



## 2023 Jurisdiction Reports

It is easy in Masonic Education to exist in a bubble and to assume that freemasonry everywhere exists and operates the way that it does in our own Lodge, District, or Jurisdiction. This is not the case, and one of the aims of this conference is to facilitate ideas exchange, opportunities for collaboration, and meaningful connections in Masonry at the jurisdictional, district, Lodge, and personal levels.

To that end, in 2022 we experimented with standardizing the jurisdiction reports and making them available before the conference so that our attendees could compare and contrast the information, identify areas of note, and spend their time at the conference making those meaningful connections to strengthen and support Masonic Education.

We have found these to be valuable tools for our conference and we do invite you to read them before attending. Please take the opportunity to speak with attendees from other jurisdictions to get more information. Masonic Education thrives in connection and dies in isolation, make those connections.

### 2023 Reports

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Ohio
- Virginia
- Wisconsin

As we get completed reports, we will add them to this collection. Ultimately, we would love to have a report from every main and PHA jurisdiction from every state every year. If you can assist in this, we welcome that assistance.

## 2022-2023 MCME JURISDICTION REPORT

# ILLINOIS

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** Michael Jackson

[GL Website:](#)

**Grand Master's Theme:**

[GL Facebook:](#)

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 476

**Ritual:** Written, Cyphered Obligations

**Members:** 57,000

**Proficiency:** Short and long form for EA and FC, MM is optional. Certificate for proficiencies. Short form is still Q&A, but not the obligation.

**Member System:** MORI

### Structure

**State Level:** Grand Lodge Committee on Education. Hand-picked men on Committee.

**District Level:** 4 Area Education officers who oversee 9-12 District Education Officers. These DEOs focus on candidate counseling, steering Lodges to resources, and working on the overall Lodge Experience. The DEOs are almost like Tour Guides, making sure that Lodges know what is possible and get the most out of their experience. Area Education Officers report to Area Grand Masters.

**Lodge Level:** Lodge Education Officer, appointed yearly by the Master. The LEO is charged with the Lodge Experience, Lodge quality, and candidate counseling,.

**Other:** Illinois Lodge of Research promotes Masonic study and research, maintains extensive virtual library and archives. Publishes the Lyceum.

### Initiatives

<u>Areas of Focus:</u>	<u>Description</u>
General	Focuses on consistency state-wide program to build consistency from the Northern and Southern Illinois
Intender Plus Program	Process of taking Intender program and bring it into a video program online for district education officers to roll-out/implement to their LEOs. Borrowed from an Ohio program, it helps with education from petition to when the Brother is raised. These are created resources that mentors can use with candidates and Brothers so that there is consistent messaging and information topics such as Ritual, history, etiquette, symbolism, etc. on a variety of topics.
Lycaeam	Published by the Illinois Lodge of Research, this is a monthly, themed publication containing educational articles, resources, and information with the aim of creating connections. More information can be found here: <a href="https://illinoislodgeofresearch.org/grand-lodge-edu">https://illinoislodgeofresearch.org/grand-lodge-edu</a>

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# INDIANA

### Leadership

<b>Grand Master:</b> Richard Lentz	<a href="#">GL Website:</a>
<b>Grand Master's Theme:</b>	<a href="#">GL Facebook:</a>

### Demographics

<b>Lodges:</b> 349	<b>Ritual:</b> Written Ritual in each Lodge, Individual can purchase a Cyphered Ritual with corresponding monitor.
<b>Members:</b> ~40,000	<b>Proficiency:</b> Minimum: modes of recognition. Each Lodge can set their own standards/requirements for proficiency.
<b>Member System:</b> Patriot	

### Structure

<b>State Level:</b> Education Committee with Chairman along with the people assigned as District Education Officers.
<b>District Level:</b> District Education Officers, 1 in each of Indiana's 10 Districts. These officers are expected to visit their Lodges on a regular basis to A41 present chapters from the Traveler's Journey document, they must file monthly visitation reports.
<b>Lodge Level:</b> The Worshipful Master is responsible for ensuring that education is presented at every meeting. He can delegate or enable people to present, if he chooses.
<b>Other:</b> Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research promotes Masonic study and research, maintains extensive virtual library and archives. Separate from Grand Lodge, Indiana University houses the Center for Fraternal Collections and Research, which collects, preserves, and makes accessible historical and cultural materials related to fraternal organizations and their membership, with an emphasis on organizations that are extinct or without stable historical repositories, and promotes research into the history of fraternal organizations in service of the university's teaching, research, and service mission..

### Initiatives

<u>Areas of Focus:</u>	<u>Description</u>
General	Encourage Lodges to make Masonic Education a regular part of their stated meetings, or separate meetings all together.
Ramblings of a Traveling Man	A quarterly online presentation of 3 speakers, each about 15-20min long. It has been well received.
Illumination Program	This is a three-part take home test on the monitor, Ritual, and Masonic Law. Those who complete the exams earn a certificate and a pin.
Drip Campaign	Brief e-mails sent on a regular basis to New Master Masons giving them tidbits of information, links to resources, notices on upcoming events. Existing members can also sign up for it. Information can be found at: <a href="https://www.inglmarketing.com/drip">https://www.inglmarketing.com/drip</a>
Rookie Program	This is a program to facilitate participation for Brethren newly raised. It is a challenge to complete certain tasks in the first year since your raising. Brethren earn points by attending a certain number of meetings at their own Lodge, by participating in fundraising or social activities in their own Lodge, by seeing or participating in each of the degrees, by visiting other Lodges, participating in an event that celebrates the life of a Brother such as a funeral or a 50-year anniversary, attending Lodges of Instruction, etc. Those who complete the program earn a certificate signed by the Grand Master and a commemorative pin.
Traveler's Journey	This document created and curated by the Education Committee has chapters on etiquette, history, leadership, Ritual, etc. written by specific committees for that purpose.

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# IOWA

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** MWB Theodore C. Wiley  
**Grand Master's Theme:** Evolve

[GL Website:](#)  
[GL Facebook:](#)

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 226  
**Members:** 11,774  
**Member System:** GrandView

**Ritual:** Cyphered.  
**Proficiency:** There is a short form and long form proficiency. Short form consists of modes of recognition long form consists of the "questions" from the degrees. Enlightenment course. Learn modes of recognition. 10-12. Mentor vouches for them. Enlightenment course required from everyone. Memory work optional.

### Structure

**State Level:** Grand Lodge of Education Committee established by Code. Membership is defined as 14 members consisting of three 3 members from each quadrant of the state and two from Des Moines.

**District Level:** Education officers are Ritual-focused. Those certified as Masonic Instructors have been examined as word-perfect on the Ritual. Those certified as District Lecturers must have attended at least three years of the Ritual schools that the Custodians of the Work have held and be proficient in the floor work.

**Lodge Level:** The Worshipful Master is ultimately responsible for seeing that Lodge Education is presented in his Lodge, by Code. He may delegate this to another Brother on his discretion.

### Other:

### Initiatives

<u>Areas of Focus:</u>	<u>Description</u>
Grandview	Year 5 of transitioning to Grandview. Ongoing effort/training to bring people onto the system
Iowa Masonic Academy	In the process of implementing Iowa Masonic Academy : History, Law, Symbolism, Philosophy, and Ritual as a part of Grandview. Each are broken down into more detail. Courses feed into next course. Program is designed to be a commitment.
Masters and Wardens Handbook	Looking at re-writing Master and Wardens handbook. Each office will have a section (some grouped together). This is meant to cover what is expected, and what prep work is needed for upcoming year. Moving for more extensive education for what is needed for each office in the lodge.

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# KENTUCKY

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** E. Darren Wilson

[GL Website:](#)

**Grand Master's Theme:**

[GL Facebook:](#)

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 350

**Ritual:** No standardized Ritual. Kentucky has three approved Ritual books. The most popular is the Pirtle's Monitor, next is the 'Dark Blue Ritual' which contains Pirtle plus elements from the Grand Lodge of Virginia's Ritual; the third is the 'Light Blue Ritual,' which is just elements from th Grand Lodge of Virginia's Ritual.

**Members:** ~30,000

**Member System:** Nexus Elite

**Proficiency:** There is a minimum of 1 lunar month between degrees. A Brother is deemed proficient upon a 2/3 majority vote of the Lodge. Proficiency usually entails questions and answers, test oath, obligation, but is left up to interpretation by the Lodge.

### Structure

**State Level:** Committee on Masonic Education: 3-5 members. Duties are to be proficient in Constitution and the Ritual in order to aid and assist the Lodges; they are also duty-bound to effectively communicate the education wishes of GM. 6 Lodges of Research that operate regionally

**District Level:** 32 Districts within the state separated into three areas. Each area has their own Ritual Committee that oversees the Ritualist program. No dedicated district-level education officers.

**Lodge Level:** No dedicated lodge-level education officer.

**Other:**

### Initiatives

<u>Areas of Focus:</u>	<u>Description</u>
Yearly Masonic Program	Changes yearly according to the wishes of the Grand Master and consists of educational pieces presented yearly in regional meetings.
Statewide Meetings	At least one main officer of each Lodge (WM, Wardens, Secretary, or Treasurer) must attend a mandatory virtual meeting in January to receive information on the Yearly Program and other important elements. This meeting typically has 400-600 people in attendance and the videos or documents that are created are stored in a members-only database for Kentucky Masons. Typically 6 in-person meetings and 3 virtual meetings.
District Meetings	28-30 held in the different districts over the course of the year. This year, Grand Lodge has charged the 6 different Lodgs of Research with presenting on different educational topics at these meetings.

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**MICHIGAN**

**Leadership**

**Grand Master:** Leonard Kelley Davis  
**Grand Master's Theme:**

[GL Website:](#)  
[GL Facebook:](#)

**Demographics**

**Lodges:** 255  
**Members:** ~20,000  
**Member System:** Groupable

**Ritual:** Ritual is mostly monitorial with the modes of recognition cyphered.  
**Proficiency:** Utilizes short form: obligations and modes of recognition. It cannot be used as a requirement to progress through the degrees. After giving their test, the Worshipful Master decides and declares the candidate proficient. Separately, the Craft will then vote on the candidates worthiness to proceed to the next degree.

**Structure**

**State Level:** There is no Grand Lodge Education Committee.  
**District Level:** District Deputy Instructors-Instruct on the work. Lodge, District, and Regional Ritual Instructional schools  
**Lodge Level:**  
**Other:** 4 Lodges of Research, 1 new LOR about to receive dispensation

**Initiatives**

<b><u>Areas of Focus:</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
General	Michigan recognizes that there are amazing educational programs available through other jurisdictions, AASR, and LORs, encourages Lodges to seek and use them. Leadership and Ritual are separate from Education. Utilizes a 'Fraternal Consultant' method to identify, aid, and support Lodges.
Leadership Ttraining	Fall and Spring Leadership conferences focusing on operations and membership. Much of the main thrust of these conferences is on the importance of and the necessary steps to building relationships and creating meaningful connections. For example, a Six Steps to Membership document that aids a Lodge vetting a candidate, identifying and establishing connections before they would even petition. The seminars conducted in the fall are intended to specifically provide the attendees with understanding of how to provide opportunities for members to build better and deeper friendships and relationships with the brethren. The spring leadership classes seek to reinforce concepts of servant leadership and how the leadership of a lodge impacts their membership either positively or negatively. Five classes are conducted each fall, and five classes each spring. Additionally we have launched our "reading clubs" both in person and with online participation as well. Our intention of providing our leadership and membership programs electronically in addition to our in-person events is also well underway.
Lodge Success Team	In 2019 the Grand Lodge of Michigan created a system of Shared Services which took the disparate services of our three primary corporations and moved all services provided independently to a corporate system. This allowed us to develop the Lodge Success Team. This team is charged with several things. First, create, develop and maintain a process by which all lodges can be objectively scored as to success (or lack thereof) in the following categories: 1. Governance and Leadership; 2. Financial sustainability; 3. Membership; 4. Operational Efficiency; 5. Community Involvement. The scoring methodology is accomplished by an interview method consisting of the Lodge Success Team member interviewing the members of the lodge. Each category consists of a series of questions, the answers of which are entered into our scoring system. The scores developed remove the subjective and make the scoring an objective one. Following this scoring the lodge is provided with these results in a facilitated conversation. They are asked if they agree with the findings. If they do agree and the lodge is so inclined the next steps begins wherein the lodge develops a plan to address the low scores and mitigate the negative impacts of those scores. The responsibility of the LST member is to assist in that development, provide accountability to performance and continue to gauge success in the program.
<a href="#">John E. Fetzer Digital Library</a>	Digital library that preserves John E. Fetzer's life-long inquiry into the interconnectedness between science and spirituality for the transformation of self and society. Searchable archive of articles, videos, and other media.
<a href="#">Michigan Masons YouTube Channel</a>	Ongoing YouTube videos on a variety of topics from history to Lodge Management to check-ins with Grand Lodge Officers. 'Trowel Time' is usually released monthly. These are done in a quick, informative, and responsive manner to meet the needs of the Brethren.
<a href="#">Michigan Masonic Museum and Library</a>	Dedicated to preserving and celebrating Michigan History. Their Facebook page has great, short videos that highlight Michigan Masonic History.

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# MINNESOTA

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** Dayton Berg (Presumed)

[GL Website:](#)

**Grand Master's Theme:** (Pending)

[GL Facebook:](#)

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 130

**Members:** 9300

**Ritual:** Cyphered Ritual.

**Member System:** Grandview

**Proficiency:** Required Q&A like the Preston-Webb Ritual. Lodges may have one mentor per Candidate or they may do one Mentor per class of Candidates.

### Structure

**State Level:** Grand Education Officer with direct contact to Lodges. This is incredibly busy creating content: Reforming a Grand Lodge document, 12 e-Mason columns, 6 Minnesota Mason bi-monthly newsletter, 6 Masonic Conundrum (trivia challenge, random winner out of correct) 9 Masonic Education Bulletins, Annual Report to Grand Lodge and the Annual Report to MCME.

**District Level:** N/A

**Lodge Level:** Lodge Education Officer. Often there is a Lodge Mentor, who mentors candidate education and proficiency. LEOs must assist the Lodge in Lodge Education.

**Other:** Monthly e-mail bulletin with resources and links.

### Initiatives

<u>Areas of Focus:</u>	<u>Description</u>
General	Redefining Education, bringing a number of initiatives under one roof: candidate mentoring, Masonic Light programs, creating a Education Committee that coordinates and supports the many efforts. Implementing Grandview. Special focus on Leadership concepts
Minnesota Writer's Guild	Informal way of recognizing those who have published on a statewide level or higher.
Minnesota Masonic Charities Publication	Quarterly publication starting in the Summer of 2022 that will feature articles from particular bodies and groups within Minnesota Masonry: Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, Grotto, Tall Cedars, etc.
Light Program	This is a program open to any Mason, whether they are in Minnesota or not. It is designed to build competency and Masonic Knowledge in at least seven of nine established areas: Leadership, Masonic History, Ritual, Masonic Philosophy & Symbolism, Computers & Masonry on the Internet, Contemporary Enlightenment, Mentoring, Lodge Administration, Concordant/Appendant Bodies Brethren earn points for completing certain activities in these areas ranging from attending meetings to crafting artistic items for the Lodge to reading and reflecting on Masonic Literature. Upon completing any area of proficiency, participants receive a special certificate. After completing two of the areas, participants earn a commemorative coffee mug, upon completing seven of the nine, they receive a specialized medallion awarded by the Grand Master.
Wayfaring Man Program	The Wayfaring Man Program is an initiative to help in the revitalization of the lodges and to promote one of the Landmarks of Freemasonry. Mackey's 14th Landmark (the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has it as number 8) is the "Right of Every Mason to Visit and Sit in Every Regular Lodge" and this has been recognized as an inherent right to every Mason as he travels.

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# MISSOURI

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** Richard W. Kaeser Jr.

[GL Website:](#)

[GL Facebook:](#)

**Grand Master's Theme:**

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 291

**Ritual:** Written, Cyphered

**Members:** 25,916

**Proficiency:** There are three methods: Proficiency cannot be required as a condition for advancement in the degrees. Candidates are provided the information on the Historical Candidates Proficiency Lecture and are given the opportunity to return the work in Open Lodge or to a committee of his choosing. There is a mentoring program which is necessary for advancement.

**Member System:** GrandView

### Structure

**State Level:** Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee. 6 members appointed to 2-year terms. GM, DGM, and Wardens are ex-officio.

**District Level:** District Grand Lecturers and District Deputy Grand Lecturers to instruct on Ritual Work. No District-level education officers.

**Lodge Level:** Lodge Education Officer, appointed yearly by Master. Charged with developing and carrying out plans for continuing Masonic Education for Lodge Members.

**Other:** Missouri Lodge of Research promotes Masonic study and research, maintains extensive virtual library and archives.

### Initiatives

<u>Areas of Focus:</u>	<u>Description</u>
General	Focus on implementing Thomas Fivish Riddick Society and Masters and Wardens - getting useful tools in the hands of Lodges.
General	Standardize Candidate Counseling
Lecture Series	Bicentennial lecture information still available. Exploring esoteric education program that looks at Missouri ritual (based on North Carolina middle chamber program).
Masters and Warden's Training	Implemented, and holding across state. Implementing training opportunities: protocol, operational instructions, etc. This program has grown bigger than expected.
Thomas Fivish Riddick Society	Based on Ohio's Royal Scofield Society. Launched in 3 phases - beginning in April. Looking to increase engagement & Brother's experience.

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# MONTANA

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** MWB Johnathon L. Dahlquist  
**Grand Master's Theme:**

[GL Website:](#)  
[GL Facebook:](#)

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 77  
**Members:** 3,375  
**Member System:** M2

**Ritual:** Written, Cyphered

**Proficiency:** "Short Form" consisting of modes of recognition and obligation, or "Long Form" which includes questions and answers. Either must be memorized and verification of proficiency may be determined by the lodge in open lodge, by a committee of three elective officers or three Past Masters, or by combination of the lodge and a committee. Additionally, an open book test must be completed for proficiency.

### Structure:

**State Level:** Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research, consisting of seven members.

**District Level:** District Grand Lodge officers have the duty to "Promote Masonic education."

**Lodge Level:** Education programs determined by each Lodge. Each Lodge has a Lodge Instructor, whose duty it is to: A. Hold schools of instruction and instruct the officers of the lodges in the ritual; B. Prepare officers of the lodge for advancement; C. Instruct in those portions of the Constitution and Statutes of Grand Lodge which relate to the government of the lodge; D. Instruct in the proper administration of the affairs of the lodge; and E. Encourage preservation of the Ancient Landmarks.

### Other:

### Initiatives

<u>Areas of Focus:</u>	<u>Description</u>
<a href="#">Montana Freemason Magazine</a>	The Montana Masonic Foundation (A 501c3, separate from the Grand Lodge of Montana), publishes the Montana Freemason Magazine, which includes educational content and is mailed to each Master Mason. Archives available on GL website

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# NEBRASKA

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** MWB John Millington  
**Grand Master's Theme:**

[GL Website:](#)  
[GL Facebook:](#)

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 103  
**Members:** 7,145  
**Member System:** M2

**Ritual:** Cyphered Ritual with monitorial portions available

**Proficiency:** Required between each degree, recently reinstated the long form from memory. Proficiency is determined by a vote of the Lodge. Brethren deemed proficient receive a challenge coin and a certificate.

### Structure:

**State Level:** Committee on Masonic Education: five members appointed by Grand Master plus two ad-hoc members. Education is defined as distinctly separate from Ritual.

**District Level:** No dedicated district-level education officers.

**Lodge Level:** By-laws require education at every meeting. No dedicated lodge-level education officer.

**Other:**

### Initiatives

<u>Areas of Focus:</u>	<u>Description</u>	
General	The Masonic Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska AF&AM provides educational materials and presentations to Nebraska Freemasons, to include monthly education articles for blue lodge business meetings, Masonic book reviews, articles about Masonic history and famous Nebraska Masons, and news about Masonic events around the world.	
General	Monthly Masonic newsletter sent to Lodges that contain brief educational pieces that the Lodge can use.	
To Light!!!	Quarterly publication containing short and long-form educational papers and presentations.	
Yearly Educational Breakfast	Held during February GL communications, breakfast that includes a speaker(s) on various topics. This has grown in the last decade or so to become one of the best-attended and appreciated sessions at Grand Lodge Communications.	
<a href="#">Nebraska Masonic Education Website</a>	Masonic Education website that includes resources separated into sections: To Light, Programs, Library Databases, GL-Nebraska Links, Masonic podcasts, and Research Links. Good selection of downloadable resources.	
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**OHIO**

**Leadership**

<b>Grand Master:</b> Steven Grindle	<a href="#">GL Website:</a>
<b>Grand Master's Theme:</b> Building Brotherhood	<a href="#">GL Facebook:</a>

**Demographics**

<b>Lodges:</b> 432	<b>Ritual:</b> Written, Cyphered. Each District has Typewritten Ritual entrusted to DDGMs.
<b>Members:</b> 61,740	<b>Proficiency:</b> Three methods:
<b>Member System:</b> GrandView	Traditional - ciphered, typically from memory;
	Minimum -demonstrate modes of recognition, read obligation
	Principles: Brother answers factual and open-ended questions about the Degree in Open Lodge to demonstrate that they have mastered the lessons of this degree, demonstrates minimum proficiency.

**Structure**

<b>State Level:</b> Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Information. Consists of representative from each of Ohio's 25 Districts, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Grand Deacons.
<b>District Level:</b> 62 District Education Officers, appointed yearly, limited to three-years. Typically 1 DEO for every 6 Lodges in a District. Charged with aiding Lodges in Lodge Experience, Candidate Counseling, Lodge Quality. Expressly forbidden from interpreting Ritual or Code. <b><u>Officer training as well (can train on code not code enforcers).</u></b>
<b>Lodge Level:</b> Lodge Education Officer, appointed yearly. Charged with Lodge Experience, Candidate Counseling, Lodge Quality.
<b>Other:</b> Ohio Lodge of Research promotes Masonic study and research, maintains extensive virtual library and archives. Royal Scofield Society is educational honor society where membership is earned through completing a challenging curriculum of study and reflection. Both entities operate separately and distinctly; but in amity with the Grand Lodge Education Committee.

**Initiatives**

<b><u>Areas of Focus:</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
General	Providing opportunities and resources for Brethren to stay connected while on pandemic lockdown; organizing and shoring up current tools, supporting Lodges as they establish Lodge Identity and find grass-roots, individual solutions.
Quick-Sheets	Streamlined LEO and DEO manuals to give specific tasks/mission centered on candidate conseling and lodge improvement based on set of guiding principles. (Like a cheat sheet that links to resolution in officer manual).
Lodge Year In A Box	A collection of presentations of varying length on a theme. These presentations are paired with 'recipes' so that Lodge Education Officers have a map to create a unified Lodge Education Year to meet the needs of their Lodge.
Grand Master Roadshow	Statewide virtual 'roadshow'- event with speakers around a general theme, moderated by Grand Lodge Officer. Held quarterly. Presentations recorded and offered in Grandview for Brethren to watch individually or present in Lodge.
DEO Check-Ins	Held at DEO request: virtual meetings of DEO with Chairman of GL Ed Committee and Grand Lodge Officer to review concepts, discuss issues, share best practices. Check-Ins recorded over Zoom and posted to private DEO Facebook Group
Roadmap For Improvement	Document for Lodges to identify values, strengths, and weakness. Push for Lodges to embrace individual indentities and talents. If Lodge identifies area that they would like to work on improving or maintaining, DEO can assist in finding resources, speakers, mentors, best practices, etc.
Royal Scofield Society	Named after PGM and Past President of MCME Royal Scofield. Advanced Masonic education society. Currently 750 enrolled in OH - 40 have completed through Master of Craft. 3 levels - each has specific requirements. Those who have completed all levels get the privilage of appending RSS to their signature. Other states looking to create similar programs: Iowa, Missouri, Georgia, New Jersey.

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## 2022-2023 MCME JURISDICTION REPORT

# VIRGINIA

### Leadership

<b>Grand Master:</b> MWB Donald Ellis Strehle	<a href="#">GL Website:</a>
<b>Grand Master's Theme:</b> Adunatio omnis hominibus (uniting all mankind)	<a href="#">GL Facebook:</a>

### Demographics

<b>Lodges:</b> 300	<b>Ritual:</b> Mouth to ear. Manual of Work that contains monitorial portions of Ritual.
<b>Members:</b> ~32,000	<b>Proficiency:</b> Traditional question and response for each degree. Proficiency is not required to progress between degrees. An alternate path is available where you can be deemed proficient if your mentor vouches for you.
<b>Member System:</b> GrandView	

### Structure

<b>State Level:</b> Grand Provost is in charge of Grand Lodge Committee on Education
<b>District Level:</b> 50 Districts, each with their own DDGM, DEO, and Deputy Instructor of the Work (Ritual)
<b>Lodge Level:</b> LEO is an optional position. Master is ultimately responsible for Lodge Education.
<b>Other:</b>

### Initiatives

<u>Areas of Focus:</u>	<u>Description</u>
General	Masonic Education is everything Masonic with the exception of Ritual
Masonic Herald	Quarterly publication of GL-VA with monthly supplements with news, articles, events, and opportunities. Past issues available on GL-VA website
One-Day Classes	State-wide One-Day Conferral. Lodges encouraged to work with candidates to mentor and help candidate become part of their Lodge
Committee on Lodge Services	Handbook on Lodge Community Service Projects available in GrandView detailing specific projects, their concepts, guidelines for implementation with an eye toward member engagement
Ritual Schools	Held in the different districts for direct instruction on the Ritual.
<a href="#">Lodges of Research</a>	A. Douglas Smith Jr. Research Lodge #1949, Civil War Lodge of Research #1865, George Washington LOR #1732, Peyton Randolph LOR #1774, Virginia Research Lodge #1777. Information and resources in the link

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### Leadership

<b>Grand Master:</b> Paul Tourville	<a href="#">GL Website:</a>
<b>Grand Master's Theme:</b> Love Ya' Brother	<a href="#">GL Facebook:</a>

### Demographics

<b>Lodges:</b> 162	<b>Ritual:</b> Written, Cyphered
<b>Members:</b> 8,173	<b>Proficiency:</b> Called 'hosting a candidate.' Proficiency is required between degrees and consists of modes of recognition and the questions from Ritual opening and closing. Does not need to be memorized.
<b>Member System:</b> MORI	

### Structure

<b>State Level:</b> Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee. 8 members one year appointments. Chairman was Grand Orator, this year, the Chairman is not a Grand Lodge Officer.
<b>District Level:</b> District Lecturer for Ritual. No District-level education officers.
<b>Lodge Level:</b> Education is the responsibility of Master. Sometimes the appointed Candidate Counselor will do Lodge Education. Lodge education presentations are encouraged in Lodges.
<b>Other:</b> Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research #1843. Meets four times a year to discuss presentations, research, and areas of interest.

### Initiatives

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Wisconsin Masonic Journal	11 journals a year, each one gets an Educational article.
<a href="#">Podcast</a>	Further Light Podcast: 40 episodes created. Hosted by Chris Luedke, although trying to get as many voices on the podcast as possible.
Education Contest	Co-sponsored by education committee and research lodge (2nd year). Speakers contest - had to give an original topic (recorded with discussion). Top 3 winners received a prize as did the winners' lodges
Education Cards	Think portable education program starters. In development: 400-500 word pre-built education topics with questions/discussion points, possibly questions to start discussions. Focusing on providing to Grand Lodge presenters.

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