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**Worshipful Master Stewardship Report**

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To the Brethren of Hesperia Lodge No. 411, it has indeed been an honor, privilege and pleasure to serve as your Worshipful Master. On Sunday, January 29, 2017, we held our 153rd Anniversary Hesperia Lodge Installation of Officers. On that faithful day, I was given the humble responsibility of leading our lodge and to set the Craft to work. When my successor is installed on October 21, 2018, it will conclude approximately 21 months of service to our Lodge as its Worshipful Master. The purpose of this **Worshipful Master Stewardship Report** is to document the key highlights and accomplishments that we've made together as a Lodge during that time period. For the sake of brevity, highlights will be provided here in the initial part of this document and further details will be included in the Appendix.

As outlined in our 2017 and 2018 Hesperia Lodge Annual Plan / Trestle Board documents, our **Top 5 Priorities** have been:

- A. **Focus on Membership Retention and Attraction (Brotherly Love)**
- B. **Promote Masonic Education and Enlightenment through Membership and Lodge Officer Development (Masonic Truth)**
- C. **Participate in Masonic Charity (Relief)**
- D. **Improve Communication & Get Brothers Involved (Mystic Tie)**
- E. **As a Subordinate Lodge, Implement and Support Statewide Illinois Freemasonry Programs**

Let's take one Priority at a time to provide some highlights.

**Focus on Membership Retention and Attraction (Brotherly Love)**

We have worked hard to promote an environment at Hesperia Lodge that is best described as "A Welcoming and Inclusive Place." That perception has been a cornerstone of our lodge and has sparked a culture that allows us to cherish who we are, live by our Masonic Principles to look for what is best in a man's character regardless of background (i.e. social, economic, educational, etc.), and embrace him as a Brother - a good man seeking to improve himself and the world around him. The feedback from the Brothers visiting our Lodge and new men seeking to learn about Freemasonry who have joined us for dinner has confirmed that we are doing our job well.

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During this time period, we added new members to the Lodge by degree ceremonies done in our Lodge, through the 2018 Grand Master's Festival event, and through plural memberships. Brother Secretary's report will have details on the Lodge membership activities. Also, we had to address a challenging membership issue. We went through the process of engaging several Brothers who had not paid dues for several years. After appropriate due diligence to contact them to rectify their status, we took the needed step to suspend them for non-payment of dues. We now have a more accurate perspective of our Hesperia Lodge members who want to actively stay involved with our Lodge's future.

To keep our current members more engaged and accomplish the activities outlined in our Hesperia Annual Lodge Plan, we implemented a revised format to our Stated Lodge Meetings. We implemented the new "Our Membership Highlights by the Pillar Beauty" section to each Hesperia Lodge meeting lead by the Junior Warden. Our main focus has been to inspire Brothers to celebrate being Freemasons, learn more about one another especially through the "Brothers Illuminated - Strangers We Will Never Be" profiles, and encourage Brothers to enjoy meeting and having fun together especially outside of lodge meetings. For example, we read Masonic Anniversaries each month and send correspondence to Brothers to celebrate with them and importantly, to let them know that we still think about them; the written responses from Brothers have been great especially those Brothers who live outside of the Chicago area who cannot attend lodge meetings due to distance.

Next, we promoted the idea of have smaller group fellowship and social events; for example, our trip to Green Street Smoked Meats for some awesome BBQ and the after glow time together on a outdoor restaurant patio was enjoyed by all in attendance. We also brought back an important fellowship experience this year with the Hesperia Annual Picnic; the weather was perfect and the gathering of prospects, new and experienced Brothers along with family members really warmed the hearts of many of us. Last, we had the pleasure of having several Brothers visit us from outside of our grand jurisdiction; notably, we have visitors from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of IL - Brethren from Mt. Moriah Lodge #28 and North Star Lodge #1; the largest visiting group was the delegation from California Lodge No. 1 who had 22 people traveling with them; also, we had the Right Reverend Grand Chaplain from the Grand Lodge of California; last, the Brother visiting from a Lodge in India was from the farthest distance away.

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**Promote Masonic Education and Enlightenment through Membership and Lodge Officer Development (Masonic Truth)**

We prominently focused on Masonic Education and Enlightenment during and outside of Lodge meetings for the benefit of our Brethren. Though the goal of Freemasonry is to help each Brother "become the best version of himself," we know that his Masonic Journey of Self-Improvement is not traveled alone. Beginning with dinner conversations with men seeking to learn more about our Lodge and Freemasonry, we started their education about the core Masonic Tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. To support those important and thoughtful conversations, we used the "Masonic Membership Value Exchange - A Conversation Starter" one page document provided by the Grand Lodge Membership Committee for this exact purpose. Once we learned why these men were interested in Freemasonry, we were able to build a relationship with subsequent conversations; many of these good men have been initiated as Brothers. Next, we spent quality time working with these Brothers through a consistent implementation of the Intender Educational Program which assigns an Intender / Teacher to each Candidate / Student. Two of the benefits of this program was been the deeper understanding of the degree work along with Freemasonry overall and an increase in the number of Candidates performing their degree Proficiency Exams in open lodge; an absolute treat for all in attendance.

Building upon that focus for newer Brothers, we dedicated time during our monthly State Lodge Meetings to deliver Masonic Education and Enlightenment to our existing Brethren. We implemented two new segments - "Landmarks Revealed" to highlight and inform the Brethren about the important Landmarks of Freemasonry, and "Law and Order" to highlight excerpts from our Grand Lodge Constitution and ByLaws and Hesperia Lodge ByLaws; a good way for the Brethren and Officers to learn and appreciate Masonic Law. Also, we welcomed and learned from five guest speakers on topics like "Prince Hall Freemasonry in IL", "Connecting Masons Through Technology", "Grand Chancellery - Connecting with Freemasonry Worldwide" amongst others. We also tapped the talent that we have within the Lodge to conduct 17 Masonic Education and Enlightenment experiences for our Brethren and guests; some notable topics were "Masonic Etiquette", "Defining the Chairs - Lodge Officers' Responsibilities and Importance to the Lodge", "The 1723 Charge to the Craft (contained in the first part of the Grand Lodge of IL Constitution and ByLaws document)", "The Powers of the Grand Master vs. the Worshipful Master", "Revised 2018 Annual Friends Night Presentations", "Master Mason Workshop" amongst many more. A complete list of the Masonic Education and Enlightenment topics

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covered are included in the Appendix. Last, we shared information about and encouraged the Brethren to attend educational events and activities like our local Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction and those led by State and Area Masonic experts.

### **Participate in Masonic Charity (Relief)**

As a lodge, we have selected to feed the homeless as our primary charitable activity. We cook a hot meal at the temple, transport it to the streets in the Uptown neighborhood, and serve the complete meal to the citizens in that neighborhood. We partner with the Night Ministries organization to select the dates and to deliver the meals. The Lodge successfully completed eight of these events during 2017 and 2018. For the Brethren who have participated in this charitable activity, we know that it is “a labor of love.” Next, we had some instances in which our worthy Lodge Brothers needed financial or related assistance; we were able to discretely respond to those requests and also connect the Brothers with IMOS (Illinois Masonic Outreach Services Program) which is one of our Grand Lodge charities designed to help Brothers in need. I’m proud of the charitable work that we do, and I hope you share that feeling.

### **Improve Communication & Get Brothers Involved (Mystic Tie)**

In this Digital Age, Hesperia Lodge has taken the lead to connect our Brethren electronically and provide a visible brand for men interested to learn more about Freemasonry to find a quality home. For example, when you do a Google search for “Masonic Lodge”, our lodge website ([hesperia411.org](http://hesperia411.org)) is listed on the first page of the search results. That is a huge accomplishment and we have been successful initiating new Brothers and securing plural members sparked by of our digital image and the quality information that we share. We proactively update our Lodge website with pictures and articles about our Lodge events and activities or the good work done by some of our Lodge Brothers. Also, we share that information via social media primarily via Facebook and Twitter. Next, we have been sharing information via email to keep Brothers informed of what is occurring in our Lodge; for example, we send out the Agenda for each Stated Lodge meeting. Armed with that information, our Lodge Officers and Brethren appropriately prepare for their roles in our meetings which have truly been an example of a beautiful beehive in action. Additionally, we’ve encouraged our Brethren to take advantage of the digital content available from IL Freemasonry, our Grand Lodge especial on the Membership Development website page (<https://ilmason.org/membership-development/>).

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**As a Subordinate Lodge, Implement and Support Statewide Illinois Freemasonry Programs**

We are an active and visible lodge in the State and Northeastern Masonic Area. We attend the Town Hall events hosted by the Senior Grand Lodge Officers, attend the Board of Grand Examiners Schools, lead the Richard D. Johnson School of Masonic Instruction here at the Jefferson Masonic Temple, contribute to support our Masonic Youth Groups, participate in the Annual Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl, attend our Annual Grand Lodge Communication amongst many more activities. We are active, visible and showing Brothers how to maximize a quality Masonic membership experience.

**Lodge Operational and Financial Health (Business Affairs)**

Underscoring every successful lodge is the effective handling of the Lodge's business affairs and operations. We implemented a Financial Lodge Budget and have been tracking progress against that plan. Also, we were successful in doing a thorough update to our Hesperia Lodge ByLaws which was approved by the Brethren. One of the major updates was the movement of the Hesperia Annual Lodge Meeting back to late September which would make the Installation of Officers in October; by the way, the timing of approving the updated ByLaws is the cause for the longer time period serving as Worshipful Master along with the rest of our Lodge Officers. Also, we updated some key financial items in the ByLaws document which will better serve our Lodge for a number of years. Next, we completed a thorough Hesperia Lodge Audit which confirmed that we have appropriate financial and operational controls in place. For transparency and to keep the Brethren updated, we include a financial update from the Treasurer during Stated Meetings. Last, we had to address three instances in which Hesperia Appointed Lodge Officers could not continue with their duties to the Lodge; therefore, two permanent Appointed Lodge Officer replacements were made and installed, and we've covered the remaining two positions with available Brothers during meetings.

**Conclusion - Thank You**

Reference the Appendix section of this report to access more detailed information.

I thank all of our Lodge Officers and Brethren who have stepped forward to assist our Lodge with executing the activities and events laid out in our Hesperia Lodge 153rd and 154th Anniversary Annual Plans. Your dedication, passion and love for our Lodge is commendable, and we are reaping the benefits of your hard work. Through your efforts, we have been building positive momentum for our

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Lodge on several topics and activities for months. Fundamentally, we have accomplished a ton of good work together, and with your continued support, I thoroughly believe that the future of Hesperia Lodge is bright!

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner

Worshipful Master

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**2018 Annual Hesperia Lodge Plan / Trestle Board**

The purpose of this document is to outline the annual Masonic plan of **Hesperia Lodge No. 411** of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois. It outlines the priorities, officers and areas of focus during the lodge's 154th anniversary year. The **companion Annual Lodge Plan Calendar document** illustrates the specific monthly events and activities of the Lodge. Additionally, **individual Lodge meeting agendas, project plans and committee work** will provide direction for the specific work / "how" this plan will be executed.

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**Lodge Priorities**

To deliver a quality Masonic experience to the Brethren of the Lodge and advance the progress of Illinois Masonry, we will focus on executing the following **Top 5 Priorities** which will be addressed in greater detail in this document.

**F. Focus on Membership Retention and Attraction (Brotherly Love)**

**G. Promote Education and Enlightenment through Membership and Lodge Officer Development (Masonic Truth)**

**H. Participate in Masonic Charity (Relief)**

**I. Improve Communication & Get Brothers Involved (Mystic Tie)**

**J. As a Subordinate Lodge, Implement and Support Statewide Illinois Masonry Programs**

**Lodge Officer Team**

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**Focus on Membership Retention and Attraction (Brotherly Love)**

**1. Lodge Membership Highlights**

- Total Members (Master Masons) = 127
  - Membership Age Range = 24 to 96
  - Average Age of Members = 57; 6 years younger than the statewide average
  - Average Masonic Tenure of Members = 21 years
2. Promote a culture / environment of **Brotherly Love, Caring and Civility** in the Lodge
  3. **Recognize and celebrate** Masonic Anniversaries and other important events occurring in our Brother's lives
  4. Through our actions, demonstrate how **"We Care"** for one another:
    - Care about our individual talents, skills and abilities
    - Care about our welfare (i.e. physical and financial health, career progression, etc.)
    - Care about the welfare of our Brother's immediate families
  5. **Fellowship and socialize together** in and outside of Lodge meetings
    - Implement smaller, more intimate social events in which participation of 3, 5 or 7 Brothers would be a successful endeavor - Have Fun!
    - Target a variety of social and fellowship events that align with the interests and passions of our Brothers
    - Promote Masonic events and experiences occurring in the Northeastern Masonic Area that Brothers may choose to attend as a group
  6. Implement the **"Brothers Illuminated - Strangers We Will Never Be"** membership biographical profile and recognition series; this initiative is directly focused at getting better acquainted with one another and eliminating the likelihood of being a lodge filled with strangers
    - We will highlight one or two Brothers during non-degree Lodge meetings
    - The Stewards and / or other volunteers will do the Brothers Illuminated interviews and presentations
  7. **Be visible as a Mason** in our circles of influence and communities (including prominently wearing or displaying our Masonic Square and Compasses insignia)



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- That visibility will provide the opportunity for non-Masons to connect with us
  - Continue hosting a booth at Lincoln Square's "Square Roots Street Fair"
8. **Welcome non-Masons** to join us for our social activities, attend dinners before Lodge meetings and other events so that they can learn more about Illinois Masonry and Hesperia Lodge

**Promote Education and Enlightenment through Membership and Lodge Officer Development (Masonic Truth)**

9. The goal is to develop Prospective Brothers into **Experienced, Well-Informed and Confident Master Masons**. Also, to develop Lodge Officers into men who can **lead, direct, coach, manage and guard the quality of Masonry** in Hesperia Lodge.
10. Appoint an **Assistant Lodge Education Officer** to work closely with the Worshipful Master and Wardens to implement the Education priorities of the Lodge; **Bro. Darrell Boisdorf will continue in this role**
11. Implement **Investigation Committee - Interview Best Practices** to provide an important two-way learning experience for prospective members and our Brothers
12. Execute the **Intender Educational Program** for all Candidates to help them gain proficiency and deeper understanding in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees
- Identify capable Intender Coaches / Mentors and help them prepare for and execute this responsibility; **W. Bro. Robert Harvey, Bro. Darrell Boisdorf and R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner, WM will continue as the Intenders for the Lodge**
13. Provide "maximum effort" towards the exemplification of **quality Masonic degree ceremonies and Illinois Masonic Ritual work**; **R. W. Bro. Bill Bussiere will continue as the Lodge Instructor**
14. Encourage **Brothers to study and present small parts of the degree work** to build skills, experience and confidence
15. Deliver quality **Educational and Enlightenment Lectures and Presentations** during non-degree Lodge meetings and encourage Brothers to attend similar events occurring around the NE Masonic Area
16. Partner with the District Education Officer (DEO) to conduct at least one **Newly Raised Master Mason Workshop**
17. **Conduct coaching and mentoring of Senior and Junior Lodge Officers** to assist them in the successful execution of their responsibilities to Hesperia Lodge and Illinois Freemasonry

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- Clearly outline and communicate the responsibilities and expectations of each Lodge Officer and what they are accountable for during and outside of Lodge meetings
  - Provide direction to and encouragement of Lodge Officers to use self-study material and resources to improve their Masonic, leadership and management knowledge (including attending Wardens and Deacons training / educational events and Ritual Schools of Instruction sessions)
18. Maintain and advance the **Operational and Financial Health (business affairs)** of Hesperia Lodge
- Create and manage an Annual Financial Budget for the Lodge
  - Review and update Lodge Bylaws, as needed
  - Conduct and document an Audit Committee Report regarding the lodge's financial health
19. Promote **The Right of Visitation (A Landmark of Freemasonry)** with the Brothers to encourage learning from other Lodges in the District and Northeastern Masonic Area — key parts of a valuable Masonic experience
- Important Note:** *"During your leisure hours, that you may improve in Masonic knowledge, you are to converse with well-informed Brethren who will always be as ready to give, as you will be to receive instructions."*

**Participate in Masonic Charity (Relief)**

20. Provide **support to worthy Brothers and their families** in times of need whether with a kind word, an attentive ear, manual labor or financially with Lodge funds and / or request funds through the Illinois Masonic Outreach Services Program (IMOS), a charitable program designed for this purpose
21. Spend **time "relieving the suffering of others"** primarily through our relationship with The Night Ministry organization (<https://www.thenightministry.org>) in which the Brothers prepare and serve meals to homeless youth in the Chicago area
22. Contribute to and / or participate in the **Illinois Masonic Charitable Programs** (i.e. IMOS, Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl, Student Assistance Program, Illinois Child Identification Program (IL CHIP) and The Coins for Children Program); also, support the Masonic Youth Groups
23. **Partner with other Lodges in the District on charitable activities** that are of interest to the Hesperia Brothers

**Improve Communication & Get Brothers Involved (Mystic Tie)**

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24. The goals are to implement communication approaches that **keep the Brethren of Hesperia connected** with Masonry and promotes the valuable fellowship, learning and charitable activities available to them. Fundamentally, keep the Lodge members informed about what is happening in the Lodge, District, Northeastern Masonic Area and across Illinois Masonry.
25. Appoint an **Lodge Communications Officer** to work closely with the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Secretary to support the Communications priorities of the Lodge; **W. Bro. Francesco Bruno will continue in this role**
26. **Encourage the Brethren to stay connected** with the Lodge Officers using the information above and work with the Secretary to update their contact information with the Lodge; the updates will also be made in the centralized Illinois Masonry statewide membership database (MORI)
27. Create and distribute a **Lodge Membership Directory** to support the greater communication amongst the Brothers
28. Share, review and discuss this **Lodge Annual Plan / Trestle Board** with the Brethren
29. Promote the benefits of using **Project Management discipline and skill** to help Brothers plan effective programs, get Brothers involved, and execute successful events
  - With improved project / event planning, we can define small tasks that present opportunities for Brothers to use their talents, skills and abilities; and ultimately, feel successful by participating in a job well done
30. Educate the Brethren about the **Grand Master's Award of Excellence Program** to gain ideas about activities that we can add to our Lodge's plan to keep our members actively engaged
31. Create and distribute **periodic communications** to the Brethren that provide the progress of the Lodge's priorities, recognize excellent member achievements, cover important reminders, and promote participation with upcoming activities and events
32. Define and implement the **Internet and Social Media communication practices** for the Lodge members to share information and stay current on the Lodge's activities
  - Update and maintain the Lodge's Facebook page; identify at least three Administrators who can post and help manage content on the page, and ensure civil interactions
  - Update and maintain the Lodge's website - create and implement a plan to keep the content on the website current
  - Update and maintain the Lodge's Twitter, @Hesperia411 page - create and post content
33. Encourage the Brethren to **use the District and Illinois Freemasonry social media** assets to share information and stay connected as Masons

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**Hesperia Lodge Meeting Agenda - Thurs. 8/9/18**

1. Open Lodge on the 1st Degree - 7:30 pm
2. Opening Charge to the Lodge - SD
3. Reminders - WM
  - Rod Officers - Socket rods
  - Ask the Tyler to tile from within
  - Mobile phone usage - Silence and put them away
4. Have SD introduce any visiting Brothers - SD
5. Review Agenda for the Current Meeting - WM

**Points of Order / Harmony**

- Formal reports given by the Brothers should be done west of the altar (except for the WM, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer)
  - Reports will be given uninterrupted
  - Brothers should write down their questions as the reports are given
  - The Chair will ask for any Brothers with questions for the presenter
  - Brothers with questions will rise at that time properly clothed and wait for recognition by the Chair
  - Once the clarifying questions are exhausted, the Chair will entertain and carry appropriate motions
  - When the motions are complete, we will thank the Brother(s) accordingly for their work
6. Reading of the Minutes from the previous Lodge meeting - Secretary
    - Motion - Vote to approve the minutes with any necessary corrections
  7. Correspondence on the Secretary's desk - Secretary
  8. Petitions and Balloting - WM and Secretary
    - Read new Petitions on the Secretaries desk and turn them over to an Investigation Committee
    - Report on Petitions turned over to an Investigation Committee
    - Ballot on favorable Petitions

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**Our Membership Highlights by the Pillar Beauty - JW**

9. Recognize Masonic Anniversaries for the Month - JW
  - Reading of Brothers having anniversaries in August - JW
  - Reading of any correspondence from Brothers who received our anniversary recognition communication, but could not attend this meeting - Secretary
10. "Brothers Illuminated - Strangers We Will Never Be" - SS (west of the altar)
11. Personal Celebrations on Life's Journey Together - JW
12. Opportunities for Fellowship / Socialize - JD (west of the altar)
  - Any ideas for smaller social events together?

**Masonic Education & Enlightenment - WM**

13. Intender Educational Program, Candidate Progress Update - Bro. Darrell, Assistant Lodge Education Officer (west of the altar)
14. "Landmarks Revealed", highlighting the Landmarks of Freemasonry - JD (west of the altar)
15. "Law and Order", highlighting the Constitution and By-Laws of Illinois Freemasonry and By-Laws of Hesperia Lodge - Bro. Jacob (west of the altar)
16. Educational Presentation / Guest Speaker - "Masonic Family Health Foundation at Advocate Masonic Medical Center / Hospital - History, Overview and Services for Brothers" by W. Bro. Elliott Velez

**Advancing Lodge Operations - Projects and Committee Updates - SW**

17. Financial Progress to Budget and Account Balances - Treasurer
18. Feedback from Brothers who participated in with Hesperia at the "Square Roots" Street Fair event July 13th through 15th - Secretary and Any other attendees
19. Feedback from Brothers or your guests who participated in our Hesperia Friends Night event July 26th - SW and Any other attendees
20. Feedback from Brothers or your guests who participated in our Hesperia Lodge Picnic by the Lake on July 29th - JD and Any other attendees
21. Feedback from Brothers who participated in our Masonic Funeral Service for W. Bro. Celestino "Tino" Palomar, a Past Master of Hesperia Lodge on August 4th - WM and Any other attendees
22. Update on planning for Hesperia Lodge Past Masters Recognition and Dinner event occurring in the Temple on Sunday, August 9th - WM and Bro. Tony
23. Developing the 3rd Degree Team Slate for 8/23/18 degree ceremony - SW

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24. Reminder about Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction held at the Jefferson Masonic Temple every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - Masonic Ritual and Floor Work instruction - SW

**Masonic Charity / Relief - SW**

25. Sickness & Distress / Sick & Shut-in - SW

**Housekeeping - WM**

26. Pass the hat - secure funds for Charitable activities - Marshal

27. Entertain any other New Business from Brothers - All

28. Review Upcoming activities on the Lodge's Calendar - WM

- **Sat. 8/11/18** - Hesperia Lodge social event - "Rosehill Cemetery Free Walking Tour" at 10 am in the Rosehill Cemetery located at 5800 North Ravenswood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660; meet near the main entrance off of Ravenswood Ave.
- **Mon. 8/13/18** - Next Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction
- **Wed. 8/15/18** - The Hesperia Lodge Steering Committee Meeting to plan our next Masonic year will be held in a private room within Legno Restaurant located at 4250 N Central Ave, Chicago, IL 60634 at 7 pm; the lodge will not be sponsoring dinner; Brothers may order from the menu and cover those costs individually; parking is available in the lot across the street
- **Sat. 8/18/18** - Hesperia Lodge Brothers are encouraged to celebrate the Illinois Freemasonry "Masonic Membership Visibility and Pride Day" with our Brethren across the state of Illinois by wearing clothing, hats, etc. prominently displaying the Masonic Square and Compasses insignia
- **Thurs. 8/23/18** - Conduct Hesperia Lodge 3rd Degree Ceremony
- **Mon. 8/27/18** - Next Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction
- **Fri. 9/7/18** - Hesperia Lodge visit to North Star Lodge #1 (Prince Hall) for their 3rd Degree Ceremony starting at 7 pm occurring at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge building located at 809 East 42nd Place, Chicago Illinois 60653
- **Sun. 9/9/18** - Hesperia Lodge Past Masters Recognition and Dinner event occurring in the Jefferson Masonic Temple at 4 pm; the recognition program will be followed by dinner
- **Thurs. 9/13/18** - Conduct Hesperia Lodge 1st Degree Ceremony
- **Sat. 9/22** - Hesperia Lodge Master Mason Workshop facilitated by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner at the Jefferson Masonic Temple at 9 am; all Master Masons are encouraged to attend; more details will be provided
- **Thurs. 9/27/18** - Hesperia Lodge Annual Meeting including the election of Lodge Officers

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- **Fri. 10/5/18 to Sat. 10/6/18** – 179th Annual Grand Lodge Communication (statewide meeting) - Springfield, IL; all Master Masons can attend
- **Thurs. 10/11/18** - Hesperia Lodge Charter Day Celebration of 154 Years including an Officer Advancement Night (during the Hesperia meeting)
- **Sun. 10/21/18** - 154th Anniversary Hesperia Lodge Installation of Officers at the Jefferson Masonic Temple; more details will be provided

29. Pay Bills - WM and Secretary

30. Report on Receipts and Disbursements for the Meeting - Secretary

31. Closing Charge to the Lodge - Chaplain

32. Close the Lodge

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## Hesperia Lodge Masonic Education and Enlightenment Topics

### Topics Presented by Guest Speakers (in chronological order)

- **"Enlightenment & Brotherly Love - Prince Hall Masonry in Illinois"**, by W. Bro. Larry Burnett, Grand Lodge Membership Committee Chairman, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of IL
- **"Connecting Masons through Technology"**, by R. W. Bro. Robert Johnson, District Deputy Grand Master, 1st NE District who is an author, host of a weekly Podcast, online Masonic video producer, Managing Editor of the "Midnight Freemasons" blog, and one of the "Knights" of the Masonic Roundtable YouTube Program
- **"Implementing the Grand Masters Award of Excellence Program"**, by W. Bro. Elliott Velez, PM Paul Revere Lodge No. 998, multi-year winners
- **"Grand Chancellery - Connecting with Freemasonry Worldwide"**, by R. W. Bro. John Loayza, Assistant Grand Chancellor
- **"Masonic Medical Center / Hospital - Overview and Services for Brothers"**, by W. Bro. Elliott Velez

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**Topics Presented by Hesperia Brothers** (in chronological order)

- **"How are Lodge Officers like a Symphony?"**, by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner
- **"Masonic Membership Value Exchange - A Conversation Starter"** - Group discussion, led by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner
- **"Masonic Etiquette"** - Group discussion, led by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner
- **"Project Management - The Secret to a Lodge's Success"**, by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner
- **"The Top 10 Lessons of the 1st / Entered Apprentice Degree"** - Group discussion, led by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner
- **"Prospect to Candidate to Brother - An Educational Journey"**, by Bro. Darrell Boisdorf, Hesperia Assistant Lodge Education Officer
- **Special Event — "The Lodge Reunion and Rededication to Masonry Event"** - multiple speakers
- **"The Intender Educational Program - A Membership Development Experience"**, by Bro. Darrell Boisdorf, Hesperia Assistant Lodge Education Officer and R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner
- **"The 1723 Charge to the Craft (contained in the first part of the Grand Lodge of IL Constitution and ByLaws document)"** - Group discussion, led by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner
- **"Defining the Chairs - Lodge Officers' Responsibilities and Importance to the Lodge"**, by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner and Lodge Officers (using excerpts from the 2013 Leadership Development presentation)
- **"An Active Lodge has Three Pillars"**, by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner
- **"The Powers of the Grand Master vs. the Worshipful Master"**, by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner and Bro. Darrell Boisdorf, Hesperia Assistant Lodge Education Officer
- **"Keepers of the Standard Work - The Grand Lodge Board of Grand Examiners"**, by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner
- **"Masonic Etiquette in Practice - Respecting Your Brothers during Lodge Meetings"**, by Bro. Joe Holas (with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner)
- **"Accelerating Freemasonry's Enlightenment using the Four Stages of Learning"**, by Bro. Wayne Spooner



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- **Special Event — Revised 2018 Annual Friends Night Program** - multiple speakers
  - **"Master Mason Workshop"** - Group discussion, led by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner
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<b>January</b>	- Annual Lodge Meeting including the election of Lodge Officers	- 2nd Degree	- 1/29/17 - 153rd Anniversary Hesperia Installation of Officers
<b>February</b>	- <b>Education</b> - "How are Lodge Officers like a Symphony?", by Bro. Wayne Spooner - Celebrate Masonic Anniversaries of the Month - <b>Brothers Illuminated Presentations</b> - SW James Voss II	- "Masonic Membership Value Exchange - A Conversation Starter" - Group discussion - Masonic Etiquette - Group discussion	- 2/5/17 - <b>Charity</b> - Hesperia charity event with The Night Ministry to prepare and serve meals to homeless youth
<b>March</b>	- <b>Education</b> - Patrick Jones, District Deputy Grand Master, Official Lodge Visit - Celebrate Masonic Anniversaries of the Month - [Postponed] <b>Brothers Illuminated Presentations</b> - PM Robert Harvey (Secretary) and PM Robert Harney (Treasurer)	- Proficiency exam in Open Lodge for two Fellowcrafts - Third degree for two Fellowcrafts	- 3/5/17 - <b>Charity</b> - Hesperia charity event with The Night Ministry to prepare and serve meals to homeless youth - 3/18/17 - The Board of Grand Examiners will be hosting their next School in the Northeastern Area; Type 3 School: Opening Short, Ceremonies, Secretary's Discourse, Rod Drill and the Sublime Degree of Master Mason - Wheeling Masonic Temple (home of D. C. Cregier Lodge No. 81) at 417 Harvester Ct, Wheeling, IL 60090 - 8:30 AM

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<b>June</b>	<p><b>Special Event</b> — “The Lodge Reunion and Rededication to Masonry Event”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Education</b> - “Connecting Masons through Technology”, by RW Bro. Robert Johnson, District Deputy Grand Master, 1st NE District who is an author, host of a weekly Podcast, online Masonic video producer, Managing Editor of the “Midnight Freemasons” blog, and one of the “Knights” of the Masonic Roundtable YouTube Program</li> <li>- Celebrate Masonic Anniversaries of the Month</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of Hesperia Lodge Annual Plan</li> <li>- <b>Lodge Masonic Education Discussion</b> - The Top 10 Lessons of the 1st / Entered Apprentice Degree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6/24/17 - Coordinated celebration with Masons around the world for the 300th Anniversary of Speculative Masonry in the world; which began in England in 1717; Jefferson Park Masonic Temple Open House from 10 am to 4 pm</li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Annual Friends Night</b> dinner and presentation open to non-Masons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Education</b> - “Prospect to Candidate to Brother - An Educational Journey”, by Bro. Darrell Boisdorf, Hesperia Assistant Lodge Education Officer</li> <li>- Celebrate Masonic Anniversaries of the Month</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7/7/17 to 7/9/17 - Hesperia to host a booth at the Lincoln Square’s “Square Roots” Street Fair</li> <li>- Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; occurs every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - a great Member and Lodge Officer opportunity to learn the ritual and floor work</li> </ul>

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<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Education</b> - “Implementing the Grand Masters Award of Excellence Program”, by Worshipful Bro. Elliott Velez, PM Paul Revere Lodge No. 998, multi-year winners</li> <li>- Celebrate Masonic Anniversaries of the Month</li> <li>- <b>Brothers Illuminated Presentations</b> - Jacob Shavlik</li> </ul>	Reserve for Degree work - 1st Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sat. 9/23/17 - Hesperia Lodge travel to Evanston, IL (the first suburb north of Chicago) to witness our Grand Lodge Officers conduct a rededication ceremony for Evans Lodge No. 524 - if you have never witnessed one of these events, then it is worth the time investment and fellowship opportunity</li> <li>- Mondays - Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; occurs every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - a great Member and Lodge Officer opportunity to learn the ritual and floor work</li> </ul>

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<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Education</b> - “Debrief of the 178th Annual Grand Lodge Communication - Important Activities and Key Decisions”, by Senior Lodge Officers</li> <li>- Celebrate Masonic Anniversaries of the Month</li> <li>- <b>Brothers Illuminated Presentations</b> - TBD</li> </ul>	Reserve for Degree work - 2nd Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fri. 10/6/17 to Sat. 10/7/17 — 178th Annual Grand Lodge Communication - Springfield, IL; open to all Master Masons</li> <li>- Sun. 10/8/17 - Friendship Assembly #100, Order of Rainbow Girls, Installation of Officers; Hannah Hernandez, daughter of Hesperia Bro. Eddie Hernandez, being installed as Worthy Advisor (leader)</li> <li>- Sat.10/14/17 - Tour of Rosehill Cemetery located at 5800 North Ravenswood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660; meet inside the cemetery and the group walking tour departs at 10 am.</li> <li>- Mondays - Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; occurs every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - a great Member and Lodge Officer opportunity to learn the ritual and floor work</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Education</b> - “Defining the Chairs - Lodge Officers’ Responsibilities and Importance to the Lodge”, by Bro. Wayne Spooner and Lodge Officers (using excerpts from the 2013 Leadership Development presentation)</li> <li>- <b>Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner</b></li> <li>- Celebrate Masonic Anniversaries of the Month</li> <li>- <b>Brothers Illuminated Presentations</b> - TBD</li> </ul>	Dark - No meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sun. 11/5/17 - Hesperia Past Master Dinner at 3 pm; Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; special chef, PM Alejandro Tribin</li> <li>- Mondays - Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; occurs every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - a great Member and Lodge Officer opportunity to learn the ritual and floor work</li> </ul>

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<b>July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Modified Stated Meeting Agenda (Planned 2nd degree ceremony was postponed; candidate had conflict with work project)</li> <li>- <b>Education</b> - a Mini-Workshop - "Top Lessons of the Entered Apprentice Degree"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Annual Friends Night</b> dinner and presentation open to non-Masons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fri. 7/13/18 to Sun. 7/15/18 - Hesperia to host a booth at the <b>Lincoln Square's "Square Roots" Street Fair</b></li> <li>- Sun. 7/29/18 - <b>Hesperia Lodge Picnic</b>; location by Lake on the Northside of Chicago</li> <li>- Mondays - <b>Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction</b> at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; occurs every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - a great Member and Lodge Officer opportunity to learn the ritual and floor work</li> </ul>
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Education</b> - "Masonic Medical Center / Hospital - Overview and Services for Brothers" by W. Bro. Elliott Velez</li> <li>- Celebrate Masonic Anniversaries of the Month</li> <li>- <b>Brothers Illuminated Presentations</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reserve for 3rd Degree work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sat. 8/4/18 - <b>Masonic Funeral Service for W. Bro. Celestino "Tino" Palomar, a Past Master of Hesperia Lodge</b> will occur at Graceland Cemetery located at 4001 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60613 at 11 am</li> <li>- Sat. 8/11/18 - Hesperia Lodge social event - "<b>Rosehill Cemetery Free Walking Tour</b>" at Rosehill Cemetery located at 5800 North Ravenswood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660</li> <li>- Wed. 8/15/18 - <b>Hesperia Lodge Steering Committee Meeting</b>; location TBD</li> <li>- Sat. 8/18/18 - <b>Masonic Membership Visibility and Pride Day</b> across the state of Illinois</li> <li>- Mondays - <b>Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction</b> at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; occurs every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - a great Member and Lodge Officer opportunity to learn the ritual and floor work</li> </ul>

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<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reserve for 1st Degree work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hesperia Lodge Annual Meeting</b> including the election of Lodge Officers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fri. 9/7/18 - <b>Hesperia Lodge visit to North Star Lodge #1 (Prince Hall)</b> for their 3rd Degree starting at 7 pm occurring at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge building located at 809 East 42nd Place, Chicago Illinois 60653</li> <li>- Sun. 9/9/18 - <b>Hesperia Lodge Past Masters Recognition and Dinner event</b> occurring in the Jefferson Masonic Temple at 4 pm</li> <li>- Sat. 9/15 or 9/22 - <b>Hesperia Master Mason Workshop</b> facilitated by R. W. Bro. Wayne Spooner</li> <li>- Mondays - <b>Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction</b> at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; occurs every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - a great Member and Lodge Officer opportunity to learn the ritual and floor work</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hesperia Charter Day Celebration of 154 Years</li> <li>- Officer Advancement Night for the newly Elected Lodge Officers</li> <li>- <b>Education</b> - "Recap and Summary of the 179th Annual Grand Lodge Communication" by Hesperia Senior Lodge Officers</li> <li>- Celebrate Masonic Anniversaries of the Month</li> <li>- <b>Brothers Illuminated Presentations</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reserve for 2nd or 3rd Degree work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fri. 10/5/18 to Sat. 10/6/18 — <b>179th Annual Grand Lodge Communication</b> - Springfield, IL; open to all Master Masons</li> <li>- Sun. 10/21/18 - <b>154th Anniversary Hesperia Lodge Installation of Officers</b></li> <li>- Mondays - <b>Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction</b> at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; occurs every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - a great Member and Lodge Officer opportunity to learn the ritual and floor work</li> </ul>

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<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Education</b> - "Illinois Masonic Charities - We are Living our Obligation" by R. W. Bro. Joe Ferrell, Senior Grand Deacon</li> <li>- Celebrate Masonic Anniversaries of the Month</li> <li>- <b>Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner</b></li> <li>- <b>Brothers Illuminated Presentations</b></li> </ul>	- Dark - No meeting	- Mondays - <b>Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction</b> at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; occurs every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - a great Member and Lodge Officer opportunity to learn the ritual and floor work
<b>December</b>	- Reserve for 2nd or 3rd Degree work	- Dark - No meeting	- Mondays - <b>Richard D. Johnson School for Masonic Instruction</b> at the Jefferson Park Masonic Temple; occurs every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (excluding holidays) - a great Member and Lodge Officer opportunity to learn the ritual and floor work

# Masonic Membership Value Exchange - A Conversation Starter

“Masons living Masonry in their daily lives”

[Updated 3/17/18]

In Illinois Freemasonry, we focus on **Membership Retention, Attraction and Development** of good men who represent and promote **a quality life filled with honor, integrity, brotherly love, freedom, equality, tolerance, learning, and service to mankind.** Through our timeless Masonic experiences, quality men of sound character receive significant value from being a member of our ancient and honorable fraternity. This document assists with **a conversation about the value exchanged amongst active Masons** who seek unique fraternal experiences, continuous learning, and ways to make a difference in our communities.

Brothers Give...	Brothers Receive...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Talents, Skills, Abilities and Strengths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personal “gifts” and expertise</li> <li>○ Those developed through work / professional / career experience</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Time</b></li> <li>• <b>Personal Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Financial support</li> <li>○ Guidance, advice and knowledge derived from experience</li> <li>○ Access to personal contacts and associated influence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fellowship (Brotherly Love)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>A feeling of belonging and social attachment</b> with faithful friends and Brothers who care about you and champion your well-being and success on life’s journey</li> <li>○ <b>Connection</b> to the more than 57,000 Master Masons in Illinois Freemasonry and the millions of Brothers around the world who, informed by “The Right of Visitation” (a Landmark of Freemasonry), are ready to recognize our Mystic Tie and extend our privileges</li> <li>○ <b>Peace of mind</b> associated with the old maxim, “I am my Brother’s keeper, and we will take care of our own”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Learning (Masonic Truth)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Access to the “Wisdom of the Ages”</b> provided through our unique Masonic degrees (educational process) and other periodic Lodge and District educational / training events</li> <li>○ <b>Personal growth and development</b> from acquiring new skills and improving current abilities (i.e. public speaking, project management, coaching, leading men to deliver results, written and verbal communication, managing business meetings, inspiring people, etc.)</li> <li>○ <b>Personal satisfaction from giving back and sharing knowledge</b> with Brothers during Masonic degree ceremonies, the Intender Educational Program, educational sessions / workshops, and individual conversations</li> <li>○ <b>Guidance and advice by networking with experienced and successful men</b> who are willing to “pay it forward” to coach, mentor and assist worthy Brothers with their Masonic, work / career, and life endeavors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Satisfaction in Positively Impacting the Lives of Others (Relief)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Pride in helping our worthy Brothers and their families</b> in times of need whether with a kind word, an attentive ear, manual labor or financial support directly and / or through the Illinois Masonic Outreach Services Program (IMOS), our charitable program designed for this purpose</li> <li>○ <b>Feelings of satisfaction, compassion and joy</b> from teaming up with Brothers to spend time “relieving the suffering of others” (i.e. young people, the elderly, those physically challenged, etc.) around the state</li> <li>○ <b>A genuine feeling of “making a difference”</b> by pooling our financial resources to positively impact our Illinois Masonic charities and local communities throughout the state</li> </ul> </li> </ul>