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"TO AUTHORS:"

The editor would like to remind you that photograph submissions should include 40-50 words telling who, what, when, where and why. Pictures should be high resolution jpg from a camera (at least 300 dpi). Phone pictures are unacceptable unless your camera app is set to high resolution.



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On the cover: MOCHIP received the Community Leadership Award for 2019. See page 22.

A Message from **the Grand Master**

Brethren,

I want to welcome you to this issue of the Freemason. The Masonic year is almost over, and this should be reaching you with only a month or so left before our Grand Lodge session. I hope you are all doing well and that your lodges are prospering. It is heartwarming to see work going on all over the state and new masons becoming part of our great fraternity.

Masonry in the state continues to be active as lodges try to fit a year's worth of work into a few months. Many lodges have a backlog of work to do and Chance to Advance classes have been authorized in several places. Other Masonic bodies like the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, DeMolay, Rainbow, and the Jobs Daughters have been holding events.

I am proud of our fraternity and the hard work and brotherhood almost all have shown. We are moving forward, but it is important to remember that among us there should be no contention, but to show who can best work and best agree. Freemasonry is open to all men from all walks of life regardless of their color, their profession, their wealth, or their faith. We are a brotherhood, and we are charged to act as such.

Expect the Grand Lodge communication to look much as it has in the past; fully open for all to attend. Those who wish to attend will need to register in advance. This will allow us to make changes if circumstances or local ordinances require it. Our plan, however, is to go back to the Grand Lodge you are used to. I look forward to seeing you at Annual Communication.

As the Masonic year winds down, I want to remind you that we will continue to celebrate our Bicentennial into the next Masonic year. More events will be scheduled, and you will have the opportunity



to attend an event in your area.

Thank you all for the support I have received from Brothers all over the state this year. I wish all of you continued success and further light in Freemasonry.

Barry V. Cundiff
Grand Master 2020-2021



The 1844 Grand Lodge Communication

(Taken from the Masonic Constellation May 1895 by John Vincil)

By MWB John Hess
Grand Historian

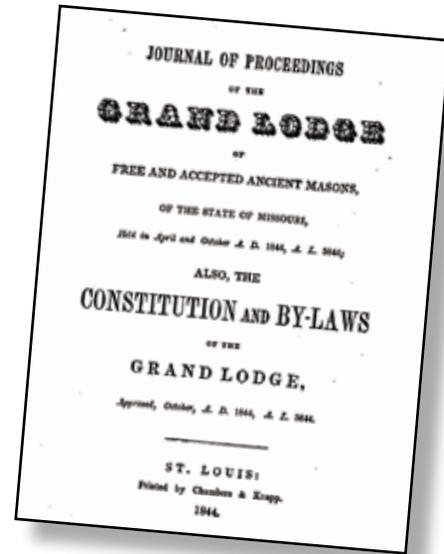
April 1, 1844, the Grand Lodge met in session in St. Louis with seven Lodges in attendance. A committee of seven was appointed to examine the "Trestle Board" to report on the Baltimore Convention complied by Brother Moore of New York and Brother Carnegy of Missouri. It appears that there was a majority report and a minority report, and the minority report was adopted. What it was no living man can tell.

At this session, a Dispensation was granted to form a Lodge in Savannah, Missouri and the session also provided for the employment of a President and a Professor for the new Masonic College.

At the October 14, 1844, Grand Lodge session, Coleman Lodge 40 in St. Louis was allowed to change its name to Mt. Moriah. Savannah Lodge 71 was granted a charter.

Communication had been received from the Grand Lodge of Iowa evidencing its organization, according to Masonic customs, (being composed of the requisite number of chartered Lodges), the following resolution was adopted. "That the Grand Lodge of Missouri cheerfully acknowledges and recognizes the Grand Lodge of Iowa as being legally organized, an independent Grand Lodge".

The irrepressible and determined Brother Carnegy showed a disposition to make the Masonic Fraternity of Missouri the great educational agency of the times. This is shown in his addition to his zeal on behalf of the Masonic College, by the adoption of a proposition presented by him to take charge and control of a Female Academy, the gratuitous use of which was tendered to the Grand Lodge. The resolution undertaking this additional work by providing education to the females of the times and is "the duty of the Grand Lodge by every means at its disposal



to provide the necessary facilities for the education of female students. What resulted from this new addition to the educational work of the Fraternity has not yet been ascertained in the history of those days. A Board of Curators for the college was elected during this session. Among the names honored with the trust and responsibility were such men as Thomas L. Anderson, John Ralls, S.W.B. Carnegy, Samuel T. Glover, James S. Greene and others. The majority of these brethren attained eminence and distinction in public life as statesmen, lawyers and leading citizens.

A resolution was adopted, emanating from PGM Carnegy, that each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction be granted the privilege of sending one student to the Missouri College "free of tuition." The impression was that the sons of indigent Masons and of deceased brethren, or Masonic orphans were to have the full benefit of the institution.

J. Worthington Smith, late of Virginia, the first President of the Masonic College, submitted a report of the work done and the condition of the institution during his occupancy of the chair. The report showed a total matriculation of 44, out of that number only four were beneficiaries. >>

» The report of the President was duly referred and subsequently reported upon and elicited high commendations. The Grand Lodge was congratulated upon their success in having secured the services of such representative educators as were then in charge of the College.

At this session of the Grand Lodge, Bro. J.W.S. Mitchell was elected Grand Master, Bro. Richard B. Dallam, Grand Secretary.

The law having been changed to that effect, the office of Deputy Grand Master was made elective, and Bro. Fredrick L. Billon was chosen for the term. Grand Master Mitchell appointed Bro. S.W.B. Carnegy "Grand Lecturer and General Agent for the College." Seven Grand Chaplains were duly commissioned by appointment to do the praying for the Grand Lodge.

For the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge, Grand Orators were appointed. This body thus provided itself with these valuable appendages, two in number, consisting of Bros. Carty Wells and James L. Minor.

A motion was made to appoint a Grand Chaplin for the College. The Grand Lodge seemed to think that it was providing too many good things for that institution, and, therefore rejected the motion. The Grand Lodge resolved to hold a "Special Communication" on June 24, 1845 (St. John's Day) at the Masonic College, for the purpose of dedicating the same.

In accordance with the purpose of the Grand Communication, in assembling at the time and place indicated, the Grand Lodge entered upon the dedication of the "Masonic College." The Grand Procession was formed and proceeded to the College Hall, where the ceremonies of dedication took place, and addresses were delivered by Bro. J.W. Smith, President of the College and Rev. Bro. Walker, after which the procession was reformed and proceeded to the Refectory of the College, where an excellent dinner had been provided.

At this session, the announcement was made by Bro.

Fred L. Billon of the death of Bro. Andrew Jackson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and a former President of the United States. On motion, a committee of three was appointed to prepare a paper expressing the sense of the Grand Lodge.

A resolution was presented and adopted that the business of the College and the female department take precedence over all other matters at this time. A report being called for, one was rendered on the financial affairs connected with the College. It was found, when all claims preferred against the institution were made, the balance on hand would be insignificant. Bro. Carnegy, the irrepressible friend of education, pressed upon the body a series of resolutions about organizing a female department at the College. The records show that a motion was made to reject the resolutions offered by Bro. Carnegy, and a discussion followed, which continued throughout the day, and was laid on the table for the purpose of calling off.

The day following, Bro. Mitchell offered a substitute for the Carnegy resolution, which, being amended was finally adopted by a call of the Lodges. The gist of the paper was that the Board of Curators be authorized to establish a school on the College premises for the education of females.

The Grand Lodge "adjourned, according to a previous resolution to meet in St. Louis on the 28th to participate in the public ceremonies of the day, in honor of "Old Hickory." Accordingly, on the 28th of June, the Grand Lodge convened in St. Louis at 10 o'clock in the morning with J.W.S Mitchell, Grand Master, in the chair, with other Grand Officers and brethren. The record says. "The Grand Lodge formed in procession under the direction of the Grand Marshal and proceeded to the place designated to unite with the various association of military companies, and citizens "of the place" in commemoration of the deceased Grand Master and former President Andrew Jackson." After participating in the ceremonies of the occasion, "the Grand Lodge returned to its Hall and closed in due and ample form."

Why Millennials and Gen Z Should Join Freemasonry

By: Brother Garron Daniels
 Brotherhood Lodge 269

When I was eighteen years old, I did something that no other eighteen-year-old I knew did, I joined Freemasonry. For years, I was always asked by my friends, colleagues, and even other Masons why I joined. Five years later, at the age of twenty-three, I think I finally have an answer that both encompasses why I joined and what we as a Fraternity need to do to have younger generations join.

The answer to the above question does not have one answer, but many. For me, what attracted me to Freemasonry was charity and brotherhood. I wanted, even at a young age, to join an organization in which I could both do work for my community and create bonds with people that would last a lifetime. Freemasonry offered that and I took the opportunity

to investigate and eventually join. I also knew the long history of Masonry and how so many before had joined this ancient organization of brethren. I knew I had to be part of it. I knew I had to learn history and skills that a classroom could not offer me, and Freemasonry satisfied that desire.

One of the largest benefits that Masonry has is the skills and knowledge it can offer. Now, I will admit, not everyone my age is interested in learning more than they already must. But when we as a fraternity offer, mention, and explain that we have skills that can make a person a better man, who wouldn't be interested? Who wouldn't be interested in being told that they could learn skills that could teach them to think highly of themselves, handle conflict better, and generally learn how to treat one another in peace and love? Who would not want to gain a deeper knowledge of their Creator? More people than »

			
BABY BOOMERS	GEN X	GEN Y MILLENNIALS	GEN Z (IGEN)
BORN BETWEEN 1944 - 1964	BORN BETWEEN 1965 - 1979	BORN BETWEEN 1980 - 1994	BORN AFTER 1995
AGE NOW 55 - 75	AGE NOW 40 - 54	AGE NOW 25 - 39	AGE NOW <24
TYPICAL TRAITS	TYPICAL TRAITS	TYPICAL TRAITS	TYPICAL TRAITS
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» we think ARE interested in this. It just takes reaching out and telling people this. We must be willing to challenge the people around us. Don't just assume people don't want to know new skills, history, etc. Assuming is the worst thing we can do. Instead, we must explain why these skills are important and how they cannot get them anywhere else but Masonry. We must unlock the desire to know more, and the intrigue people feel. Only then will we potentially see people interested in our Fraternity.

Knowledge and skills are not the only enticing part of Masonry. As I have previously mentioned, Brotherhood was a big deal of why I wanted to join. I, like most people, desire to be part of a community; a place where I can fit in and be myself with other people. I wanted a place where I did not have to argue about politics or religion. I wanted a place where I can relax from the stresses of everyday life and come together with people who would care about me and who would just talk to me. I found this all in the fraternity. I know deep down that I'm not the only one who wants this. So often, our daily lives are plagued with bickering and fighting, especially when it comes to politics. People my age generally get tired of it and want a chance to NOT talk about it for once. What better way than the fraternity? A place where we do not allow it and we can talk about pretty much anything else. With that being said, for us to genuinely get younger people involved, we absolutely need to keep this policy in check. Time and time again I have heard Masons get political or argue things in the Lodge or Dining Hall that they should not be arguing about. If we really and truly want a safe haven that offers brotherly love and peace, we must help both create and sustain this type of environment. And when we get out of check and talk about things that



we should not, then we need to hold each other accountable; but of course, with as much grace and kindness we can afford to another Brother. Lastly, the thing most attractive to me and hopefully others is the work that we do. Whether

that be in our community or with a charity. People, including myself, do not want to be part of an organization that meets every so often, eats, reads meeting minutes, and then goes home. People want to do things. They want to have a purpose and be active. We need to encourage our officers, members, and candidates to be active. Being active not only keeps people coming back and wanting to do work, but it also makes us present in our communities and puts a face to the name of the Fraternity. Young people do not want to just sit around and do nothing (regardless of if you believe our generation or the other is lazy). We want to be active and take part in our communities to better them, because we too live in said communities! We want to be part of change and be part of helping those in need, which is exactly what Freemasonry should be doing. We want to be part of something bigger than just ourselves, and that is what the Lodge is all about!

So, the next time you talk to your son, grandson, nephew, neighbor, etc... do not write them off because they are young. They are more interested in an organization like Freemasonry than you know. I am not some outlier or someone wishing for the old days of brotherhood and community. I am someone who saw the beauty and opportunity that was in Masonry and I know I am not the only one who sees it too. We just must light up this dark world, roll up our sleeves, and start greeting the younger generations in Brotherly Love.



The Master's Closing Charge

By RWB Curt Fulbright
Crestwood-Anchor Lodge 447

All of us hear the following Worshipful Master's Closing Charge at the end of every meeting. It tends to become part of the "blur" of ritual while waiting for the final gavel to drop. Let us take a closer look at the charge and investigate just what is being said.

Brethren: You are now to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employments, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended in this Lodge. Be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet. Remember that around this altar you have promised to befriend and relieve every worthy Brother who shall need your assistance. Remember that you have promised to remind him, in the most tender manner, of his failings and aid his reformation. These generous principles are to extend further. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all. Recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful. Finally, Brethren, be ye all of one mind. Live in peace; and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with you and bless you.

Many brethren believe the closing charge is one of, if not **the**, most important portion of our ritualistic work. It reminds us how to conduct ourselves in and out of the lodge. It also contains more Masonic principles and ideals than any other portion of our ritualistic work of any similar length. Through research and discussions with other brothers, I propose an interpretation of the meaning and relevance of each portion of the charge. Though parts of the following refer to specific portions of our ritual, all portions of this charge are taught in various places within our ritual.

Brethren, you are now to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue to mix again with the world.; The lodge is considered a place that is safe from all the contentions and pressures of the outside



world that are brought on by things like politics, religion, money, job pressures, property, status, and power. All this should be put behind us when we enter the lodge. In Lodge we are all to walk upon the level and treat each other by the square. Inside the lodge there should be no cliques, egos, selfishness, and domination of each other in any manner. When you exit the Lodge you are leaving that security and the outside world may be much different.

Amidst its concerns and employments, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended in this Lodge.; The EA lecture tells us to "be Prudent not only while in the Lodge, but also when abroad in the world." This is a tough one. Once we are back in the world, among men who do not know or apply the tools of Freemasonry that make good men better, how do we overcome the temptations to conform to the world while still remaining good examples of the upright men we are supposed to be? A conscious effort must be made to take the beliefs and teachings with you when you exit the Lodge. In other words, you must work at it.

Be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet.; To be **diligent** is to remain constant in your efforts and shows commitment to your beliefs. A commitment to consistency is a common characteristic of men who succeed in all they set their minds to. These »

» men are usually men of substance and great resolve. In the Entered Apprentice lecture, we learn to be **prudent** is to be careful, wise, and to use good judgment and reason in all decisions. Think before you act and remember that in public you not only represent yourself, but also that the Masonic Fraternity is judged by your actions. For example, it can reflect badly on the Fraternity when you give that rude driver the “single finger salute” when he can see the Fraternity’s emblem on your vehicle! To be **temperate** is to use moderation or “due restraint”, per the EA lecture, to set a good Masonic example. Take careful to be moderate in your indulgences, passions, and appetites. Be particularly aware that the general public can view an overindulgence, especially with alcohol or improper behavior, as indicative of the conduct of the entire Fraternity. It may also result in a bad reputation within the Fraternity for yourself. To be **discreet** is to be ever mindful. Strive to remain judicious in one’s speech and conduct. Per the FC Charge, when you “*judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice*”, you are essentially being discreet in how you help your Brother to learn from, and get past, his indiscretion(s). In the MM degree we are taught to respect a Brother’s privacy and keep his secrets safely guarded within the points of the compasses and to “*let his ear be the first into which we whisper words of admonition and reproof*”.

Remember that around this altar you have promised to befriend and relieve every worthy brother who shall need your assistance.; We have to remember we are not only obligated to help the brothers we are close to, but that ALL brothers are equally worthy of our assistance. This re-enforces that we should not form cliques or special groups of friends, we should all be “on the level”. The obligations, lectures, charges, and even some of the working tool presentations refer to helping our brothers. Remember, it doesn’t say they **may** need your help...it says they **shall** need your help.

Remember to remind him in the most tender manner of his failings and aid his reformation.; We have taken an obligation to “go any reasonable distance” for a worthy brother. This may mean “*going the extra mile*” if need be. When a transgression has

occurred, speak kindly when reminding a brother of his obligation and duty. Be diplomatic...and do so privately. We also must remember this goes both ways! Be receptive to a brother’s friendly reminder.... we all make mistakes or occasionally lose our way. These actions should not cause any contention between Brothers or within the Lodge, for after all, aren’t we those who “can best work and best agree”?

These generous principles are to extend further, every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all.; Our duties extend further than the walls of the lodge and our membership rolls. There are times that you may have to look for opportunities to help those in need. It may be feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, or maybe just offering some encouraging words to someone in the midst of a personal difficulty...to simply lift their spirits. “*Do good unto all.*” is found in Galatians 6:10.

Recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful; It is well accepted that Freemasonry as we know it was generally a Christian organization at its inception (at least in the United States). This likely directed our brethren to concentrate their assistance to those of a similar religious faith. We have since evolved and have expanded our thinking in this aspect. We were not established as a philanthropic organization, so this could simply mean “charity begins at home”, with the emphasis simply being to assist our membership first and foremost.

Finally, Brethren, be ye all of one mind. Live in peace; and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you; Have compassion with each other. Be “ever ready to support a falling brother”, and again...be one of those who “can best work and best agree”. We do this in the hope that if we live our lives properly, as directed by our ritualistic teachings, that when we lay down our working tools for the last time, we will be blessed.... we will have earned our way to “*that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens*”.

I leave you with this: “***May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Freemasons. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us, Amen.***»

Missouri House of Representatives



Resolution

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives proudly pause to recognize Grand Lodge of Missouri A.F. and A.M. in St. Joseph, Missouri, which is commemorating the state of Missouri's bicentennial and the bicentennial of the Grand Lodge of Missouri with the placement of a one hundred-year time capsule at the southeast side of St. Joseph Civic Center Park in front of City Hall on September 11, 2021; and

Whereas, the memorable event will include a barbecue cook-off, car show, and a memorial ceremony marking the Twentieth Anniversary of the September 11th, 2001 tragedy; and

Whereas, the memorial ceremony will begin and end with prayer and a benediction by the Reverend John Welch, 32nd degree, and will include an observance led by a Commander of the Army and followed by the playing of Taps and the ringing of a bell; and

Whereas, the St. Joseph ROTC Color Guard, all branches of the military, and local law enforcement will walk in the procession, which will be led by The Highlander Bag Pipes with drums; and

Whereas, the ceremony will close with the Grand Lodge of Missouri placing a vault stone to mark the time capsule's location; and

Whereas, this special event is sponsored by the St. Joseph Scottish Rite at their annual RiteCare, Valley of St. Joseph Foundation fundraiser, partnered with the United Cerebral Palsy of N.W. Missouri located in St. Joseph:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, One Hundred First General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the dedicated leaders and members of Grand Lodge of Missouri A.F. and A.M. upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Grand Lodge of Missouri A.F. and A.M. in St. Joseph.

Offered by

Representative Bill Falkner
District No. 10



I, Rob Vescovo, Speaker of the House of Representatives, One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2430, adopted June 30, 2021.

Rob Vescovo, Speaker

"Salus Populi Suprema Lex Esto"



2021 Scholarship Presentations

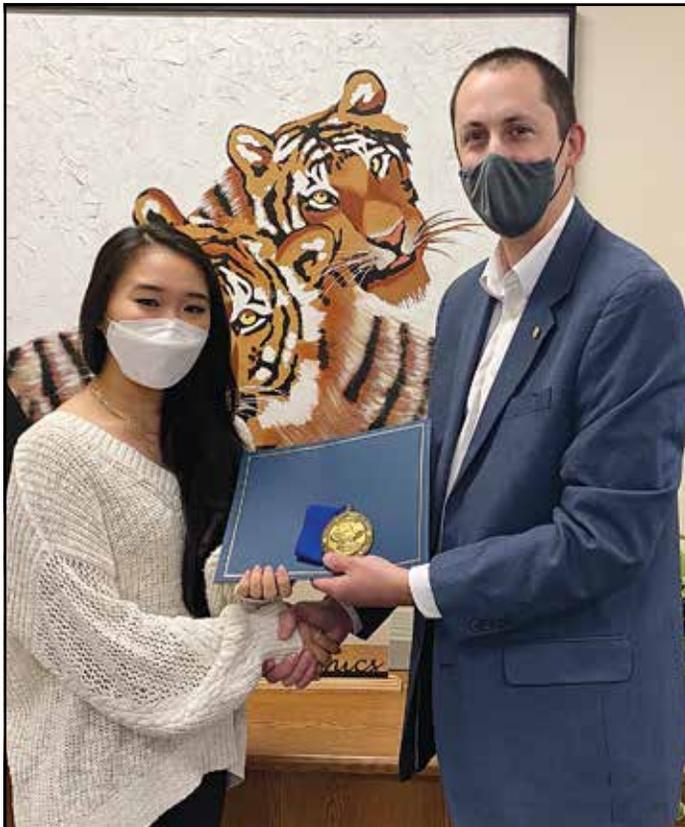
By RWB Charlie Wiegert
Junior Grand Warden

The scholarship committee was able to present 12 of the 14 scholarships awarded for 2020 this year. Two high schools had private awards ceremonies that only students were able to attend.

RWB Emmett Bryson was able to organize the presentation of four of the scholarships to students from the St. Joseph area at the downtown Masonic Temple in St. Joseph where St. Joseph Lodge 78 and Charity-Zeredatha Lodge 189 meet. RWB Chris Nickle with the assistance of RWB Greg Walker made a presentation at Solomon Lodge 271 in Springfield,

RWB Josh Thompson made a presentation at Oak Grove High School, RWB Kevin Fuller made a presentation at the recipient’s home, and RWB Charlie Wiegert made presentations at New Haven High School, Algabil-Freedom Lodge 636, Bonhomme Lodge 45, St. Charles Lodge 241, and Wentzville Lodge 46.

“It was really nice to make the presentations at the local lodges” said Wiegert, “it gave the recipients a sense of the organizations that were making their scholarship possible. And it was really nice to have so many members present at the presentations, making the recipients and their family and friends feel really welcome.” >>



Cara Cha receives GLMO scholarship from RWB Kevin Fuller



Emma McIntyre receives GLMO scholarship from RWB Charlie Wiegert



2021 Scholarship Presentations



Angela O'Brian receives GLMO scholarship at Algabil-Freedom 636



Emma Morrow receives GLMO scholarship at Bonhomme 45



Michael Mischkot receives GLMO scholarship at Wentzville 46



Nicholas Rawlings receives GLMO scholarship at St. Charles 241



Samuel Stegner receives GLMO scholarship at Solomon 271



Sarah Burke, Callie Punzo, Megan Trent, and Grace Tang receive GLMO scholarships with Masons from 6 Lodges at the downtown Masonic Temple in St. Joseph, MO



MASONIC HOME *of Missouri*



Creating-A-Partnership is about to be BIGGER!

COVID-19 has changed the landscape of our communities in so many ways, but together, Lodges and Chapters along with the Masonic Home of Missouri can make a difference. With the aim of helping communities recover from the financial impact of COVID-19, the Masonic Home of Missouri Board of Directors made some big changes to its Creating-A-Partnership program so Lodges and Chapters can make bigger impacts in their communities this year.

“These changes create an incredible advantage,” Masonic Home of Missouri Board President Ty Treutelaar said. “They allow Lodges and Chapters to leverage more money to be active in their community, and they allow the Masonic Home to support the Lodges and Chapters at a time when help in our communities is so needed.”

Starting July 1, 2021, the Masonic Home of Missouri is doubling its match for the Creating-A-Partnership program. That means that for every \$1 your lodge raises, you can put \$3 back into kids in your community.

Additionally, the Masonic Home is increasing the maximum it will match from \$10,000 per Lodge or Chapter to \$15,000 per Lodge or Chapter this next fiscal year. That means every Lodge and every Chapter has the opportunity to donate \$45,000 to the needs of children in their community.

The changes are in effect until June 30, 2022. The process of requesting CAP funds remains the same.

RWB Treutelaar said he hopes the additional funds will both help communities at a time that needs are high while encouraging Lodges and Chapters that have not participated in CAP before to use the program.



“We hope this allows Lodges and Chapters to move forward with some projects they have been thinking about,” RWB Treutelaar said. “It’s really a chance for Lodges, Chapters, their communities, and the Masonic Home to come together.”

Lodges or Chapters that have not previously participated in CAP but would like to take advantage of the additional funding for a program in their community should contact Partnership Programs Coordinator Tisha Woodard at twoodard@mohome.org or 800-434-9804.

The Creating-A-Partnership (CAP) Program provides matching funds for Lodges and Chapters to help children in need within their communities.

For project ideas, see the following pages or contact your school or other organization that works with children in your area to inquire about the unmet needs of kids in your community.

In Fiscal Year 2020, the Masonic Home and participating Lodges and Chapters provided \$291,924 in assistance to help over 14,800 children statewide.

Have questions about the program changes? Contact Partnership Programs Coordinator Tisha Woodward at twoodard@mohome.org or 573-804-4663.

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Chapters, their communities, and the
Masonic Home to come together.”*

—Masonic Home of Missouri Board President Ty Treutelaar

Creating-A-Partnership Project Ideas

Want to use our expanded Creating-A-Partnership program this year but don't know where to start? Check out these popular CAP projects!

Pay off school lunch balances

Past due school lunch balances are a major problem in some school districts. Depending on district policies, kids with past due balances may be shamed with designated food, or, even worse, not given food at all. Contact your district to ask about donating to pay off these balances.

Build a Playground

We all know playgrounds are fun, but did you know they have a host of other benefits for the kids in your community? Playgrounds provide a free activity for families while offering kids extra physical activity, a chance to learn social skills, and mood-boosting outdoor time.



Keep Kids Warm

Every year temperatures in Missouri dip well below freezing in the winter months, and every year there are thousands of families who cannot afford winter coats, hats, scarves, or gloves for their children. Keep these kids warm by working with your local school or other children's charity in the area.

Feed Kids While Away From School

For too many children, the only meals they can count on are those they get at school. Friday Backpack programs are stepping in to fill these needs, stuffing kids backpacks full of easy-to-prepare foods to take home for the weekends. But, these programs are largely run on volunteer time and monetary donations. Contact your local school to find out who runs the backpack program in your area.

Help Kids Succeed in School

Academic success can be the key to a bright future, but it's hard to succeed in the classroom when you are unable to afford basic school supplies. Contact your local school to arrange donation of school supplies for youth in need.

Provide for Other Needs of Low-Income Children

Kids growing up in low-income homes often go without many basic needs unless someone steps in to help. Clothing, shoes, hygiene items, and eyeglasses are all needs that your Lodge or Chapter could help meet.



Congratulations!

The Lodges and Chapters below have reached new milestones in their participation in the Creating-A-Partnership program in Fiscal Year 2020, and several more Lodges and Chapters reached milestones in Fiscal Year 2021. We are thankful for their dedication to the program and the children of their communities!

We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments at the Masonic Home Representatives Luncheon at Annual Communication.

Five Years

Clinton Lodge #548
Daisy Chapter #86
Farmington Lodge #132
Fellowship Lodge #345
Gower Lodge #397
Grand River Lodge #276
Mt. Hope Chapter #74
University Lodge #683
Wayne Lodge #526

Ten Years

Decatur Lodge #400
Elvins-Ionic Lodge #154
Greenville Lodge #107
Mtn. View Lodge #637
Strafford Lodge #608
Willard Lodge #620

Fifteen Years

Lathrop Lodge #506
O'Sullivan Lodge #7

Memorial Giving

Honoring your Masonic Brothers and Sisters through Charity

The bonds formed within Masonry are strong, and when you lose a Brother or Sister, it can be difficult to determine how to best honor that person. Memorial giving to the Masonic Home is a wonderful tribute to the Brothers and Sisters who have touched your life.

This honors their legacy and allows the charity to continue work to benefit Freemasonry.

Memorial donations can be made from both Lodges and Chapters, as well as directly from families or individuals.

Some Lodges and Chapters give a set amount each time a member passes. This is a great way to let the family know that you care, while also giving them time and space to grieve.

If your Lodge or Chapter decides to make a memorial gift, please include the next-of-kin information if it is available. Special envelopes are available to make this process easier. When we have this information, we send a personalized thank you note to the family letting them know of your thoughtful generosity.

The process of giving a memorial gift is simple. Gifts can be made online at mohome.org/donate or by mailing a check along with a note indicating who the

memorial gift is honoring, who is making the gift, and the name and address of the next-of-kin. Checks can be mailed to the Masonic Home of Missouri at 6033 Masonic Drive, Suite A, Columbia, MO 65202.

Looking for a way to honor someone in a more permanent way? Consider purchasing a stone in the Masonic Home's Square and Compass Courtyard located at the Masonic Complex in Columbia. Here, your personalized, engraved granite stone will be placed in our lovely courtyard surrounded by beautiful landscaping and a soothing koi pond and visible to all who visit. Check out our website at mohome.org to see examples of these beautiful engravings.

Contact Annual Giving Officer Julie Kirchhoff for additional information about memorial giving or to purchase a paver stone at jkirchhoff@mohome.org or 800-434-9804.

Want to ensure that your own legacy is remembered? Consider the Masonic Home when preparing your estate plan or for a major gift during your lifetime. Contact Major Gifts Officer Jackie Walters at jwalters@mohome.org or 800-434-9804.

Lodge and Chapter Sponsorships are still available!

These sponsorships are a great way for your
Lodge or Chapter to support the home if you
are unable to assemble a team to play!



Masonic Home of Missouri Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Aug. 9
2021  Columbia
Country Club
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For more information contact

Julie Kirchhoff at jkorchhoff@mohome.org or 573-814-4663
or visit mohome.org/support/special-events/golf-tournament



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Missouri Masonic Children's Foundation

Missouri Child Identification and Protection Program

By RWB Mitchell S. Penn
Missouri State Coordinator

On May 15, 2021, we held a MOCHIP event at the National Museum of Transportation in St. Louis. Team 2 was on hand to assist local families in getting their ID packets, as were several of our Grand Officers.

You see, this event was multi-faceted in that we were finally able to receive the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award for 2019. We also were witness to an amazing demonstration of the search and rescue canine team, and how they utilize our dental wafer to find a missing or lost person. It was truly a sight to see.

Missouri Freemasonry was well represented at this event, but this award was for the St. Louis District of the FBI. It is through the hard work, dedication, and sense of civic duty of several of our team, both past and present, that we were being recognized. I wish that Nick and Lori Cichiello could have been there for the presentation, as our program would not be what it is today without their years of tireless dedication. Another member of our team from St. Louis, former Regional Coordinator Craig Skinner was there, working as usual. He has been with our program from its inception and has been an invaluable part of keeping it all going. Thank you to our St. Louis area team members, for all that you have done to make our MOCHIP program successful.

It is not my intention to take anything away from the rest of our volunteers across the state, as we are all working to improve our communities. Our entire membership should be proud of this award because it takes all of us to make our program a success.

It seems that things are getting closer to business as



usual, and the event requests are coming in again. Please keep in mind when requesting an event that MOCHIP works much better when it is part of a larger community event. Get in touch with your local schools, churches, and other civic organizations to see what is coming up on their calendars and see about taking part. The great thing about these events is that local families will be there, as well as other civic minded individuals. It also increases our visibility in our communities, and lets these local families know who we are and what we do.

It is also helpful to team up with other lodges. You might put together a district event, and in doing so, you cut the number of volunteers needed from each lodge. This approach is especially helpful for our smaller lodges. If 4-5 guys from 4-5 lodges team up, the manpower burden is reduced exponentially.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, or the regional coordinator in your area when you begin planning your MOCHIP event. We can assist you in several ways, from answering questions, sharing contacts, or maybe just sharing our experiences to help get you started.



Missouri's Legacy of Leadership Continues

DGM Ty Treutelaar Elected Chairman of the 2022 CGMNA

By Richard L. Smith, PGM

The Grand Lodge of Missouri has a history of leadership at the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America (CGMNA). Missouri's leadership continues with RWB Ty G. Treutelaar, who was elected Chairman of the 2022 CGMNA Conference.

In 1914, the CGMNA conference was held in St. Louis, Missouri. This conference included the vote taken and passed to construct the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. It was also determined the CGMNA Conference would become set as an annually scheduled meeting, rather than the sporadic meeting that had been occurring since 1780.

Moving forward to the more recent past, the influence of the Grand Lodge of Missouri is seen with Grand Masters from Missouri serving on committees, such as MWB Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr. and MWB Jimmie D. Lee, serving on the Planning Committee. MWB Glenn Means served as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee and then Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the CGMNA for 17 years. MWB David L. Ramsey co-hosted the 2013 Kansas City CGMNA Conference. MWB David W. Haywood also served on the Planning Committee and as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of CGMNA. MWB C. Brent Stewart served as Chairman of the 2016 CGMNA. I had the privilege of watching MWB Stewart do an outstanding job as Chairman at that conference setting a high bar for all those who followed.

I have traveled the state with RWB Treutelaar for years and consider him to be one of the most dedicated Masons I know. I have watched him walk into a room in both rural areas and urban areas of our state with his name called out in greeting the minute he enters the room. It is not uncommon for those traveling with him to wonder if they are perhaps invisible at times. However, Ty is not just charismatic, he has an

ability to make friends, solve problems the rest of us did not realize existed, and lift up his fellow talented Masonic Brethren.

This talent is not limited to the Missouri stage. I will never forget the conference we attended when Ty was running late to a luncheon. Those of us from Missouri were already gathered at our very full table. Ty did not miss a beat, but rather asked to sit with a table with an empty seat a few tables over from us. By the end of that meal, Ty had forged friendships with his Brother Masons from Oregon.

Missouri has a very close historical connection to Oregon, having chartered them years ago. With time and distance, our close relationship between the Grand Lodges faded. During the course of one meal, Ty changed all of this; close friendships were rekindled, and both Grand Lodges have since sent officers to attend each other's Annual Communications.

Like so many organizations in February 2021, CGMNA was not able to hold its conference in person. However, it did not break its longstanding tradition, managing to hold its annual meeting remotely. When it came time for the nomination for Chairman of the 2022 Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, RWB Ty G. Treutelaar from Missouri was unanimously elected to lead the conference.

As we all know, the Grand Lodge of Missouri is celebrating its Bicentennial. Part of that celebration is a reflection on its strong proud history of leadership. Another part of that celebration is looking forward to the next 200 years. It seems only fitting that the Grand Lodge of Missouri celebrates its leadership and achievements on a national stage, bridging the past and leading into the future as RWB Treutelaar takes on this honor and responsibility as Chairman of the 2022 CGMNA Conference.



Missouri Lodge of Research Update

Dr. Douglas Reece, WM 2020-2021
Missouri Lodge of Research

As we begin to come back to some sense of normality in our lodges, your Lodge of Research officers continue to work diligently on making sure the Lodge runs as smoothly as possible.

The Spring Truman Lecture series was cancelled for a couple of reasons. The first is we did not want to interfere or have a conflict with the Grand Lodge Lecture Series for our Grand Lodge Anniversary and the second is that by the time enough restrictions were lifted, it was impractical to schedule our speaker and hold the lecture. We are however, still planning the Fall lecture to be held at Grand Lodge. The lecture is still being finalized and as soon as those plans are in place, we will let the brethren know.

The scheduling of our annual meeting and fall lecture for 2021 is still dependent upon the Grand Master's decisions for the upcoming Annual Communication. Your officers of the Missouri Lodge of Research express their deepest gratitude for those who attended past lectures and have sent in recommendations for future speakers.

Since the video platform for the Truman Lecture Series has proven to be a great success, and since we have been fortunate enough to have approximately the same number of visitors, brethren, and other organizations attend these lectures as we would have holding an in-person lecture, the committee is

considering very seriously keeping that format for some of the future events and lectures.

The Masonic Home has closed the Library and the Museum for the time being because of remodeling and I am confident RWB Ty Treutelaar will be able to address the progress that is being made in the future. The library will still be active despite the rumors that may be floating around. I do know that the Masonic Home has hired the appropriate number of personnel to verify the cataloging of all the volumes and continues to log in new books.

2021 is still proving to be a year of growth for your Lodge of Research. The LOR Senior Warden, RWB Dale Roller, has been instrumental in leading this project, along with other officers. Visiting lodges and making presentations on the Lodge of Research has proven to be a program which has been much needed. RWB Roller has had some exciting presentations in his area along with other officers in their respective areas, and we have gained quite a few new members. Exciting times of growth are ahead. We will be working closely with the Grand Lodge as our Bicentennial events unfold.

As we continue in 2021, let us be mindful about the safety of our members, our duties to God, our Country, and our Families. This next year is proving to be a year of adjustment and change as we move forward. May you experience continued blessings for your family and yourself.





Missouri DeMolay

Today's Leaders, Tomorrow's Future

Our global Masonic Family has been dealing with the effects of COVID-19 for over a year and a half. Although we still face some of the same challenges today, we still continue to move forward. Missouri DeMolay is certainly no exception. Our motto in Missouri DeMolay this year is "Move Forward" and that is exactly what we are doing. With Chapters meeting again and us hosting exciting in person events, we continue to strengthen our brotherly bonds all across this great State and look to regain the momentum we enjoyed prior to our shutdown.



Missouri DeMolay is eternally grateful for the continued support from the Grand Lodge of Missouri and all Masons throughout this great Jurisdiction.

Without this continued mentorship of our young men and support of our programs, our goals would not be attainable, and our standard of excellence would not be achieved. Most importantly, our members would not aspire to be men of character and integrity - Master Masons - without your continued involvement within our movement.

On a personal note, I am anxious to soon become a member of a local Blue Lodge here in Missouri and being able to give back to the Fraternity that has given so much to me and my fellow brethren in DeMolay. Since 1919, we have collectively mentored millions of young men to be fine young men and leaders in their communities, across the State of Missouri, and this Nation. Let us continue to work together to move DeMolay and Freemasonry forward.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Alex X. Tjaden
State Master Councilor
Missouri DeMolay





Missouri Job's Daughters

Today's Leaders, Tomorrow's Future



Celebrating 100 Years!



Hello Missouri Masons.

My name is Megan Kemery and I am the newly installed Grand Bethel Honored Queen for Missouri Job's Daughters. I'm also a Past Honored Queen of Bethel 1, which meets at Swope Park Lodge in Kansas City, MO. Pictured are the other 2 beautiful members of my trio, Abigail Teska, Grand Bethel Sr. Princess and Jenna Walden, Grand Bethel Jr. Princess.



This year my motto is "Embrace your Journey". I'm really wanting our girls to not only focus on traveling among the Bethels and supporting their sisters, but also to really think about their journeys in life, Jobie life, school life, family life. Where they have been, where they want to go, how they want to get there and the people they want to include and those who have made an impact. While this motto doesn't quite mean the same thing as it did 2 years ago when I chose it, I think the meaning has been expanded to remind all of us that our journeys can have potholes and that we must adapt to that.

In the coming year, we plan to have a few fundraisers, a quarter auction, a bingo night (which you are all invited to) and I will have an auction for a quilt with those proceeds going to the American Diabetes Association. We have a "Boot Camp" workshop in July to try to get back to basics after a year of almost no meetings. We will be having our annual Mini Session in March, with this year's theme being Panda-Monium (any clue what my mascot is this year?),

where anything can happen.

I hope after the last year that I can help bring back our enthusiasm. I have a great travel competition, complete with fake passports, and stamps for each Bethel to use to track their travels. I hope the girls will remember why they joined, and call or text those girls whom they haven't seen for a while to remind them too.

I look forward to meeting with many of the Missouri Masons this year. I have such a great love for the Masons from Swope Park Lodge and of course, my grandfather, from whom I received my Masonic heritage. Let's all remember to embrace our own journeys.

Megan Kemery
Grand Bethel Honored Queen
 2021-2022



Missouri Rainbow Girls

“Faith, Hope and Charity”

Hi, there!

My name is Elayna Michelle Mottaz, and I am the 96th Grand Worthy Advisor in the state of Missouri and have been a member of Columbia Assembly #18 through Pledges and Rainbow since I was 9 years old. I was born in Columbia on August 15, 2001 and have lived in Columbia my entire life! I have an amazing mother, Elizabeth, who is a teacher. A little known fact about me is that I am the fourth generation of initials of EMM - how cool is that?!?



I graduated from Rock Bridge High School in 2020. This past year was my freshman year of college and I attended the Mizzou MACC program where I was dual-enrolled at Moberly Area Community College (where I could put to use my A+ Scholarship) and at the University of Missouri. I enjoy attending sporting events (especially MU Football games) and hanging out with my friends.

I was initiated into Rainbow on September 27, 2012. I have been Worthy Advisor of Columbia Assembly two times. I have served the Grand Assembly as a Grand Page, Grand Representative to Iowa and Indiana, Grand Religion, Grand Chaplain, Grand Faith and Grand Hope. This new adventure as Grand Worthy Advisor is such a high honor and you cannot even fathom how appreciative I am to be able to serve Missouri Rainbow in this capacity.

The reason why I love Rainbow so much is because of how beautiful it is to watch your Rainbow sisters grow into the ladies our heavenly Father has imagined us

to be. I love the life-long friends that the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls has given me, and the life skills that have come with the journey.

This year my theme is to “Live Your Own Fairy Tale” and I chose this because I have always loved watching princess movies. My favorite part of each story is the ending, and I chose “Live Your Own Fairy Tale” to show that every ending doesn’t need to end the same. By writing your own fairy tale and holding the pen that writes your story is such an inspiration, and it is my goal to show each person’s story has meaning. It is important to live the life you want, and choose to be the author of your own story.

One of our service projects this year is the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). RMHC programs are centered around helping families with sick children. These houses provide a safe place for families to stay that are close to their child’s hospital. 90% of the top children’s hospitals are connected with a RMHC. The patients of families that stay in a Ronald McDonald House are the sickest, stay the longest in the hospital and travel the farthest. We are collecting pull tabs, volunteering and having a walk-a-thon to raise money for RMHC. The other service project is the Children’s Miracle Network (CMN). More than 10 million kids enter a children’s hospital across North America every year. These hospitals provide the best care for kids; children’s hospitals rely on donations and community support. Since 1983, Children’s Miracle Network has helped fill those funding gaps by raising more than \$7 billion. Its various fundraising partners and programs support the nonprofit’s mission to save and improve the lives of as many children as possible. We are having a dance-a-thon and other projects to raise money for the CMN.

I am looking forward to seeing how you choose to live your fairy tale!

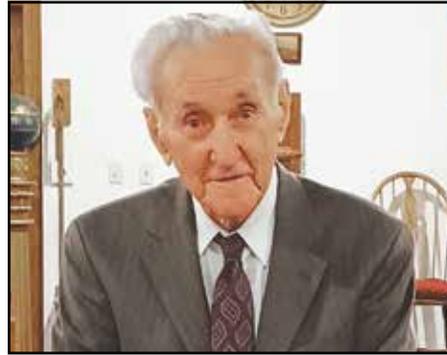
Installations, Dedications & Special Events

Osborn 50 Year Pin



On April 27, 2021, Brother Wilbur Osborn of Allensville Lodge 198, received his 50-year pin. He was raised July 7, 1949. After taking a 21-year hiatus from lodge, he was reinstated on March 27, 1978. Wilbur was born on Christmas Eve 1916 and will be 105 years old this year. He is pictured with RWB David Moyer, the DDGL of District 5.

Matthews 100th Birthday



WB Melvin (Pete) Matthews celebrated his 100th birthday on June 10, 2021. WB Matthews is a World War II Veteran who served in Italy, was Master of Chilhowee Lodge 487 in 1954, and is a 74 1/2-year member of the Craft. The citizens of Oak Grove, MO commemorated his day with a drive-by parade, dinner, and cake at his Lodge, Christian 392.

McLard 60 Year Pin



RWB G. Dannie Patterson, DDGL of the 28th Masonic District, presented a 60-year pin and certificate to WB Cecil McLard at a ceremony held April 13, 2021, at Joachim Lodge 164 in Hillsboro, MO.

St. James CAP



St. James Lodge 230, in partnership with the Masonic Home of Missouri, presented a check to Lucy Wortham James Elementary School in St. James, MO for \$500 for its backpack program. Pictured (L to R) are: Don Vandegriffe, Secretary; Ron Townley, WM; Dan Copeland, Principal; Tracy Janes-Miller, Assistant Principal; and Carl Swanson, Junior Warden.

Wentzville Scholarship



Zander C. O'Haver (center) of Wentzville Holt High School was awarded the 2021 Albert H. "Sonny" Miller Memorial Scholarship of \$500.00 on June 2, 2021. He was presented the scholarship by Joseph Stewart, WM (left) and Mark Mitchell, PM (right).

Solomon May Awards



On May 10, 2021, Solomon Lodge 271 presented Brother Charles Rookstool with his 50-year pin. The ceremony was performed by RWB Carlin Smittle. Also that evening, Brother Mark Bell, Chairman of the Brother-to-Brother committee, presented Brother Danny Perches with his Scottish Rite patent.



Installations, Dedications & Special Events

California Memorial Day Observance



California Lodge 183 has observed Memorial Day since 1890 and, since 1947, has teamed up with Moniteau County VFW Post 4345. The 2021 Observance was held on May 31 at the Evangelical Cemetery in California and afterwards the members visited the grave of MWB Samuel Owens.

Bonhomme 45 & 50 Year Pin



On October 27, 2020, Bonhomme Lodge 45 presented three 50-Year pins. Pictured (L to R) are: Brothers David Witcher, Kenneth Boucher and Earl Allen. One of our 50-Year recipients could not attend the celebration, so WM Gary Urbanec presented Brother Roy Brown with his 50-year certificate and pin on November 2.

Lebanon 50 & 60 Year Pin



Lebanon Lodge 77 in Steelville, MO is celebrating its 175th Anniversary this year. During a recent celebration, WB Kem Schwieder presented WB Bill Freeman with a 60-year pin and Brother Mark Schwieder with a 50-year pin. Pictured L to R: Jeanette Freeman, WB Bill Freeman, WB Kem Schwieder, Brother Mark Schwieder, and Marcia Schwieder. Of note, all three men were made Masons by the late RWB Ed Schwieder.

Algabil-Freedom CAP



Algabil-Freedom Lodge 636, with the assistance of the Masonic Home's Creating a Partnership program, presented a check to Mehlville School District to help reduce the students' lunch debt. Pictured are L to R: Katie Gegg, Director of School Food & Nutrition Services; Jason Landherr, principal; and RWB Rodney Kleine, WM.

Watkins 70 Year Pin



Glenwood Lodge 327 in Queen City, Missouri, recently honored Brother Robert Watkins for his 70 years of Masonic service. Robert was initiated, passed, and raised in 1951 in Lancaster Lodge 259, which later merged with Glenwood Lodge in 1995. Brother Watkins was presented with his 70-year pin and certificate by Worshipful Master, and son-in-law, Richard Kinney. His son, Daniel Watkins, completed the ceremony by pinning the 70-year pin on his father. Pictured are (L to R), Front Row: Robert Watkins, Dianna Kinney, and Donna Norman; Back Row: Judy and Dan Watkins, Richard Kinney, and Doug Norman.

Rising Sun EA's



Rising Sun Lodge 13 initiated two new brothers into the mysteries of Freemasonry, on Saturday, April 3, 2021. The new brothers are: Eddie Kendall (3rd from left, front row) and Joel Emmons (5th from left, front row).

Installations, Dedications & Special Events

Gower Donation



Gower Lodge 397 held a free-will donation spaghetti dinner (carry-out only) on January 16, 2021. Through their efforts and the generosity of the community and area residents, they raised \$9,500. This amount was then matched by the Masonic Home of Missouri, and a total of \$19,000 was presented to Jenni Busby, East Buchanan Elementary counselor, on Wednesday, March 24, to help feed and clothe children in the Gower, Missouri area.

Barry Daylight EA & 50 Year Pin



On March 17, 2021, Barry Daylight Lodge 17 conferred an EA degree on Brother Larry Cory and RWB Caroll Iorg, DDGM for the 17th District, presented Brother Curtis Wilson his 50-year pin and WB Ed Aylward, WM, the 2020 Grand Lodge Achievement Award.

St. James Scholarships



On May 6, 2021, St. James Lodge 230 presented Baily Wells and Dakota Townley the Warren and Alice Patt Scholarship.



Solomon - Trumbull EA Degree



Brother Howard Trumbull was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in Solomon Lodge 271 on May 12, 2021.

Troy 34's Lodge-By-Candlelight



Troy Lodge 34 has held a Lodge-by-Candlelight annually since 2017 and has a featured Masonic Education program. Past programs have examined the obligations & charges from an esoteric perspective. On June 21, 2021, the Lodge opened on all 3 degrees with guests representing 11 lodges and the educational program focused on an exploration of the Virtues & Tenets of Freemasonry, guided by Brother Randy Sanders, and how they related to our working tools, led by RWB Jacob Thompson.

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Mashek 50 Year Pin



On April 26, 2021, Brother Michael Mashek of Lakeville Lodge 489 was presented his 50-Year pin by RWB Rick Thompson, DDGM, 35th Masonic District (on the right), WB Craig Dunn (on the left), and WB Dave Bagdonas (not pictured). His wife, Glynda, proudly pinned her husband.

Smittle 50 Year Pin



On May 20, 2021, RWB Carlin Smittle was presented with this 50-year pin by MWB Tim Thomas, PGM. RWB Jim McManigle served as Chaplain and RWB Travis Schnelle as Senior Deacon. There were at least 60 Freemasons present and his Lady, Vivian, placed the pin on his lapel.

Tinker 50 Year Pin



On Monday evening, April 19, 2021, Troy Lodge 34 honored RWB J. Russell Tinker, Sr. for 50 years of service to Freemasonry. RWB Tinker is a member of five lodges in Missouri: Wayne 526, Troy 34, Pride of the West 179, Naphtali 25 and Wentzville 46. RWB Ty G. Treutelaar, Deputy Grand Master, made the presentation.

Kleine Coordinator of Year Award



RWB Emmett Bryson, Junior Grand Deacon, along with RWB Mitch Penn, MOCHIP State Coordinator, presented RWB Rodney Kleine with the MOCHIP Coordinator of the Year for 2020 at the May 15, 2021 meeting of St. Louis Lodge No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Solomon Mentoring Program



Solomon Lodge 271 conducts regular mentoring for its candidates as they progress through the degrees, using the Mentoring 2.0 handbook from the Grand Lodge of Missouri. This mentoring session was led by Brother Shawn Horton, a member of the Mentoring Committee of Solomon Lodge. Six EAs and one MM were present to receive mentoring on the EA degree.

Peck 70 Year Pin



On Sunday, June 13, 2021, WB Joseph E. Peck from Holliday Lodge 660 received a 70-year pin and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The pin and certificate were presented by MWB Barry V. Cundiff, Grand Master, with the assistance of RWB Ty Treutelaar, DGM. WB Peck was presented a Veterans' Flag by RWB Richard Kaeser, Senior Grand Warden, representing the Masonic Home of Missouri, in recognition of Brother Peck's service in the military.

Central Crossing Past Master's



Past Masters Night at Central Crossing Lodge 674 in Shell Knob, MO, was held on June 1, 2021. Pictured L to R, Front Row: WB Frank R. Herbert, RWB Mark S. Pry, RWB John A. Pace, WB Dan M. Blanke, WB Steven A. Elliott, RWB Larry M. Neukirch, and WB Vern S. Miller. Back Row: WB Sebastain J. Bemis, WB Walter T. Hargett, and WB Rodney W. Phillips.

Grand Lodge Calendar of Events

All events are subject to change – Refer to momason.org for updates and times

August 2021

- Aug. 21** Masonic Home Board Meeting, Columbia
Aug. 22  Grand Master's Consecration Breakfast, St. Louis
Aug. 28  Shekinah 256, Bicentennial Celebration, 75-Year Pin, Masonic Home Veteran Award, Crystal City

September 2021

- Sept. 11**  Brotherhood 269, Bicentennial Celebration, 100-Year Time Capsule, St. Joseph
Sept. 27-28 **Grand Lodge of Missouri Annual Communication, Columbia**

October 2021

- Oct. 1** Fellowship 345, Installation of Officers
Oct. 2  Troy 34, 180-Year Rededication, Troy
Oct. 3 Buckner 501, Installation of Officers
Oct. 9  St Francois 234, Charter Retirement, Libertyville
Oct. 9 Poplar Bluff, Father-Daughter Ball, Poplar Bluff,
Oct. 14  Neosho 247, 175-Year Celebration and Time Capsule Burial, Neosho
Oct. 15-16 Scottish Rite Reunion, Joplin
Oct. 16  Bee Hive 393, 150-Year Rededication, Lawson
Oct. 16 Scottish Rite KCCH Investiture, St. Louis

 Bicentennial Event

October 2021 (cont)

- Oct. 19**  Clinton 548 for Windsor Lodge 29, Charter Retirement, Clinton
Oct. 23 Masonic Home Board Meeting, Columbia
Oct. 23  Friend 352, 100-Year Anniversary and Rededication, Ozark
Oct. 23 Branson 587, Installation of Officers, Branson
Oct. 24  Christian 392, 150-Year Rededication, Oak Grove
Oct. 30 Moolah Shrine Grand Master's Ceremonial, St. Louis
Oct. 31  Gardenville-Cache 455, Celebrating Gardenville's 100-Year and Cache's 150-Year Anniversaries, St. Louis
- ## November 2021
- Nov. 6**  Table Rock 680, Cornerstone, Kimberling City
Nov. 12  Buckner 501, Bicentennial Celebration at Scottish Rite Cathedral, Kansas City
Nov. 12-13 Ararat Shrine Ceremonial, Kansas City
Nov. 13  **Grand Lodge Area Meeting hosted by Kansas City 220, at Scottish Rite Cathedral, Kansas City**
Nov. 14 Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, Jefferson City
Nov. 18 West View 103, 70-Year Pin, Millersville
Nov. 20 Masonic Home Board Meeting, Columbia