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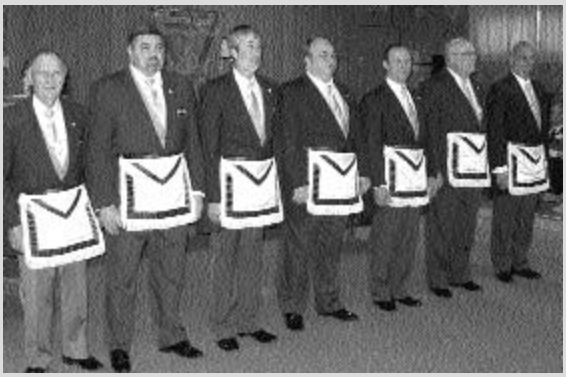
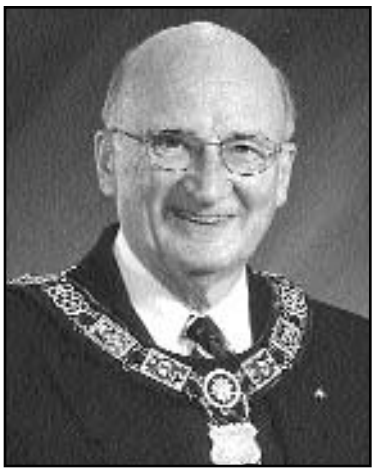


GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Making Masonry Something Special: It's Up To Us!

As we begin each day we don't know exactly what we may encounter. All of us have entered the fraternity with much the same uncertainty, wondering what may lie ahead. When we petitioned, most of us expected to experience something special, even if we weren't sure exactly what that might be. Today's candidates are no different. As Masons, we must accept the challenge to see that they are not disappointed. We must make each man's experience "something special."



M.W. Bro. Noel C. Dicks
Grand Master of Illinois

A favorable first impression is the key to starting any successful, long-term relationship. The opportunity to impress a candidate is the responsibility of those who recommend him, those who investigate him and those conferring his degrees.

The first formal interaction a man has with our fraternity is the ritualistic portion of our degrees. It is of the highest importance that we confer the degrees in a dignified manner. More than just reciting the ritual at him, we have a valuable opportunity as well as an obligation to present the serious moral teachings of our fraternity in the most compelling and memorable manner possible.

Following the Third Degree, the new member is often advised "you will get out of Masonry what you put into it" or reminded that "we hope to see you at our next meeting." These platitudes may sound nice, but they are insufficient. We must be more assertive and emphatic in our approach. Contact each new member before every meeting. If transportation is an issue, offer to bring him to the lodge personally. An old timer was once asked why he attended most of the lodge meetings. His response was, "The more I go, the more I get. If I don't go, I don't get." Illinois, like many other states, has an unacceptably high member attrition rate. We must step in before a new member develops a habit of nonattendance by assisting him in his transition from the role of candidate to that of an active member and Brother.

Our ritualistic ceremonies are the basic fiber of the Masonic lodge. They set us apart from all other fraternal organizations. However, simply experiencing them does not automatically make a man a Mason. We must cultivate the newly raised Brother rather than let him sit on the sideline. It is our responsibility to encourage the new Mason to pursue the most active status in our fraternity that his circumstances will permit. He has asked for "light" and we must see that he receives it. He may not know what is expected of him or the resources available, but he is looking for something special. Man by his nature seeks further knowledge and has a desire to improve himself. Masonry is ideally positioned to fulfill that desire by offering knowledge, moral teachings and myriad opportunities for self-improvement. We have failed if we don't help each member to find something in the Craft that appeals to his unique interests.

We need to stress to all members that they are an important part of our Masonic team. Invite them to participate in the social as well as fraternal functions of your lodge. Inform them of your non-ritualistic activities. Make them aware of the many charities we support and the good works your lodge is doing in the community that might appeal to their civic interests. Being attentive and responsive to members' ideas and talents helps maximize involvement, which fosters pride in membership. This, in turn, will inspire brethren, new and old, to invite their acquaintances to join with us as we strive to make the world a better place.

Masonry affords its members the broadest and most fulfilling range of opportunities of any fraternal, social or charitable organization. Convey this fact to your members and let them know that they can choose – without pressure – the participation level that best fits their lifestyle. Keep in mind that a well-informed Mason is more likely to become an active and involved Mason. Help make Masonry something special – it's up to us!

On the cover. . .

Spring brings renewed life to Masonry across Illinois! Counterclockwise, from upper right: William Fremd High School, Palatine, is named 2006 Academic Bowl State Champion by G.M. Noel C. Dicks; high schools square off in the regional tournament of Illinois Masonry's best-known public program; Masons and their ladies dance the night away at one of many social events; Prince Hall brethren from Tuscan Lodge No. 44 (Carbondale) join the 18th Southern District banquet at Anna Lodge No. 520; Northeastern Area District Deputy Grand Masters' Assn. and Bank One present a check for new computers to LaGrange Children's Home; newly affiliated members from Chicago and Spain are welcomed into Oriental Lodge No. 33; Supreme Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters visits Fairview Heights Bethel No. 20; Board of Grand Examiners holds the final Grand Lecturer's school of the year at Morton Lodge No. 352.

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High schools vie for scholastic honors in statewide competition

For the second consecutive year, William Fremd High School of Palatine won the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl State Championship. Fremd claimed the top honors on March 4, 2006, versus East Peoria High School in an impressive display of academic knowledge on topics ranging from calculus to physics and history to literature.

William Fremd High School of Palatine, the 2006 Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl State Champion. At right, Grand Master Noel C. Dicks presents the team with their $2,000 scholarship check on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; at far left is Deputy Grand Master Daniel C. Yandel and next to him is Kevin Palmer, Fremd's Scholastic Bowl Coach.

In addition to the championship trophy presented by Grand Master Noel C. Dicks, Fremd received a $2,000 scholarship from the Masons of Illinois, while East Peoria was awarded $1,250. Bloomington High School finished third and received $950; Elmwood came in fourth and was presented $450; and Auburn High School in Rockford was consolation champion versus Salem Community High School, receiving $650.

Sixteen teams advanced to the state tournament: Alton Senior, Bloomington, Charleston, Illinois Valley Central of Chillicothe, Elmwood, Hinsdale Central, LaSalle-Peru Township, Normal Community, William Fremd of Palatine, Peoria Heights, Quincy Senior, Auburn of Rockford, Rock Island, Salem Community, Springfield and Sterling.

A total of 190 high schools participated in this year's tournament with 209 registered but 19 withdrawing due to scheduling conflicts or weather conditions on the day of the Regional Tournaments, which were held at 13 locations on Feb. 18, 2006.

Lodge financial support essential

"We congratulate all those schools participating in the competition and thank our lodges for their financial support," said Dale Thayer, Chairman of the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Committee. "The Academic Bowl is one of Illinois Masonry's best-known public programs and is considered the foremost such tournament in the state. Many coaches and team members have expressed their appreciation for our ongoing support of academic excellence at their high schools."

Bro. Thayer noted that many schools would not have been able to participate were it not for the fraternity's financial backing. The 187 lodges that supported the program this year donated a total of $27,100, of which $25,900 was contributed directly to high schools for scholastic or academic purposes. Some lodges sponsored more than one high school, while others split the cost of sponsorship. Several lodges that did not sponsor a school made general donations to the program, for which expenses this year totaled $40,435.

At the state level, in addition to the top five state tournament winners, each of the other 11 teams competing received $100 each, for a total of $6,400 in scholastic awards. The regional champions each received $500, second place $400, third place $300, fourth place $100 and the consolation champion received $200, for a total of $19,500 in scholastic awards paid to all qualifying high schools.

"We owe special thanks to the schools that hosted tournament sites and the workers who helped coordinate events, without whose efforts these tournaments would not be possible," added Thayer. "In particular, members of Tyrian Lodge No. 333 in Springfield helped prepare and serve lunch at the state tournament, which was paid for by the Scottish Rite Valley of Springfield Rose Croix Chapter. Grand Historian Jack Gladin also spent the day taking photographs of the state tournament participants."

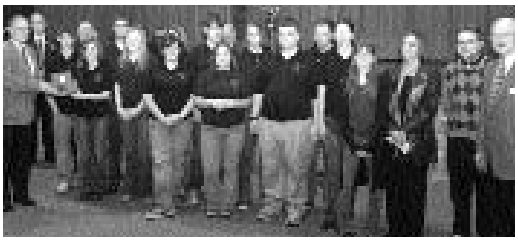
2007 tournament schedule

The 2007 Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 17, for the Regionals and Sat., March 3, for the State Tournament. Lodges are encouraged to include the Academic Bowl in their 2007 budgets and hold fundraisers if necessary to raise the suggested $150 to $200 per school donation. Information about the 2007 tournament will be mailed to high schools and lodges in September 2006.

The Editor wishes to thank Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Chairman Dale F. Thayer for submitting content for this article.

Peoria Heights receives their 2nd place plaque and $1,250 check from Grand Master Noel C. Dicks. In back is Academic Bowl Chairman Dale Thayer; on far left is Scholastic Bowl Coach Jeff Vallosio.

Bloomington High School accepts its 3rd place award and $950 check from Grand Master Noel C. Dicks. At far left is Deborah Voorhees, Scholastic Bowl Coach at Bloomington High School.



Elmwood High School receives the 4th place award and $450 check from Grand Master Noel C. Dicks. Third from right is Karen Broadway, Scholastic Bowl Coach.

Consolation Champion, Rockford Auburn High School, accepts their $650 check from Grand Master Noel C. Dicks. Their Scholastic Bowl Coach was Linda Greene (not pictured).

2006 Illinois Academic Bowl Results

State Tournament – March 4, 2006

Springfield Southeast High School
1st place - William Fremd @ Palatine
2nd place - East Peoria
3rd Place - Bloomington
4th Place - Elmwood
Consolation - Auburn @ Rockford

Regional Tournaments – Feb. 18, 2006

Site #1 - Newman Cent. Catholic @ Sterling

Champion	Sterling
2nd Place	Durand.
3rd Place	Milledgeville
4th Place	Amboy
Consolation	Newman Central Catholic

Site #2 - Boylan Catholic @ Rockford

Champion	Auburn @ Rockford
2nd Place	Byron
3rd Place	Boylan Catholic @ Rockford
4th Place	St. Bede Academy @ Peru
Consolation	Hononegah @ Rockton

Site #3 - Adlai E. Stevenson @ Lincolnshire

Champion	William Fremd @ Palatine
2nd Place	New Trier @ Winnetka
3rd Place	Wheaton North
4th Place	Loyola Academy @ Wilmette
Consolation	Adlai E. Stevenson

Site #4 - Moline @ Moline

Champion	Rock Island
2nd Place	Geneseo
3rd Place	Moline
4th Place	Rockridge @ Taylor Ridge
Consolation	Prophetstown

Site #5 - Fenwick @ Oak Park

Champion	Hinsdale Central
2nd Place	Coal City
3rd Place	Fenwick @ Oak Park
4th Place	Homewood-Flossmoor
Consolation	Bradley-Bourbonnais @ Bradley

Site #6 - Farmington @ Farmington

Champion	Elmwood
2nd Place	LaSalle-Peru Twnshp @ LaSalle
3rd Place	Beardstown
4th Place	Knoxville
Consolation	Lewistown

Site #7 - Bloomington @ Bloomington

Champion	Peoria Heights
2nd Place	Bloomington
3rd Place	Limestone Comm. @ Bartonville
4th Place	Pekin Community
Consolation	Eureka

Site #8 - Central Catholic @ Bloomington

Champion	Normal Community West
2nd Place	Illinois Valley Cnt. @ Chillicothe
3rd Place	Prairie Central @ Fairbury
4th Place	Blue Ridge @ Farmer City
Consolation	Normal Community

Site #9 - Winchester @ Winchester

Champion	Quincy Senior
2nd Place	Pleasant Plains
3rd Place	Carlinville
4th Place	Winchester
Consolation	Jacksonville

Site #10 - MacArthur @ Decatur

Champion	Springfield
2nd Place	Lutheran School Assn @ Decatur
3rd Place	Glenwood @ Chatham
4th Place	Riverton
Consolation	MacArthur @ Decatur

Site #11 - Unity @ Tolono

Champion	Charleston
2nd Place	Sullivan
3rd Place	Rantoul Township
4th Place	Paris
Consolation	Unity @ Tolono

Site #12 - O'Fallon @ O'Fallon

Champion	Alton Senior
2nd Place	Staunton
3rd Place	O'Fallon Township
4th Place	Mater Dei @ Breese
Consolation	Althoff Catholic @ Belleville

Site #13 - Carbondale @ Carbondale

Champion	Salem Community
2nd Place	Carterville
3rd Place	Carbondale Community
4th Place	Centralia
Consolation	Nashville Community

2006 Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Quick Facts

(official data will be published in the 2006 Grand Lodge Proceedings)

Year started	1982
Schools participating	190
Sponsoring lodges	187
Lodge donations	$27,100
Regional scholarships	$19,500
State scholarships	$6,400
Participation scholarships	$1,100
Grand Lodge contribution	$40,435

Registrations requested for events scheduled for this summer

Masonic Community Days continue to make news across the state as one of the primary means lodges can use to inform and educate their neighbors and friends about who Masons are and what they do in their communities.

This special public awareness program for 2006 enters its final phase with activities that will be conducted during the summer months. All lodges that conduct events during this period will qualify for one secondary requirement for this year's Grand Master's Award of Excellence. But, each event must be registered with the Masonic Awareness Committee in order to be counted. All lodges planning activities are urged to register them as soon as possible in order to obtain an official registration packet.

All events *of a public nature and sponsored by a Masonic lodge* will qualify as a Masonic Community Days activity provided it conforms to the simple rules of the program. In addition to being registered, the event should have the participation of both lodge members and the public. It must be clearly identified as a Masonic Community Days event with signs, the logo and in publicity. A full and complete report must be filed with the committee as soon as possible after the event.

Assistance is available for all lodges with materials that may be obtained from the office of the Grand Secretary and from Masonic Community Days coordinators located in all five areas of the state. Each lodge registration will be acknowledged and a coordinator assigned after the registration is received.

Easter activities highlight some lodges' Masonic Community Days events

The Easter Bunny joined his "brother" Master Masons as host at Easter egg hunts conducted by two lodges as a part of their Masonic Community Days events. About 400 kids and their parents attended each event for Rushville Lodge No. 9 (pictured here) and for Morning Star Lodge No.734 in Canton.

Please register these 2006 Masonic Community Days events for my lodge.

Lodge name and number _____ City or town _____ District _____

Fall-Winter – Sept.-Dec. 2005

_____ *Date* *Type of event*

Spring – Jan.-April 2006

_____ *Date* *Type of event*

Summer – May-Aug. 2006

_____ *Date* *Type of event*

Contact name _____

Street address _____

City, state, zip code _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Mail to: Masonic Community Days, PO Box 2266, Des Plaines, IL 60017-2266

Masonic Community Days Coordinators

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Bro. Pat Antos, Palatine 314

Western Area
Bro. Bill Gabbert, Cass 23

Eastern Area
Bro. Mike Fowler, Wade Barney 512
Bro. Tom Barrett, Potomoc 782

Southern Area
Bro. Charlie Beckett, Gothic 852
Bro. Skip Hamilton, Hermitage 356
Bro. Greg Wasuleski, Vienna 150

Masonic Awareness Chair
Bro. Clarence Casson, Old Glory 141

Send registration forms to:
Masonic Community Days
P. O. Box 2266
Des Plaines, IL 60017-2266

Lodge sponsors needed for new residents at LaGrange, Murphysboro

With the approval of the Grand Lodge, the Illinois Masonic Children's Homes at LaGrange and Murphysboro recently launched a state-wide public relations campaign to inform social workers and educators about the fraternity's charitable services. As a result, inquiries to the Homes have increased, along with referrals of new residents. More lodges are therefore needed to sponsor new children into the Homes.

Becoming a sponsoring lodge

When a determination is made that the Illinois Masonic Children's Home is suitable for placement of a particular child, a sponsoring lodge is petitioned. Home staff attempt to locate a lodge in the child's residential area; if this is not possible, a lodge that has requested a sponsorship opportunity is contacted.

Home staff forwards a "Lodge Resolution" form to the lodge secretary. This form must be signed by the three principal officers and attested to by the secretary. The lodge seal is affixed to the document, which is returned to the Home's administrator.

The costs of a child's care is provided via the Homes Endowment Funds. A lodge is asked that they remember their sponsored child on birthdays and during the winter holidays with an age-appropriate gift. The Home sends a reminder letter to the lodge secretary prior to these events. Some lodges prefer to provide Home staff with a standing approval to proceed without contacting them each time. In any event, the child is made aware that their sponsoring lodge has provided the gift and the child is responsible for personally thanking the membership.

Above and beyond the basics

Some lodges choose to become more involved on behalf of their sponsored child in a variety of ways. Children are often invited to lodge functions, such as installations, picnics and dinners. Lodge members may, with prior staff notice, stop by the Home to visit with their child or take their child out to dinner.

A lodge may donate funds beyond the cost of a child's gifts. This money is deposited in an account for the child's clothing or other needs. Lodge gifts to a child without prior staff approval is discouraged.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, contact one of the following Home employees:

William E. Kiser
Administrator
708-352-4240, ext. 206
wkiser@imchkids.org

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Associate Administrator
(LaGrange)
708-352-4240, ext. 204
jillmorrison@imchkids.org

Theresa Miller
Associate Administrator (M'boro)
618-684-8870, ext. 104
theresamiller@imchkids.org

To learn more about the Illinois Masonic Children's Homes visit: www.imchkids.org.

Sullivan Home Pilgrimage 'day of Masonic celebration' set for June 25

The Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan Pilgrimage on Sun., June 25, 2006, promises an exciting line-up of special events. Masons, family members and friends are invited to attend this day of fun and fellowship. Many lodges have volunteered to staff food and game booths for the day.

Activities, scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the main grounds, include interactive remote control race cars, Pinewood Derby cars, horse-drawn carriage and pony rides, interactive inflatable slide and jump games and carnival games with prizes

As always, there will be plenty of food booths, including onion rings, lemon shake-ups, cotton candy, popcorn, sno-cones, walking tacos and much more. The event schedule is as follows:

8:45 a.m. – Church services in the Home's chapel
11:00 a.m. – Shrine Jazz Band performs
11:30 a.m. – Free picnic lunch on the front lawn
12:00 p.m. – Magic show and ventriloquist
2:00 p.m. – Grand Master's address and closing

Tours offered to visitors

The Sullivan Home staff has worked tirelessly to make this event an unforgettable day of Masonic celebration and family fun. Now in its 102nd year, the professionally landscaped campus is even more beautiful than at the Centennial Pilgrimage in 2004.

Guided tours of the Home's outstanding facilities, including the Medicare-certified Royal Arch Memorial Hospital and the various available living options, will be offered to Masonic and non-Masonic visitors.

For more information, contact Brenda Winskill at 888-375-8323 or 217-728-4394, ext. 1250; or e-mail: bwinskill@imh.us.

2nd Round tests knowledge of Grand Lodge code on Masonic discipline

A total of 212 of 540, or 40 percent of lodges in 71 districts, participated in Round #1 of the 2006 Eureka Challenge, the Masonic knowledge proficiency competition. Average score was 90 and average time was 11 minutes. Lodges designated in **>boldface** are District Champions and were mailed certificates based on scores as follows: 100=Hecatomb; 90-95=Corinthian; 80-85=Ionic; 70-75=Doric; below 70=Commendation. "Days" is date conducted vs. postmark; "n/a" denotes no date on participation form. Lodges not listed were sent materials but did not compete or returned materials postmarked after the March 31 deadline. District Champions were sent Round #2 materials to the lodge secretary's mailing address on file with the Grand Secretary's office as of April 15, 2006; these lodges should call 630-408-1158 if Round #2 materials were not received. Round #2 questions will be on the section of Grand Lodge Code dealing with Masonic discipline. Completed 2nd Round materials *must* be returned postmarked no later than June 30, 2006. For more information, visit www.eureka-challenge.com; e-mail inquiries to: eureka-challenge@msn.com.

NORTHEASTERN AREA

No.	*Dist.*	*Score*	*Time*	*Days*
78	1	100	12:14	3
>492	**1**	**100**	**11:19**	**1**
127	1	85	13:02	1
1027	1	100	13:00	2
>1089	**2**	**90**	**9:36**	**5**
314	3	85	19:40	4
>890	**3**	**100**	**13:00**	**1**
974	3	90	15:45	1
522	4	90	20:00	6
>818	**4**	**100**	**10:22**	**0**
33	5	100	11:23	1
777	5	90	15:03	2
865	5	70	9:20	1
>998	**5**	**100**	**7:13**	**1**
160	6	85	9:10	3
>271	**6**	**100**	**12:00**	**3**
437	6	100	17:53	6
1007	6	80	7:00	1
931	7	90	10:00	1
1001	7	85	13:00	1
>1058	**7**	**100**	**9:55**	**0**
610	8	45	13:20	1
>1163	**8**	**75**	**11:05**	**1**
>478	**9**	**90**	**14:23**	**1**
>839	**10**	**100**	**5:31**	**2**
850	10	100	8:35	1
862	10	90	11:50	1
1074	11	100	11:02	8
>1171	**11**	**100**	**9:00**	**1**
270	12	90	9:00	1
716	12	100	7:50	1
810	12	90	10:08	1
>1169	**12**	**100**	**7:30**	**1**
422	13	90	11:00	1
>763	**13**	**90**	**7:33**	**2**
765	13	60	8:48	1
>65	**14**	**100**	**9:00**	**2**
269	14	70	6:05	1
950	14	80	11:56	10
1098	14	80	9:15	2
770	15	100	11:52	23
>934	**15**	**100**	**6:33**	**1**
941	15	75	11:02	6
1113	15	85	7:07	5
1136	15	100	9:00	1
>48	**17**	**100**	**16:00**	**1**
139	17	80	9:34	1
190	17	80	12:46	1
404	17	85	14:52	3

NORTHERN AREA

No.	*Dist.*	*Score*	*Time*	*Days*
273	1	90	18:15	4
>554	**1**	**100**	**11:41**	**1**
>170	**2**	**100**	**13:12**	**1**
174	2	65	17:50	2
687	2	100	16:14	1
75	3	90	12:55	1
102	3	80	8:30	1
166	3	100	13:20	9
>173	**3**	**100**	**7:20**	**1**
302	3	100	10:20	1
564	3	55	20:00	n/a
1145	3	100	12:30	1
158	5	100	13:25	2
169	5	90	18:03	7
288	5	100	12:45	1
>1157	**5**	**100**	**9:44**	**1**
345	6	90	11:07	1
>423	**6**	**100**	**20:00**	**2**
7	7	100	13:03	1
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146	7	75	13:00	1
244	7	85	13:44	13
531	7	100	12:45	6
>189	**10**	**100**	**8:37**	**1**
321	10	90	19:30	8
612	10	65	12:43	1
936	10	90	7:40	1
90	11	90	8:35	1
>254	**11**	**100**	**5:04**	**1**
303	11	100	9:48	1
428	11	100	8:39	4
471	11	90	11:47	1
57	12	100	8:25	1
92	12	60	13:06	4
>1014	**12**	**100**	**7:30**	**1**
>49	**13**	**70**	**9:35**	**1**
69	13	70	13:00	3
587	15	90	12:00	3
>722	**15**	**100**	**9:07**	**2**
40	16	90	10:34	4
>417	**16**	**90**	**8:10**	**1**
61	17	100	8:45	27
>103	**17**	**100**	**5:00**	**1**
119	17	100	7:07	1
247	17	75	9:05	3
344	17	100	10:03	1
>208	**18**	**100**	**5:30**	**1**
704	18	100	5:55	1

EASTERN AREA

No.	*Dist.*	*Score*	*Time*	*Days*
263	1	70	19:17	1
>1112	**1**	**80**	**9:12**	**1**
29	2	100	9:30	1
126	2	100	9:40	1
>352	**2**	**100**	**5:44**	**1**
1170	2	75	20:00	1
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1092	4	80	9:41	15
43	6	100	6:05	1
251	6	85	9:10	10
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673	6	90	7:25	1
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220	7	100	14:00	1
38	8	100	10:02	15
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>157	**11**	**100**	**7:10**	**1**
240	11	100	12:00	2
347	11	90	12:07	1
747	11	100	10:55	3
970	11	90	5:20	1
>467	**13**	**80**	**19:00**	**1**
369	14	90	18:04	late
>651	**14**	**100**	**10:14**	**1**
825	14	60	18:00	1
885	14	100	15:29	1
>77	**15**	**100**	**8:56**	**1**
408	15	100	10:27	2
829	15	90	17:00	1
>682	**16**	**100**	**8:30**	**n/a**
179	18	100	9:48	1
260	18	90	8:38	1
>764	**18**	**100**	**8:02**	**1**
884	18	90	17:26	1
35	19	100	7:45	1
125	19	100	7:30	1
>698	**19**	**100**	**6:55**	**1**
133	20	70	20:00	1
442	20	65	20:00	2
>603	**20**	**100**	**11:30**	**7**
1046	20	85	17:15	10

SOUTHERN AREA

No.	*Dist.*	*Score*	*Time*	*Days*
>602	**3**	**90**	**6:46**	**1**
>216	**4**	**100**	**9:54**	**1**
250	4	100	13:30	1
348	4	80	12:55	17
504	5	100	10:12	7
>712	**5**	**100**	**6:21**	**1**
835	5	70	20:00	n/a
852	5	90	12:37	1
398	6	70	20:00	10
>503	**6**	**100**	**11:00**	**1**
510	6	100	13:00	1
>866	**8**	**100**	**6:05**	**1**
164	9	80	14:00	1
334	9	75	17:30	7
>356	**9**	**100**	**13:35**	**1**
109	10	85	17:30	1
110	10	100	9:04	1
418	10	90	15:20	2
>576	**10**	**100**	**7:05**	**1**
881	10	90	19:45	4
31	11	100	16:00	1
>55	**11**	**100**	**11:10**	**1**
72	12	90	14:00	0
>474	**12**	**100**	**12:42**	**1**
137	15	100	20:00	1
>677	**15**	**100**	**6:00**	**1**
718	15	100	8:29	1
237	18	100	12:19	2
466	18	100	8:55	1
520	18	100	11:29	1
>581	**18**	**100**	**8:44**	**5**
131	20	100	15:13	2
>444	**20**	**100**	**8:10**	**1**

WESTERN AREA

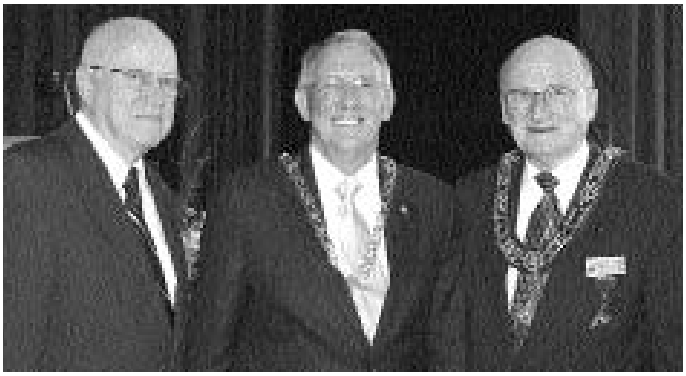
No.	*Dist.*	*Score*	*Time*	*Days*
59	1	90	16:16	1
113	1	100	15:55	1
252	1	85	12:18	1
>577	**1**	**100**	**10:06**	**1**
>159	**2**	**90**	**14:42**	**1**
307	4	75	15:10	1
>519	**4**	**90**	**11:10**	**0**
66	5	100	15:42	1
>155	**5**	**100**	**8:00**	**1**
330	5	90	18:45	2
584	5	90	16:00	1
363	6	100	12:40	1
534	6	65	20:00	1
>734	**6**	**100**	**8:20**	**1**
>20	**7**	**100**	**7:34**	**1**
469	7	90	5:35	1
683	7	85	10:17	1
>9	**9**	**90**	**6:28**	**2**
23	9	70	20:00	1
116	9	80	6:45	1
>622	**10**	**100**	**12:00**	**1**
>1129	**11**	**80**	**18:33**	**1**
1	12	85	11:00	1
296	12	100	11:30	1
>379	**12**	**100**	**9:00**	**1**
529	12	100	9:07	1
3	14	75	13:36	1
>544	**14**	**100**	**8:40**	**1**
4	15	90	9:03	1
333	15	90	12:24	1
>500	**15**	**100**	**9:06**	**1**
523	15	90	6:50	1
904	15	50	10:50	1
>341	**19**	**100**	**17:00**	**1**
394	19	80	20:00	1
592	19	85	20:00	1
792	19	60	12:00	3
151	20	65	8:00	late
212	20	65	12:00	1
214	20	45	8:00	5
>685	**20**	**90**	**20:00**	**1**

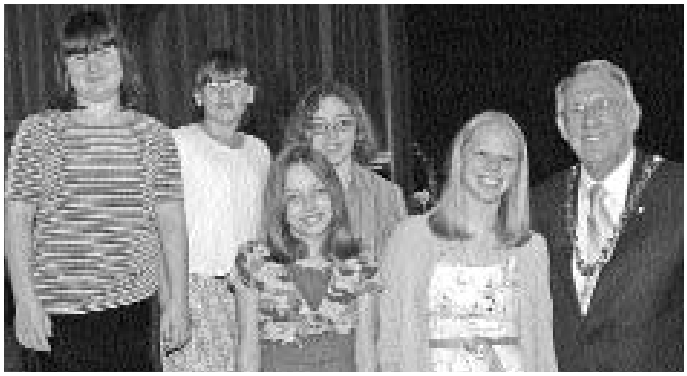
Friends, family turn out for Junior Grand Warden's reception

A reception for Junior Grand Warden Terry L. Seward and his lady, Letha, was held April 1, 2006, at the Best Western Ashland House Inn in Morton. Sponsored by Horeb Lodge No. 363 and Morning Star Lodge No. 734, the event was attended by more than 100 friends and family members. Dinner was followed by introductions by Past Grand Examiner Wayne Austin, prayer by Dean Austin and remarks by Grand Lecturer Emeritus Wayne Callister, Deputy Grand Master Daniel C. Yandel and Grand Master Noel C. Dicks.

Scottish Rite dinner honors Grand Secretary Benny L. Grisham

Grand Secretary Benny L. Grisham was the guest of honor together with his lady, Sherrie, for a dinner at Ansar Shrine Center in Springfield on April 2, 2006. The event was in recognition of his being named an Active Member for the Scottish Rite Valleys of Springfield and Quincy and voting member of the AASR Supreme Council. Bro. Grisham will continue to serve as Grand Secretary, an office he has held since 2003. He previously served as Grand Master 1996-1997, as Grand Treasurer and on the Board of Grand Examiners.





BLOOD SHARING PROGRAM

Masons among state's largest blood donors

There can be no better expression of the great principles inherent in our fraternity than to give someone the gift of life. Donating blood may even save the life of a friend, a family member or a neighbor who has suffered blood loss from accidents, serious disease or major surgery.

In Illinois, any person from age 16 (with parental written permission) or age 17 and over, in good physical health, may volunteer as a blood donor for a safe procedure that usually takes about half an hour.

Advanced equipment and careful control of blood-drawing by skilled technicians ensures that donors cannot contract any blood-borne diseases. Donors also have the pride of knowing that their "gift of life" will be used to help patients suffering from cancer, anemia, heart, liver or kidney diseases and bleeding disorders. In fact, a single donation can help up to three people.

Masons are believed to be among the state's largest groups of blood donors. Perhaps it is because we know that there is no better feeling than to put into action the teaching of the Craft to aid and assist others. Many children and adults, stricken by disease or accident, are now alive and well due to the safe donation of life-giving blood by countless brethren over the years.

Donations need not be made at lodge blood drives; any donation at a blood center may be credited toward a lodge, district or the Masonic fraternity. For more information, contact your lodge secretary or Blood Sharing Committee Chairman, Tom Lucchesi, Director of Donor Resources, Central Illinois Community Blood Center, 217-753-1530; tlucchesi@cicbc.org.

Tips for holding a successful lodge blood drive

- Notify local lodge members and request that they or a family member or friend (whoever is physically able) make a blood donation.
- Announce your blood drive far in advance at neighboring lodges and ask them to include it in their newsletters.
- Print up large signs and ask local merchants to post these in their windows (but *do not* rely on this approach as your primary means of publicity).
- Approach coffee, doughnut and other local vendors and ask them to support the drive by providing refreshments and thank you gifts for donors. Obtain permission to include these companies' names in your publicity.
- Send letters to local charities your lodge supports as well as fire and police departments requesting them to ask their people to donate blood.
- Provide flyers to other organizations in which your members are active, such as the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs, to include in their membership mailings.
- Draft a brief advertisement and provide this to the local public access cable channel administrator, who is often based in a municipal government office or school. Not-for-profit civic groups may post event announcements on the cable channel free of charge.
- Challenge another lodge or district to see which can collect the most pints of blood.
- Take photos and send these to *Illinois Freemasonry*, and publish them on your lodge website and trestleboard.
- Send a thank you note to all those who helped or donated and ask for their support again next year.

Golf tourney June 19 to benefit Illinois Masonic Foundation

The 8th Annual Grand Lodge Golf Tournament is set for Mon., June 19, with proceeds to benefit the Illinois Masonic Foundation for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention.

Last year's golf outing and auction raised more than $4,500 for this nationally recognized charity, which has helped hundreds of young people to avoid and deal with substance abuse issues.

The event at the Railside Golf Course in Gibson City is open to members, ladies and non-Masons. The tournament package of $60 per person includes greens fee, golf cart, door prize tickets and the Monday night banquet, featuring an after-dinner auction. Banquet only is $25 per person. The banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. in the golf club's dining room.

Shotgun start is at noon and hole tournaments will include longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin.

Drink carts will move around the course during play, with drinks available for a nominal fee. The course also requires the use of soft spikes only and will not allow any personal coolers on the course. All drinks on the course must be purchased from the club house or drink carts.

Registration deadline is June 13, 2006. Send reservations with names of foursomes with check or money order payable to Grand Lodge of Illinois to: Ron Blue, 2002 Berrywood, Bloomington, IL 61704.

For more information, contact Grand Secretary Benny Grisham at 217-529-8900.

Supreme Guardian visits Illinois Job's Daughters

The presiding officer of the International Order of Job's Daughters made her official visit to Illinois on March 14, 2006. The host was Fairview Heights Bethel No. 20, which received Supreme Guardian Louise Windbiel, Vice Associate Supreme Guardian Tom Sapp and Supreme Bethel Honored Queen Meghan Garibay. Other dignitaries attending were Angela Osborne, Supreme Representative to British Columbia; Julia Rhoads, Supreme Representative to Ontario; Jan Reinhart, Supreme Deputy to Illinois; Susie Mentel, Supreme Deputy to Alabama; and LaVonne Haney, Supreme Deputy to Davenport, Iowa.

The Bethel officers were Honored Queen Angela Osborne, Senior Princess Allison Newton, Junior Princess Kimberly Revis, Honorary State Honored Queen & Guide Christie Brinkmann, Marshal Courtney Brinkmann, Recorder Chelsea Dell, Grand Bethel Chaplain Donna Asher, Treasurer Amanda Sheldon, Librarian Lauren Bianchi, Musician Jessie Kramer, 1st Messenger Justine Asher, 2nd Messenger Bailee Tinker, 3rd Messenger Kassie Sheldon, 4th Messenger Sarah Collins, 5th Messenger Amanda Mitchell, Senior Custodian Samantha Savoy, Junior Custodian Jessica Cruz, Inner Guard Dorothy Savoy and Outer Guard Nikki Moore.

The Bethel officers performed a "string of pearls" ceremony in memory of the founder of Job's Daughters, Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick. Forget-me-not pins were then presented with a special story to Carmen Hanson BG 20, Jeff Brinkmann VAGG, Karen Roth GG, Al Johnson AGG, Angela Osborne, Julia Rhoads, Kimberly Revis, Lauren Bianchi, Jan Reinhart, Susie Mentel, LaVonne Haney and Michelle Rolen.

Illinois Rainbow Girls show 'true colors'

Illinois Rainbow Girl held their Northern Scottish Rite Pilgrimage Feb. 25, 2006, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Chicago. The event theme was "I Love Lucy," and the many dignitaries and guests witnessed an impressive initiation of six new members as the Rainbow officers wore brightly colored aprons in imitation of TV character Lucy Ricardo as well as Grand Worthy Advisor Victoria Wehrli's 2006 theme, "True Colors."

Illinois Rainbow's York Rite Pilgrimage was held in Bloomington on April 8. Seven girls were initiated and the theme was "Toys of the '80s" with Rainbow officers wearing retro beads, pins and slap bracelets.

Rainbow's benefit concert for the American Kidney Fund featuring the classic rock band Ides of March was held May 27 at Pfeiffer Hall, North Central College in Naperville. This band is best-known for its '70s hits "LA Goodbye" and "Vehicle." The lead singer is Jim Peterik, who wrote the song "Eye of the Tiger" featured in the movie Rocky II.

Illinois Rainbow will celebrate its 75th Grand Assembly Session July 7-9, 2006, at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. All Illinois Masons are invited to attend this historic event. Rainbow anniversary celebrations always offer a good time but this one promises some special surprises.

To learn more about International Order of the Rainbow for Girls visit www.iliorg.org. For reservations or information about any of the group's upcoming events, contact Victoria Wehrli, Grand Worthy Advisor in Illinois, at vwehrli7@yahoo.com.

Surrounded by boxes painted to look like giant Legos, Grand Worthy Advisor for Illinois Rainbow Girls Vicki Wehrli leads the group's charitable efforts, including the collection of Lego blocks for children to play with at dialysis centers while waiting for treatments.

Short Talk Bulletins offer lodges convenient, timely discussion topics

How often has your lodge unsuccessfully sought a speaker for an event or had members complain that meetings are boring? A simple and inexpensive solution exists for one of the most common shortcomings in many lodges: lack of an interesting educational or informational program.

The Short Talk Bulletins, published monthly since 1923 by the Masonic Service Association of North America (www.msana.org), are designed to fill this need and are available in a number of categoires, including Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason; Leadership, About Individuals, and Body of the Craft; Literature, Philosophy, and Religion & Ethics; Bypaths, Civic and Patriotic, and Historical; Inspiration & Charity, and In the Lodge; Symbols & Symbolism.

Each pamphlet features a well-researched and conversational talk of about 10-15 minutes on a relevant topic of interest to most Masons. Many are written by contemporary lodge members and all published bulletins are still available back to 1923. Lodge trestleboards and other Masonic publications are invited to reprint the contents of Bulletins, providing that the source be indicated and that the MSA be provided with courtesy copies of the reprinted materials.

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"Reading the minutes and paying the bills is not a program. Lodges must do more to hold members' interest or attendance inevitably suffers," said Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, Chairman, Grand Lodge Speakers' Bureau. "Copies are sent to each lodge in the M.S.A.'s member jurisdictions and to the secretary of each lodge in Illinois. It's a shame that many lodges receiving Short Talk Bulletins throw them away or let them gather dust."

A lodge can select from hundreds of talks suitable for virtually any occasion or theme. All the lodge must do is find a member, preferably one with good reading ability and a strong voice, willing to give a presentation.

For example, the historical series includes the titles: The Architecture of Masonry, The Boston Tea Party, Early Masonry in England, First American Lodges, Freemasonry and Freemasons at Valley Forge, Masons at the Battle of Gettysburg, King Solomon's Quarries, Moderns and Antients, The Morgan Affair, Why Freemasonry Has Enemies and Women Freemasons.

The "In the Lodge" series includes: Art of Presiding, Black Cube, The Challenges of Past Masters, The Importance of Lodge Committees, Increasing Lodge Attendance, Investigating Committee, Paying Bills, Selecting A Line Officer, Using The Short Talk Bulletins In Lodge and You Signed His Petition.

In addition to the complimentary copy each lodge receives, individual Short Talk Bulletin are 50 cents each plus shipping, and a complete set (1923 thru 2005) can be purchased for $398.40, plus postage. Subscriptions to the Short Talk Bulletin make excellent gifts and the MSA can send a gift card to the recipient in the purchaser's name.

To view an index of titles, visit www.msana.org. For a catalog or to subscribe, contact the Masonic Service Assn., 8120 Fenton St., Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785; phone 301-588-4010 or fax 301-608-3457.

Grand Lodge Speakers' Bureau a valuable resource for presentations

The Grand Lodge Speakers' Bureau is organized for the purpose of increasing the knowledge of Masonry in all of its dimensions to our brethren, their families and the public.

We are fortunate in having a dedicated group of talented brethren available upon request to give presentations at Masonic gatherings, including lodge dinners and appendant body events as well as in non-Masonic settings, such as houses of worship and senior centers.

The Bureau's speakers have expertise in a wide variety of subjects, including history, philosophy, all branches of Freemasonry, travel, interesting occupations, hobbies and crafts, and humorous topics (always in good taste). Speakers are available on many other subjects, limited only by the speaker's initiative and the nature of the speaking request.

For those who wish to participate in the Speakers' Bureau, the commitment can be most rewarding and the only requirement is a desire to share one's knowledge and with others. Inquiries are processed by the chairman and engagements assigned based on each speaker's availability and location. To volunteer as a speaker, send a list of your subjects and your contact information.

Those requesting speakers are asked to do so as far in advance as possible and provide date, time and location.

Contact the chairman, Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, 418 Huron St., Park Forest, IL 60466; 708-748-1262.

Lodges using Blue Lightning events to bring in more good men

The two newest lodges in the state use Blue Lightning events to bolster membership and forge camaraderie. Pontoon Beach Lodge No. 1177 (above left) raised four new members on Jan. 28, 2006. (Nine candidates from lodges in the 5th Southern District were raised at this event.)

Men in Brotherhood Lodge No. 1178 (above right) in Franklin Park raised 12 new members of its lodge on May 6, 2006. Pontoon Beach began with 73 charter members, growing to 167 as of this year, and Men In Brotherhood started with 43 charter members with membership now at 122. Enthusiasm for learning the ritual and participation in a wide variety of worthwhile charitable activities are keys to the outstanding success of both lodges.

Among the other lodges in the state bringing in enthusiastic new members via Blue Lightning events is Evergreen Lodge No. 170 (above) in Freeport with an event held on March 18, 2006.

Illinois Mason recalls father's Southern traveling degree team

In the late 1920s and early 1930s, the Virginia Bridge Masonic Degree Team (based in East Birmingham, Ala.) would get off work on Friday afternoon and head out in their Model A Fords to lodges in Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida to confer the Third Degree. Sometimes the team would drive overnight to exemplify the degree on Saturday morning and then head home afterwards.

Bro. James L. Cartee remembers accompanying his father on these trips and deciding that he, too, wanted to become a member of the fraternity. On June 21, 2006, he will celebrate 52 years as a Master Mason. W. Bro. Cartee is also Past Master of Evergreen Park Lodge No. 1171.

News from lodges around the state

A Masonic Service Association Award for 35 years of MSA volunteer service at the Marion V.A. Health Care System was presented to Eugene Whitfield. Both he and his wife, Decima (not pictured), are long-time volunteers at the Marion V.A. From left: Richard L. Swaney, Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Whitfield; Mohsen G. Modaressi, MSA Field Agent; and Noel C. Dicks, Grand Master of Illinois.

Lodge furniture was donated to members of Edward Dobbins Lodge No. 164 (Lawrenceville) by Riverside Lodge No. 862 in February 2006 in response to their request for furnishings.

Five generations of Witbracht family Masons: upper left, August "Grandpa" Witbracht (Gus' grandfather), Alma Lodge No. 497 (Steelville) Master 1924; upper right, Robert T. Witbracht (Gus' father), Master, Alma Lodge 1927-1928; center: August C. Witbracht, Master, Morton Lodge No. 352; left: Robert T. Witbracht (Gus' son), raised Feb. 15, 2006; and right: Lance A. Witbracht (Gus' grandson), raised Feb. 1, 2006.

Illinois Veterans' Home celebration for Anna Lodge No. 520 member Walter Cherrick (seated) was held in honor of his 85th birthday with fellow veterans, from left, Bros. Dennis Clayton, A.A.D.G.M. Collin W. Lyerla and Roy Dillow, and Bro. Tim Jones.

A pizza party, courtesy of Wayfarers Lodge No. 1001 (Evanston), held at the LaGrange Masonic Children's Home on Jan. 21, 2006, included, second row from left: Secretary Gary Langwell, P.M., Master John Harty Brandenburg, Sr. Warden Mark A. Kalita. First row from left: Ian, with Joe Shiro Tyler, and Paul. Ian and Paul are the children sponsored by Wayfarers Lodge.

A medical donation by Cairo Lodge No. 237, together with funds from Cape Shrine Club of Moolah Shrine (Cape Girardeau, Mo.), helped purchase a special helmet to reshape the skull of Baby Gracie. After wearing the helmet for four to six months, she will have a normal-shaped skull and be free of the need for further medical care.

Family installation at Farmington Lodge No. 192 on March 14, 2006, included seven members of the Ulm clan, including Master Matthew Ulm, Treasurer Larry Ulm, Jr. Steward Jimmie Ulm, and all four of the installing officers.

1931 reminiscence by W. Bro. Glen Brasel (right) of Kinmundy Lodge No. 398 at Past Master's Night April 8, 2006, included his term as Master in 1974. A 75-year award was presented to him by Senior Grand Warden Rick Swaney.

News from lodges around the state

Masonic Secretaries Assn.'s Torok Award was presented by Ed Rund, president of the association, to W. Bro. George E. Coppess of Oak Forest Lodge No. 832, who served as Master in 1987 and then as secretary for the next 16 years. The award recognized "his performing all of the functions of this office in an exemplary manner." Bro. Coppess is now serving as Master again.

100 teddy bears were presented to the River Grove and Elmwood Park Police and Fire Departments by Clarence P. Schwarz Lodge No. 1163 (Chicago) as part of its Community Awareness Program. Intended to comfort children in crisis, each bear has the lodge name embroidered on its shirt and includes a greeting card. Making the presentation to River Grove Police Chief Rodger Loni and River Grove Fire Chief Larry LaRiviere are Chaplain James White and Master Vince DeCola.

Awards Night presentations conducted by Old Glory Lodge No. 141 (Westchester) featured a Community Builder Award presented by W.M. James Schwichtenberg to Dr. Thomas Sullivan (below left) plus Lodge Builder Awards and several Incentive Awards to primary and middle-grade children as part of a new lodge program. The outstanding work of the late Bro. John Connolly, P.M., was also recognized with a memorial gift to the temple with his family present for the ceremonies (below right).

Special membership recognition for six decades of service to the Craft and DeWitt Lodge No. 84 was presented by Wor. Master Dave Ashcraft (left) to W. Bro. Ernest N. Thorp on Feb. 23, 2006.

M.W. Bro. Noel C. Dicks presented an award on April 18 at Taylor Lodge No. 98 (Washington) to W. Bro. Cecil Bilbrey (center) for 75 years of service to the fraternity. Also shown is W.M. Richard Kerr (right).

Tornadoes damage homes of Grand Secretary's staff

Some brethren may have been unable to contact the Grand Secretary's Office due to a string of tornadoes that hit the Springfield area in mid-March. Telephone lines were cut and power was out in many parts of the city. None of the secretarial staff was able to make it into the office for several days. The above photo shows the neighborhood of secretary Terri Falzone. Everyone is grateful that none of the staff was injured and hope for a swift recovery.

To have your lodge's activities considered for inclusion in *Illinois Freemasonry*, send a description of the event and a good-quality photo, including the date, event, names and titles of those in the photo, to *Illinois Freemasonry*, P.O. Box B, Hinsdale, IL 60522. Attachments totaling no more than 5MB may be e-mailed to: IllinoisFreemasonry@msn.com. Due to space limitations, only recent events (those occurring within the last six months) can be considered for inclusion. For archived back issues, plus photo and content submission guidelines, visit: www.illinoisfreemasonry.org.

Membership anniversaries occurring April 1 - June 30, 2006

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the interest of fairness, accuracy and timeliness, Illinois Freemasonry *only publishes lists of members attaining anniversaries of 50 years, 75 years and above during the current quarter as reported by the Grand Secretary. Due to space limitations, these lists appear in lieu of individual pin and/or certificate presentation photos (including other year anniversaries). Lodges are encouraged to submit these to their trestleboards and local newspapers for publication.*

50-YEAR MEMBERS (raised in 1956)

Lodge No.	*& Name*	*Member Name*
1	Bodley	Delashmit, George A.
1	Bodley	Homan, Donald G.
3	Harmony	Crowcroft, E. Dale
3	Harmony	Houston, Carroll W.
3	Harmony	Trotter, Rollyn B. Jr.
4	Springfield	Cunningham, Thomas Jr.
4	Springfield	Kalb, Robert
8	Macon	Fox, Robert B.
17	Macomb	Sutton, Irving T.
23	Cass	Morrison, William A.
23	Cass	Penwarden, Tom R.
24	St. Clair	Baggett, Leonard R.
24	St. Clair	Elliott, Walter W.
24	St. Clair	Kramme, Raymond W.
24	St. Clair	Lienesch, Donald R.
24	St. Clair	Presler, Donald P.
24	St. Clair	Ring, Harold F.
24	St. Clair	Seibert, Paul E.
25	Franklin	Penrod, Ray A.
25	Franklin	Sherwood, Richard H.
25	Franklin	Temple, Richard C.
29	Pekin	Carver, Joseph W.
29	Pekin	Hall, Jack
29	Pekin	Townsend, Gene D.
35	Charleston	Jobe, Byron L.
37	Monmouth	Barnett, Gary L.
37	Monmouth	Hottle, Bufford W. Jr.
38	Olive Branch	Bracewell, James E.
38	Olive Branch	Grimes, William E.
38	Olive Branch	Hicks, Aubrey
38	Olive Branch	Lewis, Adren B.
38	Olive Branch	Turner, James W.
39	Herman	Fauble, Gilbert L.
39	Herman	Williamson, James W.
43	Bloomington	Fuller, D. Hodge
43	Bloomington	Harraden, Charles F.
43	Bloomington	Johnson, Richard D.
43	Bloomington	Seyforth, Harlan C.
46	Temple	Bogard, Richard H.
46	Temple	Feinner, Stanley J.
46	Temple	Gresham, Darrel R.
46	Temple	Stevenson, Melvin A.
46	Temple	West, George R.
47	Caledonia	Davis, Maurice E.
47	Caledonia	Williams, Clarence R.
53	Jackson	Banning, Robert E.
55	Washington	La Bare, Raymond L.
57	Trio	De Winter, Thomas A.
58	Fraternal	Beckhart, Maurice
58	Fraternal	Sievers, Robert L.
60	Belvidere	Ballinger, Glen D.
60	Belvidere	Dupont, Clarence A.
60	Belvidere	Haase, Edward F.
61	Lacon	Monier, Gilbert C.
63	St. Marks	Jensen, Vernon L.
63	St. Marks	Wenkel, Howard D.
64	Benton	Bowlin, Alva Jr.
64	Benton	Prather, James W.
67	Acacia-S.M. Dlzll	Michael, Earl L.
71	Central	Books, John H.
71	Central	Turner, Willard F.
75	Roscoe	Cummings, Roger W.
75	Roscoe	Ellis, Eugene G.
75	Roscoe	Mefford, Van K.
75	Roscoe	Mueller, Roland F.
77	Prairie	Hewitt, Dale A.
78	Waukegan	Fraser, V. N. 'Bud'
78	Waukegan	Prusz, Franciezek
78	Waukegan	Smith, William H.
80	White Hall	Lyman, Boris N.
81	D. C. Cregier	Hess, Eugene O.
84	De Witt	Davenport, William N.
84	De Witt	Weinberg, Harold
90	Jerusalem Tmpl	Shelley, William F. Jr.
90	Jerusalem Tmpl	Snow, Robert D.
92	Stewart	Langhofer, Truman M.
92	Stewart	Palmer, Daniel K.
97	Excelsior	Hicks, John W.
97	Excelsior	Kaiser, Norman P.
102	Rockford	Congleton, Adolph M.
102	Rockford	Nordenberg, Howard S.
115	Rising Sun	Hagen, Harvey T.
116	Vermont	Danner, Victor H.
117	Elgin	Peterson, Rodger W.
123	Oquawka	Jacobs, Ivan G.
124	Cedar	Stansberry, Robert T.
126	Empire	Hall, Jack
130	Marion	Keele, James H.
132	Mackinaw	Wegman, Robert E.
133	Marshall	Spires, Herbert L.
137	Polk	Daily, Donald E.
137	Polk	Walker, Lenza L. D.
139	Geneva	Cole, Hugh A.
141	Old Glory	Corbin, Ronald R.
141	Old Glory	Sarovich, Alexander
141	Old Glory	Scrugli, Anthony
149	Effingham	Allen, Willie
151	Bunker Hill	Gosch, Lawrence O.
154	Russell	Shaw, Harry J.
154	Russell	Sherman, Lee M.
160	Decalogue	Anderson, Randall C.
160	Decalogue	Grimson, Lawrence A.
160	Decalogue	Mandel, Seymour L.
160	Decalogue	Stasica, Joseph A.
161	Virden	Lewis, Elmer E.
162	Hope	Lewis, William C.
162	Hope	Rust, Robert H.
164	Edward Dobbins	Anderson, Jack E.
166	Star in the East	Bradley, Charles M.
166	Star in the East	Opperman, Robert D.
170	Evergreen	Finkle, Wesley D.
175	Matteson	Grubisich, Ely
175	Matteson	Olson, Dale E.
175	Matteson	Stoxen, Paul B.
177	Staunton	Simberger, Richard F.
179	Wabash	Mendenhall, Harold E.
188	Cyrus	Jewell, Walter H.
189	Fulton City	Lewis, Evan D.
189	Fulton City	Wiersema, Warren B.
190	Dundee	Ballschmiede, Robert F.
192	Farmington	Connor, Kenneth G.
195	La Harpe	Corzatt, Paul M.
195	La Harpe	Geddes, Allan M.
195	La Harpe	Mc Connell, Kenneth W.
195	La Harpe	Rodeffer, John H.
200	Sheba	Knight, Royal E.
208	Wilmington	Gunning, Richard H.
208	Wilmington	Hopkins, Neil M.
208	Wilmington	Shreffler, Lynn D.
210	Lincoln	Hanner, Wayne S.
210	Lincoln	Molt, Kenneth W.
212	Shipman	Krause, George E.
214	Gillespie	Krause, George E.
219	Oakland	Greathouse, James L.
220	Mahomet	Bateman, Carl E.
220	Mahomet	Bell, Milton R.
221	Le Roy	Miller, Joseph C.
226	Pana	Metsker, Don E.
251	Heyworth	Johnson, Richard D.
254	Aurora	Swanson, Robert T.
260	Mattoon	Croy, Ivan D.
270	La Moille	Druse, Richard C.
272	Carmi	Stewart, Earl G.
272	Carmi	Walker, Lenza L. D.
279	Neoga	Sentel, Billie G.
280	Kansas	Kerans, Robert F.
285	Catlin	Cummings, Ralph E.
294	Pontiac	Gallup, Marion H.
298	Wauconda	Helgesen, Howard B.
298	Wauconda	Sorlie, Kenneth A.
302	Durand	Bauer, Kenneth E.
312	Ionic	Tille, Charles H.
313	York	Wernz, Maurice A.
314	Palatine	Helgesen, Howard B.
319	Doric	Rohwer, Richard C.
321	Dunlap	French, Raymond D.
332	Tuscola	Brooks, Luther L.
333	Tyrian	Hart, Howard C.
333	Tyrian	Woodrum, Moulton R.
337	Oneida	Helgesen, Howard B.
340	Kedron	Clements, Robert W.
348	Flat Rock	Tracy, Glenn
351	Tarbolton	Walker, Ronald E.
356	Hermitage	Briggs, Kenneth O.
356	Hermitage	Michels, Bert J.
368	Jefferson	Baldridge, Vern M.
368	Jefferson	Rowe, James L.
371	Livingston	Zivney, Oliver K.
374	Shabbona	Bickford, Wayne H.
374	Shabbona	Michael, David T.
379	Payson	Hartsfield, William N.
379	Payson	King, Herman A.
386	Bridgeport	Creek, Robert A.
389	Kankakee	Bellchamber, James A.
389	Kankakee	Mueller, Dean B.
390	Ashmore	Humphres, Wayne D.
394	Jerseyville	Krause, George E.
398	Kinmundy	Williams, James L.
406	Bethalto	Kinnison, Rayburn "Buck"
411	Hesperia	Beringer, George J.
416	Paxton	Basher, Johnny L.
417	Marseilles	Twait, Stanley D.
418	Freeburg	Georg, Clarence J.
418	Freeburg	Lischer, Cletus C.
422	Landmark	Mac Kimm, Thomas J.
428	Sunbeam	Niles, Raymond L.
431	Summit	Hoaglin, Robert
431	Summit	Plunkett, Lester R.
442	Casey	Yocom, James H.
444	Cave-In-Rock	Cook, Telford
444	Cave-In-Rock	Switzer, William D. Jr.
454	Maroa	Shaw, Selwyn P.
455	Irving	Lapsansky, Alvin R.
456	Nokomis	Turvey, Gene
461	Plainview	Krause, George E.
464	Denver	Johnson, Joseph N.
464	Denver	Lawson, Martin M.
470	Rantoul	King, Wayne A.
474	Columbia	Muskopf, Kenneth E.
478	Pleiades	Church, Denny R.
478	Pleiades	Manzie, Michael S. Sr.
492	Libertyville	Enevold, Norman B.
495	Stonefort	Ozment, Richard B.
497	Alma	Bradley, Byron K.
498	Murphysboro	Schimpf, Dale R.
500	St. Paul's	Bissell, Stanley M. Sr.
500	St. Paul's	Patterson, Lester G.
500	St. Paul's	Spasojevich, Nicholas
502	Woodhull	Stanley, William E.
503	Odin	Barham, Raymond K.
504	East	Armstrong, Dallas C. Jr.
504	East	Walker, John M.
512	Wade Barney	Baird, Merle G.
512	Wade Barney	Halsey, Calbert B.
512	Wade Barney	Smiley, Edwin B.
519	Roseville	Tate, Herbert D.
522	Monitor Lounsbry	Leverence, Clifford E.

50-YEAR MEMBERS, CONT'D (raised in 1956)

Lodge No. & Name		*Member Name*
535	Sherman	Poust, John J.
567	Frankfort	Connell, Roy A.
567	Frankfort	Finn, Robert E.
567	Frankfort	Martin, William F.
573	Gardner	Tipsword, Edward D.
577	Viola	Harkey, Ivan A.
577	Viola	Spahnie, Amos M.
587	Princeton	Seidel, Thomas A.
607	Streator	Hardgrove, James E.
610	Union Park	Ericson, Harold L. Jr.
610	Union Park	Gordon, Derek W.
610	Union Park	Zielenske, Gerald R.
630	Walpole Tuscan	Hopkins, Hugh T. Jr.
632	Ridge Farm	Haworth, Orville W.
633	E. F. W. Ellis	Lone, Richard J.
633	E. F. W. Ellis	Rygh, Olaf J.
635	Rochester	Hauger, Duane L.
641	Comet	Graff, Harold G.
644	Oblong City	Krick, Murl J.
653	Greenview	Moller, George D.
658	Rock Island	Bauersfeld, Richard D.
658	Rock Island	Danielson, Walter E.
658	Rock Island	Sacks, Newton N.
664	Winterrowd	Gossman, Clyde D.
668	Burnt Prairie	Walker, Lenza L. D.
670	Fillmore	Alexander, Elmer P.
673	Normal	Harris, Andrew C.
673	Normal	Turpin, William J.
698	Hutton	Moody, Robert C.
704	Braidwood	Everts, Paul J.
706	Joppa	Cosart, Hershel M.
709	Star	Sims, C. Floyd
716	Calumet	Vaughan, Adiel W.
718	May	Crowder, Carl M.
722	Walnut	Meyer, Robert L.
730	Eldorado	Scott, Harold E.
733	Gibson	Finn, Charles E.
733	Gibson	Hager, James A.
734	Morning Star	Barclay, John R.
734	Morning Star	Cameron, Bobby R.
734	Morning Star	Thompson, Kenneth L.
745	Winnebago	Williams, Charles A. Jr.
763	Crete	Hunding, William F.
763	Crete	Maybaum, Roland E.
764	George A. Sentel	Harchous, Donald B.
764	George A. Sentel	Harchous, George R.
764	George A. Sentel	Keown, Charles C.
767	Triluminar	Druse, Richard C.
769	St. Elmo	Morris, Ronald E.
769	St. Elmo	Watson, Donald F.
789	Auburn Park	De Vries, Glenn E.
789	Auburn Park	Fulsang, Harold H.
790	Pittsfield	Bagby, Richard B.
790	Pittsfield	Losch, Clarence W.
790	Pittsfield	Loyd, Joseph C.
792	Calhoun	Sweetman, William J.
802	Williamson	Meadows, Stanley A.
809	Gilham	Howell, Robert E.
810	Tinley Park	Lykins, James T.
815	Lawn	Alexander, Robert A.
815	Lawn	Hansen, George W. Jr.
815	Lawn	Hansen, Julian R.
815	Lawn	Parnell, Paul H.
815	Lawn	Silva, Deane P.
832	Oak Forest	Bennett, Teddy L.
839	Berwyn	Greco, Donald R. Sr.
839	Berwyn	Tucci, John Jr.
839	Berwyn	Witt, Raymond W.
850	River Frst-Austin	Carqueville, Frank S. Jr.
850	River Frst-Austin	Dorner, Rudolph
850	River Frst-Austin	Kobylinski, Theodore F.
850	River Frst-Austin	Shelhamer, Kenneth L.
852	Gothic	Goldsmith, Clarence H.
852	Gothic	Johnson, Perry L.
855	King Oscar	Mc Donald, Robert E.
855	King Oscar	West, Ray J.
861	Sorento	Parks, Charles K.
862	Riverside	Hanzelin, Jerome F.
862	Riverside	Tselepis, William P.
871	Argenta	Robb, Marion O.
877	Granite City	Aaron, Monte L.
877	Granite City	Caby, Jack B.
877	Granite City	Hollis, Glen R.
877	Granite City	Mac Donough, William H.
877	Granite City	Weiss, Jerome
890	Des Plaines	Helgesen, Howard B.
890	Des Plaines	Wigert, Albert T. Jr.
898	Silvis	Garner, Howard L.
898	Silvis	Neighbors, Maynard E.
930	Joseph Robbins	Croy, William T.
931	Wilmette Park	Lundberg, Harold H. Jr.
931	Wilmette Park	Miiller, Walter T.
934	Hinsdale	Thompson, John O.
941	Elmhurst	Hefferin, Edward J.
941	Elmhurst	Morgan, James E.
941	Elmhurst	Orvis, Robert E. Sr.
941	Elmhurst	Willman, Tom
950	Glen Ellyn	Nelson, Wallace A. Jr.
974	Constellation	Braun, Richard
974	Constellation	Gauger, Vernon R.
974	Constellation	Hiura, Thomas M.
979	Stephen Decatur	Powell, Lloyd W.
979	Stephen Decatur	York, Kenneth R.
980	Anchor	Beddow, Merle J.
980	Anchor	Nygren, Walfred
980	Anchor	Roberts, Ronald E.
995	Westchester	Hilan, Harold D.
995	Westchester	Martinec, Otto J.
998	Paul Revere	Ashe, Billy F.
998	Paul Revere	Migala, Mitchell J.
998	Paul Revere	Pantelakis, Frank
1001	Wayfarers	Brabec, Joseph A.
1001	Wayfarers	Klemens, Joseph S.
1007	Loyal	Freed, Henry K.
1011	Woodson	Johnson, Gordon D.
1030	Emeth	Pearsall, Robert J.
1046	Westfield	Ping, William F.
1048	Zeigler	Hodgeman, Fredrick S.
1057	Leyden Laurel	Dahlman, John H.
1057	Leyden Laurel	Engstrom, Robert R.
1058	Glenview	Kirkpatrick, Robert J.
1062	Wood River	Colter, Robert J.
1062	Wood River	Gayle, James O.
1074	W Englwd Home	Major, Philip S.
1075	Kelvyn Pk-Willing	Turnquest, Robert M.
1084	Hellenic	Petros, Michael G.
1098	Lombard	Dankers, Erwin C.
1098	Lombard	Groves, John O.
1098	Lombard	Kolze, Ronald C.
1112	Grand View	Jarvis, William C.
1113	Villa Park	Price, Archie R.
1113	Villa Park	Robbins, Jerome H.
1130	Further Light	Bauer, Robert E. Sr.
1130	Further Light	Strebin, James R.
1133	Argo-Summit	Marcotte, Kenneth A.
1133	Argo-Summit	Rogers, William H.
1143	Hilton	Hoffman, Fredrick K.
1145	Loves Park	Burgett, William A.
1145	Loves Park	Korf, Roger W.
1159	Bensenville	Hopgood, Thomas H.
1162	Arlington Heights	Thorsen, Edward F.
1163	Clrnc P. Schwarz	Karr, Robert B.
1163	Clrnc P. Schwarz	Miner, Edward N.
1163	Clrnc P. Schwarz	Reeves, John W.
1163	Clrnc P. Schwarz	Schoewe, William A.
1169	Neighbor	Burgess, John D.
1169	Neighbor	Druse, Richard C.
1169	Neighbor	Vaughan, Adiel W.
1171	Evergreen Park	Fagin, George R.
1171	Evergreen Park	Robbins, John D.
1172	Vrln M. Showalter	Frerichs, Walter H.
1172	Vrln M. Showalter	Neuenschwander, Chas. B.

75-YEAR MEMBERS (raised in 1931)

31	Mt. Vernon	Woodruff, James L.
98	Taylor	Bilbrey, Cecil D.
157	Urbana	Bischoff, Frank H.
169	Nunda	Smith, Edward T.
246	El Paso	Bilbrey, Cecil D.
398	Kinmundy	Brasel, Glen B.
463	Palmyra	Wylder, Joseph G.
1027	Anchor and Ark	Twentyman, Edward
1138	Arcadia	Albrecht, Rudolph

76-YEAR MEMBERS (raised in 1930)

55	Washington	Homburg, Harry W.
478	Pleiades	Muir, Hugh A.
763	Crete	Crockett, Forest R.
988	Park Ridge	Bodinus, William S.

77-YEAR MEMBERS (raised in 1929)

64	Benton	Hertel, Marvin
500	St. Paul's	Barbee, Joseph F.
733	Gibson	Johnston, Clarence E.
777	Ravenswood	Herzog, Stephen H.
834	Toledo	Lawyer, James M.

78-YEAR MEMBERS (raised in 1928)

137	Polk	Miller, Dwight P.
219	Oakland	Ashmore, Edgar M.
810	Tinley Park	Gingerich, Jess W.

80-YEAR MEMBERS (raised in 1926)

33	Oriental	Hanks, Nelson O.

81-YEAR MEMBERS (raised in 1925)

787	Morris	Zimmer, Edgar O.

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GRAND LODGE ARCHIVES

Below is a memo from the 1980s distributed by the Grand Lodge and Board of Grand Examiners to encourage a more structured approach to attaining proficiency in the Standard Work as well as the Masonic funeral ceremony by lodge officers. Note the challenging assignments given to junior officers and the balanced sharing of the ritualistic workload. While this information is reprinted here for reference purposes only, it is an insightful reminder of the Fraternity's high expectations of itself in the recent past with the presumption that lodges ought to be able to perform their own work.

To All Lodge Officers

The following represents a suggested methodical plan to guide lodge officers in learning degree work, including lectures. This plan will enable them to become competent working officers, prepared and ready for advancement.

Work to be learned

	First half of year	Second half of year
Marshal	Prayers and Scripture readings – all degrees Marshal's work and duties	Chaplain's work* 1st Degree – Charge*
Chaplain	1st Degree – Obligation 1st Degree – Catechism questions & answers	1st Degree – Explanatory lecture 2nd Degree – Obligation* 2nd Degree – Catechism questions & answers
Jr. Steward	1st Degree – Monitorial and tenets* 1st Degree – Obligation*	2nd Degree – Charge* 2nd Degree – Obligation
Sr. Steward	3rd Degree – Obligation 1st Degree – Secretary's interrogatories	2nd Degree – Middle Chamber* 3rd Degree – Obligation*
Jr. Deacon	2nd Degree – Senior Deacon lecture*	3rd Degree – Historical lecture*
Sr. Deacon	3rd Degree – Both charges* Junior Warden's work in the South	3rd Degree – Emblems lecture* 3rd Degree – Prayer in the West*
Jr. Warden	Opening and closing lodge – all degrees Senior Warden's work in the West	3rd Degree – Raising* Have copy of Blue Book and study it
Sr. Warden	Master's work in the East – all degrees Continue studying the Blue Book	Master's funeral ritual Chaplain's funeral prayer Continue studying the Blue Book

** and be given in lodge*

The above should represent a minimum requirement of each officer and become a mutually understood policy of the lodge in determining the qualifications for the advancement of its officers.

Help students avoid drug and alcohol abuse with your Master Mason license plates

MASTER MASON LICENSE PLATE AUTHORIZATION FORM

I certify that I am a Master Mason in good standing in an Illinois lodge and as such do hereby make application for an Illinois Master Mason license plate bearing the Square & Compasses emblem.

Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____
Street Apt. no.

IL
_____
City Zip code

Lodge _____
Name No.

Location _____
City or town

Plate Number Requested: ***Vanity plate option*** *– Must limit alpha letters to max. 4 characters and numbers to 2 or 3 digits. (Example: ABCD or 123)* ***Personalized plate option*** *– A space must separate letter/number combinations. (Example: A 123 or AB 12 or ABC 1) All requests for 4-digit numbers are considered personalized plates. Please allow six weeks to process special orders.*

1st Choice ☐☐☐☐☐ *2nd Choice* ☐☐☐☐☐ *3rd Choice* ☐☐☐☐☐

_____
Signature of Master Mason Applicant

CERTIFICATE OF GRAND SECRETARY OF ILLINOIS

I certify that the person whose signature appears above is a Master Mason in good standing and is entitled to make application for the Master Mason license plate bearing the Square & Compasses emblem. This application must bear the signature of the Grand Secretary and the Seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois imprinted thereon.

(seal) _____ _____
Grand Secretary Date

Mail this completed form to: **Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Illinois**
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Springfield, IL 62703

MASTER MASON LICENSE PLATE FACTS

The Master Mason plate carries a $25 original issuance fee, of which $10 will go to benefit the Illinois Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, in addition to the standard $78 annual registration fee. The renewal each year will also carry an additional $25 fee, of which $23 will go to benefit the Illinois Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, in addition to the standard $78 annual registration fee. This foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation and contributions to this organization are tax-deductible as provided by law.

Master Mason license plates are multiyear plates and may be displayed on passenger cars and on trucks and vans weighing 8,000 pounds or less.

APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS AUTHORIZATION

Current license plate # _____ **Expiration** _____

Initial Applications

Submit authorization form with proper fees payable to Secretary of State with your current registration card to the Grand Secretary. Form will be approved and taken to the Sec. of State.

MM Plate Renewals

If you already have MM plates, renewal should be completed in same manner as with any other renewal. If you have difficulty renewing MM plates, call Kelly Turner at (217) 785-8605.

Registration & Fee Info

Use authorization form and the Sec. of State's regular renewal application form.

If current plates expire within 60 days, submit:

- **$25 original issuance fee;**
- **$78 renewal fee;**
- **$29 replacement fee, if current plate *is not* a MM plate or current MM plate is changing from random to personalized – all payable to the Secretary of State.**

If current plates do not expire within 60 days, submit:

- **Current registration card;**
- **$25 original issuance fee;**
- **$29 replacement fee, if current plate *is not* a MM plate or current MM plate is changing from random to personalized – all payable to the Secretary of State.**

If you want plates for a *newly acquired* vehicle, submit:

- **$143 title and registration fee;**
- **$25 original issuance fee — both payable to Sec. of State;**
- **Appropriate taxes payable to Illinois Dept. of Revenue.**

If you want Master Mason *Vanity Plates*, submit:

- **$94 vanity license plate initial fee;**
- **$78 renewal fee;**
- **$25 original issuance fee;**
- **$29 replacement fee, if current plate *is not* a MM plate or current MM plate is changing from random to personalized – all payable to the Secretary of State.**

If you want Master Mason *Personalized Plates*, submit:

- **$78 renewal fee;**
- **$25 original issuance fee;**
- **$47 personalized fee;**
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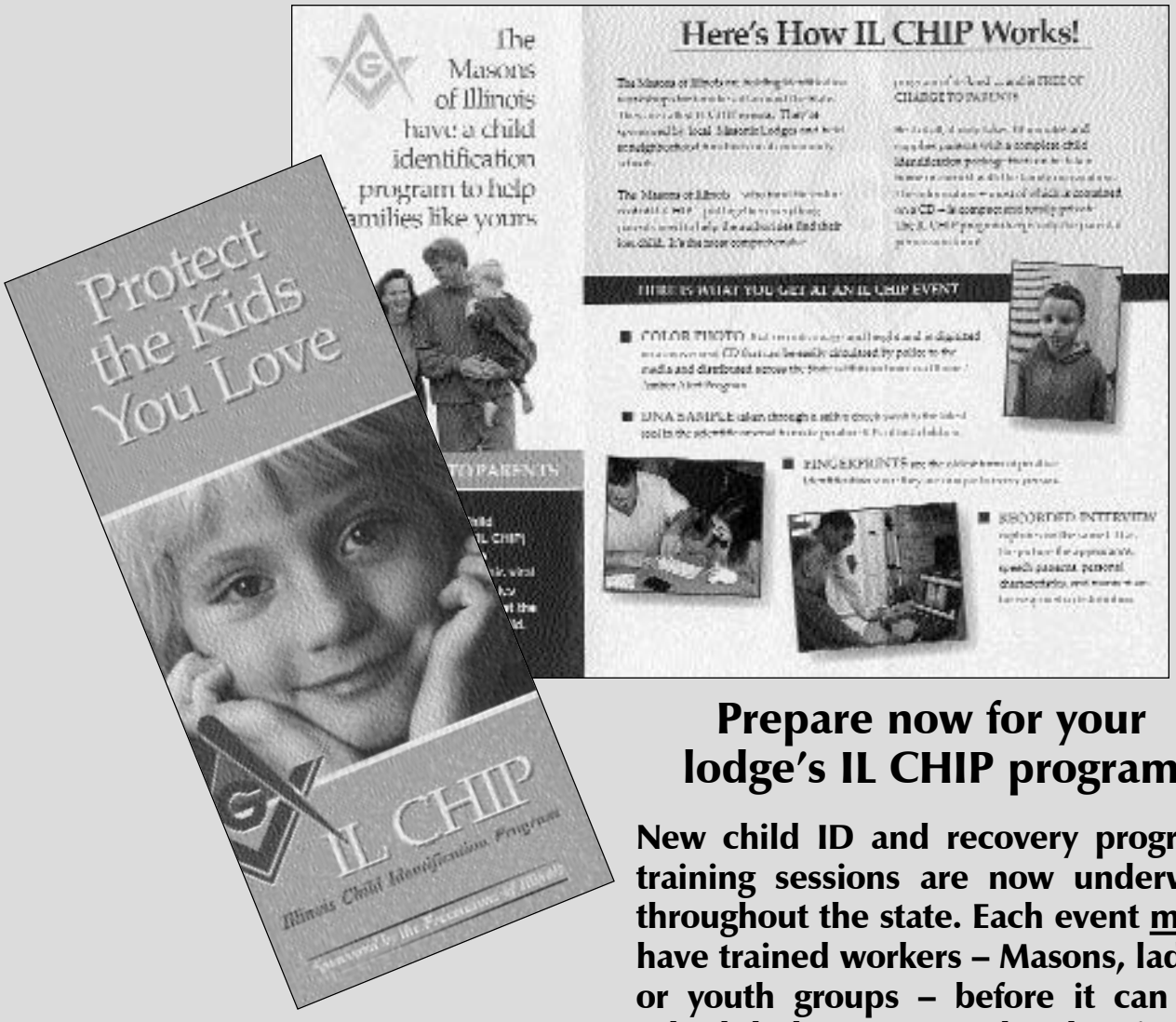
'Personalized' and 'Vanity' Illinois Master Mason license plates are now being issued



Prepare now for your lodge's IL CHIP program

New child ID and recovery program training sessions are now underway throughout the state. Each event <u>must</u> have trained workers – Masons, ladies or youth groups – before it can be scheduled. Contact local District Deputy Grand Masters for information about training sessions in your area.

Plan now to become a part of this program that "will make a difference."