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TWO IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brethren:

First, on Sunday, April 17, 2016 in St. Louis at the Grand Master's Breakfast I had the privilege and honor to announce and install Right Worshipful Brother Jeffrey S. Pennington of Poplar Bluff, Missouri as our new Grand Secretary. (See attached picture). He was selected from a group of thirty seven applicants through the process set forth in Section 2.010(l) of the By-Laws. The Special Committee consisted of Most Worshipful Brother Elmer Revelle and Right Worshipful Brothers Emmett Bryson and Phil Cole.

Right Worshipful Brother Pennington attained the rank of Command Sergeant Major with twenty eight years of military service, including two combat deployments to Iraq, and has a very strong background in information technology, database management, human resources, logistics, and in team leadership. He has served as Master and Treasurer of Poplar Bluff Lodge #209, was the Region G Round Robin Ritual Winner in 2014, holds his Subdivision III card, and currently is the DDGM for the 41st Masonic District. He will be relocating to Columbia.

Please join me in welcoming Right Worshipful Brother Pennington as our new Grand Secretary and in expressing our very sincere thanks to Right Worshipful Brother Keith Neese who once again graciously stepped in to run the Grand Lodge Office between Grand Secretaries.

Second, I have received the resignation of our Grand Treasurer, Right Worshipful Brother Nick Cichiolo. In his letter he stated: *"It is with deep regret that I submit my resignation as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Lori and I have been talking about moving to Florida where we could be with her family. Her sister, brother and mother now live there. Her mom recently had a heart attack and we want to be closer to them. I have a 90 year old brother who also needs assistance...I will miss all of the brothers, but we had to do what is my families' best interest."* Please join me in sincerely thanking Right Worshipful Brother Nick for his many years of service and in wishing him, Lori, and their family the best.

Anyone interested in the unpaid position of Grand Treasurer should submit his resume and cover letter to the attention of the Grand Secretary no later than May 7, 2016. The selection process will be the same as that used for filling the office of Grand Secretary.


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