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ANNOUNCEMENT—NEW GRAND TREASURER

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Brethren:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Right **Worshipful Brother H. Keith Neese** as our new Grand Treasurer, effective immediately. After announcing Right Worshipful Brother Nick Cichiello's retirement and calling for applications, the special Search Committee (consisting of Most Worshipful Brother Elmer E. Revelle, Right Worshipful Brothers Emmett Bryson and Phil Cole, and the top four Line Officers) reviewed the applications and ultimately recommended Right Worshipful Brother Neese. I accepted that recommendation.

After a successful career in banking, Right Worshipful Brother Neese served the Craft as the Executive Director of the Masonic Home of Missouri for several years before once again "retiring". In 2015, and then again in 2016, he graciously stepped in to serve as Interim and Acting Grand Secretary during the Grand Lodge Office transition. He is married to Beverly Neese, has two married daughters, one granddaughter and five grandsons.

Right Worshipful Brother Neese was raised in Acacia Lodge No. 602 in September 1970 and served as Master in 2000. He has served as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Ways and Means, as Grand Orator, and has served on numerous Grand Lodge Committees over the years, including the Committee that established the Masonic Museum in 2004. He was the recipient of the Truman Medal in 2015. A 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, he served as the Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G. for the Columbia Valley Scottish Rite and oversaw the construction of the Valley's new building in 1995. He also is a member of the York Rite Bodies and other Masonic organizations and is active in his church.

Please join me in thanking Right Worshipful Brother Cichiello for his years of service, those who applied for this unpaid position, and in welcoming Right Worshipful Brother Neese as our new Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally,

Brent Stewart