-wide now to consider supporting the Human Rights Movement. Aligning ourselves with human rights. I encourage you to consider perhaps when you are talking to young men who perhaps have trouble getting their head wrapped around brotherly love, relief and truth, the young men of today do understand what human rights issues are and the abuses that we have already heard mentioned here about bullying, about texting information, and social networking in the issues that can create difficulties for young people on the social networks which will become an important part of their lives. All of these can be tied back to human rights causes. So, Brethren, if I am asking you to consider anything today, it would be perhaps to consider including Human Rights in your discussions with young men who are thinking about joining our fraternity as a brother, and I know that is something all of you in this room firmly believes in. I'm asking you also to take a moment when you are searching the web to take a look and Google [www.humanrightsmuseum.ca](http://www.humanrightsmuseum.ca) to learn more about the Canadian Museum for Human Rights being built in Winnipeg. It is scheduled to open in 2013. The Queen of England attended Winnipeg in July of 2010 with the cornerstone for that museum, and Brethren, as I speak with you today, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba has taken one significant step forward to perhaps being the good fortune of laying that museum cornerstone by engaging the work of the Aboriginal communities in Manitoba that have had a significant influence in the construction of that museum -- The museum has been built on aboriginal holy ground. Aboriginal artifacts were located on the ground that couldn't be removed or stripped away. We have taken a significant step forward in the last month and having the blessing of the Aboriginal community in helping us encourage the organizers of the museum to lay the museum cornerstone. Brethren, thank you very much for your kind attention this morning. I look forward to joining you for the rest of your Conference. Thank you, Mr. President. (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Are there any announcements before we recess for our breakout sessions. The photographs of the Grand Masters, Visiting Grand Officers, Siser Jurisdictions, and the Conference Committees will be taken at 1:00 o'clock p.m. immediately after lunch and just prior to the reconvening of this Conference this afternoon. The photographs will be taken with collars and aprons. Bring them with you after lunch. The Executive Secretary will now explain the photograph process. Grand Masters, please give your attention to our Executive Secretary for the instructions, the procedures for the photographs at this time.

**M.W. GLENN E. MEANS:** Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Chairman. Those of you who have been here before, you know the drill. We do it the same way every year. When you come back from lunch, the photographs of the Grand Masters will be taken in front of this dais here. We will move the tables back a little bit. The photographs of the Committees will be taken along that back wall over there, so that we can get the tables pushed back in time to reconvene on time. When you come back, you will be given a card. One side will have a large number on it. The other side is a form. Please fill out your name, your address, your jurisdiction and indicate if you would like a Grand Masters' photo, the officers photo, planning committee, whatever. The photos are \$20 each. They will be taken right after lunch. They will be delivered back to me in the morning so that I can get them to you before you leave. The reason I ask for the address is if I have not gotten to you before you leave, I know where to send it to you. When the photographer is all set up, we take one index photo. Just hold the up the number, not on your chest, because after the first row I can't see your chest, but up in front of your face. We'll take that, that gives me an idea of who is where. Then next a series of photos will be taken by the photographer. After the photos of the Grand Masters, my wife, Mary Jane will be in the back of the room and if you would please give her your card and also pay for the photographs that you want at that time. For the officers on the various committees, please hold on to your card because when we take those photos, I will still need an index shot for the caption that goes in the proceedings. Not a real complicated procedure. Okay. Thank you.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Okay. Once again, for the officers and the committee members, your photos for the proceedings will be taken immediately after the photo for the Grand Masters, so please do not wander off out of this room. Brethren, we will now be breaking for our breakout sessions. All of the breakout sessions are in the same area that they were yesterday. You go out to the main registration lobby area, turn right, and proceed to the end of the hall and there are four meeting rooms down there that will house the breakout sessions. At the conclusion of the breakout sessions, at 11:30 a.m. this morning, lunch will be served for those who have tickets in the Grand Ball Room I, which is adjacent to this room right to my right. If you do not have a ticket and want to purchase one, please see the registration desk. This evening the Grand Secretaries Social will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the foyer immediately in front of this room, and the Grand Secretaries Banquet will be at 7:00 p.m. this evening in this room. At this time I would like to call on Right Worshipful Brother James Harris for our luncheon invocation.

**R.W. JAMES HARRIS:** It has been a joy and honor, very humbling experience to be with you. Tomorrow I will be going to my church to take care of my duty of being a pastor. I won't be with you tomorrow. Let us pray. Dear God, we come to the time of day to pause and refresh ourselves, and during this time we also find moments to meet persons who are from different places and different countries. Be with us during these breakout sessions and help us to learn, and to grow, and to share from them. We come give you thanks for this food we will eat, and for the fellowship of eating together around these tables. We seek your blessing upon this food and upon us. I give you thanks for all of the expressions of goodness you have given to us this week and in our lifetimes. We are so grateful. Make us truly grateful for the beauty of this wonderful day and for this chance we have together as Masons as we give you thanks so much for all of the fraternity. Keep us all in your loving care this day and forevermore. Amen. So Mote It Be.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Brethren, in case you haven't noticed the confusion up here, it is on the timing of the events this evening. We were directed 6:00 o'clock for the social, 7:00 o'clock for the banquet. At this time I call the Conference to recess for the remainder of the morning for our breakout sessions.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 21, 2011  
CONFERENCE RECONVENES**

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** This Conference is now reconvened. My Brethren, I have an update on our Grand Master from New Hampshire. He was admitted to the hospital when we was received. They have stabilized Right Worshipful Brother Libby. They have run all kinds of tests on him and it appears that they are checking out him out as you would expect. If everything continues to come back positive, they hope to release him possibly even later yet this afternoon. So our prayers with him have apparently worked. I also caught word that someone else may have been taken out earlier this morning. If you want to be aware of that, I have to be told what is going on. I have not heard a name or any other details, if somebody else was taken out this morning. Welcome back everyone. I hope everybody had a good lunch and enjoyed themselves in front of the cameras. We are again ready to work with some Breakout Sessions. Brethren, some announcements. I remind those who will be Grand Masters at the 2012 Conference next year, your meeting with 2012 officers will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Tower Court D Room. This is your chance to give input to the 2012 Planning Committee on what you would like to see at your Conference next year. The Grand Secretaries Banquet will be this evening in this room. The time for the Grand Secretaries Banquet is 7:00 o'clock, with the social period in the foyer area in front of the room from 6:00 to 7:00 o'clock. I encourage all of you to come down and enjoy the social hour. In the morning we are will start early with the Shrine DeMolay Frank S. Land Breakfast in the Grand Ballroom at 7:00 a.m. sharp. Those of you that have been to this before know that it is precisely 7:00 o'clock, and Imperial Recorder and Imperial Sir Jack Jones will start the program. This afternoon's Breakout Sessions, and the Grand Secretaries Social and Banquet tonight and then we will see you in the morning at 9:30 a.m. sharp. Once again, please leave your place cards at your table,



but take everything with you as this room will be converted to be used for the banquet this evening. Are there any other announcements that need to be made at this time? (No response.) Again, as I said, this is a very abbreviated short afternoon session. I would like you to declare this Conference at recess until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning. Have a good evening, Brethren.

**TUESDAY MORNONG FEBRUARY 22, 2011  
CONFERENCE RECONVENES**

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Good morning. Thank you for your promptness in being back at your places for this Tuesday morning session. Before we really get started here, I have two quick announcements. Number one, it is great to see Right Worshipful Wayne Libby back to us from his little visit to the hospital yesterday.

**R.W. WAYNE LIBBY:** Thank you very much (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Our prayers were answered. We are certainly happy.

**M.W. WAYNE LIBBY:** Thank you for all of your prayers. I certainly do appreciate it. Thank you very much. (applause).

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** On a different note, Most Worshipful brother Gale S. Turner, Grand Master of Missouri is in the hospital here in Denver. They took him there yesterday. He had some blood pressure and heart conditions. They are working to stabilize him with the hope he will be dismissed later today so he can travel home as he had scheduled. We needs to keep him in our prayers. If there are any others, we need to know about them. This Conference is now reconvened. I call on Right Worshipful Brother Dick Johnson to give us an opening invocation.

**M.W. DICK JOHNSON:** Gracious Father, thank you for the nice rest that you have given us, and as we come forth to start a new day we remember what the psalmist said so many, many years ago, Today is a day the Lord was made. Let us rejoice in it. Father, bestow your blessing on our presence and guide us in our deliberations, give us energy of purpose and show us paths of common agreement as we work together, and he may be the glory. Amen. So Mote It Be.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Please be seated. The past several days we have been very blessed to have Reverends James H. Harrison, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, you hear him say yesterday he had some other business to attend to. We thank you Right Worshipful Brother Dick Johnson from Tennessee who has helped us out with our prayer today. That invocation, I guess, is an indication that maybe today is the day we should wrap this thing up. We have several announcements here. Let me start by saying we are at the last day of this Conference of Grand Masters for the year 2011. It does not seem possible it has been a full year that has passed so quickly since we met at Arlington, Virginia. Time has flown and already the 2012 officers have been busy planning for the next year's conference in Atlanta. I would like to try and thank the International Shrine for hosting the DeMolay Shrine Breakfast this

morning. Those of you that were able to join us, I think you enjoyed a wonderful breakfast and heard from a nice young man that is now not only a DeMolay, he is a Master Mason. Today he shared with us he is also a Shriner. It was good to hear from him. It is good to know the future of our country is in hands of people that can speak, can carry themselves as well as what Michael did this morning. Grand Master Egan, I believe I heard that you have an announcement to be made.

**M.W. JOHN V. EGAN, III:** There was a misprint, the program listed the ladies tours this morning, on the bus leaving at 9:00. We think we have got everybody, but the busses leave at 11:00. And my wife has been down making sure the ladies that did show up at 9:00 know that. So make sure you get the word to your ladies that the buses are at 11:00. So we are not in trouble later. Also tomorrow the buses start at 5:00 o'clock a.m. to the airport. The last bus is at noon. You don't need a ticket, you didn't have to prepay because it is free, it was one of the added gifts from Colorado. Please get over there, please allow at least an hour travel time. That is what the bus company says it is going to take tomorrow. If you need a copy of the schedule, it is out at our registration desk. Grand Masters, you actually received it yesterday or the day before. Thank you Grand Master.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** We have a brief announcement from Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois.

**M.W. RICHARD L. SWANEY:** Thank you, sir. We put in front of each one of you two dues cards. The gold dues card is for 50 year member, and the silver is for life members in our jurisdiction. We have two instances where visiting brethren were not allowed into a lodge in two different jurisdictions because of this card. This is a permanent dues card for life members and 50 year members in Illinois. They will have no other cards. So if your jurisdiction does not recognize a card without the Grand Lodge seal on the back and a signature, would you please let us know. If you have any questions, we will be here all day.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you Most Worshipful. I would also like to call on Most Worshipful Tom Jackson to bring us a message out of the World Conference.

**M.W. THOMAS JACKSON:** Brother Conference Chairman, Right Worshipful and Most Worshipful Grand Masters, I thank you for the opportunity to present this for a couple of minutes the upcoming world Conference that will be held in the Grand Lodge of Columbia in Cartagena in May, 12, 13 and 14 of this year. The World Conference provides an opportunity for you to get to meet Grand Lodge Masters from other jurisdictions, but it gives you the opportunity to listen to some of the issues that confront Freemasonry around the world. The theme of the Conference this year is Freemasonry and Human Development. There are four sub-themes. The first, The Influence of Freemasonry in the Human Development; number two, the Promotion of Study and Work Pillars, the Freemasonic Message; three, Science and Technology as Tools For The Human Development, and four Masonic Principles and Values Guides for the Human Development. These themes and sub-themes, of course, reflect the sociological environment in which the World Conference operates this year. I invite you and

encourage you if you have the opportunity to make arrangements to attend this conference. Every Grand Lodge received several months ago this brochure and the information for registration is in it. I thank you so much for the opportunity to get this information to you. Thank you, Grand Masters.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you Most Worshipful Brother Jackson. At this time we would like to call on Most Worshipful Brother Terence Shand, Past Grand Master of Ontario with the Report on the Commission on Information for Recognition. Most Worshipful Brother Shand.

#### **COMMISSION ON INFORMATION FOR RECOGNITION REPORT**

**M.W. TERENCE SHAND:** Good morning, Brethren. Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brethren. Having served this Commission these past seven years, it is my pleasure and privilege as Chairman, to present the 58<sup>th</sup> annual report of the Commission on Information for Recognition. I'm pleased to introduce the members of this Commission, who provide wise counsel and stellar service to this Conference. Most Worshipful Brother M. William Holsinger, Past Grand Master of California; Most Worshipful Scott J. Krieger, Past Grand Master of Nebraska; Most Worshipful James D. Woodward, Past Grand Master of Utah; Most Worshipful Clayton J. Borne, III, Past Grand Master of Louisiana; Most Worshipful Pierre G. Normand, Past Grand Master of Texas; Most Worshipful John Coligas, Past Grand Master of New Jersey, and Most Worshipful Curtis N. Lancaster, Secretary/Treasurer, Past Grand Master of Utah, and I am Most Worshipful Terence Shand, Chairman and Past Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Since the delegates of this Conference change each year, it is prudent to repeat the standards for recognition, adopted for our guidance since formation of the Commission in 1952. The guidelines are used to evaluate the regularity of a Grand Lodge, and thereby determine whether it is worthy of consideration by our member Grand Lodges. The Commission provides this data as information to our Grand Lodges. It does not attempt to influence or recommend, but rather investigate and act solely in an advisory capacity. The standards for recognition are summarized as follows: Legitimacy of origin; Exclusive territorial jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty; 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 presentations 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 have now worked out an agreement that has unified them again into one Regular Grand lodge. The leaders of the two groups have signed the agreement and have assured it will be ratified by both groups. The Grand Lodge of Baja California has now satisfied the standards for Recognition.

#### **BULGARIA**

There continues to be no progress in the unification of Freemasonry in Bulgaria. Since they have previously been determined to meet the standard for recognition, there is no interest on the part of the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria in entering discussions with the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Bulgaria either for unification, or for establishing a treaty to share the jurisdiction. Both Grand Lodges practice regular Masonry, and both Grand Lodges have a common origin until a split occurred in 2001. This Commission has urged the two Grand Lodges to resolve their differences for the past seven years to no avail. Therefore, this issue will not be addressed again until the Brethren in Bulgaria reach some type of agreement.

#### CYPRUS

The United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Cyprus have reached an accord whereby they will both share the jurisdiction of Cyprus and its established fraternal relations among themselves. The Grand Lodge of Cyprus, therefore, now meets the standards for recognition.

#### CZECH REPUBLIC

The Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic informed us that a regular body calling itself on the Czech National Grand Lodge was recently created by a group of dissident members who defected and formed this new organization. This group should not be given any consideration for recognition as the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic is the only Grand Lodge there that meets the standards for recognition.

#### MONACO

The Grande Loge Nationale Reguliere de la Principaute de monaco was consecrated on February 19, 2011 by the United Grand Lodge of England in association with the Grand Lodge of Germany, and the Grand Lodge National France. It now appears this new Grand Lodge will meet the standards for recognition and will be entitled to be considered by our Grand Lodges when requested.

#### ROMANIA

The National Grand Lodge of Romania has informed us that a group of Masons expelled from the United National Grand Lodge of Masons, which itself is not recognized, has formed an association called National Grand Lodge Romania 1880. This group in no way is connected to or sanctioned by the National Grand Lodge of Romania, which is the only Grand Lodge that meets the standards for recognition.

#### SPAIN

A request was received from the Gran Logia Simbolica de Espana e Iberia to review their credentials for Masonic recognition. Although they appear to practice Regular Masonry, they did not provide the origin of the Lodges that compose this Grand Lodge. More importantly, they do not have any treaty or compact to share the jurisdiction with the Grand Lodge of Spain, therefore, they do not meet the standards for recognition.

established by this Conference. At this time the Grand Lodge of Spain is the only Grand Lodge there that meets the standards for recognition.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

The Commission has three items of other information.

With regard to item one, we have been requested that regarding this information regarding an irregular Grand Lodge which affected an appendant body established in the United States, we have been requested not to present this report orally, but rather include it in our written report to the Conference.

Item two, a group has surfaced with a website named Masonaleaks.com. Their stated purpose is that it is time to hold the actions of Grand Lodges and their officers accountable to the Masonic world as a whole. They intend to post a new leak once a week for the next few months. The leaks appear to be stories from members who feel they have been wronged by the trial system of their Grand Lodge or decisions by their Grand Masters.

Item three, an organization is being incorporated in the state of Wisconsin named the Foundation of Universal Masonry. It states it is a confederation of independent Masonic Lodges dedicated to the cause of Universal Freemasonry. In their draft statements of principles one article states every Freemason is entitled to all of the rights and freedoms set forth in the statement of principles, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Another article states the Annual Communication shall have an alter upon which will be placed a blank book, the Atheist Bible and the World Scriptures. You may view this in its entirety at [scribe@TheFoundationOfUniversalFreemasonry.org](mailto:scribe@TheFoundationOfUniversalFreemasonry.org).

Brethren, this report that has been given orally, together with the report that has been requested not to be given orally is hereby submitted. On the one not given orally, it will be, in fact, put in the written matter of the report of the Commission. I now call upon Most Worshipful Brother Lancaster for the Treasurer's Report, if you have any questions?

**DEPUTY GRAND MASTER E. DAVID WATTS: (Nebraska)** I would ask that the report regarding unread item be read for the Grand Masters who are at least in question want to read that report before the Grand Masters see it.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Make sure we all understand that. I know you moved away from the microphone, if you please restate that.

**DEPUTY GRAND MASTER E. DAVID WATTS: (Nebraska)** Concerning the report unread portion regarding the illegal Grand Lodge in the United States, I would ask that that portion be read so the Grand Masters hear it, or at least question whether it be read but that the Grand Master hears it.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** My Brethren, this is not on the agenda. The rules of this Conference indicate that we need to have two-thirds of a vote by the Grand Masters before we proceed with something that is not on the agenda. If you would like to hear that report, I need you to raise your right hand now. If you are against hearing that report at this time, would you raise your hand now. That's pretty close, my Brethren. If we could stand, please let's see if I we can get a better count. If you would like to hear that, would you please stand?

**M.W. GLENN E. MEANS:** We have 60 jurisdictions in attendance.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** I counted 39, so we're right there. Let me count again. You can't be standing up and sitting down. Please stand and remain standing. I count 40. That's a two-thirds vote, my Brethren, would you share the additional information please? Thank you, my Brethren.

**M.W. TERENCE SHAND:** Brethren, inquiries have been received about the Charter granted to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and the Grand Priory of the Scottish Rectified and Reformed Rite of Occitania located in France. According to the Grand Encampment website this charter has been used to establish a Grand Priory of the Reformed and Rectified Rite of the United States of America and to confer the Grades of the Rectified Scottish Rite. This new Grand Priory has been established and Grades have been conferred on candidates; however, correspondence issued by the Regular Great Priories of the Rectified Scottish Rite in Europe states that the Great Priory of Occitania is an irregular body. It was self-created in 1995 by former members of the Great Priory of Gauls, which was declared irregular by the Grand Nationale France and its members expelled. The Grand Priory Occitania, according to its own documentation maintains mutual recognition with only the following Grand Lodges: The Symbolic Grand Lodge of France, the United Grand Lodge of France, and the Grand Orient of Switzerland, all of which are irregular. It also only maintains recognition with the Great Priories of Gauls, The Independent Great Priories of France, and the United Great Priories of the Three Provinces, all of which are irregular bodies. The Great Priory of Occitania, after its formation in 1995 then formed its own Grand Lodge, the Reformed and Rectified Scottish Grand Lodge of Occitania, which is irregular. This Commission does not normally concern itself with the affairs of the appendant bodies, however, there is a concern about the negative impact on the established system of regularity in North American Freemasonry caused by some members of our Grand Loges setting a precedents by becoming affiliated with an organization, receiving its character from an irregular source.

That concludes the third, or the first other information. I now call upon Most Worshipful Brother Lancaster for the Treasurer's Report.

**M.W. CURTIS LANCASTER:** I'm going to summarize this. It will be printed in detail, and sent to every Grand Lodge. This report is the accounting of the funds for the year January 1st, 2010 to December 31st, 2010. 54 of our Member Grand Lodges have contributed a total of \$2,710. The Report contains a list of all of the Grand Lodges that contributed and the

amount. During this period the expenses for the same time are \$3,150.99, leaving a balance as of the end of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 2010 of \$6,734.70.

**M.W. TERENCE SHAND:** Most Worshipful Brother Lancaster, thank you for the report. Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brethren. My sincerest thanks for your attention and for the opportunity to serve this Conference. This concludes the 58th Annual Report of the Commission and I move the acceptance of the report. Respectfully submitted, Terence Shand, Past Grand Master, Chairman, Most Worshipful M. William Holsinger, Past Grand Master, Scott Krieger, Past Grand Master, Pierre Normand, Past Master, James Woodward, Past Grand Master, Clayton J. Borne, III, Past Grand Master, John Colligas, Past Grand Master, Curtis N. Lancaster, Past Grand Master, Secretary-Treasurer.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** My Brethren, we have a motion on the floor. Do I have a second. Second.

**M.W. THOMAS STURGEON:** Mr. Chairman. Thomas Sturgeon, Grand Master of Pennsylvania. I find myself concerned here today that that whole transition that took place up there where the Committee brings something, they were not going to give an oral report, it was just going to be shoved into the proceedings of the Committee. You have a dispute going on between some Appendant Bodies. By the Committee's own admission this was something they don't normally get involved in. I think the Conference of Grand Masters of North America need to be very careful as to where we are going to take ourselves in disputes in Appendant Bodies, and I think that those, other than the important things that all of us appreciate that Committee, what they do, where they give us good feedback on recognition issues of other Grand Lodges, I think that should be their narrow focus. I don't think we should be debating here disputes between Scottish Rite or the Shrine, or any other Appendant Bodies, and I think that all of those extra things, that should be taken out of the their report. I will make a motion if it is appropriate.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** I don't think that is going to effect what you brought to our attention, Brother Sturgeon. I will entertain that motion after. We have heard the motion to accept the report. Do we have a discussion? All those in favor of accepting the report raise their right hand please? Those opposed? We will accept it. Now, Most Worshipful Brother Sturgeon, would you like to make that motion again please?

**M.W THOMAS STURGEON:** I make a motion that the Committee's Report as found in their report be removed the piece about the dispute of the Appendant body so that this organization does not continue to involve themselves with those kind of disputes.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Do we have a second. Second. Do we have any discussion.

**M.W. OWEN WALTON:** Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, I'm Owen Walton of Nova Scotia. I don't see how something can be stricken from a report that has already been accepted. On a point of order I believe that

Brother Sturgeon was right in requesting that initially before the vote was taken on the Motion to Accept, and I think we are out of order in what we are doing.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Is there any other discussion?

**M.W. RONALD ANDRESS:** Ron Andress, Grand Master of Alabama. I do have a question on this. Because each Grand Jurisdiction has sovereignty over their area, how are we supposed to know what is going on with these Appendant Bodies if we don't get some information. We are the ones that determine whether they are recognized. If they are in this information, we need it. They are not giving recommendation. They are giving you information. It is up to you as sitting Grand Masters to determine what goes on in your Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you, sir.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Any other discussion? We have a motion on the floor.

**D.G.M. DAVID GOSS:** I would just like to point out that the discussion wasn't about necessarily Appendant Bodies, I think the concern was about another Grand Lodge in the United States and creation of a body that is actually raising Masons, I think it is the concern here. I don't think we're trying to govern Appendant Bodies. From what I understand in the report, it is reconsideration of another Grand Lodge that is going to raise Masons.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** I did not understand it would be that way.

**D.G.M. DAVID GOSS:** If I am out of order saying that.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** I'm not sure I understood it that way. I will leave it to each of you. We have a motion on the floor, we should strike in the record the information that does not apply to the Grand Lodges that we have our report on. It would not appear in the printed information of our proceedings. Is that correct, Right Worshipful Brother Sturgeon?

**M.W. THOMAS STURGEON:** Yes.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Is there any other discussion? (No response.) All those in favor of striking that portion that does not apply to Grand Lodges from the proceedings, raise your hand? All those opposed? It will not be stricken. It is time for the Time and Place Committee Report. Will Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Johnston, IV, Grand Master of Vermont, Chairman and all members of the Time and Place Committee please come to the dais.

#### **TIME and PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**M.W. THOMAS JOHNSTON, IV:** Most Worshipful Brother chairman. On behalf of the 2011 Committee on Time and Place, I extend our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve this Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America. With your approval, I would at this time be pleased to introduce the Committee. They are Most Worshipful



Brother David Owen, Grand Master of Idaho; Most Worshipful Brother Kristjan Goodmanson, Grand Master of Manitoba; Most Worshipful Brother Vincent Libone, Grand Master of New York; Most Worshipful Brother Joseph B. Harker, Grand Master of Wisconsin; and I am Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Johnston, IV, Grand Master of Vermont. We thank all who participated in the excellent presentations that were brought before this Committee this week and for their dedication in providing for the needs and requirements of the Committee. Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, the committee on Time and Place recommends to this Conference that the 2015 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America be awarded to the Host Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia has designated Vancouver as the host city. We further recommend that most Worshipful Brother Glenn E. Means, Executive Secretary of this Conference, be given the authority to initiate negotiations and finalize a contract with a facility in the Vancouver 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 British Columbia for stepping forward for 2015. I move the acceptance of this report. I apologize I missed one of the Committee members, Most Worshipful Reid Mosley from Nevada.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** We have a motion to accept the report of the Time and Place Committee, do I have a second? Second. All those in favor of accepting the report, signify by raising your hands? All those opposed the same sign? Brethren, get your passports together if you are United States person driving to Canada in a few years. (applause.) We thank all of the members of the committee for all of the work and efforts that you have put forth in making the selection for the site of the 2015 Conference. At this time I would ask if the Host Grand Master of that Conference would like to make any statements?

**M.W. J. ALAN CROSS:** Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Chairman. Brethren all, I would just like to pass along my thanks to this august body for awarding the 2015 Conference of Grand Masters in North America to Vancouver. My Brothers, we look forward to hosting you there. You may have seen the 2010 Olympics. In fact, a year ago today I was a volunteer at the Whistler site for the downhill skiing, as were a lot of Freemasons in British Columbia and we look forward to bringing you the same volunteerism as we have had for that venue to host this conference. Thank you once again. Have a great trip home. (Applause.)

**TIME and PLACE COMMITTEE**



1<sup>st</sup> Row, L to R; John V. Egan, III, Host Grand Master; Bradford A. Goebel, OH, Conference Chairman; John L. Cook, Jr., conference Vice-Chairman.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Row, L to R; Kristjan (Kris) Goodmanson, Manitoba; David "Skip" Owen, ID; Thomas Johnston, IV, VT, Time & Place Committee Chairman; : John B. Harker, WI; Vincent Libone, NY.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** My Brethren, we are quickly approaching the recess of the morning session here. Are there any announcements that need to be made at this time. (No response.) At this time if I could have you all stand for a Prayer for our lunch, which I know is a little ways down the road, but if you can take care of that now we will then dismiss for the morning.

**M.W. DICK JOHNSON:** Gracious Lord, we go forth to labor a little bit more, and then we shall pause for lunch and refreshment. We thank you, Father, for giving us that time in the day that we might fellowship and regain our strength. We ask that you would bless the food which has been prepared for us and the nourishment and strength that it gives our bodies

to use to do your will and, again, we always give you the glory. Amen. So Mote It Be.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** At this time I call the Conference into recess for the remainder of the morning in order that we can have the Breakout Sessions. Breakout Sessions are in the same rooms as yesterday. I remind you that we will reconvene in this room at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Enjoy your Breakout Sessions and have a good lunch.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 22, 2011  
CONFERENCE RECONVENES**

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Good afternoon, Brethren. This Conference is now reconvened. Our Executive Secretary has an important announcement to make but we have a little change that he is attending to. We are expecting a visit from the Officers from the Grand Secretaries Conference this afternoon. The announcement that Most Worshipful Brother Means has pertains to the photographs. I believe all of you should have the photographs that were ordered yesterday on the table in front of you. I hope we all look as good as we think we look. That camera can only do so much with what is in front of his camera. We thank him for his promptness in turning those around. I have a report that I can give here that won't take too long. Are the Brethren from the 2010 Conference Committee appointed to review the possibility of changing the dates of the meeting of this Conference present? That Committee Consists of the Grand Master of California, Most Worshipful Brother Bray, Grand Master of Florida, Most Worshipful Brother J. Dick Martinez and myself. My Brethren, we didn't get together as a Committee. We did exchange a few thoughts by e-mail. We looked, at least I did, I looked at so many different dates there is really not a good date to change this to. We are going to pass this along, we are going to table the outcome of this Committee Report. I'm going to ask our new Chairman for next year to continue looking at this, but it is going to be very difficult to find a weekend that is available that isn't in February to host this. Now, I know that when we met somebody said well why would anybody go to Denver in February? We weren't sure what the answer was, but I think after these past several days we know why we would be welcome and we would enjoy ourselves being in Denver, because I think we have had absolutely wonderful time out here. If we were to suggest a change, and we are not going to, we have to realize that we are looking at least four years down the road, the dates are set, the locations are set, the contracts are signed or will shortly be signed, so if I were to suggest a change, if we wanted to move this think to July, August, February, where we are at now, or November, it's not going to happen for a lot of years down the road. So I'm going to ask Most Worshipful Brother Ponzillo if he would like to continue it to assign a new Committee for next year that can continue to look and see if they can find another date, but it is very difficult to do because we are not stepping on each other's toes, and we are stepping on some of the other groups that are Masonically gathering together. Please realize that if we move this from say February to November, there is a chance that one of your successors will not have the opportunity to attend and be a presiding officer at a Conference of Grand Masters. I don't know about you, about there is just something special about being Grand Master, being able to be here, to sit at that table, and to

represent your state. So that's the report on the Committee to check out the possibility of changing the date, Most Worshipful Brother Means, I believe you had an announcement you wanted to make about the photographs.

**M.W. GLENN E. MEANS:** Grand Masters, for those that ordered photographs they should be on the table in front of you. For our Sister Jurisdictions, our Visiting Sister Jurisdiction, my lady Mary Jane is at the registration table, and she has your photographs ready for you. She will be there for a short while. After that I will have them with me at the banquet tonight. So if you would, Sister Jurisdictions, if you're in the room, if you would please go ahead, pick up the photos. We would appreciate it.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** At this time I would like to call to the podium Most Worshipful Brother Turner for an announcement of the National Sojourners, Grand Masters Chapter 996.

**M.W. WILLIAM TURNER:** Thank you very much Brother Chairman. Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Sirs, the National Sojourners extends to you congratulations on a wonderful Conference and all of the good works that you have done. I thank you so very much for what you do for our Craft. We would also point out that you have an invitation for the Grand Masters at their respective stations, an invitation to attend the Grand Masters Chapter Number 996 National Sojourners to be held right after the close of this Conference. There is one difference, and that is in your golden multifold it says that it is going to be held in a different location. It is going to be held here in this room. We will take just a few minutes to do a different set up, and then we are going to open Grand Master's Chapter Number 996 in this room. I would also like to extend to every one of you an invitation and oh by the way your ladies, to attend the Chapter Meeting. It is not a closed meeting. So those of you that wish, plan on staying here. In the course of conducting the business we will accept applications for National Sojourners and specifically 996 as well, but see me after the close and I will review your application to ensure that everything is in order before we open the Chapter. In addition to that, I would like to extend the invitation to those Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters who are not a member of 996, but are National Sojourners to join this very August body of National Sojourners, Grand Master's Chapter. Let's see, one last order of business. as we close the chapter, we are also then going to offer to you a new program that we have just established, it's the Lodge of Military Tribute Ceremony, and it will be presented in this room. Everyone, including the ladies are welcome to be here and observe this particular program. So we encourage you all to do what you can to stay and be a part of both of the meeting and observing this particular program. My time is up. I thank you for yours. (Applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, Worshipful Brother Turner. Brethren, at this time it is my pleasure to introduce FBI Special Agent Nick Manacelli who will give us an overview on the FBI's Program on Internet Safety for Children.

**MR. MANACELLI:** Good afternoon, gentlemen. My name is Nick Manacelli with the FBI here in Denver, Colorado. I guess I can answer one of the

questions why would you come to Colorado in February. It is a great place to be in February, it is nice, bright, and sunny out there. Everybody thinks we're snowed in. It is not true, it is just like this all of the time. (laughter.) All right. Little bit about myself. I have been an agent for 15 years. Ten of those years I spent doing kind what we call Vice Crime Offenders, bank robbery, kidnapping cases, fugitives, that kind of thing. About four and a half years ago the FBI decided I would be better suited to doing crimes against children, kidnaping and sexual exploitation of children on the Internet. That is what brings me here as your speaker today. I'm in charge of a task force here in Denver called the Innocent Images Task Force. Anybody heard of Innocent Images by chance? Anybody? Innocent Images is a program that the FBI started in 1996 as the result of a kidnaping case to specifically target predators on the Internet that prey on children. It is the investigative part of the bureau that deals with crimes against children on the Internet. The topic today is the safe on-line surfing program, and hopefully most of you have a brochure in front of you that would be sort of the educational branch with what the Bureau is trying to do. Safe on-line surfing started in the Miami Division, and became very successful. It has now travelled through all 56 offices of the FBI. So it's a nationwide program. Safe on-line surfing tries to educate children in school from third grade to eighth grade about how to safely use the Internet, how to avoid becoming a victim of predators on the Internet. We try to do this through our Citizens Academy. I know some of you have probably been to the Citizen's Academy at your local FBI field offices. To use them sort of as our ambassadors to go out to the schools and kind of pitch of the program. When the request came in to speak to this Conference I think you will find it is a worthwhile program, go back to your communities and help with the schools. The way this works is the schools enroll in the program. There is no cost to the school. There is no cost to the student. There is no cost to anybody. It's administered by the FBI and by Southeastern University. The schools enroll their students and it is grade specific, so each grade has a certain curriculum that they go through on-line. Each month a school -- each month each grade is awarded - the highest performing school is awarded a recognition. So the best third grade program in the nation gets an award each month. The best fourth grade, and so on. Here in Colorado we have very few schools, I don't know if anybody here is from Colorado, but we would certainly be willing to work with you enrolling schools. Right now I think the student population is right around 800,000 students are enrolled in the program. We would like to see that grow in the future. Hopefully you will help us grow the program. You have the brochures. Very simple, the schools go on line, they enroll their school and then the student can enroll. They start out with a pre-quiz to test their basic knowledge of Internet, and then they have what is called a scavenger hunt where they have to go out on the Internet and do things safely. Then they have a post-quiz. Based on those results and those activities, the schools are given awards for either participating or high grade. Again, there is no cost to any of the schools. There is no limit on how many students can enroll or how many students can attend. The annual report I have here from last year showed about 68 percent of the schools that enrolled had good participation from their students. So, if we can get the schools enrolled, the students are willing to participate. Getting the schools enrolled is where all of you gentlemen would come in.

I know I had about 15 minutes to talk. I think this probably was less than five. I am able to answer any questions on the program, or about FBI's Program on Internet in general, if anybody has any questions. Quiet crowd. That's all I have. Happy to answer questions. I'll be in the back of the room for five minutes if anybody wants to ask a question. Thank you. (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you, Special Agent Manacelli. My Brethren, at this time we are going to move to the business of this Conference, which will be rather short. I don't have a lot on the docket, but I do think that we were in line to hear a proposal from Most Worshipful Brother Ponzillo, this is the one we alluded to the other day, so Most Worshipful.

**M.W. STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, II:** My Brothers, you may recall that we had a discussion about increased cost for the Conference. We also presented to you information regarding the desire to elect an Assistant Executive Secretary. If you have a copy of our bylaws before you, you would see that indeed in the bylaws that position is allowed, and the proposal to increase the registration fee would cover the increased cost of the Conference as well as to cover the transportation costs of the Assistant Executive Secretary. So get this issue before you, I move that the registration fee per delegation for the Conference of Grand Masters for 2012 be changed from \$250 to \$350. Second that.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** My Brethren, you have heard the proposal and the motion made to that affect. I have a second. Is there any discussion? (No response.) All if favor will signify by raising their right hand. All opposed the same sign. So ordered.

**M.W. STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, II:** The second proposal, my Brothers, is for you to instruct the 2012 Nomination Committee to present to you a nomination for Assistant Executive Secretary. That could be done anyway, you know it has been in the bylaws for quite awhile but we have never done it. So the thought would be if you instruct the Committee, they have to do their job. So I move that the 2012 Nomination Committee at that Conference, along with its normal work, bring a recommendation to the Conference for a candidate for Assistant Executive Secretary. Second.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** My Brethren, you have heard the motion and the second. Is there any discussion? (No response.) None appearing. All those in favor will signify by raising your right hand. Thank you. All those opposed same sign. So ordered.

**M.W. STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, II:** I hope you enjoyed the Breakout Sessions. We have gotten a lot of requests for the Power Point presentations of the various breakout presenters. Would you like those? To the presenters who are in the room, and to those who are able to track them down, we are going to ask them to provide them to Brother Means so that they can be posted on the Masonic Renewal Site as soon as we have those.

**M.W. GLENN E. MEANS:** Our website and the Masonic Renewal site.

**M.W. STEPHEN J. PONZILLO, II:** Our website and the Masonic Renewal Site. So be on the lookout for that. As soon as we can have the presentations and Glenn gets a chance to go home and recover and get that on. So thank you.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** My Brethren, are there any other reports to be given at this Conference? (No response.) Are there any other reports to be given at this conference? (No response.) Are there any other reports to be given at this Conference? (No response.) I would now like to call on Most Worshipful Brother B. Palmer Mills, the Grand Master of Georgia so that he can tell us what to expect next year when we visit Atlanta.

**M.W. B. PALMER MILLS:** Most Worshipful Brothers all, thank you. Now that the Host Chairman is here, he is supposed to make this presentation. Chair, are you in the room? Well, there is another thing I wanted to talk about. There is another program I would like to mention, and I'm taking up part of George's time. You know first of all, I am going to tell you a story that happened to my sister. She went to visit a lady in the hospital and the lady, she said how are you doing? She said fine. But she said I'm worried about something. She said there's a group of men trying to take over the world. My sister didn't know what was coming. So she said well, who are they? She said they're the Masons. So my sister said to her, thank the Lord, for one time when we're on the right side. (laughter.) When I started the journey here as one of the Grand Masters I thought what can I explain to you that we have in Georgia if we have had two themes. One of them was Georgia Beats Masonry. You know if there is anything we can do is to advertise. Well, I was thinking that just 18 miles from my back door is Warm Springs, Georgia. And a lot of you know that is where Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States, that is where he chose to make his second home. So I set aside a date when we're in Georgia of October the 1st, I would like to invite all of you who are willing to come October 1st, and if you have a lodge, you would like to be in a parade, let us know and we'll work you in. But you know the more I studied Franklin Roosevelt, and the more I became intrigued with him, I know sometimes my Grand Chaplain travels with the me says you know a lot of times Roosevelt was not always well liked. But anyway, he was a remarkable man, and he was, of course, born into wealth. He had a silver spoon in his mouth, and had the best education. In fact, he was taught for the first 14 years of his life, then went to a private school, and then he went on to Harvard and to Columbia College to get a Law degree. Now, as I'm reading about it, it says here FDR was a dedicated Masonic man as shown by his occasional reception of Mason dignitaries at the White House and in his presence in the Lodge were three or four sons were raised was Master Masons. He had personally enlisted and one raised them. Now, I would like to tell you what he had to do with Warm Springs. As you know there are warm waters in Warm Springs, and very healthful. So he had been with a group fly fishing when unfortunately he fell in that very cold water. He seemed to be doing all right, but then couple of days later, he was helping out one of the islands, and then he fell and when he did it took away the power in his legs. In fact, it came on very rapidly. Well, someone told him about Warm Springs, and he went down to the therapeutic waters they were a big help to him. Now, I know that it helps, because unfortunately last October a doctor was going to put in three stints, and he put in the

stint, in my main artery right there next to my naval, all last year I was ill. But, you know, I could swim in that water and be relaxed and wonderful experience. In fact, the water I was swimming in is the same water that Roosevelt swam in, but heat it up and run it through this Olympic sized pool. Actually Mr. Roosevelt came down to warm springs and he bought the whole resort, a house and over 700 hundred acres. Now, his plans were to be a farmer. Unfortunately he was unsuccessful, but now the Warm Springs is one of the most popular places people go. Now, I hope you will keep in mind October the 1st. And if you, of course, if you are from Florida, it is not that long a way up to Warm Springs and so we would be happy to see you there in Georgia. Thank you very much. (applause.)

**D.G.M. JERRY MOSS:** Good afternoon. Most Worshipful Brother Chairman, Grand Masters all, my name is Jerry Moss, I'm the Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Georgia. I know in the brochure they gave us all of five minutes on the time, but as you see Grand Masters, we have brothers can't say hello in five minutes in Georgia, but there is a lot going on in Georgia. (laughter.) There's a Program to honor Roosevelt, the Southeastern Conference, and then on February 19th, 2012, that will be opening ceremony of the Conference of Grand Masters in Georgia. I look forward to seeing all of you down there. You'll find some brochures on the table in front of the Grand Masters. I have got several more of them, I was advised that if we save the rest of them and gave them to the ladies, we would have no problem making sure that they make it home, and would be of good use. I don't want anybody to take that personal now. We will give them out after the banquet tonight. People are working very diligently right now to make your stay in Georgia as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. If you see me walking around this convention this time it is because I'm attending planning meetings, working with the people, the Board for next year met at this Conference. I look forward to having you in Georgia. You won't get tired of Georgia, I guarantee you that. If there are any questions or comments, I will be around this afternoon and we will take care of those. With that I will turn this podium back over so we can finish the business of this Conference. Thank you very much. (applause.)

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Special thank you to the speakers from Georgia. My Brethren, we are quickly reaching the end of this session. It's down to the point where it states "Wrap Up Discussion". They asked me to make some personal remarks, and I will do so at this time. My Brethren, back in Ohio we have 25 District Receptions, and every weekend we take the opportunity to visit one of those districts. So we have many, many Friday night sessions, and many Saturday night receptions. This year I'm talking about brotherhood, and I probably don't have to spend much time talking about brotherhood to this group, but my first experience with brotherhood came when I joined the fraternity in college. I didn't have any idea what brotherhood was, but I quickly learned that brotherhood, at least in part, is the fact that there is strength in numbers. A fraternity of men working together on a college campus can get a lot more done than the people who like to do things on their own, that are not associated with a brotherhood. This is a prime example, possibly the best example of brotherhood right here in this room. Together the past several days, and for the rest of today, we have the opportunity to share



thoughts, programs, ideas, come up with some new things to do, some old ways to change things, and ways to move on in the future. If you don't go back to your Grand Lodge with some new ideas then I think you have missed the boat, but I will be willing to bet there is hardly anyone here that cannot go back with something. To be able to shake hands with so many people, so many leaders, so many people that take Masonry truly to heart. Truly to heart. It's an honor to be here. One of the things we say about Masonry is that we take good men and we give them the opportunity to become better. I don't want to deal with the part that we take good men at this moment, but I want to tell you that you have given me the opportunity to become better. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to be the Chairman of this Conference. It is an honor and privilege that I will never forget. Like I said, the Grand Masters that have the opportunity to sit at these tables are special. It was just a little more special to be up here to look over you, my Brothers, and know that you are the leaders of Masonry in the United States and North America. And it is great to see so many faces out there, and familiar faces. Just look around this room and you are part of this organization. The events of the last several days have not happened with just me being Chairman, we need the support and the people working in the background, the Chairmen, the Committees, and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge them starting with our Vice-Chairman, Most Worshipful Brother John Cook. Thank you for all that you have done to help make this Conference go as well as it did. We have gotten to know each other a little better than we would have otherwise, and it has been my pleasure to work with you. Grand Master Egan and the people of Colorado, it has been great to be in Denver. I jokingly said all along, why do we want to go to Denver in February? I called back to Cleveland, Ohio this morning, and they told me we have six inches of snow on the ground and four inches of ice on top of that on all of the trees. I guess I could say with a little tongue in cheek that I'm glad we're not in Cleveland, Ohio today. But I think after these several days we know why we are in Denver. These people have been most gracious and kind in opening up their city. Allowing us to come visit them and to enjoy their wonderful town. Their favorable weather in February, and the opportunity to break bread together. Most Worshipful Brother Ponzillo is Chairman of next year's Conference. I can tell you he did a yeoman's job as Chairman of your Planning Committee this year. When we met here in June we didn't even hardly know each other at all, when we got together as a Committee. After I called the meeting together, very quickly I turned it over to Steve, and Steve took it and he flew with it. Steve was responsible for the program that you have before you, the yellow program we refer to all of the time. Steve was responsible for all of that happened inside of that. Sure he had some help, but he was the Chairman of that Committee and I thank him as the Chairman I thank your entire Committee for their efforts. We also have our Time and Place Committee who is not with us at this time, but I know you're out there. You may not have to get together many times in the course of the year, but you have an exceptionally important job to do because you pick that location that we are going to move to somewhere down the road. I thank you for your diligence in looking into the offers that we had for 2015, and for your selection of Vancouver. My Brothers, if you don't have your passports, as I said earlier, you have some time to get them, but you are going to need them when you travel to Canada. I would think you would be looking forward to

it, so pass it on to your Brothers that will have that opportunity that they should be looking forward to a trip to Canada and a visit to the city of Vancouver. I'm standing up here working from a white notebook, as you notice. In this white notebook contains almost a script. If I did nothing more than stood up here in front of you and read from this script, you would probably have a wonderful Conference. I want to tell you who prepares this script, and who knows what is going on better than anyone else, and that is your Executive Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother Glenn Means. He is the one that pulls this together, along with his wife. I know the Fletchers have helped him maybe not this year, but in years past. But when something needs to be done, you pick a busy man to do it. You have a busy man in your Executive Secretary, but we have asked him to continue doing this, and I feel comfortable and confident that next year's Conference will be as good or better than this one because you have selected Most Worshipful Brother Glenn Means to remain as your Executive Secretary. I'm going to ask everyone in this room to please help me thank him for his yeoman's effort as being your Executive Secretary. (applause.) (standing ovation.) We would also like to thank our reporter that is with us again in year, Jill Fry, thank you for being here. I know we enjoyed music as we came into the room for our sessions, we thank our musician for sharing his talents. My Brothers, I can't carry a song in a basket, I have trouble tuning my radio because I can't work well with music, but I enjoy the talents of others that have that, and I thank you. I enjoyed the music last night. I enjoyed the music you brought to us throughout this session. Thank you. (applause.) Anyone that does not have a ticket to the Grand Master's Banquet this evening should see our Executive Secretary. The social hour begins this evening at 6:00p.m. The dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. I just found out today that I have to start that. Something new on my list of things to do yet today. I hope you have learned that I like to start things on time. So plan on our banquet this evening starting promptly at 7:00 o'clock. Once again, Grand Master Chapter Number 996 of the National Sojourners will have their meeting in this room immediately after we adjourn. Those who are not members will have the opportunity to become members this afternoon. Are there any other announcements for this Conference of Grand Masters of North America? (No response.) Executive Secretary, do you have anything else that you would like to share with our delegation.

**M.W. GLENN E. MEANS:** Just thank you, and as I have said many times before, I work for the best bosses in the world. You have no idea how much pleasure Mary Jane and I have, and fun, we really enjoy it and I thank you. (applause).

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Any other comments from anyone else before we close this session? (No response.) I would now like to call on Right Worshipful Dick Johnson for a closing prayer.

**R.W. DICK JOHNSON:** Almighty Lord and blessed God, you have blessed us so graciously and for this we are thankful. Tomorrow we leave this place and go to our respective homes and places of abode. We pray that your hand will be upon each and every one. Give each and every one a safe travel, and may we strive to reach out to make the world better for someone. Now for each and every one that is here with us today, may the Lord bless thee, keep thee, may the Lord make his light shine upon thee

and be gracious unto thee. May the Lord lift up the light of his talents upon thee and give thee peace. Amen. So Mote It Be.

**M.W. BRADFORD A. GOEBEL:** Thank you Right Worshipful Brother Johnson. My Brethren, as you leave this room, I would encourage you to take everything that is yours with you. If you would like to take your name tags, everything, all of the lapel pins, literature that you have been left with is yours, please, I encourage you to take it with you. I now declare that this 2011 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America will be officially closed at the conclusion off the banquet this evening. Safe travel and thank you for your patience. We will see you this evening at the banquet.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER  
Fiscal Year April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011

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, 2010   Checking & Savings  
\$99,210.19

INCOME:

Grand Lodge Contributions	22,000.00
Registration Fees	22,750.00
Conference Income (Banquet/Luncheons)	103,569.00
Ladies Tours	3,732.00
Photographs	1,650.00
Miscellaneous	534.00
Interest	<u>2,295.99</u>

Sub Total Income \$156,170.99

TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR: \$254,679.25

EXPENSES:

Office Expense	1,020.40
Postage	531.83
Printing/Copying	359.31
Salary	15,000.00
Telephone/Internet/Website	952.70
2010 Conference Proceedings	4,997.28
2011 Conference Planning Session	8,646.58
Audio Visual	3,068.96
Banquet/Luncheons	112,854.78
Conference/Hotel	11,141.11
Photographs	1,410.00
Ladies Tours	3,732.00
Insurance	400.00
Conference Expenses	<u>1,450.00</u>

Sub Total Expenses \$165,564.95

BANK ACCOUNTS:

Checking	\$17,429.34	
Savings	\$81,078.92	<u>\$89,114.43</u>

TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR: \$254,679.25

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 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.

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.

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.



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."

#### 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.

TABLE NO. I

**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  
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

TABLE NO. 2

**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  
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

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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COMPLETION OF THE 2012 CONFERENCE**

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*Deputy Grand Master, North Dakota*

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## **FUTURE CONFERENCES**

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

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

**February 15-17, 2015  
Hyatt Regency Vancouver  
Vancouver, British Columbia**

**February 21-23, 2016  
Madison Concourse Hotel  
Madison Wisconsin**

**February 19-21, 2017  
To Be Determined  
By the 2011 Conference**



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