

## CHILD ID PROGRAM 2010-2011

Brothers,

Each year approximately 800,000 children go missing! That is one child every 40 seconds!

- 400,000 run away from home.
- 300,000 are abducted by family members.
- 50,000 are abducted by non-family members.

I start off again this year as last! If the numbers above do not scare you into supporting the Child ID Program, NOTHING WILL! I have been asked by M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez to head this program again this year! Our goal this year is to take steps toward a uniform system of reporting and identifying children in Florida. We cannot in one year accomplish everything, but I assure you we will be working toward these goals!

The Florida Masonic Child ID Program is already one of the most successful in the country. We currently have Brothers across this State that donate their MONEY and most importantly their TIME to help identify children for their safety and their family's piece of mind!

We currently have several different methods for identifying children. Some Districts use video tape and fingerprinting with ink while others use a DVD and inkless fingerprinting! Still others distribute child ID kits that are all self-contained. All of these programs take money and you will shortly be seeing Florida Masonic Child ID envelopes in your Zones and Districts in hope that all will donate something, any amount will be much appreciated.

Additionally, we have developed a Florida Masonic Child ID pin that we test marketed in Districts 11 and 12 and found it to be a huge success. These pins will be on sale during Grand Lodge and we hope everyone will support the program through these pin sales. A BIG THANKS goes out to R.:W.: Alan McQuaig, W.: Darrell Boone, and Brother Buck Doyle for their help in securing these pins.

I want to thank, in advance, my Zone Chairmen who have already started working on our fund raising and advertising, as well as other forms of progress for our program! These Brothers are truly a great team!

In conclusion I want to thank M.:W.: J. Dick Martinez for this position and to let all Districts and Lodges know that we will be here to assist you with any question or event you may have!

Sincerely and fraternally,

R.:W.: Jim Olsen  
State Chairman  
Child ID Program

## COMMITTEE ON WORK PROGRAMS 2010-2011

The programs for the Committee on Work are basically the same for each Grand Lodge year with some minor changes. The core programs such as District Schools of Instruction, Zone Schools with "Open Books," Proficiency Cards, and other Ritual related programs are normally dictated by the Digest or Grand Lodge policy. Some of the other programs are left to the discretion of the Committee on Work and the Grand Master. The proposed programs for the 2010-2011 Grand Lodge year are outlined as follows:

**Schools of Instruction:** The Schools of Instruction are normally the most visible programs across the State for the Committee on Work. Major emphasis this year will be placed on improving the Proficiency at both the District Schools and the Zone Schools. Now that we have adopted the FLOORWORK we need to review our movements in the Lodge as spelled out by the ADOPTED FLOORWORK. It should be highly stressed, especially to the Worshipful Masters and Officers of the Particular Lodges, that attendance at these Schools of Instruction is essential in maintaining a high degree of Proficiency within each Lodge.

**Ritual Competition:** The Ritual Competition, as in past years, will conclude with a State Champion being determined the day before Grand Lodge. Recognition of the second and third place finishers will be given during the presentation of a trophy to the winning team. Competition will be open to teams from the Districts again this year. Any regular, Dual, or Plural member (competing in one team only) of a single Lodge or members of the various Lodges in a District may form a team for competition. Teams competing against other teams in the same District will have to exemplify the FIRST part of the Entered Apprentice Degree. The team that wins the District Competition and any team not required to compete in their District as the only entrant will exemplify the SECOND part of the Entered Apprentice Degree for the Zone (and Region) Competition. The State Competition will be among the five Regional winners and will be held on the Sunday before Grand Lodge at Winter Park Lodge No. 239. The Grand Master will draw a portion from the six possibilities, E.A. first and second parts, F.C. first and second parts, and M.M. first and second parts. We hope that this change will allow each District to have at least one team in that District competing in the Zone (and Region) Competition. The individual competition in the Lectures will continue this year. The grading system will not change; there will be a penalty of two points per word error charged for the Lecture Competition only. The scores on the Lecturers will be kept as a running total during the entire competition and the Brother with the highest score in each of the Lectures will be named the State Champion. Any regular, Dual, or Plural member (competing in one Lodge only) of each Particular Lodge will be able to participate in the competition, but only in one lecture. A State Champion for each lecture will be announced at Grand Lodge and a State Championship Plaque awarded for each of the three Lecturers. The second and third place finishers in each lecture will also be recognized with a certificate and announced at Grand Lodge.

**Spanish Ritual:** The Spanish Ritual Work has been completed and distributed.

**Actual Past Masters Degree:** The Actual Past Masters Degree, as usual, will be conferred under the direction of the Committee on Work. Fees for the Degree will be ten dollars and registration will be held during the Grand Lodge registration. Each pre-registered Worshipful Master who receives the Degree will be given a card and certificate at the conclusion of the Degree. Worshipful Masters

from prior years who receive the Degree at this time will receive their certificate and card by mail from Grand Lodge at a later date. We hope that we may continue to offer it on the evening of the first day of Grand Lodge.

**Proficiency Cards:** The Proficiency Card system will basically stay the same. The Chairman will continue to type and sign the cards. The District Instructors will forward the recommendations for cards to be issued to the State Chairman who will in turn mail the completed cards back to the District Instructors for their dispersal. A listing of completed cards will then be compiled and forwarded to Grand Lodge and the information entered into the membership database.

**Memorial Service:** The Memorial Service will be conducted at Grand Lodge and is usually conducted immediately following the Church Service. The District Deputy Grand Masters, in Memory of the deceased Brothers in their Districts, will place roses upon the Altar. Eulogies for some deceased Brothers will be delivered and a tribute offered for all Brothers who have passed away during the Grand Lodge year.

**District Instructors and Zone Chairmen Indoctrination:** In the past years it has been the practice for the members of the Committee on Work and District Instructors to meet on the morning of the last day of Grand Lodge, prior to the Installation, for indoctrination. The time allocated will be sufficient to cover the many important items that we need to cover if we use our time wisely. We are asking the Grand Master to allow us to meet starting at 7:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. This will enable us the time to explain the programs for which we, as a Committee and District Instructors, are responsible.

**Administrative Duties:** The Committee on Work would like to be consulted for publication proofing and review for items affecting the Ritual. Such reviews include, but are not limited to, the Monitor, Cipher, and other publication revisions, and handling any other projects referred or directed by the Grand Master or required by legislation from the Craft.

Respectfully,

Frederick "Fred" J. Latsko  
State Chairman  
Committee on Work

## FRATERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE ENDOWMENT FUND PROGRAM 2010-2011

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Zone Chairmen and District Committeemen  
Worshipful Masters of the Particular Lodges  
All Masons in Florida

My Brothers, it becomes my duty to inform you all that we are facing a crisis in our magnificent Fraternity. The funds, in which we operate The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, rely on our per capita dollars to cover the expenses. As you know and have heard many times our membership is declining, this of course, has an effect on the per capita. What you may not be aware of is that the number of Brothers in Florida attaining milestones in the Fraternity, as far as years of service, is greatly increasing in the near future. Fifty-Year Members are exempt from per capita. When these two circumstances are combined the ability to fund the operations of our great Grand Lodge are significantly decreased. For this reason the Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund (FA-100) was created to help alleviate the cost of operating the Grand Lodge Administrative Office. If enough money can be raised then the income from this fund would be able to fund the operations and we would not have to look at other ways of securing funds.

Brothers, we need to act now, in five short years the income from our per capita will only be 27.5% of what it is today. Yes, my Brothers, that is almost a 75% reduction. We only have a few choices; increase membership, increase per capita, or raise enough funds to make this Endowment Fund work for us.

### District Deputy Grand Masters:

You undoubtedly have the skills and knowledge of the Fraternity to be chosen for an appointment which is an important one. I congratulate you for this appointment. You are the Grand Master's representative to your District. Please convey the important message about the FA-100 Fund and encourage the members in your District to contribute to this cause; it is one we must support in order to sustain ourselves. Make sure your District Committee Chairman is well informed about the FA-100 Fund. Please work with your Zone Chairman and myself to be sure anyone who contributes from your District is properly acknowledged and reported.

### Zone Chairmen:

Your assiduity on this program is essential to its success. Work with the District Deputy Grand Masters and District Chairmen in your Zone. Please open the lines of communication and offer your help to these individuals to ensure that the FA-100 Program is a success. Also ask that these Brothers advise you of any and all donations to the FA-100 Fund so that proper documentation and recognition is given to the Zone, District, Lodge, and Brother. Report back to me any and all donations so we can provide an informative report to our Grand Master and all the Brothers in our great Fraternity.

### District Chairmen:

Work with the Zone Chairman, seek his support, and visit the Lodges in your District. Pass along the importance of this program. Please make sure to advise your District Deputy Grand Master and Zone Chairman of any and all donations.

Worshipful Masters:

Consider having a fund raiser to support the FA-100 in your Lodge or make it a charity for one month. I know you hear a lot of talk about donating money to all the activities we support. However, would our philanthropy be of the same quantity or quality without our Grand Lodge support and administrative assistance? Would your Lodge be what it is today?

Brothers All:

Our Grand Master has decided not to supply a material gift this year for your donation to the FA-100 Fund. Instead he is appealing to your sense of responsibility to the “Tenets and Principals of Freemasonry.” This way **100%** of your donation can go directly into the Endowment Fund and start working right away. The sooner we can get the fund balance where it needs, to be the sooner we can become self sustaining and look at doing away with the per capita assessment.

In closing, my Brothers, as our Grand Master says, “**Masons Always Rise To The Occasion**” and I know we will this year and support this important program. Thank you and do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in anyway.

Fraternally,

R.:W.: Dale A. Spear  
State Chairman

**GRAND MASTER'S CHARITY PROGRAM  
THE MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY  
OUR FLAGSHIP CHARITY 2010-2011**

The Elected Grand Lodge Officers have put forth an intensive effort in putting together a great team of State and Zone Chairmen for our Flagship Charity. I am extremely proud to be a part of this motivated team of Masons. Our Grand Master and his Elected Line have a very exciting multi-year commitment to promoting the MMRL, as well as an aggressive fund raising "Gift Recognition" Program that involves all of you Brothers in Florida on the Lodge level, the District level, and the Zone level.

Your new District Deputy Grand Masters will be distributing to every Lodge the details on the Lodge MMRL "Helix" and "Gift Recognition" Programs. This system is designed for individual Lodges as well as individual Brothers, non-Masons, and Corporate entities to be recognized for their fund raising support of our charity.

Our Grand Lodge has adopted "Every Heartbeat Counts in the Campaign for Life" as our Flagship Charity slogan. Our mission as Florida Masons will be to convey to as many people as possible the great medical accomplishments in the field of heart research that this world renowned institution is famous for. We also will be encouraging each Zone and District in the State to schedule at least one fund raising event during the upcoming year for the MMRL. We also encourage any and all Brothers to help us promote the MMRL by helping us develop a network of media contacts and corporate contacts that we will seek to "partner" with us in this great endeavor. R.:W.: Brother Ron Kamp, Director of Development and Communications for the MMRL, has committed to providing us as many informational seminars across the State as we can feasibly schedule. He will also provide us various printed materials and brochures, and various length educational DVD's so that any individual Brother or Lodge will have the ability to provide a short informational seminar about the MMRL.

Brothers, we are to be a part of something really great! I look forward to working with each of you in this great endeavor.

Respectfully,

R.:W.: Mike S. Binder  
State Chairman



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May 31, 2010

Dear Brother:

Welcome to the *Every Heartbeat Counts/Campaign for Life* Team! This multi-year Campaign in support of your Flagship Charity, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL), will benefit our cardiac research and help enhance the visibility of Freemasonry by building membership and public interest.

This Campaign is about our hopes and dreams for the future and how we can bring them to fruition. It is about saving lives and improving the quality of life for those afflicted with heart disease. The health of Americans tomorrow depends upon discoveries made in medical research today. There has never been a better time to support and invest in medical research. Your Flagship Charity is embarking on a new era of discovery that will change the face of medicine as we know it.

Members of the MMRL Board of Directors and development staff are poised to assist you with presentations regarding our pioneering research at any public or tiled meeting in your respective districts or zones. Our scientific staff will also be available to answer any questions regarding our life-saving cardiac research. In the next few months, you will receive a DVD with various length educational MMRL presentations and additional materials for your use.

Special literature has been designed with this Campaign in mind that will capture the essence and scope of your Flagship Charity. Please contact R.:W.:Mike Binder, State Chairman should you have need of a speaker, need help planning a special fund raising event or literature.

We look forward to working with the incoming Grand Master, J. Dick Martinez, members of the Grand Line, *Every Heartbeat Counts* Campaign Committee and you.

Our best wishes for the ensuing Campaign.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Charles Antzelevitch, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

Director of Development  
and Communications

***Every Heartbeat Counts – Campaign for Life***



## Gift Recognition

- **FELLOWS:** Donors who contribute \$250-\$499 earn the title of *Fellow*. Each gift is acknowledged by a personal letter along with a special red MMRL tie from the Flagship Charity.
- **ASSOCIATE:** A contribution of \$500-\$1999 will earn the donor the title of *Associate*. The contributor receives a letter of acknowledgment, a Certificate of Appreciation and a set of gold MMRL cufflinks and formal wear studs from the Flagship Charity. Presentation of gift and certificate may be made by an elected or appointed officer of the Grand Lodge of Florida if requested.
- **HUMANITARIAN:** Special recognition is given to friends of the Laboratory who contribute \$2,000 or more. These donors are designated as *Humanitarians*. Humanitarians receive a personal letter of acknowledgment from President of the MMRL and one from the Grand Master of Florida requesting permission to formally present them with a special Humanitarian Award and special gold MMRL tie by a Grand Lodge Officer or representative of the Flagship Charity at a tiled meeting or public function.
- **PHILANTHROPIST:** This rank of distinction is accorded to donors of \$10,000 or more. *Philanthropist* will have a leaf inscribed on the Vine of Life located in the lobby of our Molecular Genetic wing at the MMRL as well as being afforded recognition within the Building of the Grand Lodge of Florida. A replica metal sculpture of the Vine of Life with same leaf inscription will be present to the donor by the Grand Master of Florida or his personal representative at a tiled meeting or public function.

## **LET YOUR PENNIES MAKE GOOD CENTS PROGRAM 2010 – 2011**

Brethren:

As State Chairman of the “Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents” Program for the 2010-2011 Masonic Year, I am requesting that all Lodges set a goal of 100% participation. There are many Lodges that far surpassed their obligation of \$3.65 per member in previous years. We voted to increase the funds to \$7.30 and it was placed in the Digest of Masonic Law. Please take the time this year to remind and encourage all Brothers to participate and support this program and contribute the full \$7.30. The Brothers who do not, or cannot attend Lodge, should be notified of the importance of supporting this program. Ask the Lodges in your Districts to put a reminder in the Trestleboard, explaining the importance of this program.

The “Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents” Program began in 1958. It was created with the intention of every Brother donating a penny a day, to be deposited in an Endowment Fund with the principal never to be touched. The interest from this money would be utilized for the maintenance and upkeep of the Masonic Home, and thereby ensuring the residents of the Home an exceptional quality of life, which they so justly deserve. I am confident that any Brother who visits our Masonic Home will consider his “pennies” well spent, and will be very proud of our beautiful facility and the comfortable, secure environment that has been created for our Brothers and Sisters.

We need to encourage our Lodges to make their reports to the Grand Secretary in a timely manner as required, so he is able to keep track of the monies received for this program. Also, we need the continued presentation of various awards that are presented to the Lodges that contribute at least \$7.30 per member. For the Brothers who do contribute the full \$7.30 including all Perpetual Members, the Lodge Secretaries should remember to affix the gold foil seals to their membership cards.

I am confident that with the support of the Zone Chairmen, the District Deputy Grand Masters, and their District Chairmen, the Lodges will rise to the challenge of 100% participation in support of this very worthy program; making this a very successful year.

Fraternally,

W.: David Lopez  
State Chairman



## MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE PROGRAM 2010-2011

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Zone Chairmen, District Committeemen  
and Worshipful Masters of the Particular Lodges

Congratulations Brethren, on your appointment this year. It is an honor to serve our Grand Master and the Craft. I would like to thank him for my appointment to this important Committee. The Grand Master wants this program to be updated this year and challenge the Brethren appointed to exceed what has been accomplished in the past. A negative trend over the past few years in Lodges' reporting of Masonic Education has produced a system where few Lodges are encouraging their members to grow and learn through Freemasonry. One major change required by our Grand Master is that a Quarterly Report will now be required along with the Yearly Report. Each Lodge should receive, from the Grand Lodge Office, Form ME-Q in July 2010. This form should be completed by the District Chairman to forward to the Zone Chairman. The State Chairman will advise the Grand Lodge Officers each quarter from this report as to what the Lodges need to best serve our members.

### **District Deputy Grand Masters**

Our Grand Master selected you to represent him in your District to ensure his programs and Committees succeed and prosper. This is a great responsibility that you have accepted. The District Committeemen that you select must understand they also have agreed to do their best to ensure the Committee they represent has a successful year. Do not choose lightly when you make your decision. Select a Brother that will work with the Lodges in your District. He must have experience in how to be a good leader of a Lodge. Encourage your Committeemen to contact each Worshipful Master in your District to explain the recent changes to this program. Offer your aid and support to help arrange the District Masonic Education Workshop. When you start your visits to each Lodge in your District, please stress the importance of Masonic Education, ensure each Lodge uses the Lodge System of Masonic Education for all Candidates during the Degree process, request the name of each Lodge Masonic Education Chairman and ensure your District Chairman works with him to help each Lodge attain the Masonic Education Award at the end of the year.

### **Zone Chairmen**

Our Grand Master selected you to work with each District and ensure the Masonic Education Program for this year succeeds. Contact the District Deputy Grand Masters in your Zone, ask them for the names and contact numbers for the District Chairmen they appointed to this Committee. Offer your assistance and support to the District Chairman and D.D.G.M. Work with each of them to create a Zone Masonic Education Workshop. This workshop will be used to evaluate the current Master Mason Exams and Lodge Officer Correspondence Courses to create new examinations to be added to the inventory. You will evaluate the Lodge System of Masonic Education created in the 1954 Proceedings and update as required by the Digest of Masonic Law. You will establish criteria for proficiency for members to earn the Purple Card in Lodge Officer Education. You will encourage the Brethren in your Zone to use the Education Booklets from Grand Lodge, to take the Master Mason Examinations and complete the Lodge

Officer Correspondence Courses. Influence each District to stress the importance of continuing education for our Lodge Officers. Help each District Chairman accomplish the Quarterly Reports and forward them to the State Chairman. Report back any information you may learn which you feel will help the other members of our Committee.

### **District Committeemen**

Encourage each Lodge in your District to establish a Lodge Masonic Education Committee. The Chairman, Lodge Mentor or Mentors, and Officers can work with you to ensure each Lodge offers to every member a chance to grow in Freemasonry. At each visit to a Lodge, you will work with the Lodge Masonic Education Chairman, talk with the members and encourage them to use Masonic Education. You will grade each Master Mason Examination and Lodge Officer Correspondence Course and then send the information to Grand Lodge to receive a Certificate to present to the member that passed. You will create a District Masonic Education Workshop. This Workshop can explain all the information that Grand Lodge offers and the requirements to achieve the Masonic Education Award. Work with each Worshipful Master and accomplish the Quarterly Report and forward these to the Zone Chairman. During this year be proactive; ensure each Lodge follows the requirements per Regulation 37.18 of the Digest of Masonic Law.

### **Worshipful Masters**

As the Worshipful Master of your Lodge, one of the most important goals you should strive to achieve is to help your members grow and learn through Freemasonry. Encourage your Officers to attend the Zone and District Masonic Education Workshops, and complete the Quarterly and Yearly Masonic Education Reports with your District Chairman. This will advise Grand Lodge how to best serve the Craft in this area. Look for opportunities to involve your members in Masonic Education. Appoint a Chairman for Masonic Education in your Lodge. Empower the Chairman to work with the members to ensure your Lodge achieves the Masonic Education Award at the end of the year. Evaluate your Lodge and its use of the Lodge System of Masonic Education for each Candidate during the year. The appointment of a qualified Lodge Mentor to lead your Candidates through the Degree process using the Lodge System of Masonic Education is of utmost importance. Encourage your members to complete the Master Mason Exams in your Lodge. Establish the trend that each Officer, from Senior Deacon up, should complete at least one Lodge Officer Correspondence Course per year.

Respectfully submitted,

R.:W.: Fred C. Baker, II  
State Chairman, 2010-2011

**MASONIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
CRITERIA GUIDELINES FOR 2010-2011**

**1. LODGE SYSTEM OF MASONIC EDUCATION - 5 POINTS MAXIMUM - MANDATORY**

Lodges are required to use the Candidate Instruction Book System and Masonic Education Lectures from the Mentor's Manual (GL-217) as per Grand Lodge Regulation 37.18. The 8 Masonic Education Booklets in this series and a Masonic Etiquette Booklet are available from the Grand Secretary's office. (Booklets GL-200 through GL-208) These booklets are the basis of Masonic Education for all Candidates receiving the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry. They can also be used by the Particular Lodges for the education of all the Brethren. If a Lodge has no candidates during the year, use of the Mentor's Manual as an educational tool during the year will qualify for the points in this section.

NOTE: Grand Lodge Regulations require that it be recorded in the Lodge Minutes when a Candidate has received the Masonic Education Lecture from the Mentor's Manual and the Masonic Education Booklets for each Degree.

**2. ZONE CHAIRMAN MASONIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP - 5 POINTS FOR EACH OFFICER AND 2.5 POINTS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL LODGE MEMBER ATTENDING WORKSHOP - 20 POINTS MANDATORY.**

As a minimum, the W.M., S.W., J.W., and S.D. or J.D. of the Lodge must attend one Zone Masonic Education Workshop during the year. Secretary and Treasurer as well as all the Appointed Lodge Officers and members are encouraged to attend and participate in this program. If Lodge Officers attend a workshop in another District, the home District Chairman must be notified of the date and the attendees. The attendance of any the following officers: W.M., S.W., J.W., and S.D. or J.D.; will be required to meet the 20 Mandatory Points.

**3. MASONIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR - 5 POINTS FOR EACH DESIGNATED OFFICER ATTENDING - 10 POINTS MANDATORY, 2.5 POINTS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL OFFICER ATTENDING, AND 1 POINT FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER ATTENDING.**

The Masonic Leadership Training Chairman, will hold two Masonic Leadership Training Courses. One shall be held prior to Grand Lodge and one after Grand Lodge. (Announce date, time, and location) The **S.W. and J.W. must attend** one of these seminars for their Lodge to receive the points. The attending of the S.W. and J.W. will be required to meet the 10 Mandatory Points.

NOTE: The S.D. may be the proxy for one of the Wardens.

**4. DISTRICT CHAIRMAN MASONIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP - 1 POINT FOR EACH SCHOOL ATTENDED – 4 POINTS MINIMUM – MANDATORY.**

At least one of the Lodge Officers shall attend a District School of Masonic Education. The W.M., S.W., J.W., S.D., J.D., S.S., J.S., the Lodge Mentor, or Lodge Chairman for Masonic Education. The Lodge should **not** schedule one particular Brother to attend all schools of

Masonic Education unless this Brother is qualifying to become a Lodge Mentor or Lodge Chairman for Masonic Education. (1 Point for any other Brother attending)

**5. GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION - 1 POINT FOR EACH OFFICER ATTENDING - 1 POINT MINIMUM - MANDATORY**

Lodges must be represented by one of the three Principal Officers of the Lodge (W.M., S.W., J.W.). Proxies are **not** permitted. A report of actions and activities during the Grand Lodge Communication **must be** given at the next Stated Meeting of the Lodge.

**6. MONTHLY MASONIC EDUCATION PROGRAM - 1 POINT FOR EACH MEETING - 5 POINTS MINIMUM - MANDATORY**

Hold a Masonic Education Program with the materials provided in the Lodge System of Masonic Education of the Grand Lodge of Florida. The material must be Masonic Education in nature and not Ritual Work. These monthly programs are to be given during the Stated Communications. You can also have open family/friends programs or fellowship functions with another Lodge, to promulgate Masonry and to the Non-Mason as well, such is "Bring a Friend Night," "Open Lodge to the Community," "Patriotic Days highlighting Masons," "Flag Presentation," etc. to mention a few. They should be recorded in the Minutes.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF LODGE MENTOR - 5 POINTS MANDATORY - 2.5 POINTS FOR ADDITIONAL MENTORS**

A Lodge Mentor is appointed to assist the Lodge with the Masonic Education Program for Candidates. His duty is vital to the growth of the Candidate in Masonry, and is in charge of mentoring the Candidate as prescribed in the Lodge System of Masonic Education from the minute his Petition is accepted through his first anniversary.

**8. MASTER MASON EXAMINATION I, II, III - NO MAXIMUM POINTS**

One point for each examination taken and passed by a Master Mason. Lodges should encourage all Master Masons to continue their education by participating in these educational examinations. All examinations are open book type examinations using the Masonic Digest. This teaches the Master Mason how to use the Digest of Masonic Law as well as instructing him in Masonic Law, thereby allowing him to obtain further light in Masonry. A score of 90% is required and is easily obtained. These examinations may be administered by the Worshipful Master, the Lodge Mentor, or the Lodge Chairman of Masonic Education; the District Chairman of Masonic Education will grade the exams upon completion. The District Chairman could set up a group session in different Lodges where discussion and information may be exchanged.

**9. LODGE OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE MODULES (CORRESPONDENCE COURSE) - 1 POINT FOR EACH MODULE COMPLETED - NO MAXIMUM POINTS**

One point for each Module completed and passed by a Master Mason. Each Module is designed to inform the Master Mason of Masonic Law and procedure. Each segment refers to a different section of the Masonic Digest. As he progresses through the three Modules, he will also be instructed in the Mentor's Manual, Masonic Etiquette, Masonic Education Booklets, and other Masonic Publications. This will give him further knowledge of Masonry

and the workings of the Lodge. It is excellent material for the Mason passing through the Chairs on his way to the East. The District Chairman of Masonic Education should work with the Lodges as with the Master Mason Examinations. All grading of these examinations will be conducted by the District Chairman.

**10. LODGE OFFICERS MEETING – 2 POINTS FOR EACH QUARTERLY MEETING, 1 POINT FOR EACH OTHER MONTHLY MEETING – W.M., S.W., J.W., SEC., S.D., AND J.D. MUST BE PRESENT – 16 POINTS MAXIMUM.**

Lodge Officers should meet at least quarterly during the Masonic year. The Worshipful Master must schedule one meeting right after his Election and before Installation. At this meeting, the Worshipful Master reveals his Appointed Lodge Officers. Mandated Standing Committees in Section 10.01 of the Uniform Code of By-Laws which consist of Finance, Vigilance, Petitions, Education, Board of Relief, Charity, Lodge Property, and any other Committee mandated by the Lodge By-Laws, a Lodge Mentor, a Lodge Masonic Education Chairman, reveals his budget, the schedule for the Lodge and presents his plans for the ensuing year. He solicits input from the Officers insuring them they are part of a team. Accepting any input is his prerogative. The other monthly meeting should be before a Stated Communication when the Master is informed of all the business that will be brought to the floor. Having all Officers present at these meetings insures knowledge and continuity in the governing of the Lodge.

**11. GRAND LODGE REPORTS - 5 POINTS - MANDATORY**

All Annual and Quarterly Reports due to the Grand Secretary and to any Grand Lodge Committee **must be** submitted on time to receive these points.

**12. MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING - 1 POINT EACH VISIT - NO MAXIMUM**

Any of the three Principal Officers or a Brother of the Lodge who attends a Masonic Home Board Meeting or Pre-Board Meeting. A report must be made of the visit at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge. It is permissible to have the Officer's or member's wife or lady accompany him. If all three Principal Officers attend together the Lodge will receive a certificate from Grand Lodge.

**13. APPOINTMENT OF LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION CHAIRMAN – 5 POINTS MAXIMUM**

The Masonic Education Chairman is appointed to assist the Lodge with Masonic Education. He is in charge of imparting knowledge to the members and Officers of the Lodge concerning Master Mason Examinations, use of the Digest of Masonic Law, Lodge Officers Training Courses, Masonic Leadership Training for Lodge Officers, and Masonic Education Workshops. He is to assist the Worshipful Master and Secretary with the timely reporting of all the information requested on the Annual and Quarterly Masonic Education Forms sent to the District Chairman. He will be wise to work hand in hand with the District Chairman of Masonic Education who will be willing to assist him in any capacity for the betterment of the Fraternity. He should encourage all the Officers and members to participate in the Lodge Officers Training Course Modules to improve their knowledge in properly managing the Lodge. The Lodge Masonic Education Chairman must obtain a Purple competency card certifying he is qualified to be a Lodge Masonic Education Chairman.

**14. COMMITTEE ON WORK PROFICIENCY CARDS - NO MAXIMUM POINTS**

Lodges should encourage Brothers to earn Proficiency Cards. The following points are awarded: 2 points for each new card: 1 point for each renewal: 5 points for each new Gold Card.

**15. STATED OR CALLED COMMUNICATION - 5 POINTS MAXIMUM**

One point for each meeting where at least 40 Masons or 25 per cent of the Lodge membership attends. This includes any meeting when the Lodge is officially open. Visitors may be counted as well as the number of Brothers attending joint meetings with other Lodges. One point awarded for each meeting, not for the percentage of members or for each member attending.

**16. VISITATION AT ANOTHER LODGE - ONE POINT FOR EACH VISITATION - 3 POINTS IF THE W.M., S.W., AND J.W. ATTEND TOGETHER - PROXY ALLOWED FOR ONE OFFICER - MAXIMUM 3 POINTS PER VISIT**

One of the Principal Officers of the Lodge plus at least three other Master Masons (four total) should visit another Lodge together. A joint meeting with another Lodge will count. One point awarded for each Principal Officer visiting, a total of three points awarded if W.M., S.W., and J.W. are present per visit. Not one point for each Brother visiting. **NOTE:** Attendance at a District or Regional Meeting does not count under this section see number 18.

**17. D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISIT - 5 POINTS PER VISIT**

A minimum of 40 Master Masons or 25% of the Lodge membership are in attendance when the District Deputy Grand Master makes his Official Visit to the Lodge (Visitors count). The points are awarded for a Tyled Meeting or an Open Meeting with family and friends attending. It must be an Official Visit.

**18. GRAND MASTER'S DISTRICT OR REGIONAL MEETING - 1 POINT FOR EACH ELECTED OFFICER WHO ATTENDS - 3 POINTS MINIMUM**

The three Principal Officers of the Lodge shall attend the Official Visit of the Grand Master. Proxies will be allowed **ONLY** due to illness or unpreventable family or business requirements.

**19. LODGE LIBRARY - 5 POINT MAXIMUM**

To qualify, the Lodge is required to create a library at the Lodge, which will house books, audio and videotapes, magazines, and other publications on Masonic topics. A Lodge Librarian should be appointed to oversee the operation of the library and to inform the Brethren of new materials acquired; to identify other publications that the Lodge may obtain and encourage their use. Once the library is established, members should inform the Librarian of the new materials or books that may be of interest to the Brethren; one point for an existing library that is being used; one point for adding new material; one point for the appointment of a Lodge Librarian; and five points for starting and using a new library.

**20. LODGE SOCIAL NIGHT - 1 POINT FOR EACH EVENT**

Lodges are encouraged to hold social events regularly for the members to allow them to get acquainted with each other. This has proven to increase friendships, bolster attendance of the Lodge, and include the family in Masonic functions. This could be a dinner, lunch, bar-b-que, or any other social event when Lodge members and their families gather. Each event should be discussed in Lodge and entered into the Minutes.

### **THE SYSTEM OF MASONIC EDUCATION**

1. Candidates are to meet with the Lodge Mentor appointed by the Worshipful Master prior to receiving the Entered Apprentice (E.A.) Degree to receive the first Masonic Lecture from the Mentor's Manual, Chapter 2. The Mentor should be familiar with this manual so as not to read it verbatim as this is boring to the candidate. At this time the Masonic Education Booklet No. 1 should be given to the candidate.
2. Immediately after receiving the E.A. Degree, on the first night of instruction, the Lodge Mentor gives the second Masonic Education Lecture from the Mentor's Manual, Chapter 3. They will also be given Masonic Education Booklet No. 2 and the E.A. Catechism Booklet. The Catechism Instruction begins at this time.
3. Immediately after receiving the Fellow Craft (F.C.) Degree, on the first night of instruction, the Lodge Mentor gives the third Masonic Lecture from the Mentor's Manual, Chapter 4. They will also be given Masonic Education Booklet No. 3 and the F.C. Catechism Booklet. Catechism Instruction for the F.C. Degree begins at this time.
4. Immediately after receiving the Master Mason (M.M.) Degree, on the first night of instruction, the Lodge Mentor gives the fourth Masonic Lecture from the Mentor's Manual, Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. They will also be given the Masonic Education Booklet No. 4 and the Master Mason Catechism Book. Catechism Instruction for the M.M. Degree begins at this time.

The Masonic Education Booklets are to be taken home by the Brethren for study. They should be encouraged to return to their Lodge Instructor with any questions they may have. Candidates should also be advised that the Masonic Education Booklets may be read by their family members, which should clarify any misunderstandings concerning the secrecy of his instructions. Further assistance may be obtained by contacting your District, Zone or State Masonic Education Chairman.



**^ MASONIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
2010 POINT RECORD REPORT**

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ LODGE \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be used to report your Lodge Masonic activities for 2010. Enter the points earned for each activity in the spaces indicated. Enter a "0" for no points earned. A minimum of 55 Points is required for this reward, including the mandatory points as outlined below. The Worshipful Master must send this form to the District Chairman of Masonic Education regardless of whether the Lodge qualifies with a minimum of 55 points or not.

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|-----|--|-------------------------|-------|
| 1.  | Lodge System of Masonic Education (5 pts. max) . . . . .             | <b>MANDATORY POINTS</b> | _____ |
| 2.  | Zone Chairman Masonic Education Workshop (20 pts req) . . . . .      | <b>MANDATORY POINTS</b> | _____ |
| 3.  | Masonic Leadership Training Seminar (10 pts req) . . . . .           | <b>MANDATORY POINTS</b> | _____ |
| 4.  | District Chairman Masonic Education Workshop (4 pts req). . . . .    | <b>MANDATORY POINTS</b> | _____ |
| 5.  | Grand Lodge Communication (1 pt req). . . . .                        | <b>MANDATORY POINTS</b> | _____ |
| 6.  | Monthly Masonic Education Program (5 pts req) . . . . .              | <b>MANDATORY POINTS</b> | _____ |
| 7.  | Appointment of Lodge Mentor (5 pts req) . . . . .                    | <b>MANDATORY POINTS</b> | _____ |
| 8.  | Master Mason Exams – MM I, II, and III . . . . .                     | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 9.  | Lodge Officer Training Course Modules . . . . .                      | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 10. | Lodge Officers Meeting (16 pts max) . . . . .                        | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 11. | Grand Lodge Reports (5 pts req) . . . . .                            | <b>MANDATORY POINTS</b> | _____ |
| 12. | Masonic Home Board Meeting . . . . .                                 | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 13. | Appointment of Lodge Masonic Education Chairman (5 pts max). . . . . | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 14. | Committee on Work Proficiency Cards . . . . .                        | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 15. | Stated or Called Meeting Attendance (5 pts max) . . . . .            | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 16. | Visitation at Another Lodge . . . . .                                | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 17. | D.D.G.M. Official Visit . . . . .                                    | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 18. | Grand Master’s District or Regional Meeting . . . . .                | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 19. | Lodge Library (5 pts max) . . . . .                                  | POINTS                  | _____ |
| 20. | Lodge Social Night . . . . .   | POINTS                  | _____ |
|     | <b>TOTAL POINTS.</b> . . . . .                                       |                         | _____ |

Our Lodge needs:  Award Tab                       Plaque                       Award Tab and Extension plaque

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SIGNED BY  
 WORSHIPFUL MASTER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZONE CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## MASONIC EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2011 POINT RECORD REPORT

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be used to report your Lodge Masonic Activities for 2011. Enter the points earned for each activity in the spaces indicated. Enter a "0" for no points earned. A minimum of 70 points is required for this award, including the mandatory points as outlined below. The Worshipful Master must send this form to the District Chairman of Masonic Education regardless of whether the Lodge qualifies with a minimum of 70 points or not.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	MANDATORY	POINTS
1. LODGE SYSTEM OF MASONIC EDUCATION	5 PTS MAX	
2. ZONE MASONIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP	20 PTS REQ	
3. MASONIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING	10 PTS REQ	
4. DISTRICT MASONIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP	4 PTS REQ	
5. GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION	1 PT REQ	
6. MONTHLY MASONIC EDUCATION PROGRAM	5 PTS REQ	
7. APPOINTMENT OF A LODGE MENTOR	5 PTS REQ	
8. APPT OF LODGE MASONIC ED CHAIRMAN	5 PTS REQ	
9. GRAND LODGE REPORTS	5 PTS REQ	
10. WIDOWS NIGHT	5 PTS REQ	
11. MASTER MASONS EXAMS I, II, III		
12. LODGE OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE MODULES		
13. LODGE OFFICERS MEETING	16 PTS MAX	
14. MASONIC HOME BOARD MEETING		
15. D.D.G.M. OFFICIAL VISIT		
16. GRAND MASTER'S DISTRICT MEETING	3 PTS MAX	
17. VISITATIONS AT ANOTHER LODGE		
18. STATED OR CALLED MEETING ATTENDANCE	5 PTS MAX	
19. READING & DISCUSSION OF MASONIC DIGEST & BYLAWS		
20. LODGE LIBRARY	5 PTS MAX	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		

OUR LODGE NEEDS:     AWARD TAB     PLAQUE     AWARD TAB and EXTENSION PLAQUE

COMMENTS:


SIGNED _____	DATE _____
WORSHIPFUL MASTER	
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN _____	DATE _____
ZONE CHAIRMAN _____	DATE _____



## MASONIC EDUCATION

DISTRICT _____  ZONE _____  <b>MASTER MASON EXAMS I, II, &amp; III</b>  Please <u>TYPE</u> or <u>PRINT</u> the requested information and mail this form to the Grand Secretary's office. ( <u>Do not send answer sheets.</u> ) Certificates will be prepared and returned to the District Chairman for immediate presentation.		GL MEMBER NUMBER	LODGE OFFICE	EXAM NO. (I, II, or III)	GRADE (MIN. 80%)	GRADED BY
LODGE NAME / NUMBER	BROTHER'S NAME					

Signature of District Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for Certificates: \_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**MASONIC EDUCATION  
LODGE OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE REPORT**

DISTRICT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ZONE \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Please TYPE or PRINT the requested information and mail this form to the Grand Secretary's Office. (Do not send answer sheets.) Certificates will be prepared and returned for immediate presentation.

MODULE 1       MODULE 2       MODULE 3

LODGE NAME/NUMBER	BROTHER'S NAME / GL NUMBER	OFF.	LESSON GRADES								AWARD		
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	AVG.	CERT	CARD	

Signature of District Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to send Certificates: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_





## MASONIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES QUARTERLY REPORT

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

1.  Below Expectations      2.  Meets Expectations      3.  Exceeds Expectations

### **1. Lodge System of Masonic Education:**

- a. Does the Lodge have any Candidates in progress in the last quarter?    Yes    No
- b. Does your Lodge use the Lodge System of Masonic Education, as prescribed in the GL-200 Instruction Booklet?    Yes    No
- c. Does your Lodge record compliance in their Minutes?    Yes    No
- d. How many Candidates have gone through this program in the last quarter? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Have your Candidates benefited from this program?    Yes    No
- f. If "Yes" to question (e), how? If "No," why not? Please use additional paper to explain.
- g. Have your Candidates rate the system.   1    2    3

### **2. Zone Masonic Education Workshop:**

- a. Has your Zone Chairman on Masonic Education offered a Workshop in the last quarter in your Zone?    Yes    No
- b. How many members of your Lodge attended the Masonic Education Workshop? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Circle the Officers attending the Masonic Education Workshop?  
W.M.   S.W.   J.W.   Tres.   Sec.   S.D.   J.D.   S.S.   J.S.   Chap.   Mar.   Tyler
- d. Was the material used in the training beneficial to you?    Yes    No   If "No," why not?
- e. Rate the information received:   1    2    3
- f. What material would you like to see used in these Workshops? Please list on additional paper.
- g. Would you like to write a test or lesson for this program?    Yes    No
- h. Would you be interested in being a member of this Committee?    Yes    No
- i. How would you rate the instructor?   1    2    3

### **3. Masonic Leadership Training Course:**

- a. Has your District Chairman on Masonic Leadership Training offered a Workshop in the last quarter?    Yes    No
- b. Has your Zone Chairman on Masonic Leadership Training offered a Workshop in the last quarter?    Yes    No
- c. How many members of your Lodge attended the Masonic Leadership Training Course? (District) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zone) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Circle the Officers attending the Masonic Leadership Training Course?  
W.M.   S.W.   J.W.   Tres.   Sec.   S.D.   J.D.   S.S.   J.S.   Chap.   Mar.   Tyler
- e. Was the material used in the training beneficial to you?    Yes    No   If "No," why not?
- f. Rate the information received:   1    2    3
- g. What material would you like to see used in these Workshops? Please list on additional paper.
- h. Would you like to write additional material for this program?    Yes    No
- i. Would you be interested in being a member of this Committee?    Yes    No
- j. How would you rate the instructor?   1    2    3

### **4. District Masonic Education Workshop:**

- a. Has your District Chairman on Masonic Education offered a Workshop in the last quarter in your District?    Yes    No

- b. How many members of your Lodge attended the District Masonic Education Workshop?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. Circle the Officers attending the Masonic Education Workshop?  
W.M. S.W. J.W. Tres. Sec. S.D. J.D. S.S. J.S. M/E Chmn. Mentor
- d. Was the material used in the training beneficial to you?  Yes  No If "No," why not?
- e. Rate the information received: 1 2 3
- f. What material would you like to see used in these Workshops? Please list on additional paper.
- g. Would you like to write a test or lesson for this program?  Yes  No
- h. Would you be interested in being a member of this Committee?  Yes  No
- i. How would you rate the instructor? 1 2 3

**5. Monthly Masonic Education Program:**

- a. Does the Lodge have a plan for this program?  Yes  No
- b. If "No," why not? Please explain.
- c. Does the Master need assistance in making a plan?  Yes  No
- d. Does the Master understand the importance of this program?  Yes  No
- e. Have any of these events been recorded in the Minutes of the Lodge?  Yes  No
- f. If "Yes," what dates: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- g. If "No," why not? Please explain.

**6. Lodge Mentor:**

- a. Has the Master appointed a Lodge Mentor?  Yes  No
- b. Has the Master appointed additional Lodge Mentors as needed depending on the amount of Candidates they have going through the Degrees?  Yes  No If so, how many Candidates? \_\_\_\_\_ How many Mentors? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Please circle any of the material that has been personally completed by the Lodge Mentor.  
MM I MM II MM III Module I Module II Module III M.L.T.
- d. Please circle the material that is in the possession of the Lodge Mentor.
  - i. Mentor's Manual
  - ii. Lodge System of Masonic Education Booklets, GL-200 through GL-208
  - iii. Florida Masonic Monitor
  - iv. Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida
- e. Rate how the Mentor thinks the program is working out? 1 2 3
- f. Please give suggestions on how to improve the program in your Lodge.
- g. Is the Lodge Mentor reporting to the Lodge Chairman on Masonic Education so he can in turn report compliance of Reg. 37.18 to see that they are recorded in the Minutes of the Lodge?  Yes  No

**7. Masonic Education Chairman or Lodge Tutor:**

- a. Has the Lodge Masonic Education Chairman participated in the District Masonic Education Workshop?  Yes  No
- b. Has the Lodge Masonic Education Chairman participated in the Zone Masonic Education Workshop?  Yes  No
- c. Please circle any of the material that has been personally completed by the Lodge Chairman of Masonic Education.  
MM I MM II MM III Module I Module II Module III M.L.T.

- d. Please circle the material that is in possession of the Lodge Chairman on Masonic Education
  - i. Mentors Manual
  - ii. MM I MM II MM III
  - iii. Module I Module II Module III
  - iv. Masonic Leadership Training Manual (M.L.T.)
  - v. Lodge System of Masonic Education Booklets, GL-200 through GL-208
  - vi. Florida Masonic Monitor
  - vii. Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida
- e. Is the Chairman using Masonic Education material as prescribed?  Yes  No
- f. Is the Chairman using open discussion with the material from the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida and the Particular Lodge By-Laws?  Yes  No
- g. Is the Chairman on Masonic Education reporting compliance of Reg. 37.18 to see that they are recorded in the Minutes of the Lodge?  Yes  No
- h. Please give suggestions on how to improve the program in your Lodge.
- i. How many members of your Lodge have taken MM I, MM II, or MM III in the last quarter?  
MM I \_\_\_\_\_, MM II \_\_\_\_\_, MM III \_\_\_\_\_
- j. How many members of your Lodge have taken the Lodge Officers Training Courses?  
Module I \_\_\_\_\_ Module II \_\_\_\_\_ Module III \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Lodge Officers Meeting:**

- a. Are the Lodge Officers having Monthly meetings during the last quarter? If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. If not, please explain.
- b. Which Officers attended the respective meetings?
- c. Are the Lodge Officers having Quarterly meetings? If yes, when \_\_\_\_\_ If not, please explain.
- d. Which Officers attended the Quarterly meetings?

**9. Visitations to another Lodge:**

- a. Has the Lodge attended another Lodge in the District?  Yes  No If not, please explain.
- b. Are there plans to attend a Lodge within the next quarter?  Yes  No If not, please explain.

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ (print name)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Lodge Office)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (date completed)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Form ME-Q (due to District Chairman by 3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31)  
 (due to Zone Chairman 10 days after receipt by District Chairman)  
 (due to State Chairman 10 days after receipt by Zone Chairman)

## MH-100 PROGRAM 2010-2011

As Florida Masons we are proud of our Fraternity. However, our greatest pride comes from the magnificent facility we operate in St. Petersburg, a place we call the Masonic Home of Florida. What can be said about the Home that has not already been said? You have heard the testimonials. You have walked the halls. You have seen the smiles on the residents' faces. Having that experience, your mind echoes these words, "this place is beautiful." Your pride in our Masonic Home increases when you hear about the ratings from the regulatory agencies of the State of Florida. We can write volumes on what each Mason feels and experiences about this wonderful place that we have supported and continue supporting. For Florida Masons, the Masonic Home is our greatest asset. We have a great responsibility to continue supporting the Home and that is the greatest challenge that lies before us.

The Home operates on a budget funded by income from our Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. That fund is distributed among a variety of investments, some of which do carry a certain amount of risk. As all of us are aware, our country is in the midst of one of the worst economic downturns in our history. Uncertainty is a factor of this crisis. Your Elected Grand Lodge Officers continue to work hard to come up with solutions to combat these effects without cutting services to our residents, but that is easier said than done. In times like these, every Brother in Florida must do his part to help out our greatest asset.

We must raise funds for our Masonic Home. During these tough times, it is difficult to go to the Brethren and ask them for money when most of them are being affected by the economy. In fact, I encourage you to not accept a donation from a Brother who cannot afford to do so, if it is within your knowledge. A Mason must take care of his own obligations first and foremost. But those of us that can afford to help, must pull together and do everything we can to put some money back in our coffers to help the Masonic Home. The District Deputy Grand Masters are not only being asked to manage their Districts' affairs but to be a spokesperson and salesperson for our Masonic Home as well. They are going to be asked to raise monies this year for various Committees, but a special emphasis on our Home must be placed. Remember our Masonic Home is more than a Masonic Charity, it is our **Masonic obligation**.

MH-100 needs to be administered by three Brothers in each District: the District Deputy Grand Master, the MH-100 Zone Chairman, and the MH-100 District Chairman. Each has to work closely with the other, keep in touch, and communicate. They must share ideas about raising money and how to implement those ideas successfully. The Grand Master will appoint the Zone Chairmen but it is the District Deputy Grand Masters who will choose somebody to represent the MH-100 in their respective District. They must think long and hard about who they will appoint as District Chairman. It must be someone who is energetic, going to do the job, and will work tirelessly to accomplish the goals of the Committee, but above all, someone who believes in our Home. We need dedication and commitment. Failure of a District to raise monies is not an option.

There are three ways I suggest we raise funds this year:

### 1. Lodge Level:

I would like to see each Lodge in the State donate a minimum of \$100 to the MH-100 Program this year. Talk it up and try and get your Lodges to make a donation on the night of your Official Visit or the Grand Master's Visit. If a Lodge is in financial trouble, then obviously they cannot participate and that is okay. However, if a Lodge is solvent and can afford to help the Home then I am hopeful that they will do so. If a Lodge is very solvent then perhaps they can sponsor a Lodge that is not by making a donation in that other

Lodge's name. What a wonderful gesture that would be in promoting fellowship and Masonic Charity among the Lodges.

## 2. District Level:

I want each D.D.G.M. to organize some type of fund raiser for the MH-100 Program within their District. This can be a dinner, a car wash, a flea market, an auction, or whatever you can come up with to raise some money. Make it an event that people want to participate in and keep the cost reasonable. A little here and there adds up a lot quicker than trying to do one big event that is hard to sell. Put your District Chairman in charge and team up with your Zone Chairman in supporting him.

## 3. Individual Level:

Even with the economic downturn there are Brothers who can still afford to give. Please try to promote the tax benefits of a donation to the MH-100 Program. All contributions are tax deductible since the Home is a (501)(c)(3) Corporation. For an individual looking for a write off, what better vehicle than that of our Home to help them lower their tax bill?

Even though the initial idea of this Committee was to solicit \$100 donations, it must be stressed that any amount received, be it \$1 or \$100, will help the bottom line for our Masonic Home.

To further encourage participation in this project there is an Awards Program in place to recognize donations.

\$100 Donation = MH-100 Club Level – Bronze Lapel Pin and Certificate  
\$200 Donation = Ambassador Club – Red Enamel Lapel Pin and Certificate  
\$500 Donation = Gold Club – Gold Lapel Pin and Certificate  
\$1,000 Donation = Grand Master's Club – Blue Enamel Lapel Pin and Certificate

Donations are tracked by the Grand Lodge Office and are cumulative. As donations increase to the next level, the award for that level will be given. The top Lodges in each District and Statewide in per capita donations will be recognized at our Grand Communication in 2011.

I will submit a monthly progress report to our Most Worshipful Grand Master. This will allow the Committee State Chairman to evaluate if we are meeting our goals during the year instead of at the end of the year. In order to achieve this, I need the full cooperation and effort of each Zone and District Chairman. I will request a monthly report from each Zone Chairman. They, in turn, must get a report from each District Chairman in their Zone. I will be in touch with the District Deputy Grand Masters, Zone, and District Chairmen on this. I hope you will call on me for assistance at anytime. Working together as a team, we will achieve our goals.

Let us continue our pride in our greatest asset and raise some money for our Masonic Home. Let us challenge ourselves to surpass last year's amount and succeed. As State Chairman, I am at your service, ready, and willing to help you make this Committee a success. Your help, aid, and assistance is essential in making it a success. Are you ready for the challenge?

On behalf of the great legacy that is our Masonic Home of Florida, thank you.

Fraternally,

W.∴ David A. Aponte, State Chairman  
MH-100 Committee

## MASONIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM 2010-2011

To: Elected Grand Lodge Officers  
District Deputy Grand Masters  
Zone Chairmen and District Committeemen  
Worshipful Masters of the Particular Lodges

With the start of a new Grand Lodge year comes the birth of a new and challenging program, the Masonic Leadership Training Program, or MLT. This program is an innovative and informative program designed to educate, dedicate, and motivate Lodge Officers and members alike. Education is the foremost attribute we use to expand our Masonic knowledge. Dedication to education is what we all need to do, not only with our Lodges, but our Fraternity. This program is designed to provide motivation, leadership training, and the necessary educational information to ensure that the Loges have in the line the best qualified officers possible.

Our Zone Chairmen will be charged with the duties of working with the Appointed District Committeemen to have Zone Schools for all the Lodge Officers and members.

District Deputy Grand Masters must use care when appointing the District Committeeman to this Committee. The District Committeeman must have very good organizational skills and the motivation necessary to make their program a success. Our District Committeemen will be charged with working directly with the Lodges in their respective District to see that this program is implemented to its fullest potential.

Masonic Leadership Training can only make our Lodges stronger in all aspects.

Like all new programs, this will be an ongoing work in progress. We would like to thank the Grand Lodge Officers for their foresight to implement this program, and for their trust in appointing us as Co-State Chairmen. Our Goal remains **“AN EDUCATED MASON IS A DEDICATED MASON.”**

Fraternally,

R. : W. : Rudin “Rudy” J. Boatright, P.D.D.G.M.  
State Co-Chairman  
Zones 1, 2, 3 & 5

R. : W. : Richard G. Hoover, P.D.D.G.M.  
State Co-Chairman  
Zones 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10

## **MASONIC YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PROGRAM 2010-2011**

1. **MASONIC YOUTH ASSOCIATION:** As you are no doubt aware, the Masonic Youth Association is a 501(c)(3) Corporation. Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Florida as a Charitable Corporation, all contributions are tax deductible. Since its inception, this association has helped to support State Associations of our Masonic Youth. All Lodges, Appendant Bodies, clubs and groups, as well as each of us individually, are encouraged to contribute and support this worthwhile organization in every way we can.
2. **BOY SCOUT EAGLE, GIRL SCOUT GOLD AND SILVER AWARDS:** A Grand Lodge Certificate may be presented to the recipients of these honors. When possible, these certificates should be presented in the Particular Lodges during a Special Communication or it would also be appropriate to suspend Labor during a Called or Stated Communication for this program and ceremony. It is also suggested that you find out from your local Scout Masters when they have their "Court of Honor" and attend the ceremony for the purpose of presenting the awards. Certificates should be presented by the District Deputy Grand Masters, or Zone or District Chairmen of the Masonic Youth Activities Committee. Certificates are available from the State Chairman.
3. **YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD:** Each Particular Lodge should plan a night with a youth group: Rainbow, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League, etc., ask them to present to the Lodge a program of their own and then present them with a Grand Lodge Certificate of Recognition. A Particular Lodge may want to present that youth group with a donation which would be appropriate and most certainly appreciated. A Grand Lodge Certificate of Appreciation is also awarded to that Particular Lodge having the program. Number one above could be combined with this part of the program.
4. **YOUTH ACTIVITIES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** A scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded to a member of each Masonic Youth Group. The recipient will be chosen by their State Leaders according to their guidelines. These scholarships will be presented at our Annual Communication in 2011.
5. **GRAND MASTER'S AWARD:** A certificate and pin will be presented to the outstanding member in each DeMolay Chapter, Rainbow Assembly, and Job's Daughters Bethel for the 2010 year. This presentation should be made by the District Deputy Grand Masters or the State, Zone, or District Chairmen of the Masonic Youth Activities Committee whenever possible. We strongly urge that these presentations be made during an Open Meeting, such as an Installation of Officers. The order form is included in this packet.
6. **ADULT LEADERS RECOGNITION:** The Adult Leaders of our youth groups do not belong to and work with these organizations for any fame or glory, but do it because they want to make a difference and enjoy working with our young people. Our youth groups have their own ways to recognize and reward our Adult Leaders and all are deeply appreciated. As Masons, we should recognize them and present them with a Certificate of Appreciation for their individual effort. This should be done in their Particular Lodge or Chapter by the proper representative.

7. **ZONE & DISTRICT YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** The Zone and District Chairmen shall promote and plan 1 or 2 activities for the Youth during the course of the year. Encourage Youth leaders and advisors to bring their Chapters, Assemblies, and Bethels together in fun and fellowship. These activities can be prospect oriented to promote growth and knowledge of our Youth Fraternities. These activities should be of a fun nature such as dances, picnics, parties, etc... The youth should be shown that working together can build the organizations through the spirit and foresight shown by their founders many years ago. Encourage District Lodges to aid and support as needed so our Craft may become aware of the potential for future Masons and Ladies in our Organizations.
  
8. **MASONIC LODGES OR BROTHERS RECOGNITION:** Lodges and Brothers should be encouraged to take an active part in the sponsorship and support of our Youth Organizations. Many individual Lodges or Brothers go above and beyond in their efforts to support our Youth without being on an Advisory Board or connected in some manner with the Youth Organizations. It should be encouraged by the District and Zone Chairmen to recognize those individual Lodges and Brothers that make a difference in the Youth of today by their support and contributions to the Fraternities. A Certificate of Appreciation can be presented to worthy Brothers and Lodges as desired.

Respectfully submitted,

W.: Larry Williamson, Chairman  
Masonic Youth Activities Committee

**ZONE CHAIRMAN MONTHLY REPORT TO STATE CHAIRMAN**

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Zone Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Due to State Chairman by the 10th of the month.

Lodge Name & Number:	Youth Group Sponsored:	Boy Scout Award:	Girl Scout Award:	Youth Recognition Award:	Grand Master's Award:	Adult Leader Recog:	Any Other Special Proj. Describe:
							(Example: Monies collected from pins & forwarded to Grand Lodge)

Please have the enclosed report form completely filled out and in my hands by the 10th of each month for the previous month's activities within your Zone. If there is nothing to report, so indicate and send just the same. You will be responsible for the timely accumulation of information onto the report form I have provided for you and that report forwarded to me once a month.

Any monies collected from your District Chairman should come to you in a timely manner to be forwarded directly to the Grand Secretary and the same reported on your monthly report. Send the report by mail to me: 7421 Colonial Court Sanford, Florida 32771 or E-mail: Law4459@cfl.rr.com  
 If you need to talk to me by phone please call: Larry Williamson, Chairman, Res. (407) 328-9750 or Cell (407) 947-6034

# The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

**J. Dick Martinez**  
Grand Master

4419 Carrollwood Village Drive  
Tampa, FL 33618-8638  
Res. (813) 908-8074  
Email: dick@allbaymtg.com

Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold and Silver  
Award will be the same.

## **SCOUT AWARDS SAMPLE PRESENTATION OR PROGRAM**

This may be used for both Boy and Girl Scouts!

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Florida and the 49,000 Masons, I take great pride and honor in endorsing the Grand Lodge Certificate of Recognition now presented to you. May it be a constant reminder to you of your personal achievement and the satisfaction of a job well done.

The Masons of Florida are acutely aware, and recognize, that your generation will one day lead our nation in many fields of endeavor and we have complete faith in your ability to do so. We have every reason to believe that in your hands our great nation will continue to lead the nations of the world in its quest to keep the light of knowledge and freedom burning brightly.

May you continue to excel in all your endeavors just as you have learned to do in Scouting. Always remembering as you continue life's journey, what you learn today, you will use tomorrow.

My most sincere congratulations,

Sincerely,

J. Dick Martinez  
Grand Master

cc: Larry Williamson, Chairman, M.Y.A.C.

*"Masons Always Rise To The Occasion"  
"Every Heartbeat Counts"*

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For use with Eagle Scout Award.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Florida and the 49,000 Masons, I extend my sincere congratulations upon your recent achievement. It is with great pleasure that I present to you this Grand Lodge Certificate of Recognition as a visible token of your obtaining the rank of EAGLE SCOUT.

May it be a constant reminder to you of the Masonic Fraternity's appreciation and interest in you and all the youth of our great country, for the future of our country is in your hands.

It is with great pride that Florida Masons promote the youth of not only this great State, but also throughout the nation. We are especially proud of those who distinguish themselves in the achievement of high honors in all youth organizations.

You have, by your zeal and perseverance, earned the high rank and decoration of EAGLE SCOUT in the Boy Scouts of America. Only a few young men ever earn such an honor. You have learned your lessons well. May you continue to achieve plateaus of leadership throughout your lifetime.

My most sincere congratulations,

Sincerely,

J. Dick Martinez  
Grand Master

cc: Larry Williamson, Chairman, M.Y.A.C.

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**GRAND MASTER'S YOUTH AWARD - 2010**

It is the desire of the Grand Master that all Chapters, Assemblies, and Bethels designate one of their outstanding members each year to receive this award. A certificate and pin will be presented to the recipient by the Grand Master or his representative.

All Chapters, Assemblies, and Bethels can submit one member's name to receive this prestigious award from the Grand Master of Masons in Florida.

We strongly urge that this presentation be made at an Open Meeting such as an Installation of Officers.

Please complete the form below and return to the Grand Secretary's office no later than December 1, 2010, in order to have the certificates ready for the 2011 installation.

Mail form to:                   Grand Lodge of Florida  
  P.O. Box 1020  
  Jacksonville, FL 32201-1020  
  ATTN: Grand Master's Youth Award

**OUR NOMINATION FOR THE GRAND MASTERS YOUTH AWARD**

(Please type or print neatly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Assembly or Bethel

Please mail the certificate and pin to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Person Recommending Award:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

**2010 ADULT LEADERS  
RECOGNITION FORM**

A special certificate recognizing our Adult Leaders from the Grand Lodge has been prepared to distinguish the Men and Women who are actively working with our youth groups each year.

Please type or print the full name of each Adult Leader you have on your Council or Board below and return to the Grand Secretary, P.O. Box 1020, Jacksonville, FL 32201-1020, ATTN: M.Y.A. Comm. Forms should be completed and mailed by December 1, 2010 to have the certificates ready for the 2011 Installation.

Chapter/Assembly Name and Number or Bethel:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print neatly or type)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Information of Person Completing Form (certificates will be mailed to this person):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2010-2011

To: Elected Grand Lodge Officers  
District Deputy Grand Masters  
Zone Chairmen and District Committeemen  
Worshipful Masters of the Particular Lodges

Brethren:

The Perpetual Membership Endowment Fund's purpose is to endow our Particular Lodges. Perpetual Membership can ensure that in years to come it may not be necessary for a Lodge to increase dues, or the Grand Lodge to increase per capita tax.

It is the intent of this Committee to increase Perpetual Memberships. This goal can be accomplished easily by asking for the help of all the Brothers throughout the State. I look forward, together with the Zone Chairmen and District Committeemen, in assisting you any way possible. Here are a few ways in which to increase Perpetual Membership:

1. Encourage your Particular Lodges, when they receive the annual check from the Fund, that you buy Memorial Perpetual Memberships to honor the deceased Past Masters of your Lodge.
2. We must strive to have all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction participate in Perpetual Membership.
3. Through Brothers that are attorneys, a Brother can get assistance with his will, and at that time designate the purchase of a Memorial Perpetual Membership for himself and/or other Brothers in his Lodge.
4. We earnestly request the District Deputy Grand Masters to appoint a Perpetual Member to be his District Committeeman. This is to impress to the Brethren that this Brother is a member of the Fund and will serve as a positive representative.

To all the Zone Chairmen and District Committeemen, I look forward to working with you and having a successful year in the Perpetual Membership Endowment Program.

To all the Brethren, it is the history of Masonry that we always "**Rise To The Occasion.**"

So I charge you to **RISE TO THE OCCASION.**

Fraternally,

Floyd Horton, P.D.D.G.M., State Chairman  
Perpetual Membership Endowment Fund  
5975 Born Drive  
Pensacola, Florida 32504-6345  
Res: (850) 474-0036  
E-mail: fldo@yahoo.com

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM 2010-2011**

### **EDUCATION**

Education has and will continue to be the past, present, and future of our State, County, our culture, and our Freedom. We heard in our Entered Apprentice Lecture by the perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 98, we are reminded of that state of perfection to which we hope to arrive by the aid of a virtuous education, so it is incumbent on each of us that we should be prepared to aid and assist others in achieving these same goals.

### **CITIZENSHIP**

The word citizenship we find as the right, duties, and privileges of a citizen to the loyalty of one nation or country entitled to him or her by birth or naturalization.

Your Grand Lodge has created this program to promote the importance of education and thereby to create better citizens. Through the use of the Public Education and Citizenship Program we can make these goals a reality.

Drastic cutbacks in school funding will make it more important for us to support our public education system through the help of the Adopt-A-School/Teacher Programs. We will continue to have the opportunity to get physically inside our schools through the use of the "I love America" Essay Program. The use of this program is strongly encouraged as it enables us to reach the grade school level students and make a dramatic impact to public education and public opinion of our Fraternity.

The scholarship presentations will again continue. Local Lodges are encouraged to continue with assistance in informing the high school advisors and teachers to their availability as this is a paramount to its success.

Knowledge is power. When you get power, you get wisdom, and with this you get understanding. With this you can get the public to understand a little about Freemasonry. These programs provide you, the Craft, with a golden opportunity to do this.

Brethren, this program can only begin and end with you. The Grand Lodge can provide the basis and motivation but only you and your participation can make this effort a success.

So, get the understanding underway, and have some fun with your Brothers along the way.

Fraternally submitted,

R.: W.: J. David Neveitt  
5801 63rd Terrace N  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781  
(727) 545-5268  
Ddgm2001@aol.com

## **Public Education and Citizenship Program Potential Lodge Activities**

- Encourage the Particular Lodges of each District to qualify for the Public Education and Citizenship Award. This award should be presented by the Zone or District Chairman at the Stated Communications.
- Two (2) Public Education and Citizenship Workshops are to be held in each District or Zone; whichever proves to be most convenient. The Zone Chairman will be responsible for organizing and conducting these Workshops, with assistance of the District Chairman and approval of the District Deputy Grand Master. The Agendas and information for these programs will be provided to the Zone Chairman by the State Chairman.
- A list of special speakers will be provided to each District Chairman to assist his Lodges in planning and holding Public Education and Citizenship oriented events. A list of Masonic Groups that perform Masonic Plays which can be presented at an Open Meeting will be made available together with films or videos which can also be publicly viewed.
- Hold a special meeting to honor community leaders, educators, police, and firefighters, as well as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
- Arrange to have a Masonic Youth Group bring a program to one of your Stated Meetings, preferably a program that can be held at an Open Meeting where non-Masonic guests can be welcomed.
- Hold meetings of special interest to the community such as drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, home fire prevention, and crime prevention.

**As Masons we are charged to be good and upright men and citizens; True to our government and loyal to our Country and all it stands for. We should also want for the community to see us as such a person.**

Thus we can promote Citizenship in many ways as individual Masons and as a Lodge, such as:

1. Volunteer our time to participate in community projects by:
  - a) Help to paint over graffiti in our public areas;
  - b) Help in community clean up beatification projects;
  - c) Help with neighborhood Crime Watch Programs; and
  - d) Assist with Senior Citizen Groups and programs.
2. Encourage your members to attend, as a Lodge, various Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, and other services for meaningful observances.
3. Invite the public to an Open Meeting during Americanism Month, featuring the Traitor Play or a special speaker.
4. Open the Lodge building for use as a polling place during elections.

**Let your community leaders know that your Lodge and its Members are willing, ready, and able to be of any assistance that may be required of the citizens of your community.**

## I LOVE AMERICA PROGRAM OUTLINE

- 1) February Obtain a Flag flown over our U.S. Capital. This can be obtained from Your local U.S. Senators Office.
- 2) June Look for and obtain a Guest Speaker.
- 3) September Meet with the school and set a time for the program in October. We use the Third Wednesday or Thursday to coincide with report cards; request that essays be ready to pick up the Friday before program.
- 4) September Confirm the date and time of the guest speaker.
- 5) September Plan the program with the Lodge. (M.C. and attendees)
- 6) Program (We hold our programs first thing in the morning)

- School has opening: Pledge of Allegiance and School Comments.
- School introduces the Lodge Master of Ceremonies.
- Master of Ceremonies introduces members of the Lodge and Guests and thanks the school for the privilege to hold the contest.
- Master of Ceremonies introduces the Guest Speaker.
- Speaker presents about a 10-15 minute talk about America.
- Master of Ceremonies thanks the Guest Speaker and prepares to present three (3) \$100.00 Savings Bonds to three essay winners.

### **Note:**

Essays should be picked up the Friday before the program is to be processed. The members of the Lodge should have a Committee to review the essays and pick the three top writers. We do not check for spelling or grammar; we select the winners on content only. Bonds can be purchased prior to the program. Purchase Bonds as gifts and use the school information for addresses, as a gift you can use your Social Security Number and not worry about your taxes later.

- Master of Ceremonies requests Guest Speaker to assist in the presentations. Master of Ceremonies holds up three (3) bonds and asks Guest Speaker to pick each winner.
- Master of Ceremonies thanks students and Guest Speaker.
- Master of Ceremonies presents Flag to School and closes the program.

### **Special Note:**

This program is a courtesy of Lantana Lodge No. 372. They have presented this program to Lantana Elementary School for the last 18 years. It has worked for them and has continued to bring favorable impression to the Masonic Fraternity to the area. I wish to thank Lantana Lodge No. 372 for the privilege of continuing to present this program to the Craft on the State Level.

# I LOVE AMERICA ESSAY AWARD

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Award: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

Presented To: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Guest Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Workers: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this completed form by February 15, 2011 to:

R.: W.: J. David Neveitt  
5801 63rd Terrace N  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781  
Ddgm2001@aol.com

**PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP  
Scholarship Program**

Dear Applicant:

**In response to your request regarding information concerning our Scholarship Program, please find enclosed on the following two (2) pages:**

- 1 Public Education and Citizenship Committee Statewide Essay Contest Rules and Guidelines.
- 2 Scholarship Application form for the year 2010-2011.

On behalf of the Public Education and Citizenship Committee and the Grand Lodge Officers, I would like to take the time to thank you for your interest and participation in our essay contest.

This year there will be ten (10) \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded to students throughout the entire State of Florida. All of the necessary details for this program can be found in the attached Rules and Guidelines.

We, the members of the Masonic Fraternity (the oldest Fraternity known to mankind), are committed and dedicated to the Principle of Public Education for everyone. We have, in the past, continued to fully support the ideal of the Public School System.

The Masonic Fraternity is a broad based worldwide group of dedicated men, who contribute over one and a half million dollars **daily** to Charities. These include, but are not limited to, the Shrine Hospitals, Aphasia Clinics, Nursing Homes and Orphanages, and Hearing Impaired Clinics.

The first formal records of our Fraternity date back from the early 1700's. Today there are over four (4) million members worldwide. Originally "Masons" were Stone Cutters and Craftsmen at the building of King Solomon's Temple and have built many of the world's monuments and buildings. Many of these are still standing today. Throughout the years, many of our members have contributed much to our civilization and lifestyles as they exist today. For example, our first President George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Rudyard Kipling, Albert Einstein, John Wayne, Ernest Borgnine, and President Theodore Roosevelt were all Masons, just to name a few.

We are not a religious organization, but we do require a belief in the Supreme Being. We strongly support and believe in individual freedom, especially political and religious freedom of choice.

We offer this Scholarship Program as part of our continued commitment to public education.

On behalf of all Florida Masons, I would like to again say thank you for your interest in this program and wish you luck.

Respectfully and sincerely,

R. : W. : J. David Neveitt  
Public Education and Citizenship Committee  
of the Grand Lodge of Florida

# **PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP STATEWIDE ESSAY CONTEST**

## **The Rules and Regulations**

**Eligibility:** All Graduating High School Seniors in the State of Florida who will be attending a **State of Florida Supported School** during the following semester/quarter (State supported schools include any Community College, University, or division of higher learning governed by the State Board of Regents). You must enter the school within one semester/quarter (excluding summer sessions) after you have been awarded this scholarship.

**Requirements:** A 1,000 word essay on “Why Education is Important.” All work must be original and becomes the property of The Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Florida.

**Deadline:** February 15, 2011. Application and essay must be postmarked on or in possession of the State Chairman by February 15, 2011.

**Mail to:** Send all essays with your application to:  
R.: W.: J. David Neveitt  
State Chairman, Public Education and Citizenship Committee  
5801 63rd Terrace N  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781  
Ddgm2001@aol.com

**Purpose:** To continue our strong support of the youth and to reinforce our belief in the Public School System of this country.

### **Additional Information:**

The scholarship checks will be made payable to the institution designated by the recipient and placed into an account for the sole purpose of the recipient's use. If not activated within one semester/quarter (excluding summer sessions) the scholarship will be withdrawn and added to the following year's scholarships to be awarded.

**ALL ESSAYS WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON THEIR OWN MERIT WITHOUT REGARD TO SEX, RACE, CREED, OR RELIGION, AND THE SCHOOL MUST BE ON THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION.**

# PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP 2010-2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print or type.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/Street City Zip

**Phone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Number Month / Day / Year

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Present School or Last School Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/ Street City Zip

**School Phone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Number

**Approximate High School Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended Institution of Higher Learning:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**Intended Course of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY**

**Return Application and Essay to:**

R.: W.: J. David Neveitt, State Chairman  
Public Education and Citizenship Committee  
5801 63rd Terrace N  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

**Public Education and Citizenship Award Report Form 2010-2011**  
**Category Explanation Sheet**

1. Each should give exceptional emphasis to this item. It is incumbent upon us as Masons to honor our teachers, civic leaders, policemen, firemen, and other deserving individuals within our respective communities. In addition, a Brother Mason who distinguishes himself by outstanding public service should and would be eligible for this award. Lodge associated activities do not qualify for a Grand Lodge Certificate. Exemplary service performed by a Mason in Lodge related activities should be awarded by his own Lodge. To receive a Grand Lodge Certificate, a short narrative explaining justification for the award should be submitted to the State Chairman or the Grand Lodge office.
2. This Figure was a set at realistic level to encourage active involvement. We support this activity to demonstrate our continued support for the school leaders and students.
3. While we do not become involved in partisan politics, we can and should lend active support to our communities to encourage all citizens to express their Constitutional right to vote.
4. This will provide, in a superior way, to establish good public relations with our youth groups and the public at large.
5. We are proud of our heritage. During the year we should demonstrate our LOVE for our country by promoting Americanism.
6. Make the Lodge a beehive of activity. Bring the family together with an interesting and informative civic program.
7. We cannot ignore our obligations to the elderly, underprivileged children, the crippled, and the sick; what better way to brighten their day than by a Masonic affair. Visits to the Masonic Home do not qualify for this category.
8. These donations would help defray the annual cost of providing for the Public Relations and Citizenship Plaques to the qualifying Lodges.
9. Publicity for our Fraternity is always desirable. Cooperation among our Committees can only enhance our Fraternity.
10. Support of our community youth groups has nothing but a positive reflection on our Fraternity. Extra points are awarded if groups are Masonic Affiliated.
11. The Flag Folding Ceremony is a superb tool to promote Americanism. It tells our belief in our Flag and what it stands for, as well as the proper way it should be folded. Flag Presentation Ceremonies are an alternate, or better yet, both may be presented concurrently.
12. Participation in this program is most effective with publicity. This type of favorable publicity is easily obtained by contacting your local media. In addition, Lodges are encouraged to submit these articles to the Grand Secretary for publication in the Florida Mason.

13. The “Adopt a School” Project is most important. Participation in this project will directly impact public education and our Fraternity. It is intended to help aid and assist our public education system, while at the same time educate the public to what we, as Masons, stand for and believe in. Ten (10) additional points will be awarded if an accompanying outline is submitted explaining how this goal was established and reached by the qualifying Lodge. See the article on the following page for a detailed outline of what is required for this program.
14. The involvement can only reflect well on Freemasonry and help to establish our image within the community as concerned citizens. It could also result in widening our scope of influence within the community.
15. Help a teacher with either monetary aid or physical assistance by being available to assist in a class or field trip. Working as a Student Mentor one on one with students under the direction of the teacher will also count in this category. See the article on following page for the outline of this program.
16. Points may be earned for Lodge-approved Service Projects within the community. Some examples are: Child ID video taping, working with Habitat for Humanity projects, assisting with a Senior Citizen Nursing Facility, and other public events. Twenty-five Points will be awarded for each major project and ten points for each individual activity.

**Bonuses:**

Any Lodge that obtains the maximum fifty (55) points for the Adopt-A-School Project receives a plaque of recognition at the next Grand Lodge Session.

The Lodge with the greatest number of total points within each of the ten Zones will receive a special plaque as **Zone No. \_\_\_ Overall Best Performer** at the next Grand Lodge Session.

The Lodge with the greatest number of the total points will receive a special plaque as **Grand Lodge of Florida Overall Best Performer** at the next Grand Lodge Session.

## PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP AWARD 2010-2011

Each Lodge should complete this report and submit it directly to the State Chairman no later than February 15, 2011 to ensure that plaques and/or tabs can be presented to those Lodges that achieve the necessary points. Presentations will be made at the 2011 Grand Lodge Communication. NOTE: Every Lodge that participates in sufficient activities, to accumulate at least 100 points, will receive a plaque or tab for outstanding service to PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP. Multiply the point value by the number of events in order to determine points for each category, then total all categories to determine total points. Ask your District Chairman, Zone Chairman, or District Deputy Grand Master for assistance. ALL LODGES SHOULD FILE A REPORT REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF POINTS ACCUMULATED.

	Points	Number of Events	Points
1. Grand Lodge Certificates of Appreciation to deserving recipients for civic service, public education, citizenship.	5		
2. Presentation of at least \$100.00 cash scholarship to a deserving student or students. This can be a single or cumulative donation.	5		
3. Assist municipality or county in non-partisan voter registration and promotions.	5		
4. The use of Lodges by Scouting groups, senior citizens groups or non-Masonic organizations.	5		
5. Conduct a family program in Lodge or in the community stressing Americanism.	5		
6. Conduct a family program in Lodge with a public official as the focal point.	5		
7. Sponsor a party or a visitation to a children's home, home for the elderly, or VA hospital.	5		
8. Donations of at least \$50.00 to the Public Education and Citizenship Plaque Fund or Special Project Fund.	5		
9. Donation of \$75.00 for a Grand Lodge billboard to support the Grand Lodge Publicity Committee or the erection of a Masonic roadside sign.	5		
10. Sponsor a youth group, Scouting, little league, Demolay, Rainbow, or Jobs Daughters.	10		
11. Present the Flag Folding Ceremony to an appropriate organization, or present an American Flag.	10		
12. Appropriate news coverage for 1-11. Substantiating material must be attached.	10		
13. Participation in the "Adopt A- School," project see explanation sheet.	50		
14. Bring a prospective member to an Open Meeting.	5		
15. Adopt- A- Teacher Project.	25		
16. I Love America Essay.	5		
17. Community Service Projects.	10/25		

TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Worshipful Master \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED FORM BY FEBRUARY 15, 2011 TO: R. W. J. David Neveitt  
 5801 63rd Terrace N

Pinellas Park, FL 33781

## “ADOPT-A-TEACHER PROJECT”

1. Each Lodge shall “Adopt-A-Teacher” in their District for one year. Bonus points will be awarded for participation in this project. Since there are more schools than Lodges, Lodges are encouraged to move this program around among the various schools within its jurisdictional area from year to year; this will allow for all schools to benefit from this project.
2. Once the Lodge chooses a school, they should then meet with the school principal and explain the “Adopt-A-School” Project and be prepared to answer any questions that might arise concerning Freemasonry and the Public Education and Citizenship Program.
3. A Certificate of Adoption will be presented with the appropriate seals and signatures of the Grand Lodge stating the said Lodge has adopted that particular school for the purpose of volunteering their help, aid, and assistance with educational process.
4. The certificate can be presented at a school function or at an Open Lodge Meeting and displayed in the office area of the school.

Lodge involvement with their adopted school should consist of, but is not limited to, the following:

- Lodge membership on advisory councils or Committees.
- Partnership programs.
- Volunteer time as a chaperon on field trips.
- Assist with sporting events such as a field day by being a ticket taker, score keeper, etc.
- Dedicate two (2) Saturdays a year to assist with grounds or building maintenance.
- Donate and plant trees or shrubs.
- Assist the PTA with special events.
- Sponsor a student or group to participate in our State or National Capital.
- Sponsor a student who desires to participate in the Special Olympics.
- Provide a list of Lodge Members who would participate in a Career Day, speak on a patriotic topic, or program.
- Hold an Open Meeting to honor the school staff, outstanding student, students with the best attendance record, good conduct, etc., at which time certificates and awards, along with a flag, can be presented.

These are a few ways we as Masons, and our Particular Lodges can make a difference in the Public School system.

The youth of today are our leaders of the future. We, as Masons, can make a difference and act as positive role models by becoming involved with their education today; which will ensure a better tomorrow for all mankind.

With this project we can impact our youth in a positive manner and at the same time, make a Masonic image within our communities that is better known and less mysterious.

Most of us are aware that due to tighter and more austere budgeting each year of our school budgets, that most teachers are finding it necessary to use their own funds or find alternative ways to raise money that is required for the state mandated projects for the students in their charge. This is where we can make an **immediate difference**.

Each Lodge should be encouraged to find such teacher in their local School District. Find out from him/her what is needed and how we can help to achieve the required results. This can be an ongoing project or select a different teacher for each semester or school year.

There are various ways to select a teacher to be adopted by particular Lodge. A Brother may be able to name a teacher or the Principal school can make suggestions.

A Grand Lodge Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to each Lodge participating in this program.

**ADOPT-A-TEACHER CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Presented By: \_\_\_\_\_

Presented To: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Workers: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form by February 15, 2011 to:

R.: W.: J. David Neveitt, State Chairman  
Public Education and Citizenship Committee  
5801 63rd Terrace N  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781



## PUBLIC RELATIONS & PUBLICITY PROGRAM 2010 – 2011



Brethren,

The scope of our mission is designed to improve on our image as the premier fraternal organization that aids our community as a whole. The need for a well-planned and well executed communications program is essential in our translation of purpose to the public by using proven marketing techniques and tools. This booklet is issued to you as a guide and tool in planning an effective public relations program with the media and the community. It will also serve as an information base to build a positive relationship between your zone, district, lodge and the media in your area. Your most important task will be to select member's of your staff committed in serving as publicity liaisons. The Masonic public relations officer and committee should be selected with care. The officer should be well qualified in the use of the English language; have a pleasant personality; know how to talk with people; have an adequate educational background; be a person of sound judgment; and have some knowledge of the communications field.

Our focused efforts will:

1. Increase awareness/understanding of the purpose of our Masonic Fraternity.
2. Inform the public of what Masons in your area are doing, most particularly in your community.
3. Forge relationships with media, civic & government leaders and business / professional organizations.
4. Promote goodwill and trust among educational leaders and institutions.

We have some exciting long range programs as well as fresh ideas on how to approach your community through media resources. It is essential that we capitalize on the recent media publicity that has inspired a new interest in our organization. I look forward to assisting you in your public relations endeavors. Above all, remember you are the representative of your fraternity with obligation to such. Think before you act and have fun.

Respectfully submitted,  
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State Chairman, Public Relations & Publicity  
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## 2010 -2011 Program Itinerary



### **Statewide Open House Day:**

Local Masonic Lodges are encouraged to conduct an open house for the community. The date will be set in the near future and a press release submitted. The public will be invited to tour the building after which light refreshments should follow, and a short presentation by key members of the Masonic Lodge and other groups highlighting the purpose of the program. At one side of the room should be a table with Masonic, Eastern Star and the Family of Freemasonry materials, especially our Masonic Youth Groups and brochures.

### **Statewide Community Volunteers Month:**

Each Zone chairman should coordinate with District and Lodge representatives to contact community and civic organizations in their areas to establish a time frame of events that each lodge can participate in.

### **Appreciation Night:**

Individuals, groups or organizations who have consistently contributed to the success of Lodge projects over the year should be honored. To hold a banquet in tribute will strengthen fraternal communication. This would be an opportune time to invite city, county and the media as guests.

### **Outstanding Community Leader:**

An evening banquet conducted in the same way as above but to recognize an outstanding community leader or good citizen award.

### **Outstanding Family:**

To recognize a family, who in addition to careers and school obligations, has individually as well as a family unit, contributed extensively to the community. This should be an external endeavor by contacting a local school or community service association.

### **Outstanding Educator:**

In addition to presenting a scholarship to a deserving high school student, you might want to recognize an outstanding educator from the local school system.

### **Veterans & Public Service Personnel, ie. Fire, Police etc.**

On Memorial Day, Veterans Day hold a ceremony at a local Veterans Memorial, not only to honor those who served and died, but also to announce a roll call of members and the Freemasons from the local Masonic lodge. Invite public service personnel to join in Flag dedication honors and recognize them for their contributions to the community.

### **Florida Masons Day:**

Show our communities that we are proud to be Masons. To wear your Lodge Shirt on this day would certainly be public recognition as to what you are and who you represent. Be prepared to answer questions of curiosity about our Fraternity with enthusiasm.





## **WILLS AND GIFTS COMMITTEE PROGRAM 2010-2011**

The Wills and Gifts Committee, together with MH-100 and Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents Committees, is charged with ensuring a sound future for our Masonic Home by educating both Masons and non-Masons alike in the various estate planning vehicles available. A proper format begins with a brief education process of the nature of these vehicles, such as wills or trust, instilling the individual's confidence in those who present our program. Thereafter, we will seek to educate them on our Masonic Home and our Endowment Fund, serving as justification for deserving of their charitable nature. While donations to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., last year well exceeded \$1,000,000.00, a significant amount of the funds received were from wills and trusts formed a number of years ago. It is imperative, therefore, that we continue and improve upon our process of awareness and education.

It is important to note that a number of large bequests received over the years were made by non-members of the Fraternity once having become familiar with our benevolent nature and our Masonic Home. Thus you may wish to discuss our Masonic Home and its accomplishments at Open Meetings, emphasizing that it is only the interest derived from the Endowment Fund which funds our Masonic Home Annual Budget. Perhaps of equal importance is the fact that our Masonic Home, unlike many charitable facilities, has no corporate sponsors nor does it receive any Federal or State assistance.

The Committee Chairman of each District may obtain, through Grand Lodge, a free supply of our newly drafted publication to assist individuals in making educated decisions regarding the disposition of their estates. While the selection by our District Deputy Grand Masters of an attorney or Certified Estate Planner to present the program may promote a better understanding for those in attendance, our Grand Lodge has a list of attorneys, within the Fraternity, who are willing to assist Masons and non-Masons in making charitable bequests to the Masonic Home.

Our Administrator, Lisa Tsotsos, would be more than happy to provide you with up-to-date information concerning our Masonic Home. Its most recent accomplishments include (i) the expected continuation of its Five Star Rating (the highest) from the Agency for Healthcare Administration, placing us within the top twenty percent (20%) of similar health care facilities in the State; (ii) routinely being utilized as an example of the highest quality of care and service; and (iii) in March of 2010, the Masonic Home of Florida hosted a Senior Wellness Expo for area seniors. Other points of interest which may be brought to the attention of prospective listeners is our non-profit status and the higher continuity of care by long term employees.

We would like to thank, in advance, those members of the Fraternity and non-members who have found it in their heart to ensure a sound future for our Masonic Home by making charitable gifts and bequests in the course of their estate and tax planning.

Fraternally,

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