

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATION DEPARTMENT

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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

Fraternal Greetings to all assembled,

It is indeed an honor as well as a privilege to stand before you and give a report from the Public Relation Department. Your Public Relation Department has strived to represent this Grand Lodge to the highest degree, consistent with the direction afforded by our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

My primary focus and vision for this department was to promote a good will between the grand lodge and its subordinate lodges as well as the lodges surrounding community. I will briefly detail the different aspects of the public relation department and the accountability of those departments.

The Grand Lodge's WASHINGTON COMMUNITY MONITOR is this Grand Lodge's organ of intra and inter-communication for the jurisdiction. As its Chief Editor and Designer my intentions were to keep all our members throughout the jurisdiction in contact with the many happening within the Grand Jurisdiction both here and abroad.

On accepting this office my intention was to publish the community monitor on a quarterly basis and with the confidence and empowerment from our Grand Master I have accomplished that daunting task. I have no doubt that the reason for the success was the current **117** subscribers who continue to be the bloodline of this department. I would like to personally thank all of those who have pledged and those who have submitted articles which led to the overwhelmingly successful publication that has garnered this year. The cost for subscription is \$10.00 annually.

Our GRAND LODGE WEBSITE located at URL www.mwphqlwa.org continues to be one of the primary means of disseminating valuable information to our members and continues to be the frontrunner and **"#1 Leader in Spanning the Globe!"** The website on an average day receives in excess of **7,000 per day**, which has seen its visit numbers balloon to well over **240,000**.

Being the jurisdiction Gateway to "Real-Time" masonic information you can find Grand Lodge E-forms, Official Correspondence, and events which makes your grand lodge website one of the most effective resources of our grand lodge. From the shores of Seattle to the Sands of Iraq our website continues to be **"that"** efficient and consistent tool of communication.

Your Grand Lodge has supported/been involved in numerous Public Relation Activities. The following are but a few:

- Open Air-Degree with Grand Lodge of WA and British Columbia - Granite Falls WA
- District Nine District Session/Council of Deliberation - Rodgau GE
- Pacific Rim Conference of Grand Masters - Elmendorf AK
- Unity March, Church Call, and Picnic with The Grand Lodge of Washington - DuPont WA
- Grand Master Reception - Seattle WA
- Tacoma Dome's Martin Luther King Day Celebration - Tacoma WA
- Far East District Session - Seoul Rep. of Korea
- Knights of Pythagoras Annual Conclave - Seattle WA
- Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church - Bremerton WA
- Support of The Heroines of Jericho Activities
- Support of The Order of The Eastern Star Activities
- Support of all Concordant Bodies of Our Organization

In closing, your Public Relation Department has worked and put forth efforts which I trust have met your approval. My gratitude goes out to all who have toiled in the vineyards to ensure a successful and viable department.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gardner M. Torrence Sr.", written in a cursive style.

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