

Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin



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TO: THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LINE, ALL PERMANENT MEMBERS, DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, GRAND TRUSTEES, DIRECTORS OF THE WISCONSIN MASONIC HOME BOARD, WISCONSIN MASONIC FOUNDATION, BOARD OF SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE, WISCONSIN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES BOARD, ALL GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS, ALL WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, SENIOR & JUNIOR WARDENS AND SECRETARIES OF EACH CONSTITUENT LODGE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND LODGE, GRAND LODGES IN AMITY:

BE IT KNOWN, that at the One Hundred Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin, held at the Madison Masonic Center, in Madison, WI on the 2nd and 3rd day of June 2017, A.L. 6017, the following Brethren were elected, or appointed and proclaimed Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year.

M.:W.: Grand Master Donald W. Hensiak opened and presided until the installation of M.:W.:L. Arby Humphrey his successor at 4:30 pm June 2, 2017. M.:W.: Brother Humphrey then continued to preside until the close of the communication on June 3rd. 2017. The following officers were elected, appointed and installed.

ELECTED

M.:W.:L. Arby Humphrey	Grand Master
R.:W.:Scott E. Pedley	Deputy Grand Master
R.:W.:Robert C. Strader.....	Senior Grand Warden
R.:W.:Kenneth C. Gorgen.....	Junior Grand Warden
R.:W.:Jeffrey L. Bryden	Grand Treasurer
M.:W.:Michael A. DeWolf, PGM	Grand Secretary

APPOINTED

W.:Donald F. Iliff.....	Grand Chaplain
W.:Jerry A. Reick.....	Grand Lecturer
W.:Gary L. Stang	Senior Grand Deacon
W.:Paul T. Tourville	Junior Grand Deacon
W.:David R. Ritchie.....	Senior Grand Steward
W.:Thomas W. Stevens.....	Junior Grand Steward
W.:David A. Frings	Grand Marshal
W.:Patrick D. Cholka	Grand Orator
W.:Dwane R. Schultz.....	Grand Tiler
W.:George T. Eisenmann, III.....	Deputy, District #1
W.:Daniel R. Sherry.....	Deputy, District #2
W.:Mark W. Steckel.....	Deputy, District #3
W.:Jason L. Richardson	Deputy, District #4
W.:Gerald L. McDonald	Deputy, District #5
W.:Jason E. Laramée.....	Deputy, District #6
W.:Jeffrey S. Schoenfeldt	Deputy, District #7

W.: Joseph E. Thompson Deputy, District #8
 W.: James R. Gajdosik Deputy, District #9
 W.: Kyle A. Grahn Deputy, District #10
 W.: Clinton H. Cagle Deputy, District #11
 W.: Todd W. Krohn Deputy, District #12

W.: Richard J. Eisenmann was elected to a five-year term as Trustee of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Wisconsin, M.: W.: Craig S. Campbell & M.: W.: John W. Wilke were elected to three-year terms on the Wisconsin Masonic Benevolent Activities Board,

ALL OF THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS named above were duly installed on Friday, June 2nd at the One Hundred Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin, at the Madison Masonic Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

468 Brethren, representing 160 of the 178 Constituent lodges were in attendance. All Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance. All Past Grand Masters were in attendance except, M.: W.: Denman G. Kramer, M.: W.: Charles E. White, M.: W.: Herman A. Friess, M.: W.: Russell R. Selbo, M.: W.: Kenneth W. Shannon, M.: W.: William E. Day, M.: W.: Bruce A. Christianson, M.: W.: Beecher Daniels, M.: W.: Bruce Sim, M.: W.: Lawrence L. Myers, M.: W.: Richard E. Black, M.: W.: Roger L. Magoon, M.: W.: Rodney L. Paulson, M.: W.: J.B. Van Hollen,

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The 2017 recipient of the Meritorious Masonic Service Award is W.: Eugene Marcus of Milwaukee-Harmony Lodge #261.

Net Gain in Membership Awards were presented to 26 Lodges. Lodge Excellence Awards were presented to 66 Lodges. 34 Lodges were recipients of the Lodge Spruce-up Award Program

UNFINISHED BUSINESS LEGISLATION

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that:

Resolution 15-2015: Found on Page 24 of the 2015 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of WI, as withdrawn by Appleton Lodge. The lodge expressed that they were pleased with the revised Wisconsin Plan Posting Program.

Resolution 8-2016: Was referred to the Esoteric Committee for review. Upon completion of their review it was recommended that the resolution be completely rewritten and presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS LEGISLATION

Resolution 1-2017: To adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2017 – 2018. **PASS**

Resolution 2-2017: To provide for a \$2.00 increase in Per Capita Tax. **PASS**

Resolution 3-2017: To designate the place of holding the Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge – June 2019 in Madison, WI. **PASS**

Resolution 4-2017: To permanently suspend all new applications to the Perpetual Membership Plan. **Returned to Committee to restructure plan.**

Resolution 5-2017: To change the Pure Work to clarify accuracy in communicating the Substitute Word in the left ear. **Per 88.02 laid over until the following Annual Communication.**

Resolution 6-2017: To clarify and harmonize the proxy procedure for Constituent lodges. **PASS**

Resolution 7-2017: To provide lodges with a financial check and balance system and to alleviate the function of one individual to receive and pay out lodge funds. **FAIL**

Resolution 8-2017: To allow the Worshipful Master to run his Lodge in accordance to the specific needs of his members. Examinations and degree work would still be in the appropriate degrees. **FAIL**

Resolution 9-2017: To add two circuits to the Fellowcraft circumambulation. **Per 88.02 laid over until the following Annual Communication.**

Resolution 10-2017: To allow two additional weeks for the election of officers. **FAIL**

APPEALS & GRIEVANCES

The Appeals and Grievances Committee heard the appeal of WFN and made the following recommendation:

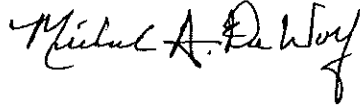
That, pursuant to the Wisconsin Masonic Code, WFN be restored to Master Mason status as an unaffiliated Mason, and that he may thereafter petition any constituent lodge for affiliation. The Report was received and the recommendation so ordered by M.: W.: Donald W. Hensiak.

Those resolutions adopted at the Annual Communication became in force and effect at the time of their adoption. The report of Grand Master M.: W.: Donald W. Hensiak was received and spread upon the minutes of the One Hundred and Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on June 2, 2017.

With the work of the One Hundred and Seventy-third Annual Communication being completed, M.: W.: L. Arby Humphrey closed the One Hundred and Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on June 3, 2017.

The 174th Annual Communication will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd, 2018 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. DeWolf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Michael A. DeWolf, PGM
Grand Secretary