



**Missouri Lodge of Research (MLR)
Meeting at GL in Columbia
September 26, 2011**



STANLEY THOMPSON

The Annual meeting of the MLR was held in the Windsor IV Room of the Holiday Inn Select Hotel at 4:15 PM on Monday, September 26, 2011. MWB Stanley Thompson, Worshipful Master, welcomed a full room of Lodge of Research members to our Annual Meeting. He called upon a Grand Chaplain, RWB Dale Roller, to lead us in opening prayer. Then he called upon the Secretary for the minutes of our previous meetings. RWB Miller stated that the minutes for the previous meetings were included in the "Grand Lodge Preliminary Proceedings Book" for this year and, if approved, would be printed in the GL Proceedings. They were approved. RWB Ron then stated that the Treasurer's Report starts on page #118 of the above book and that currently we have about \$126,000 in all of our accounts. He then stated that the income from the Missouri "Masonic" License Plates donations has almost totally paid for the quarterly newsletter (like your looking at right now!)

At this time WB Dean Christy came forward to tell the Brethren assembled, that on behalf of his family, he desired to present a monetary gift of \$25,000 to the Missouri Lodge of Research in his Mother's name. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept said donation, As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, such gifts are fully tax deductible. We all thank you very much.

It was then reported by Brother Shoemaker that WB Christopher Hodapp, a Past Master of Broad Ripple Lodge No. 643 in Indianapolis IN, and noted Masonic author and filmmaker, was unable to be present at our May Meeting Luncheon due to stomach cancer. He has been recovering well and all were asked to keep him in our prayers. He then stated that WB Steven Vitale, our speaker scheduled for tomorrow's MLR Breakfast had called and reported that a plane he was scheduled to get here on had been cancelled, but he is now in Memphis TN and is sure he will make it here in time.

The next MLR Meeting will tentatively be held on May 12th. The theme will be "Freemasonry in the Westward Expansion." There are 250 seats for tomorrow's breakfast and only a few tickets left for sale.

At that time the President brought forth a nomination for a Missouri Lodge of Research Fellow as voted upon by the MLR Officers at an officers meeting yesterday. The name of RWB Steven L. Harrison, who is editor of the Missouri Freemason Magazine. was recommended to the membership for approval. By a unanimous vote of the members present, he was so elected to become a Fellow of the Missouri Lodge of Research. There are currently six other living *Fellows* in the MLR: MWB J.C. Montgomery of St. Louis, RWB James M. Williams of St. Joseph, RWB Ronald E. Wood, Jr. of St. Joseph, RWB Zelwin B. Eaton of Kirksville, RWB DR. E. Otha Wingo of Cape Girardeau and MWB Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr. of Oakville. We congratulate RWB Steven for having joined these Brethren .



MWB Thompson then stated how pleased he is with how the activities and functions of the Missouri Lodge of research had been accomplished

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this year and thanked RWB Ron Miller and Adriene Green for their continued support.

He then called for the report of the nominations committee for the next years officers. The following Brethren were named and assumed their places in the line for installation. All of the new officers were then installed by MWB P. Vincent Kinkead. Following are the MLR officers for the 2011 – 2012 year: **Larry R. Houge as WM, Nicholas R. Cichielo as SW, Steven L. Harrison as JW, Ronald D. Miller as Secy/Treas, Leroy Salmon as SD, Sean A. Robertson as JD, Harvey R. Soule as SS, Scott Houge as Marshal, Rev Dale R. Roller as Chaplain, and John Hess as Tiler.**

RWB Larry Houge thanked MWB Kinkead for the installation and reminded everyone who had tickets, breakfast tomorrow starts at 7:00AM.

September 27, 2011 @ 7:00AM



LARRY R. HOUGE

Our Worshipful Master, RWB Larry Houge thanked a room of 250 Brethren & ladies for attending this morning. Following prayer by Chaplain Roller and a quick introduction of the head table, the breakfast was served.

Following breakfast, RWB Houge introduced all Grand officers present, announced the names of all officers of the MLR, then made some personal remarks. RWB Dean requested to approach the head table, which was allowed, and he presented a check in the amount of \$25,000 to WM Houge for reason reported in yesterday's meeting. RWB Houge then introduced RWB Steve Harrison who was elected yesterday to be the newest Fellow in the Missouri Lodge of Research. Brother Harrison made some remarks followed with the exclamation that he thinks he has accomplished something, finally!

At this time RWB Houge called upon RWB Aaron Shoemaker to introduce our honored guest speaker for this morning; WB STEVEN VITALE, a 9-11 tower survivor who grew up in New York City and currently resides in Central New Jersey with his wife, Karen and

two children, Nicole and Eric. He has been involved in Freemasonry and many of its concordant and invitational bodies for the past eight years. Brother Vitale is a member in good standing of St. John's Lodge No.1 A.Y.M., F. & A.M., the oldest Lodge in the State of New York. St. John's Lodge is also the owner and custodian of the George Washington Inaugural Bible which has been used by several United States Presidents to take their oath of office. Steven served as Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge for the 2010-2011 Masonic year. In addition to being active in both York and Scottish Rites, Brother Vitale is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and the New Jersey College of the SRICF (Masonic Rosicrucians). Currently he is the Head of Commercial Banking for Sun National Bank's Central New Jersey Region. Additionally, Brother Vitale serves on the Board of Managers for the YMCA of Greater New York - Camps, is a co-founder of The Rose Circle Research Foundation and is an avid martial artist.

Worshipful Brother Vitale's entire inspiring talk was video recorded and is available for view at:

www.momason.org/LOR/.....

Following a closing prayer by RWB Rev. Rev Dale R. Roller, Brethren were dismissed at about 8:35 A.M.

What makes a Brother a Fellow?

He must be a member at least **five (5) years** in the Missouri Lodge of Research and compiled one or more of the following:

- Brother has **written or published** a Masonic subject in a book or leaflet and had general distribution among the Craft.
- Brother has **written articles** on various Masonic subjects that have been distributed in some publication.
- Brother has **contributed as editor or otherwise** to the publication of a Masonic magazine or publication over several years.
- Brother has compiled historic Masonic data and worked on Masonic Research of value that has also contributed in some way to a Masonic Publication or Lodge of Research.

The Master of the current year designates a committee to review and recommend Brethren throughout the year and one may be approved by unanimous vote at the Annual Communication of the Lodge of Research in the month of September.

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RULES FOR PLAY:

You must **circle the names of Officers ONLY**, LETTER BY LETTER, in the puzzle above, then line through or check the name off the list. **DO NOT black or blot out the letters** in the puzzle as some of the same letters are still used in another name. The name, or part of a name, within the parens (--) **WILL NOT** be found in the puzzle. Only the part of or name in **BOLD** will be found in the puzzle. When you have found ALL of the above names in the puzzle, you should have several letters **NOT circled**. Writing down each of these letters from the top left to the bottom right, will sequentially spell out the name of the *NEW Grand Lodge Officer* whose name whose name will be the answer. Who is it? What office does he hold? Call a member friend who may have worked this puzzle and see if you got the same answer they did. I will include the answer in the next issue.

Last Newsletters Answer: **HONORARY**

MISSOURI MASONIC LICENSE PLATES

One of the best ways to help advertise Freemasonry in Missouri is by your displaying a “Personalized Masonic License Plate.” Missouri State requires a minimum \$25 per year tax deductible “emblem use fee” paid to “**GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI**”, which will be donated to the Missouri Lodge of Research. Registration fee for your vehicle is the same as a regular plate EXCEPT you must pay an annual ‘personalized plate’ fee to the State which puts the Masonic Square and Compasses on your plate plus any available, acceptable, up to 5 letter/number combination you choose. The form for “emblem use” is available on GL Web Site www.momason.org and any state authorized license office will provide you the form and instruction for applying for your personalized *MASONIC EMBLEM license plate*. It is relatively simple. Let’s see a whole lot more Missouri Masonic License Plates on the streets and roads!!

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WORKING TOOLS

Question: Why aren't the Compasses a part of the Working Tools?

Answer:

The compasses are, indeed, part of the Working Tools; they're just not part of the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Working Tools. "The Working Tools of the Master Mason are all of the implements of Freemasonry indiscriminately, especially the trowel [sic]." The line does NOT read, "The Working Tools of the Master Mason are the implements of the EA and FC, plus the trowel."

Thus it is understood that the working tools of the Master Mason include the rule, line, compasses, and more. Not pencils, however, I don't think pencils were around when these ideas were put together, eh?

So, if the compasses are an implement of Freemasonry, and they most certainly are, then they are part of the Working Tools of the Master Mason. If you're looking in the rituals for an exposition of their use, look to the Installation of the Master of a Lodge.

Now, if we want to pick nits in the Work, we can ask if " .. Indiscriminately, but more especially ... " might be oxymoronic.

If we want to ask why the compasses are not in the wooden box with the others, we have to remember that the tools in the box are there as demonstration aids and memory aids for the conferral of the Degrees. They are not meant to be exhaustive of the catalog of tools of the builders, they are in the box to be used in particular parts of the Ritual.

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