

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

*February 14 – 18, 2026  
Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago  
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# AGENDA

## 2026 Conference of Grand Masters in North America

### Friday, February 13, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Masonic Market Place Setup	Grand Foyer ABCDEFGH
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Western Conference of Grand Lodges	Grand D
6:00 pm -10:00 pm	Pre-Conference Tour Chicago Scottish Rite	Bus loading Grand Foyer

### Saturday, February 14, 2026

8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration	Grand Registration
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Masonic Market Place	Grand Foyer ABCDEFGH
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	George Washington National Masonic Memorial	John Wayne A/B
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Midwest Conference	Grand G
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	National Masonic Foundation for Children	L.A.X. A
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	2026 Planning Committee Meeting	D.F.W B
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting	L.A.X. B
5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Welcome to Illinois Kickoff Dinner	Grand DE
	Dress: Business (Dinner Ticket Required)	
	Entertainment: Forget Hanna	

### Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration	Grand Registration
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Masonic Market Place	Grand Foyer ABCDEFGH
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Vesper Service	Grand F
	Rev. & R.:W.: Brother Noah Panlilio - Grand Chaplain, IL	
8:45 am – 12:00 pm	Conference of Grand Masters General Session.	Grand DE
Call to Order & Welcome	M.:W.: Steven Adam Rubin – Grand Master, New York	
Invocation	Rev. & R.:W.: Brother Noah Panlilio - Grand Chaplain, IL	
Presentation of Colors	Great Lakes Naval Station	
National Anthems	Rev. & R.:W.: Brother Noah Panlilio - Grand Chaplain, IL	
Welcome	M.:W.: Joseph B. Ferrell – Grand Master, Illinois	
Keynote Speaker	M.:W.: Akram Elias, Past Grand Master, District of Columbia.	
	'America 250'	
Presentation	R.:W.: Robert Brink, Grand Master, Pennsylvania – Joint program on America 250 between PA & DC. 'Freemasonry and the Great Experiment in Action' – a joint celebration of America's 250 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	
Housekeeping Items	M.:W.: Steven Adam Rubin – Grand Master, New York	
Prince Hall	M.:W.: Dr. Eugene Anderson, Jr. President, Conference of Grand Masters	
Introduction of Past Officers	M.:W.: Steven Adam Rubin – Grand Master, New York	
Planning Committee Report	R.:W.: Robert Hogan – Deputy Grand Master, New York	
Executive Secretary Report	M.:W.: Michael DeWolf – PGM, Wisconsin	
Nominating Committee Report	M.:W.: Joseph B. Ferrell – Grand Master, Illinois	
MRC Presents:	Masonic Fundraising: Creating a Culture of Giving - M.:W.: Matthew T. Szramoski, Grand Master of Virginia & Executive Director G.W.M.N.M.	
Annual Meeting	George Washington National Masonic Memorial	
Announcements	M.:W.: Steven Adam Rubin – Grand Master, New York	
	Call-off for lunch	
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Supreme Council SMJ Board Meeting	D.F.W. B

9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Masonic Service Association	L.A.X. A
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Grand Secretaries Lunch (Ticket Required)	Grand G
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Grand Masters & Ladies Lunch (Ticket Required)	Grand A
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Deputy Grand Masters & Ladies Lunch (Ticket Required)	Grand B
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Grand Wardens & Ladies Lunch (Ticket Required)	Grand C
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Conference of Grand Masters General Session.	Grand DE
Youth Group Presentations	International Order of Rainbow for Girls	

Annamaria Delgado, Grand Worthy Advisor in Arizona  
Miss International Job's Daughter  
Lucinda Bell  
International Master Councilor, DeMolay International  
Thomas Goodwin

**NMFC Annual Meeting**

National Masonic Foundation for Children Annual Meeting  
M.:W.:Ted Praria, PGM, Michigan

**Presentation**

Cyber Security – W.:Todd Thorson, Grand Lodge of Illinois

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Breakout: Bring Your Story to Life: Different Paths to Sharing and Preserving Masonic Collections, Hillary Anderson Stelling, Director of Collections and Exhibitions, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library

John Wayne A/B

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Breakout: MMRI's National Masonic Advisory Committee

McCarran A/B

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Breakout: Masonic Motorcycle Riding Associations

John Wayne A/B

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Masonic Civility Committee Meeting

Palisades A

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Masonic Renewal Committee

Palisades C

**Monday, February 16, 2026**

7:00 am – 8:30 am

National Sojourners Meeting (by invitation)

L.A.X.B

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Registration

Grand Registration

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Masonic Market Place

Grand Foyer ABCDEFGH

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Commission on Information for Recognition

Grand A

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Conference of Grand Secretaries

Grand BC

9:00 am – 10:45 am

Deputy Grand Master – Facilitated Discussion, LL.: James Cole, 33°, PGM -

Sovereign Grand Commander - Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction

John Wayne A/B

9:00 am – 10:45 am

Grand Wardens – Facilitated Discussion, LL.: Walter Wheeler, 33°, PGM -

Sovereign Grand Commander - Supreme Council Northern Masonic

Jurisdiction

McCarran A/B

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Conference of Grand Masters General Session.

Grand DE

Call to Order

M.:W.: Steven Adam Rubin – Grand Master, New York

Presentation

From "I" to "We": Freemasonry's Role in America's Next Civic Upswing, Linda Patch, Senior Director, Marketing and Communications, Scottish Rite, NMJ

Presentation

MRC Presents: From Interest to Involvement: Attracting and Engaging

Masonic Members - M.:W.:Thomas L. Hauder, PGM Grand Lodge of

Nebraska & M.:W.:Terry A. McLean, PGM, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan,

Grand Secretary General AASR Canada

Presentation:

"Timeless Connection" Linda Patch, Director of Marketing &

Communications Scottish Rite NMJ

Presentation:

Massachusetts Media Campaign M.:W.:George Hamilton, PGM,

Massachusetts

10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Ladies Lunch & Art Institute Tour (Ticket)

Bus loading Grand Foyer

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Grand Masters Photographs.

Grand DE

Dress: Suit & Tie, Apron & Collar  
 Call-off for lunch

12:00 pm Men's Lunch Presentation- Philaethias Society (Ticket) Grand GH  
 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm General Session Resumes Grand DE  
 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm. Presentations  
**Recruitment** - R.:W.: Arthur Campbell, Membership Chairman, Grand Lodge of New Jersey  
**Mentoring** – R.W. P.J. Roup, Deputy Grand Master, Pennsylvania  
**Retention** - R.:W.: Mark Loughran, Senior Grand Warden, New York  
 Appendant Bodies  
**Supreme Council SMJ** - Ill.: James D. Cole, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander  
**Scottish Rite NMJ** - Ill.: Walter Wheeler, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander  
**Shriners International** – Ill Sir Brad T. Koehn, Imperial Potentate & Ill Sir Lawrence Leib, Imperial Chief Rabban  
**Grottoes International** – Prophet Marty D. Haley, Deputy Grand Monarch  
**York Rite Chapter** – Lance Welter, Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
**York Rite Council** – Jeff Estes, Most Illustrious Grand Master  
**Grand Commandery** – Sean McBride, Grand Commander  
 Masonic Service Association Annual Meeting  
 M.:W.: Craig Davis, PGM, Executive Secretary

Presentation

MSA Annual Meeting

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Breakout: Masonicare - Grand Lodge of Connecticut John Wayne A/B  
 1:30 pm – 2:20 pm Breakout: Lodge Officer Training - R.W. Haskel Vest, DGM - Grand Lodge of Illinois & R.W. Rick Wending, SGW - Grand Lodge of Florida McCarran A/B  
 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm MSA Wrap-up Meeting D.F.W. A  
 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Breakout: Strategies for the Future of Lodge Real Estate John Wayne A/B  
 W.: Kyle Grahn, Business Manager, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin  
 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Breakout: Strategies for the Future of Lodge Real Estate John Wayne A/B  
 W.: Kyle Grahn, Business Manager, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin  
 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm Conference Cocktails and Dinner. Grand FGH  
 Dress: Business (Ticket Required)  
 Entertainment: B.D. Greer-Voted Best Female Jazz Vocalist in Milwaukee

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

7:00 am – 8:00 am Frank S. Land Breakfast (Ticket Required) Grand GH  
 Sponsored by Shriners International

8:00 am – 2:00 pm Registration Grand Registration  
 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Masonic Market Place Grand Foyer ABCDEFGH  
 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Conference of Grand Secretaries Grand BC  
 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Conference of Grand Masters General Session Grand DE  
 Session reconvenes M.:W.: Steven Adam Rubin – Grand Master, New York  
 Presentation Google Forms Data Review  
 Presentation Marketing: Singer Media Group – Harrison Singer  
 Presentation MRC Presents: Digital Enlightenment: Masonic Education Resources for Today & Tomorrow- R.:W.: Maynard Edwards, JGW Maryland, Assistant Membership Service Director Supreme Council SJ & Dean Alban, Membership Services Director, Supreme Council SJ  
 Presentation Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI) - Dr. Maria Kantaridis, PhD – Executive Director & R.:W.: Paul Huck, President, Board of Directors  
 Call-off for lunch

10:00 am – 11:00 am	Breakout: Masonic Protocol & Etiquette - R.W. Wayne Spooner, Membership Director - Grand Lodge of Illinois.	John Wayne A/B
10:00 am – 11:00 am	"Real Property Rights, Fiduciary Duties, and Your Grand Trustees" W.: Robert Roth – General Council to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin	McCarren A/B
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Breakout: Masonic Scholar Programs/Esoterica R.: W.: Robert Johnson, Grand Lodge of Illinois	McCarren A/B
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Breakout: "Masonic Leadership, A Roadmap To The East" R.: W.: Wayne Spooner Grand Lodge of Illinois	John Wayne A/B
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Men's Lunch (Ticket Required)	Grand F
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	MMRI Ladies Lunch (Ticket Required)	Grand GH
1:10 pm – 4:00 pm.	General Session Resumes Introduction of new Grand Secretary Officers	Grand DE
Presentation	MRC Presents: Strengthening the Chain: Understanding Masonic Throughput and Retention, M.: W.: Timothy Wheeland, PGM, Grand Lodge of Ohio & R.: W.: Arthur Campbell	
Annual Meeting	Masonic Renewal Committee Annual Meeting	
Report	Civility Committee	
Report	Report of the Commission for Information on Recognition	
Time & Place	M.: W.: Ty Treutelaar, PGM Missouri, Chairman	
Presentation	General information regarding the CMI's scope and constructive initiatives. M.: W.: Anibal Rosario, Grand Master of Puerto Rico	
Presentation	World Conference 2026 – South Africa	
Presentation	World Conference 2027 – Cancun	
Presentation	COGMNA 2027- Grand Lodge of Missouri	
Final Comments	M.: W.: Steven Adam Rubin – Grand Master, New York	
5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Conference Cocktails and Farewell Dinner (Ticket Required) Entertainment: Blues Brothers Tribute Band	Grand FGH

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