



NORTHEASTERN AREA NEWSLETTER

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of the State of Illinois

A Message from Herb Lindberg, Northeastern Area Deputy Grand Master



As we wind down the Summer of 2021 and make final plans to attend our 182nd Annual Grand Lodge Communication, it is now the time. **It is time for me to "Pass the Torch of Leadership" as Area Deputy Grand Master (ADGM) of the Northeastern Masonic Area (NE Area) to my successor.** Several months ago, I announced my plans to retire from this position. I've had the honor and privilege of serving our fraternity in several roles throughout more than 52 years since I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Back in 2014 when I was appointed ADGM, I could not have imagined the amazing journey and experience that awaited me in this role. The NE Area is an innovative, dynamic and forward-thinking engine for our fraternity in Illinois. If you think that I'm a bit biased, then you are absolutely correct. I've witnessed the Masonic leaders and Brethren in our Districts and Lodges preserve what is truly timeless about our brotherhood and at the same time, charge forward to change other things that

keep Freemasonry relevant in the modern times. **With the help and support of so many passionate officers at the Area, District and Lodge levels, we have done our duty "to set the Craft to work."**

Working hard together is the foundation of making true friends in our fraternity. **One of the core secrets of our ancient and honorable fraternity is the opportunity to meet and befriend men whom you would otherwise never cross paths with, if not for Freemasonry.** I've had the pleasure to meet and talk with Brethren who don't look like me and talk like me, come from different places, are generations older than me, are generations younger than me, have different professions and careers, among many other characteristics. **I've learned from these encounters and grown as a man and a Mason.** Words don't really capture the importance of sharing differing perspectives from a foundation of trust and understanding especially when you realize that it is not a requirement for you to agree; all the while, maintaining that strong bond of friendship. In these interactions, we grow and gain real value in our lives. I've learned some valuable lessons from doing just that so respect each other's opinions and perspectives; seek to learn and not to judge. By doing so, we stay on the Level and provide the foundation to bring our best selves forward for the good of the fraternity, our families and the broader community. Also, all of the friends that you make along your travels as a Freemason, especially those Brethren who remember how you positively touched their lives, will give you a special gift — **the gift of immortality because you will not be forgotten and your presence lives on in them.**

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— by Right Worshipful Brother Herb Lindberg

I keep a notepad and pen near my nightstand because some of the best ideas come to me late at night. Most of the time, in the morning, I can read what I wrote down. For the most useful thoughts that survived my late night penmanship and others, I thank all of the Brethren including our Grand Lodge leaders who have supported the ideas, activities, projects and initiatives that we've put forward and implemented here in the NE Area. As the ADGM, I periodically attend the Grand Lodge Board of Directors meetings to provide an update on what is happening in the NE Area. In those meetings and similar ones, I'm representing all of YOU and the good work being done in the NE Area. **I'm constantly reminded that "a leader is nothing unless he has people who choose to follow him."** That said, I'll happily receive the recognition on behalf of the Lodges and Brethren in the NE Area who are the true drivers of our success. **What we continue to achieve together is inspiring and humbling!**

It has been the pleasure of a lifetime to serve YOU, my Brethren! With working tools firmly in hand, I'm ready for my new responsibilities to continue serving our grand jurisdiction. I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Family Reunion down in Springfield in early October. Come on by the NE Area section of the convention center, and I'll be happy to shake your hand. Finally, **please join me in congratulating Right Worshipful Brother Robert Nielsen II who will succeed me as our ADGM;** you can read about him in the "Brothers Illuminated" section of this newsletter. I have no doubt that the exceptional work of our Gentle Craft here in the NE Area will continue and prosper under his leadership. **By working together, the future of Freemasonry is bright!**

Fraternally,

Herb (adgmnea@ilmason.org)

An Inspirational Quote

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

— Brother Benjamin Franklin

MASONIC LIGHT - "SHARING THE LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE"

History of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois

by Right Worshipful Brother Daryl L. Andrews

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed in 1867 from Lodges within the State of Illinois that were chartered by the Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodge of Ohio namely:

- North Star Lodge #12 of Chicago, Illinois - Chartered in 1852
- Griffin T. Watson Lodge #16 of Alton, Illinois - Chartered in 1856
- Central Lodge #19 of Springfield, Illinois - Chartered in 1857

The three Lodges met in Springfield on February 15, 1867 to resolve to form a Grand Lodge for the State of Illinois. Brother Harrison D. King of North Star Lodge #12 was unanimously elected as chairman of the convention. The resolution which resulted from the convention was submitted to the National Grand Lodge through Most Worshipful Brother John Jones, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. With the prayer granted, the three Lodges convened in Springfield to hold a special session of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted York Masons, State of Illinois on May 6, 1867 to announce her formation. Central Lodge was opened in due form by Most Worshipful Brother Jones who conducted the election of the first officers which ended with the following results:

- Grand Master - Brother Benjamin Franklin Rogers of Springfield
- Deputy Grand Master - Brother Harrison D. King of Chicago
- Senior Grand Warden - Brother E. White of Alton
- Junior Grand Warden - Brother William Lyman Darrow of Chicago
- Grand Treasurer - Brother Isaac H. Kelley of Alton
- Grand Secretary - Brother George L. Thomas of Chicago

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed in 1867.

After the installation of the officers, the Lodges were renumbered according to their dates of original charter with North Star Lodge as #1, Griffin T. Watson Lodge as #2 and Central Lodge as #3. In addition to renumbering of the first three Lodges, three additional Lodges which had previously been warranted in the State of Illinois by the Grand Lodge of Ohio were also chartered - Evening Star Lodge #4 of Bloomington, Lincoln Lodge #5 of Cairo and Freemont Lodge #6 of Shawneetown. The following officers were also appointed and installed by Most Worshipful Brother Rogers on May 7, 1867:

- Grand Chaplain - Brother L.A. Coleman of Springfield
- Grand Senior Deacon - Brother Samuel Witherspoon of Bloomington
- Grand Junior Deacon - Brother William K. Donegan of Springfield
- Grand Lecturer - Brother Edwin R. Williams of Chicago
- Grand Steward - Brother H. Hicklin of Springfield
- Grand Pursuivant - Brother C.C. Richardson of Alton
- Grand Tyler - Brother John S.D. Lee of Springfield

From 1867 to 1877, the Grand Lodge of Illinois remained in amity with the National Grand Lodge and grew at a tremendous rate. By 1877, the Illinois Jurisdiction had a strong presence in each of the hemispheres of the state. While growth would continue internally, the bond with the National Grand Lodge would deteriorate. The National Grand Lodge was never meant to be a national governing body but an organization through which the spirit of Freemasonry could be extended through the establishment of Grand Lodges at local levels. With the understanding that each Grand Lodge is sovereign in its own jurisdiction, attempts by another to usurp its authority would certainly meet with resistance. As such, the Grand Lodge of Illinois dissolved amity with the National Grand Lodge in 1877 like the Grand Lodge of Ohio did years earlier.

From 1882 to 1922 the Grand Lodge of Illinois took steps to protect itself as an independent entity in the eyes of the law and to further align itself with the Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodges in America:

- By the hands of Most Worshipful Brother James J. Hollinger, Grand Master and Right Worshipful Brother Richard E. Moore, Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge incorporated in 1882 as a legal corporation.
- The articles of incorporation were amended in 1885 by the hands of Most Worshipful Brother Joseph W. Moore, Grand Master and Right Worshipful Brother Richard E. Moore, Grand Secretary to remove **York** from the name to reflect the **Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois**. This was done to distinguish itself from irregular York Masons of America that were unaffiliated with the Grand Lodge of England.
- To solidify the linkage of the Grand Lodge to the other Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodges in America, the Grand Lodge was renamed and incorporated as the **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois** in 1909 by the hands of Most Worshipful Brother George E. Jesse, Grand Master and Right Worshipful Brother Richard E. Moore, Grand Secretary.
- To distinguish itself from other organizations bearing the name **Ancient Free and Accepted Masons**, the Grand Lodge was renamed and incorporated as the **Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois** in 1922 by the hands of Most Worshipful Brother Thomas H. Samuels, Grand Master and Right Worshipful Brother Baker De Pugh, Grand Secretary. This is the name that the Grand Lodge bears to this date.

In 1922, the Grand Lodge was renamed and incorporated as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois.

Since inception, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois has extended herself in the causes of social activism and community improvement. This is documented by their efforts before, during and after the formation of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

- The bulk of the founding members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois were abolitionists during Slavery.
- PGM John Jones fought to remove the Illinois Black Codes and to gain passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution. He became the first black elected official in Illinois in 1871 as Cook County Commissioner.
- The brethren of the City of Chicago and Aurora contributed to relief during the Chicago Fire of 1871. This led to the formation of Keystone Lodge #15 in the City of Aurora in 1874.

- Many brethren served their country during the Spanish American War in 1898 and World War One. Many of the officers of the Eighth Illinois Regiment were Prince Hall Masons.
- The Order of the Bees for Boys and Girls was formed as the first youth initiative in 1922. The Order of the Junior Craftsmen was the second initiative formed in 1938 to focus on the development of young men. PGM Henry G. Fort partnered with the National Urban League in the 1950s and 60s to provide job training for the youths. The Order remains in existence to this date.
- The Grand Lodge offered relief during the Great Depression and service during World War Two and successive wars and conflicts endured by the country.

The Grand Lodge continues to offer relief and service to distressed citizens and to our country through service and educational donations. The current efforts were clearly sourced by the labors of the past. By the grace of God, these efforts will continue well into the future.

Sources:

1. *Proceedings, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted York Masons, State of Illinois, 1867-69*
2. *The Beginnings of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons in Illinois* by Obed E. Vanderburg
3. *History of Prince Hall Masonry in Illinois* by William Hardy
4. *Masonic Abolitionists: Freemasonry and the Underground Railroad in Illinois* by Daryl Lamar Andrews

Thank You for Your Leadership and Light During These Dark Times

On behalf of the Lodges and Brethren of the NE Area, **we extend a hearty thank you to Most Worshipful Brother Stephen F. Oakley, Grand Master and the other Grand Lodge Board of Directors** for their leadership and guidance of Illinois Freemasonry during this pandemic. The decisions made to support the fraternity were not done easily or without significant thought. Well done, and like Freemasons have done for hundreds of years, we will persevere and be a beacon light for our families, friends and communities during some of humanity's darkest days.

Grand Master's Award of Excellence Program — Earning Gold, Silver or Bronze

The Grand Master's Award of Excellence Program (GMAE) has been updated for the 7/1/21 through 6/30/22 program year. The program has been simplified to focus on earning points for completing key activities of an Active Lodge for Illinois Freemasonry. As your Lodge completes the identified list of GMAE activities, you earn points towards a Gold, Silver or Bronze level award. Similar to our individual work as Freemasons in striving to become the best versions of ourselves, the revised GMAE reinforces the same perspective for our Lodges to inspire the Brethren and work together to achieve greater and greater success.

To Earn a GMAE Metal for your Lodge requires:

- For Lodges with 80 members or greater — 45 points earns Gold, 30 points earns Silver, and 10 points earns Bronze.
- For Lodges with 79 members or less — 40 points earns Gold, 25 points earns Silver, and 5 points earns Bronze.

Brothers Illuminated – “Strangers We Will Never Be”

In this section, we introduce and highlight Brothers with the goal of encouraging you to learn more about and access these talented Masonic coaches in our Area.

Our Incoming Area Deputy Grand Master – Robert Nielsen II



Right Worshipful Brother Robert Nielsen II is one of the three Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters (AADGMs) of the Northeastern Masonic Area (NE Area) of Illinois. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason 21 years ago on October 4, 1999. His mother lodge is Barrington Lodge No. 522 located in Barrington, IL. He served as Worshipful Master in 2002 of Zurich Lodge No. 1089 and Secretary for more than 15 years before the merger with his current mother lodge. Additionally, Brother Nielsen is a member of D. C. Cregier Lodge No. 81 and serves as its Treasurer; he serves in that same role in Jacques DeMolay Lodge U.D.; further, he is a member of A. O. Fay Lodge No. 676 and holds honorary membership in four other lodges.

Brother Nielsen has spent more than 18 years serving the NE Area, first as a District Deputy Grand Master for three years and then in his current role as an AADGM for more than 15 years.

Additionally, he has been an active member of the Northeastern Area District Deputy Grand Masters Association serving in all of the four key leadership positions; this association meets regularly to discuss both issues and opportunities to advance Illinois Freemasonry in the NE Area including how to implement the priorities, projects and initiatives directed by our Grand Master.

In addition to the service provided to the Blue Lodges in the NE Area, Brother Nielsen is actively involved in other Masonic bodies. He is a member of the Valley of Chicago Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and currently serves as a Lodge Ambassador to introduce Brethren from around the Chicagoland area to the benefits of the Scottish Rite and assisting them with joining. He is a member of the Medinah Shriners and Palatine York Rite Bodies. Not done yet, he is a charter member of the Liberty Shrine #113, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem which is an appendant body that both women and men hold membership.

Professionally, Brother Nielsen continues a long career of more than 37 years as an Electrician with expertise in residential, commercial and industrial electrical operations. He has developed his management style through serving as a Foreman / Supervisor for the past 35 years. During high school and college, Brother Nielsen loved skiing so he took the opportunity, while originally studying to become an athletic trainer, to get involved with the National Ski Patrol organization (NSP); the NSP is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting public safety in skiing and other winter sports. Fundamentally, he wanted to “help people who get injured and need medical attention on the ski hill.” In addition to enjoying the family perk of complementary skiing, he likes to see the fearless kids do tricks in the snow on snowboards and snowmobiles; he appreciates “watching the talents and capabilities of these athletes.” Consistent with his work during the past 40 years as a NSP member, he serves on the Board of Directors of the National Volunteer Red Cross for Lake County.

While reflecting on the subject of “Why I’m a Mason,” Brother Nielsen talked about being a 3rd generation Masonic legacy. Consistent with many men in his dad’s generation, his father did not talk much about being a Mason with his family. Brother Nielsen remembered how on one faithful day, when he struck up a conversation with his father as dad was heading to lodge, changed his life; yes, dad was waiting for him to ask! By contrast, Brother Nielsen’s children are very aware of his Masonic involvement and have accompanied him and participated in several lodge activities. Next, Brother Nielsen stays active with Masonry because of an unshaken believe in and commitment to Brotherly Love. Fundamentally, **we just need to “care for one another and support each other.” You don’t find the time to care for your Brothers, “you make the time.”** Also, a key value to Brother Nielsen’s life from being a Mason has been the variety and number of interesting Brothers whom he has met throughout the years. He cherishes the opportunities to fellowship with these men that you can “look in the eye and give a hug, knowing that love is there.”

Opportunities for Fellowship and Opportunities to Learn

Save the dates for the following events:

- ✓ Sat. 9/18/21 — **Lodge Officer Development Workshop - "A Roadmap to the East"** — Wardens and Deacons training event in Elmhurst, IL; RSVP to RWB Darrin Kimsey at ddgm3n@ilmason.org
- ✓ Sat. 9/25/21 — **The Grand Master's Festival** in Bloomingdale, IL
- ✓ Fri. 10/8/21 to Sat. 10/9/21 — **The 182nd Annual Grand Lodge Communication** in Springfield, IL; open to all Master Masons
- ✓ Fri. 10/8/21 — **"Growing Into A Well-Informed Master Mason"** — A Membership Development Workshop occurring during the Annual Grand Lodge Communication at 3 pm; open to all Master Masons

Annual Grand Lodge Communication — Masonic Etiquette Reminders

Masonic Etiquette is a topic which refers to the written and unwritten rules or protocols of behavior which govern Freemasons when convened. As we prepare to enjoy our time together during the upcoming Grand Lodge Session, some helpful reminders may serve us all well to preserve the harmony and decorum of our meetings.

Here are five key reminders of Masonic Etiquette during the Grand Lodge Session:

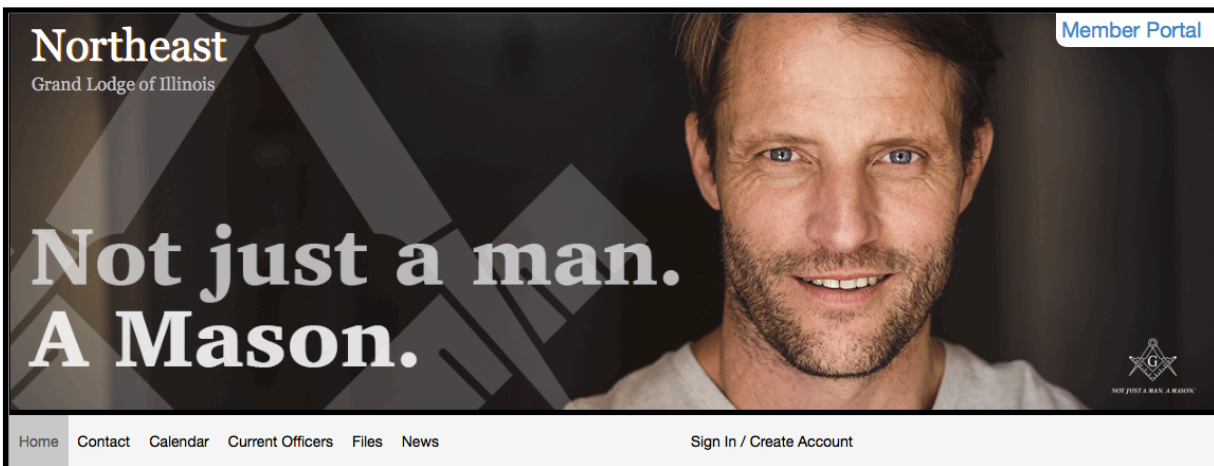
1. When the Grand Lodge Session is open on Friday and Saturday mornings, **Brethren in the convention center should follow the same protocols and behaviors of an open Masonic lodge meeting.**
2. Unless running to the restroom, **no Brethren should leave the convention hall room without the permission of the Grand Master or his designee.** Therefore, all Brethren should remain in their seats until the final gavel to close the Grand Lodge Session for the day.
3. Side conversations should be kept to a minimum while the business of the Grand Lodge is occurring, and turn off or silence all mobile devices. **You should not be a distraction to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge Session.**

The NE Area Masonic Ritual Schools of Instruction are Open and Working

Ancient Craft Masonry is being preserved, passed along and perpetuated by the dedicated Brethren who attend our Masonic Ritual Schools of Instruction. In June, we published a list of the 12 ritual schools that are occurring at least monthly in Masonic temples in the NE Area. These schools are conducted by 18 commissioned ritual instructors (e.g. Grand Lecturers, Certified Lodge Instructors, etc.) who are appointed by our Grand Master to teach and answer questions about the Standard Ritual Work of our grand jurisdiction. **To proficiently deliver impactful ritual experiences for our candidates and Brethren requires study, practice and feedback from a well-informed Brother like a ritual instructor.**

The list of the NE Area Masonic Ritual Schools of Instruction can be found in the Files section of the NE Area OLP website; you must be logged in to access this file.

4. **The Worshipful Masters and Wardens, who are the voting delegates of their Lodges, should vote on all motions in which a vote is required during the Grand Lodge Session.** If a paper ballot or vote is required, then follow the instructions of the Grand Master or presiding officer at that time.
5. If you choose to speak on a topic before the Grand Lodge Session, then go to the microphone and wait to be recognized by the Grand Master or presiding officer. You will first give your full name and the name, number and location of your Lodge before commencing with your question or brief remarks. **Regardless of how passionate you may be on a topic, remember that you are addressing the Grand East and govern yourself accordingly.** Therefore, all due respect for the presiding officer and this distinguished assembly of Freemasons should be the example demonstrated by your behavior.

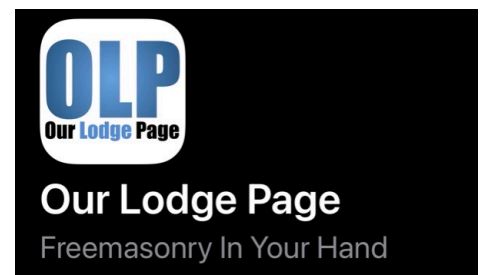


Our Lodge Page System (OLP) — A Modern Masonic Working Tool

A growing number of Lodges across our grand jurisdiction have found and are using a modern Masonic working tool to keep the Brethren engaged with what is occurring in an Active Lodges for Illinois Freemasonry. That tool is the Our Lodge Page System (OLP). **The NE Area along with every District and Lodge has a dedicated OLP website.** Each OLP website provides similar functionality. **A frequently used item is the Calendar capability.** Lodges are publishing their events on their OLP Calendar which provides an easy way to communicate the details and inspire participation from Brethren and guests. The “Will you be attending?” feature of the calendar entries provides an easy way to RSVP for events. **Another OLP capability that is growing in popularity is the ability to pay dues securely and electronically with credit cards or similar payment options.** Many Lodges have seen a significant increase in the speed of dues payments because it is easy for the Brethren to complete these secure transactions. **Take a look at the NE Area OLP website — <https://region-ne-il.ourlodgepage.com>.**

In addition to the OLP websites, the OLP Mobile App has grown in popularity and usage. The app can easily be downloaded from the Apple or Google app stores. It contains similar features to the Member Portal on the OLP websites.

Every Brother in “Good Standing” can get access to OLP via one of the websites or Mobile App. The same vendor that administers our statewide centralized Masonic membership database also administers OLP. Therefore, the systems can talk to each other digitally to authenticate your Masonic membership status and provide you with access to appropriate information for your Lodge, District or Area.



Masonic Self-Improvement & Independent Study

“Top 25 Masonic Books Every Freemason Should Read”

[From the Masonic Services Association of North America “Emessay Notes” — December 2016 bulletin]

The Southern California Research Lodge was looking to create a definitive list of the “Top Ten Masonic Books Every Mason Should Read,” and solicited opinions from Masons around the nation. Instead of 10 books, they ultimately developed a list of 25 books. The results were published in their September 2016 issue of the Fraternal Review, the monthly journal of the Research Lodge.

Here are the Survey Results counting down from Number 25 to Number 1:

25. The Way of the Craftsman — W. Kirk McNulty
24. The Secret Teachings of All Ages — Manley Palmer Hall
23. The Temple and The Lodge — Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh
22. Freemasons’ Guide and Compendium — Bernard Jones
21. Freemasonry: A Journey Through Ritual and Symbol — W. Kirk McNulty
20. Sworn in Secret: Freemasonry and the Knights Templar — Sanford Holst
19. The Freemasons — Jasper Ridley
18. The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Freemasonry — S. Brent Morris
17. Dungeon, Fire, and Sword: The Knights Templar in the Crusades — John J. Robinson
16. Coil’s Masonic Encyclopedia — Henry Wilson Coil
15. The Lost Keys of Freemasonry — Manley Palmer Hall
14. The Better Angels of Our Nature: Freemasonry and the American Civil War — Michael A. Halleran
13. Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry — Albert Pike
12. American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities — Mark A. Tabbert
11. A Bridge to Light: A Study in Masonic Ritual & Philosophy — Rex R. Hutchens
10. The Origins of Freemasonry: Scotland’s Century — David Stevenson
9. The Mason’s Words — Robert G. Davis
8. A Pilgrim’s Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right — John J. Robinson
7. The Meaning of Masonry — Walter Leslie Wilmshurst
6. The Builders: A Story and Study of Masonry — Joseph Fort Newton
5. Observing The Craft — Andrew Hammer
4. The Craft and Its Symbols — Allen E. Roberts
3. Morals and Dogma — Albert Pike (annotate by Arturo De Hoyos)
2. Freemasonry for Dummies — Christopher Hodapp
1. Born in Blood: The Lost Secrets of Freemasonry — John J. Robinson

Masonic Funeral Services — Assembling the Craft to Work

Worshipful Masters across the globe assemble the Brethren of their Lodges to do four time-honored ceremonies of Ancient Craft Masonry. **They assemble the Craft to perform our Masonic ceremonies to initiate, pass, raise and bury our dead.** Those first three bodies of Masonic work are done regularly across our Lodges by proficient Brethren on degree teams. However, that last body of work, to perform our Masonic Funeral Service after a Brother has passed away, proves more challenging to staff. Why? **A much smaller number of the Brethren know the Worshipful Master and Chaplain ritual work parts of our Masonic Funeral Service and can perform that work on short notice.**

To help our Lodges across the NE Area with staffing Masonic Funeral Services (if they do not have a Brother in the Lodge or their Masonic network who can cover the work), **Right Worshipful Brother Gary Haire**, one of our Assistant Area Deputy Grand Masters has taken on the role of helping Lodges staff these ceremonies. He can be contacted at aadnea1@ilmason.org. Kudos to Brother Haire and the network of Brethren whom he has assembled across the NE Area that have volunteered to assist, when available. That said, **we need more Brethren to learn this work which also earns GMAE points for your Lodge.**

Editor's Corner and Resources

Illinois Freemasonry has several valuable resources available to the Brethren including the **Grand Lodge website** (www.ilmason.org). Next, Masonic Education and Enlightenment are the cornerstones of how we develop and grow as Freemasons. At its foundation is the **Lodge Intender Education Program** which includes a series of short books that contain valuable information about Freemasonry including important subjects necessary to lead an informed and active Masonic life; in addition to Candidates, Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, the information is relevant for all Master Masons to review; ask your Worshipful Master, Secretary or Lodge Education Officer for more information.

Our Northeastern Area team will continue to look for valuable information and insights to share in this publication. If you have any feedback or would like to recommend information to include in our newsletter, then please contact Brother Wayne Spooner, Editor (wayne_spooner@hotmail.com).