

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of  
**Ancient Free and Accepted Masons**  
of the State of Illinois

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Brethren,

It is indeed an honor to have been elected as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. As with previous Grand Masters it has been a long journey and it is without a doubt one of the highest honors bestowed upon me. With that comes tremendous responsibility and I pledge to you that I will do my level best to bring credit upon the office and our fraternity. I will base every decision I face on what is best for the *entire* fraternity.

This **Program Guide** is intended as just that, a guide, for lodges to choose programs that might work in their respective lodges. These programs will provide opportunities for further education of our members and the general public as well. When implemented they will make your lodge better.

**Membership.** As with all of our Past Grand Masters membership is a great concern. Our numbers continue to decrease each year. All ten of our preceding Grand Masters have introduced “new” membership initiatives. Most have worked, and would have done much better had the membership bought into these respective programs. What was missing from these programs was a “buy in” from our collective membership. The very survival of our fraternity and the lifeblood of it is membership. Some of us have presented multiple petitions, some have presented none. This year there will not be a “new” program introduced with this exception; I am simply asking each member to present one petition for membership. Just **one**.

**Grand Master’s Award of Excellence** has one major change this year. We have reduced requirements for lodges with fewer than 80 members to receive the Award. The Grand Master’s Award of Excellence never has been intended as a competition between lodges. It is, and has been, an excellent *blueprint* on how to improve your lodge, how to become active again, how to encourage your inactive members to come back to lodge. Give it a try and I am certain you will have positive results.

**Intender Program.** The Intender Program is an excellent method of providing education to new Masons (it works for long time members too). It is **not** an optional program. All lodges are to actively participate.

**Grand Master's Representative Visits.** During the past few years all lodges and Districts have received visits from the elected Grand Lodge Officers. These visits are held not only for the brethren of the Lodge but for the Grand Lodge Officers benefit as well. We learn what lodges want and what they are thinking from these visits. We learn what works and what does not work at the lodges. Illinois is a large state and what works in the North may not work in the South or East. Because these visits have been so beneficial they will continue.

Your Grand Lodge Officers are a group of men who are tremendously committed to our fraternity. You have elected them to represent you. As a group, and individually, they are interested in your comments, concerns and opinions. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with your concerns.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Swaney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

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## BLUE LIGHTNING

Before a lodge can request a Blue Lightning event, they must have met certain qualifications.

The candidate must have taken the 1<sup>st</sup> degree in the petitioned lodge and have been assigned an Intender. (Not just a coach, but a member who is familiar with and will work from the Intender Program Booklets.)

He must successfully have passed one of the catechisms (the traditional or the short version in the Intender Booklet) and have passed, to his Intender, the candidate questions in the booklet.

At this point, if the lodge desires to host a Blue Lightning event, they must vote to do so. They will then contact their DDGM and arrange for a date. A date will not be set until the candidate has passed the catechism.

The DDGM will contact the Area Coordinator who will approve the date and issue the necessary paper work to the lodge. The lodge will then request a dispensation from our Grand Master. The paper work must be returned to the Area Coordinator at least two weeks before the event. If the paperwork is not received, the event will be canceled.

Candidates from other lodges may be added by working through the Area Coordinator, but no later than one week before the event.

If candidates from other lodges attend, their home lodge must have voted to send them and to allow for the courtesy degrees. These candidates must also have passed their catechisms.

All monies will be sent to the Area Coordinator who will forward it to the Grand Secretary's office when all money is collected. No candidate will be allowed in a Blue Lightning event if the fees are not paid in advance.

The host Worshipful Master or his designee will make out the slate of officers. The slate **must** be approved by the host DDGM at least one week before the event.

The Area Coordinator will be present at all Blue Lightning's OR he will request that the Area Deputy Grand Master assign a qualified member to be present and in charge of the event.

The host DDGM will ensure that the lodge is open and set up early, that a registration committee (assigned by the Worshipful Master of the host lodge) is in place early and that a proper meal is to be served if needed.

No candidate will be admitted without a mentor from his home lodge. Each candidate will have a separate mentor. Each mentor will bring a Bible to be used during the obligations. All candidates and mentors will register.

Event size will be a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 15 candidates.

### **GRAND LECTURER SCHOOLS**

The Grand Lecturer Schools will remain unchanged from previous years. There will be ten schools held throughout the state. The work will be exemplified by Grand Lecturers and Certified Lodge Instructors and the Board of Grand Examiners will do the instructing.

All lodge officers and members are encouraged to attend these schools and are free to ask questions at any time. This is a great opportunity to see our floor work and ritual exemplified and explained in the proper manner.

### **LODGE OFFICERS SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION**

Each District will work alone and hold one Officers School of Instruction during the year. All members are encouraged to attend the school within their District. They will be instructed by Grand Examiners and Grand Lodge Instructors assigned to each school. The type of school, location and date will be selected by your DDGM. The schools may be on a week night or Saturday as the DDGM feels is best for his District.

School Type 1 will cover opening in form, 1-2-3 using all floor movements and ritual, receiving the DDGM and closing on the third degree in short form.

School Type 2 will cover the conferral of the first section of the first degree beginning with ascertaining and ending when the Senior Deacon removes the receiving jewel and resumes his rod. All floor movements and ritual will be used. (The Secretaries interrogatories ritual may be omitted, but the floor movements will be used.) If time permits, the movements involved with the lecturers may be explained.

School Type 3 will be on the second section of the third degree. The work will be performed by lodge officers and members competent in the part they are doing. This will allow the instructors to concentrate on explaining the work and not "teaching" it. The instruction will begin with retiring the candidate and end when the candidate is seated after signing the by-laws. The movements involved with the lecturers will be exemplified.

## **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Our Grand Lodge Membership program is again being revised. This year we are simply asking **EVERY** Mason in the state of Illinois to submit a petition from a qualified man. Imagine if every Mason in our state did submit a petition.

Remember, it is no longer a violation of the Code to invite a qualified man to join Illinois Freemasonry. Our Membership Committee is available to make presentations to lodges or Districts on any occasion. Contact Bro. William Hussey at *bigbill111@verizon.net*

## **INVITATION TO PETITION**

The Invitation to Petition Program is still a viable way to introduce a man to Illinois Freemasonry. A recommender's petition for membership may be received by the lodge at a stated meeting if the proposed petitioner meets all qualifications for membership and the petition is signed by three members of the lodge. If the invitee passes the ballot he is then invited to petition the lodge.

Many of our lodges have had great success with this program. Contact your District Deputy Grand Master for all of the rules. Also see Code 289 of our Grand Lodge By-Laws.

## **MASONIC AWARENESS**

The Masonic Awareness Committee promotes Masonry to the public throughout the state. It is also in charge of promoting Masonic Community Day programs. Lodges use a wide variety of events within their community to present a favorable image of our fraternity to the public.

All events using the Community Days theme and logo will qualify as Community Day activities regardless of when they are held, provided they are registered in advance with the committee.

There will be a selection of materials available to help the lodges participate in the Masonic Community Days. Such items include logos, signs, tee shirts and caps, sample press releases and a publicity guidelines booklet.

Our Grand Secretaries office will handle the sale and distribution of all materials.

## **MASONIC GRAND LODGE WEB SITE**

Our Grand Lodge has its own web site: [www.ilmason.org](http://www.ilmason.org). Effective October 10, 2009 our web site has been updated. This web page allows us to bring Illinois Freemasonry to the attention of the public and potential members, and at the same time, informs our members of our Grand Lodge activities, charities, programs and officers.

This web site is a continuing source of new members for the lodges, as young men are using the web to gain information about Masonry and through our home page to seek information about joining. Lodges are contacted by the Grand Secretary when an inquiry is made by someone close to your lodge location. Our web site is updated on a regular basis and should be searched often by our members.

## **GRAND LODGE NEWSLETTER**

Our Grand Lodge will continue to publish the Illinois Freemasonry magazine on a quarterly basis. All members should read the magazine as it is one of the main sources for our Grand Lodge Officers to communicate with the membership. Brother David Poffenbarger as your editor has increased the magazine to 24 glossy pages with better photo clarity. Please contact him with any newsworthy activities taking place in your lodge at [DPOFFY@aol.com](mailto:DPOFFY@aol.com)

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

We will continue to maintain communications and support with the DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls throughout the state. The youth are important to our future in Masonry. I ask that every lodge find a way to support our youth organizations, by furnishing a meeting place, financial support, supplying leaders, helping to form new Chapters, Assemblies or Bethels in your area, or just by letting them know that we are there to support them. Contact at [DPOFFY@aol.com](mailto:DPOFFY@aol.com)

## **MASONIC SCOUTER AWARD**

Working through the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania we will be continue to promote the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. This award can be presented to any active Illinois Mason who is also an active Scout leader.

This award consists of a certificate endorsed by the Grand Master, a Boy Scout of America approved Masonic neck medallion and knot patch to be worn with a Scout uniform. For more information or application contact the Director, Martin Smith at [templar@bigfoot.com](mailto:templar@bigfoot.com)

## **ILLINOIS MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES**

We are extremely blessed with our program Illinois Masonic Outreach Services. Established to address the unique needs of our aging members, wives and widows, we are taking the lead on an innovative program that will bridge the gap between community resource and member needs in order to promote physical, social, financial and personal enrichment to enhance the quality of life for our senior members. Under the leadership of our program, Director, Mrs. Karla Carwile, Illinois Masons will be able to locate internal and external resources and assistance to meet a variety of needs. Her expertise in this field will allow us to provide you with superior service regardless of where you choose to reside. We all, every one of us, took an obligation to aid and assist all worthy distressed Brother Master Masons their widows and orphans. Through this excellent program and with your assistance we will live up to that promise. As frequently stated by Karla, "If not you, then who?" You may contact Karla Carwile by calling 1-800-530-8856 or through email at [kcarwile@afam-il.org](mailto:kcarwile@afam-il.org)

### **STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** ***(Drug and Alcohol Substance Abuse)***

This continues to be a premier program to help troubled youth in Illinois. Through this program we are able to train school personnel to intervene with students with various troubles. They learn what the signs of trouble are and what to do in the event of a child going wrong. Through the years we have trained close to one thousand school personnel in this program and have many reports of helping a student because the problem was spotted early.

This program is funded by income from the Masonic Foundation Endowment Fund, revenue from the sale of Master Mason license plates, label and card programs, along with donations from individuals, wills, trusts and estates. In order to continue this important service to our youth we need a revenue increase. The IRS recognizes our Foundation as a 501(c) 3 organization so all donations are tax deductible. Contact our Director Sue Rentsch at [Director@imsap.org](mailto:Director@imsap.org)

### **COINS FOR CHILDREN**

The Coins for Children Program will continue. Lodges are again asked to provide containers for members to contribute their pocket change to this community based program. At each Grand Lodge session, the money collected by the lodges for this program will be gathered and a report will be made to those in attendance on the estimated contributions and the programs co-sponsored with a lodge or lodges.

These funds, together with previously collected and undistributed monies, will be used to match contributions from lodges submitting requests to and approved by the Coins for Children committee. Example of the types of requests consistent with the program's guidelines include assistance on medical expenses, special or support equipment for schools that are not funded by the school district, playground equipment for parks and schools, children's books for libraries, clothing for a child or children in need, and special needs of underprivileged children. Matching funds from the Coins for Children Program may not exceed \$500 per year per lodge.

To be eligible for matching funds from this program these criteria must be met:

The request must benefit a child or children under the age of 18 residing in the lodge's district.

An outline of the request, together with the amount requested, must be submitted to the Coins for Children committee for consideration using the Coins for Children application form.

The lodge must submit a copy of both the front and back of the check given to the charity or person receiving the benefit with the request.

If approved, a Grand Lodge check will be drawn to the same payee as the lodge check and will be sent to the lodge for presentation by a lodge officer.

Priority will be given to those requests where critical need is established.

Local publicity must be provided to the Coins for Children Committee.

Scholastic scholarships, the Masonic Academic Bowl, the Student Assistance Program or equivalent type programs are **not** eligible.

The support of regularly funded activities, such as scout troops, Masonic youth organizations, and athletic teams is generally excluded. Contact Paul Mealiff at [pmealiff@adams.net](mailto:pmealiff@adams.net)

### **MASONIC ACADEMIC BOWL**

The 2010 Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl, for the first time, will be a 2-Class tournament with the small schools (Class "A") competing against only small schools, and large schools (Class "AA") competing against only large schools. This means that we will have a Class "A" State Champion and a Class "AA" State Champion. Question format for the

tournament will also be new. There will be 16 “toss-up” questions for the first portion of each match, and 16 three-part “bonus” questions for the second portion of each match. Also, schools will compete in a “round-robin” style of competition instead of double-elimination style. Details of these changes may be found on the website for the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl through the Grand Lodge website. These changes have become necessary due to the increased number of high schools competing in our tournament.

The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl will continue in our efforts of ***providing positive recognition for academic excellence*** among the high schools in Illinois. Lodges are encouraged to sponsor a high school scholastic bowl team in this academic tournament. All IHSA-member high schools in the state are invited to participate in this state-wide competition. This year will be the 27th consecutive year for this tournament. The regional tournament will be Saturday, February 20, 2010, at various locations throughout the state. The state tournament will be Saturday, March 6, 2010, at a location in the Springfield area. Schools pay no entry fees, as this program is financially supported in its entirety by the Masons of Illinois. All tournament matches are open to the public with no admission fee charged.

### **GRAND LODGE OFFICERS DISTRICT VISITS**

Our Grand Lodge Officers will again conduct visits to each of the Districts in the state. The District Deputy Grand Masters will inform the lodges of the visit date in their District. All lodge officers are expected to attend these important and informative meetings. Our Grand Lodge Officers will be there to answer any questions you may have and to explain the things currently taking place within our Grand Lodge. Lodges not attending will be contacted about a visit at their own lodge hall.

### **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

Each District **will be required** to hold quarterly meetings for the lodge officers and members. These meetings may be held in a lodge hall or as a dinner meeting at a place selected by the DDGM, and may include the ladies. This will give the DDGM a chance to talk to the lodge officers about events within the District and to explain our Grand Lodge programs and coming events in their Area. Masonic speakers will be available at the request of the DDGM to attend the meetings and speak on various Grand Lodge subjects, such as Membership, Leadership, IL CHIP, Invitation to Petition, Masonic Homes and any subject the DDGM may feel is necessary or needed. Your Grand Lodge Officers will attend these meetings at various times throughout the state.

A written report of each quarterly meeting will be sent to the ADGM.

**ILCHIP**  
**(Child Identification Program)**

This important program has caught on and has grown faster than expected throughout the state.

At an IL CHIP event each child will process through several stations which will include finger printing, assisting the parent with a DNA sample and recording a still photograph and interview on a CD disc, all of which will be presented to the parent for safekeeping at home, at no charge to them. No records are retained by the lodge.

Events may be conducted by any lodge at any place where they may choose. An event should be held indoors to insure the quality of the recordings.

Individual lodges may purchase the IL CHIP kits needed for an event through the Grand Secretary's office. Lodges need to prepare for an event by having people trained in the computer operation.

Lodges may purchase their own IL CHIP equipment through our Grand Secretaries Office. Contact the Grand Secretary for pricing and to purchase equipment.

Our program has been endorsed by Illinois Law Enforcement agencies as well as Amber Alert. It is a good idea to involve your local law enforcement in your events.

For more information about IL CHIP in your community, please visit our Grand Lodge web site at [www.ilmason.org](http://www.ilmason.org) and click on ILCHIP or contact the coordinator in your Area:

Chairman.....	Richard Burton.....	815-433-3111
Northern Area.....	James D. North .....	309-373-1394
Northeastern Area .....	Michael J. Leal.....	815-729-1662
Eastern Area .....	Bill Tanner .....	309-828-6755
Western Area .....	Steve Walls .....	217-793-7728
Southern Area .....	Mike Lovell.....	618-286-3894

Masonry in Illinois can only continue and grow if the lodges take part in the programs offered by our Grand Lodge. Each program presented in this guide is designed to help the lodges in getting new members, creating a positive image in their community and encouraging them to grow by doing the things that Masons should be doing.

## **GRAND MASTER'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

2009 – 2010

The Grand Master's Award of Excellence is the highest award attainable by a lodge. The award is designed to raise the overall proficiency of a lodge by encouraging it to broaden its horizons and focus on specific challenges. *It should not be considered a competition but rather a blueprint of programs that will help the lodge grow and become active.*

The Grand Master's **Award of Excellence** certificate will be presented at the Grand Lodge Session in October of 2010 to those lodges that complete **seven** of the primary requirements and at least **eight** of the remaining primary or secondary requirements. To further recognize this accomplishment each Officer will be given a Grand Master's Award of Excellence lapel pin to be worn at all Masonic functions. **For lodges with fewer than 80 members the requirements for the Award of Excellence are: six primary and at least six of the remaining primary or secondary requirements.**

The Grand Master's **Meritorious** certificate will be presented to those lodges that complete **six** of the primary requirements and at least **six** of the remaining primary or secondary requirements. **For lodges with fewer than 80 members the requirements for the Meritorious Certificate are: five primary and at least five of the remaining primary or secondary requirements.**

The Grand Master's **Honorable Mention** certificate will be presented to those lodges that complete **five** of the primary requirements and at least **five** of the remaining primary or secondary requirements. **For lodges with fewer than 80 members the requirements for the Honorable Mention Certificate are: four primary and at least four of the remaining primary or secondary requirements.**

**For Lodges applying for the Award of Excellence with fewer than 80 members the date used for determining the number of members will be May 31, 2009.**

The time frame used by lodges seeking qualification is from **July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**. All applications must be signed by the Worshipful Master and certified by the Lodge Secretary with his signature and the seal of the lodge. The applications will be sent to and received by the Area Deputy Grand Master no later than **July 15, 2010**.

The Area Deputy Grand Master will review the applications and summarize the lodges meeting the necessary criteria for the three award levels. This information will be sent to and received by the Senior Grand Warden no later than **August 1, 2010**.

## **Primary Requirements:**

1. **Grand Lodge Attendance:** The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden must have been present at both days of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in October 2009. The report must show the names of the Officers attending. **Note: If an Officer is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances and a proxy attends, the lodge may apply to the District Deputy Grand Master for relief. If he determines that the absence was justifiable, the lodge will then be considered to have met this requirement. The DDGM will then sign the score sheet.**
  
2. **District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit:** All elected and appointed officers of the lodge must be present at the District Deputy Grand Master's 2010 Official Visit. If the District Deputy is an officer of the lodge, a member of the lodge will be substituted for him. The lodge will be opened in form on the Third Degree for the reception of the District Deputy Grand Master. **Note: If an officer is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances the lodge may apply to the District Deputy Grand Master for relief. If he determines that the absence was justifiable, the lodge will then be considered to have met this requirement. The DDGM will then sign the score sheet.**
  
3. **Open Installation of the Lodge:** All elected and appointed officers of the lodge must be present at the **Open** Installation of the Lodge Officers. No substitutions of officers will be allowed. **Note: If an officer is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances the lodge may apply to the District Deputy Grand Master for relief. If he determines that the absence was justifiable, the lodge will then be considered to have met this requirement. The DDGM will sign the score sheet.**
  
4. **Invitation to Petition (ITP):** The lodge will actively participate in the Invitation to Petition Program. The report will include the number passing the ballot, the number of petitions received, and the number INITIATED through this program.
  
5. **Widows Communications:** The lodge will begin or continue an active Communications Program with the widows of lodge members, including personal contact with them. **Examples Include:** sending holiday or birthday cards, holiday gifts, invitations to public functions of the lodge, and oversight to assure that their financial and health needs are met. The lodge will provide the Grand Secretary's office with a current list of widows that include address and telephone numbers. The report must describe the activities and actual results obtained.
  
6. **Candidate Education:** The lodge successfully implements the **Intender Program** for all newly elected candidates. This must include using the **Intender Books** available from the Grand Secretary. Each

candidate must have an intender (mentor) assigned to work with him on the catechism and educational booklets. The report must be specific and include the actual results.

**7. Membership Retention:** The lodge establishes or maintains a Membership Retention Committee (*not including the Lodge Secretary*) that makes personal contact with **each** member who has not paid his dues. This committee will make certain the member is not suffering from some financial or health misfortune before recommending his suspension for non-payment of dues. The contact will be in person or by telephone, if personal contact is impractical. A report to the lodge will be made that is specific as to who was contacted, the date of contact, and the recommendation of the committee. While maintaining the confidentiality of the Brother a summary of these lodge reports will be used when applying for the Grand Master's Award of Excellence.

**8. Unfinished Work:** Worth **2 points.** All unfinished candidates must have petitioned after June 1, 2009. The Grand Secretary's records must reflect this. The report must be specific with name of unfinished candidates and date petitioned.

**9. Unfinished Work Committee:** The lodge establishes or maintains a committee (*not including the Lodge Secretary*) which contacts **all** of the lodge's inactive unfinished candidates. This includes Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, Initiated or Passed within the last five years. This committee will encourage the candidates to complete their degrees. It will be necessary to contact in person, if personal contact is impractical, contact by phone will be acceptable. A report to the lodge will be made that is specific as to who was contacted, how they were contacted, the date of contact, and the result of the contact. A copy of these lodge reports will be used to apply for credit for the Grand Master's Award of Excellence.

**10. Officers Proficiency:** Five of the officers of the lodge consisting of the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward and Junior Steward, must be proficient in all the work of opening and closing lodge in form and all the work in the first section of each degree pertaining to their station or place. They must have been examined and recommended by a Grand Lecturer or CLI before June 1, 2010. **The examiner(s) will sign the score sheet.**

**11. Dinner Meetings:** Have at least four dinner meetings consisting of at least one in each of the following groups: (1) Hold a fraternal dinner for Masons only. This may be in conjunction with a stated or special meeting and is to be solely for the purpose of promoting fellowship. Report the date, the number in attendance and topic presented. (2) Hold a dinner for the ladies and families that include a speaker or some type of

entertainment. Report the date, the number in attendance and the program presented. (3) Hold a Past Masters' night dinner with some type of special recognition for these brethren. Report the date, number in attendance and program. (4) Host a dinner for prospective candidates and their families, featuring a speaker on Freemasonry. Report the date, number of prospective candidates, the total attendance and an outline of the topics presented.

**12. Illinois Masonic Charities Fund:** The lodge contributes an amount equal to \$2.00 per member to the Illinois Masonic Charities Fund. This cannot be an assessment, but it may be from lodge funds, donations, or a fundraiser.

**13. Lodge Officers Schools of Instruction:** The Master and at least four officers will attend two Lodge Officer Schools of Instruction. A report showing the date of the schools attended and the office of the attendees will be submitted.

**14. Lodge Membership:** Lodge membership shows a net increase in the total reported to the Grand Secretary from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010, as per the Annual Report from the Grand Secretaries Office. Increase is to be attributable to number raised, affiliated, and reinstated exceeding number suspended, expelled, dimitted, or died. Members gained due to consolidation, merger, or plural members do not count for this section.

**15. Lodge RAISINGS of over 5%:** The Lodge raises 5% (or more) candidates based on the number of Lodge members stated in the Annual Report to the Grand Secretary on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. This is not a net increase of 5%; the number raised must be 5% or more. This Requirement does not include affiliations or reinstatements. This Primary Requirement is in addition to number 14 above.

**16. Leadership Workshop:** At least one of the following lodge officers (Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon) attends the scheduled Leadership Workshop conducted Friday afternoon at Grand Lodge. A report showing name and office of the attendee will be included.

**17. Attend Grand Lecturer's School:** Four members of the lodge attend one Grand Lecturer School. A report showing dates of school attended and names of attendees will be included.

**18. Host an IL CHIP EVENT: Possible two (2) points.** The Lodge must host and sponsor two or more IL CHIP Events. Either **(1)** Six of the workers at the event must be members of the hosting lodge; or **(2)** 25% of the total workers at the event must be members of the hosting lodge. Only one point per event. A report showing the date and names of the Lodge members who participated must be included.

## **Secondary Requirements:**

- 1. Educational Programs:** The lodge offers at least **FOUR** educational programs, each on a different stated meeting or special night. **Examples include, but are not limited to:** (1) A presentation on Masonic symbols (2) show a Masonic video (3) a presentation on Masonic history (4) a talk on Masonic Charities. Although preferable, these Educational Programs are not limited to Masonic subjects. The report for credit must show the dates of the meetings; topics presented, and number attending.
- 2. Community Builders Award:** Sponsor a lodge dinner for community leaders and their spouses. Present a Community Builders Award Certificate to a person or organization that has made significant contributions to the community. Report date and name of recipient.
- 3. Other Lodge Visitation:** The Master and two of his principal officers (*Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, or Secretary*) plus two other members make a minimum of **three visits**, as a group, to a stated or special meeting of a lodge other than their own. The report on the visits must show the dates, the lodges visited, and identify the officers and members who made the visits.
- 4. Masonic Youth Groups:** The lodge will support one or more of the Masonic affiliated Youth Groups with at least one member serving as an active advisor. The report must identify the youth group, the members serving as advisors/ and their roles.
- 5. Religious Services:** Observe Saint John the Baptist Day (June 24<sup>th</sup>) and /or Saint John the Evangelist Day (December 27<sup>th</sup>) by having a lodge function or attending a religious service as a group on the Sunday closest to the respective day. The Master and at least eight other officers and members must be present at the religious service. The report must give the date of the event and program, or the service attended (*the church*), and number attending.
- 6. Father and Son and/or Daughter:** Host a Father and Son and/or Daughter Night (*grandchildren included*) with a meal and program. The report must give the date, attendance, and program.
- 7. Non-Masonic Youth Group:** Financially sponsor a Non-Masonic youth group, and have at least one member serving as an active advisor. The report must identify the youth group, the financial involvement, members serving as advisors, and their roles.
- 8. Degree Conferral at Other Lodges:** A slate, which includes the Master and at least six officers of the lodge, will confer one of the three degrees of Masonry in another lodge. The lodge will confer the degree upon a candidate of the lodge visited. Advance agreement of both lodges

involved is required. The report must show the date, degree conferred and lodges involved.

9. **Charity to a Brother:** Extend an act of charity to a needy brother and/or his family. **Examples include, but are not limited to:** significant monetary gifts (*not remitting dues*) to an unemployed brother, or significant work on his residence. The report must include the actual service or benefit rendered, while maintaining the confidentiality of the brother assisted.

10. **Scholarship Program:** Take part in a scholarship program with a local school. Either as a lodge or part of a district program, and take part in a dinner for the recipients and their families. The report must show the names of scholarship recipients, the date of the lodge function, and number attending.

11. **Academic Bowl: Possible two (2) points** Sponsor a high school in the Academic Bowl, **one (1) point.** The lodge **MUST** host a dinner and invite student participants and their families, community leaders, and teachers from the participating school **one (1) point.** The report must show the school sponsored, the date of the function, and number attending.

12. **Coins for Children:** Award a "Coins for Children" matching grant. The lodge **MUST** host a dinner to make the presentation and invite local community leaders. The lodge portion of the matching grant may be from donations or a fundraiser, but **cannot** be from lodge funds or an assessment. The report must give a brief outline of the need, the name of the recipient, date of lodge function, and number attending.

13. **Secretary's Workshop:** The Lodge Secretary and *one member of the Lodge* attend one of the scheduled Secretary's Workshops conducted by the Grand Secretary's office. The report must show the date and location of the workshop attended.

14. **Coins for Children:** A lodge contributes a minimum of \$100 to the Coins for Children Program. The contribution will be made by check.

15. **Masonic Community Days:** A lodge participates in the Masonic Community Days program. The report will describe the event held, its public nature, and the date of the event.

16. **Lodge Blood Drive:** A LODGE holds a blood drive. The report will show the number of pints collected and the date held.

17. **Eureka Challenge:** A lodge will conduct the first round of the Eureka Challenge at any Stated or Special Meeting before March 31<sup>st</sup>. Materials returned for scoring must be postmarked no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>.

18. **Press Release:** A lodge will submit “tear copies” of at least three different articles about lodge activities in the community that have been published in the local newspapers.

19. **Instructors:** A voting member of the lodge receives a **new** commission as a Grand Lecturer, Certified Lecturer, Certified Ritualist, or Certified Lodge Instructor between the dates of July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

## Grand Lecturer Schools - 2009/2010

All Schools are scheduled on Saturday's at 8:30 a.m.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Location</i>
10/24/09	3	N	Silvis #898	Silvis
10/31/09	1-2	NE	Libertyville #492	Libertyville
11/14/09	3	E	Mattoon #260	Mattoon
12/05/09	1-2	W	Rushville #9	Rushville
01/09/10	3 (Full Board)	S	Herrin's Prairie #693	Herrin
03/06/10	1-2	N	Princeton #587	Princeton
03/13/10	3	W	Springfield #4	Springfield
03/27/10	1-2	E	Morton #352	Morton
04/10/10	1-2	S	Wood River #1062	Wood River
04/24/10	3 (Full Board)	NE	Villa Park #1113	Villa Park

## EXAM SCHEDULE - 2009/2010

Examinations are scheduled on Saturday's at 8:00 a.m.

11/21/09	FALL EXAM	Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 51	Hillsboro
05/15/10	SPRING EXAM	TBA	

## Lodge Officer Schools - 2008/2009

### Western Area

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>
10/22/09	Thurs	7:00 PM	1	5	Delavan #156
11/18/09	Wed	7:00 PM	1	2	Wyoming #479
11/20/09	Friday	7:00 PM	3	7	Denver #464
12/09/09	Wed	7:00 PM	2	6	Rushville #9
01/11/10	Mon	7:00 PM	1	8	Bodley #1
01/18/10	Mon	7:00 PM	1	13	Fieldon #592
01/18/10	Mon	7:00 PM	1	12	Pawnee #675
01/27/10	Wed	7:00 PM	1	10	Wadley #616
02/09/10	Tues	7:00 PM	1	1	Aledo #252
02/12/10	Friday	7:00 PM	2	4	Yates City #448
02/18/10	Thurs	7:00 PM	1	11	St. Paul's #500
03/09/10	Tues	7:00 PM	3	3	Macomb #17
04/21/10	Wed	7:00 PM	1	9	Perry #95
04/26/10	Mon	7:00 PM	1	14	Mt. Nebo #76

## **Eastern Area**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Day</i></b>	<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Type</i></b>	<b><i>Dist.</i></b>	<b><i>Lodge</i></b>
10/17/09	Sat	9:00 AM	2	3	Normal #673
10/26/09	Mon	7:00 PM	1	10	Stephen Decatur #979
10/29/09	Thurs	7:00 PM	2	5	Mt. Pulaski #87
11/07/09	Sat	10:00 AM	2	8	Russell #154
11/16/09	Mon	7:00 PM	3	9	Mound #122
11/17/09	Tues	7:00 PM	1	13	Clover Leaf #990
11/23/09	Mon	7:00 PM	1	4	Chebanse #429
11/24/09	Tues	7:00 PM	3	14	Charleston #35
12/02/09	Wed	7:00 PM	2	2	Tremont #462
12/09/09	Wed	7:00 PM	3	7	Tolono #391
12/09/09	Wed	7:00 PM	3	11	Mattoon #260
02/04/10	Thurs	7:00 PM	1	15	Marshall #133
02/22/10	Mon	7:00 PM	1	12	Paris #268
03/02/10	Tues	7:00 PM	3	1	Illinois #263
03/03/10	Wed	7:00 PM	1	6	Mahomet #220

## **Northern Area**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Day</i></b>	<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Type</i></b>	<b><i>Dist.</i></b>	<b><i>Lodge</i></b>
10/19/09	Mon	7:00 PM	1	2	Rockford #102
11/07/09	Sat	8:30 AM	1	8	Silvis #898
11/09/09	Mon	7:00 PM	3	3	McHenry #158
11/10/09	Tues	7:00 PM	3	7	Kendall #471
11/11/09	Wed	7:00 PM	3	6	Rock River #612
11/17/09	Tues	7:00 PM	1	1	Orangeville #687
11/18/09	Wed	7:00 PM	2	4	Milledgeville #345
11/30/09	Mon	7:00 PM	1	12	Eureka #69
12/05/09	Sat	8:30 AM	3	5	Horicon #244
02/10/10	Mon	7:00 PM	2	9	Magnolia #103
03/11/10	Thurs	7:00 PM	1	11	Marseilles #417
03/15/10	Mon	7:00 PM	2	10	St. John's #13

## **Northeastern Area**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Day</i></b>	<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Type</i></b>	<b><i>Dist.</i></b>	<b><i>Lodge</i></b>
10/21/09	Mon	6:30 PM	1	4	Wayfarers #1001
11/07/09	Sat	9:00 AM	2	11	Tinley Park #810
11/12/09	Thurs	7:30 PM	1	3	Wilmette Park #931
11/14/09	Sat	9:00 AM	3	6	Clarence P. Schwarz #1163
11/18/09	Wed	7:00 PM	1	1	Anchor & Ark #1027
11/18/09	Wed	6:00 PM	2	7	Amity #472
12/07/09	Mon	7:00 PM	2	2	Palatine #314
01/09/10	Sat	9:00 AM	2	8	Grove #824
01/23/10	Sat	9:00 AM	3	9	Riverside #862
01/29/10	Friday	7:00 PM	3	5	King Oscar #855
02/06/10	Sat	9:00 AM	2	10	Euclid #65
03/13/10	Sat	9:00 AM	3	12	Arcadia #1138

## **Southern Area**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Day</i></b>	<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Type</i></b>	<b><i>Dist.</i></b>	<b><i>Lodge</i></b>
10/20/09	Tues	7:00 PM	3	2	Gilham #809
11/07/09	Sat	9:00 AM	1	12	Walpole Tuscan #630
11/14/09	Sat	9:00 AM	1	1	Bethalto #406
11/14/09	Sat	9:00 AM	3	7	Emeth #1030
11/24/09	Tues	7:00 PM	1	5	Marion #130
11/30/09	Mon	7:00 PM	1	11	West Salem #866
12/01/09	Tues	7:00 PM	1	10	Mt. Vernon #31
12/05/09	Sat	9:00 AM	1	14	Lake Creek #729
01/16/10	Sat	9:00 AM	2	13	Harrisburg #325
01/21/10	Thurs	7:00 PM	1	3	Effingham #149
01/21/10	Thurs	7:00 PM	1	4	Oblong #644
01/21/10	Thurs	7:00 PM	1	9	Du Quoin #234
02/11/10	Thurs	7:00 PM	1	8	Columbia #474
02/27/10	Sat	7:00 PM	1	17	Eddyville #672
03/06/10	Sat	9:00 AM	3	6	O'Fallon #576
03/26/10	Friday	7:00 PM	1	15	Anna #520
04/10/10	Sat	9:00 AM	3	16	Vienna #150