

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

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To: The Most Worshipful Kenneth B. Anthony, Grand Master, Visiting Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Junior Warden, Right Worshipful and Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Visiting Dignitaries, and All Brethren Assembled.

Greetings:

Once a year it is the duty of your Grand Lodge Officers to stand before you and give an account of their stewardship during the preceding year and once again I thank you for the trust and confidence bestowed by electing me to the office of Grand Senior Warden. It is a distinguished honor and privilege to wear the Level, a jewel which teaches morally and masonically "**Equality.**" I'm reminded daily that Freemasonry is a fraternal order dedicated and devoted to the welfare of humanity; it teaches ethics of friendship and brotherly love; respect for others with justice for all and more importantly special privileges for none.

One thing I've learn in leadership throughout my usual vocation as well as the masonic order is that the higher you elevate the greater the responsibilities and continue to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude for your understanding and support.

In accordance with **ARTICLE 16** of our Masonic Code it shall be the duty of the Grand Senior Warden to assist the Grand Master in the discharge of the duties of his office as he may direct, perform all duties incumbent on their said office by established custom or usage, and exercise such powers as may by contingency arise under the provisions of Section 10.01, Article 10, of this Constitution, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

In accordance with **TITLE 54, Section 54.02** the Grand Senior Warden shall supervise all special programs of the Grand Lodge and to supervise the Department of Public Relations. He shall also serve as 1st Vice Chair on the Grand Entertainment Committee.

The following is a brief account of the major duties and responsibilities I've coordinated and managed to include Special Projects for the past masonic year.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

2009 ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Saturday, January 17, 2009, we held our Grand Lodge Annual Leadership Conference for Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and any Master Mason at The Grand East in Seattle, WA. The conference commence at 0800 hrs.

The conference was administered by R.W. Tommy Terry, our Grand Lodge Education Director, who over the years has done an excellent job facilitating the conference. The following topics were covered:

- ✓ **Report and Taxes** - R.W. Gilbert McClary Sr., GSec
- ✓ **Principal Officers Duties/Responsibilities** - P.M. Abrian Jones
- ✓ **Carrying Motions - Amendments** - R.W. Lonnie Traylor
- ✓ **Style of Rank of GL Officers** - R.W. Andrew Harris
- ✓ **Masonic Funeral Services** - R.W. Gregory Wraggs
- ✓ **Building a Trestle Board** - W.B. Hank Sheegog

2009 ANNUAL JOINT SPRING WORKSHOP REPORT

On Saturday, 28 March 2009, we held our 2009 Annual Joint Spring Workshop at Julius A. Headen Lodge #102 Meeting Place (Masonic Temple), in Federal Way WA. The workshop commenced at 0800 hrs and with the presence our own Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Kenneth B. Anthony, the committee considered workshop an overwhelming success. This was a joint venture with the Grand Chapter OES and Grand High Court HOJ. We all came met together to open the workshop with greetings from all three Grand bodies and we then departed into separate areas of the building.

All moderators scheduled conducted their presentation. I would like to thank the following for once again making this annual endeavor one to remember; for without their commitment and service, this workshop would not have been an feat:

I would like to express thanks to the following committee presenters for gracing us with their presence and knowledge departed:

- ✓ **R.W. Gilbert E. McClary Sr.** - What is Proper to be Written, Copied, and Filed.
- ✓ **R.W. LeRoi Carter** - Resolutions, Demits, and Proxies.
- ✓ **P.M. Damion Jiles** - GL Masonic Code and Changes.
- ✓ **R.W. Latroleum Lawrence** - Grand Session Credentials.
- ✓ **R.W. Gregory D. Wraggs** - Protocol.
- ✓ **M.W. Carlton B. Tucker/Members** - Comptroller Board Semi-Annual Review.

I would also like to thank the following committee members for without their assistance this workshop would have been a total failure:

- ✓ **R.W. Tommy Terry**, Workshop Facilitator.
- ✓ **Rev. Jesse Ogburn**, Grand Chaplain.
- ✓ **Sister Alma Chambliss**, O.E.S. Committee Representative.
- ✓ **Heroine Carletta Garraway**, H.O.J. Committee Representative.
- ✓ **Julius A. Headen Lodge #102**, Refreshments.
- ✓ **R.W. Gilbert E. McClary**, Workshop Administration assistance.

I would like to thank Julius A. Headen Lodge #102 for all the assistance in providing refreshments for all attendees. Their commitment to service was prevalent from start to finish and their monetary donation to the Grand Lodge was indicative of their unwavering support for this Grand Lodge; we are grateful for the generous donation.

I would also like to personally as well as publically thank Right Worshipful Gilbert Eugene McClary Sr., our Grand Secretary for his efforts in assisting this committee with providing all registries with name badges, registration packets, managing mailed-in and on-sight registrations as well as accounting for all funds accumulated on site. Without his persistence to numerous of administration duties, our workshop would not have been the success it was.

GRAND LODGE MASONIC WEBSITE

The Grand Lodge Masonic Website-Site is another responsibility of the Grand Senior Warden. It is located on the worldwide web at www.mwphglwa.org. More particulars are detailed in my Annual Report of the Public Relation Department.

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY MONITOR (W.C.M.)

The monitor was published on a quarterly basis and currently has **117** subscribers. The cost for subscription is **\$10.00** annually. More details are covered in my Annual Report of the Public Relation Department.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT

As 1st Vice Chair on the Grand Entertainment Committee I've worked very close and supported the Deputy Grand Master and his committee in all of their laborious duties. I attended the majority of the Grand Entertainment meetings. In absence and as host of this year session here in Spokane, I was tasked with numerous of responsibilities preparing for this year's session.

AWARDS COMMITTEE/BANQUET

The Grand Lodge Awards Committee, which is chaired by the Grand Senior Warden, wishes to say to all of the Nominees that every one of you is a positive attribute to our Jurisdiction. We are proud of you and your contributions to our Great Fraternity. Winners will be announced at our Tuesday night Awards Banquet.

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL RAFFLE

With the Annual Raffle being another responsibility of the Grand Senior Warden, letters and tickets were sent out to all Masonic Lodges in our Jurisdiction. I also sent 30 tickets to all Grand Lodge Officers. To put a little more emphasis on this year's raffle I was given the authority to up the stakes in winning by increasing First Prize Winner from **\$800** to the choice of **\$1000 Cash** or a **46" HD LCD TV**, which is currently on display in the vendor shopping area. 2nd place was also increase a **\$100** from **\$500** to **\$600** with 3rd place remaining at **\$300**; all for the same **\$1** donation per ticket.

Additional tickets are still available for purchase up to drawing time...good luck to each and every one of you and thanks for your support. The drawing will be held at our annual awards banquet on Tuesday night.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

The following fundraisers were coordinated, supervised, and finalized by this office:

- ✓ **50-50 RAFFLE** conducted at the **2009 ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE** generated **\$55.68** which was turned over to the Comptroller Board.
- ✓ **2009 ANNUAL JOINT SPRING WORKSHOP** profited **\$1,425.53**; with a profit-sharing of **\$812.55** to the Grand Lodge.
- ✓ **A MASONIC CALENDAR** honoring our Past Grand Masters profited **\$646.08** in sales.

The following are on-going fundraisers that are being managed by this office:

- ❖ **GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON MASONIC LAPEL PINS** has thus far profited **\$2,565.00** in sales and still available.
- ❖ **2009 ANNUAL GRAND SESSION T-SHIRTS AND HATS** depicting our **106TH ANNUAL GRAND SESSION** has generated over \$300 in sales and are available at the GL Special Project table in the vendor shopping area.
- ❖ And last our **ANNUAL GRAND LODGE RAFFLE** where we have sold over **6000** tickets to date. Tickets are still available up until the drawing.

SUPPORT OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND PROGRAMS:

- ✓ *I accompanied the Grand Master on his visitation to Masonic District Nine District Session/Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation held in Rodgau GE and as always it's a breathe of experience fellowshipping with the members of D-9. Would like to thank their great leader M.W. Andrew Morgan for allowing me to participate in the many first-class activities that were put on for the Grand Lodge Party.*
- ✓ *Again I was fortunate to accompany the Grand Master on his visitation to Far East District Session - Held at the Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul Rep. of Korea. R.W. Sidney Thomas as his district should be commended for a superb job. Again, thanks for welcoming the Grand Party into your home and allowing us to conduct the Training Symposium.*
- ✓ *Attended the Grand Junior Warden's and State Youth Director Knights of Pythagoras (K.O.P.) Annual Conclave - Seattle WA.*
- ✓ *Also support the activities of the Heroines of Jericho Activities, Order of The Eastern Star as well as the Concordant Bodies of this Grand Jurisdiction.*

I also attended and supported the following events/activities throughout the jurisdiction:

- *Attended the Grand Master's Annual Staff Meeting - Seattle WA.*
- *Attended Open Air-Degree with Grand Lodge of WA and British Columbia - Granite Falls WA*
- *Attended/participated Pacific Rim Conference of Grand Masters - Elmendorf AK*

In closing, I again extend my thanks to you for your prayers, confidence, and support and now turn over the office of Grand Senior Warden back to this Grand Body...whom so gracious conferred it and now await your pleasure.

Fraternally Submitted,



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Grand Junior Warden