

**LET YOUR PENNIES MAKE GOOD CENTS (L.Y.P.M.G.C.)
AND
MH-100 COMMITTEE PROGRAMS 2015-2016**

To: District Deputy Grand Masters
Zone Chairmen, District Committeemen
Worshipful Masters of the Particular Lodges

L.Y.P.M.G.C. PROGRAM

The “Let Your Pennies Make Good Cents” Program began in 1958. It was created with the intention of every Brother donating a penny a day, to be deposited in an Endowment Fund with the principal never to be touched. The interest from this money would be utilized for the operation of the Masonic Home, which is one of only twenty homes with a FIVE STAR facility rating in Florida, and thereby ensuring the residents of the Home an exceptional quality of life, which they so justly deserve. I am confident that any Brother who visits our Masonic Home will consider his “pennies” well spent, and will be very proud of our beautiful facility and the comfortable, secure environment that has been created for our Brothers and Sisters.

We voted to increase the voluntary donation to \$7.30 per member to support this Endowment Fund. Please take the time to remind and encourage all Brothers to participate and support this program and contribute the full \$7.30. The Brothers who do not or cannot attend Lodge should be notified of the importance of supporting this program. Ask the Lodges in your Districts to put a reminder in the trestleboard explaining the importance of this program.

Please ensure that our Lodge Secretaries include the L.Y.P.M.G.C. in their quarterly reports to the Grand Secretary in a timely manner as required, so he is able to keep track of the monies received for this program. Also, we need the continued presentation of various awards that are presented to the Lodges that contribute at least \$7.30 per member. For the Brothers who do contribute the full \$7.30, including all Perpetual Members, the Lodge Secretaries should remember to affix the gold foil seals to their membership dues cards. Submission of the monies raised must be sent in quarterly. 100% of the funds raised for this program are not discretionary and therefore are not to be used for any other Lodge expenditures. It would be un-masonic to do so.

I am confident that with the support of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Zone Chairmen, and the District Chairmen, the Lodges will step-up to the challenge of 100% participation in support of this very worthy program making this a very successful year.

One last point, once the Lodge Secretaries, District Chairmen, Zone Chairmen, and I receive the quarterly L.Y.P.M.G.C. Detail Reports from our Grand Secretary, our work should have already been accomplished. Be proactive, not reactive to these reports. I hope you will call on me for assistance at any time. Working together as a team, we will achieve our goals.

MH-100 PROGRAM

The Masonic Home operates on a budget funded by interest income from our Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. Because of inflation and variations in the stock market, we need to ensure that this investment is large enough to support the home during hard times. The Masonic Home Administrator, Mrs. Lisa Tsotsos, and her excellent staff, have earned the highest rating possible (5 STAR) from the State of Florida Regulatory Inspectors. Our Masonic Home depends on the Endowment Fund for its existence and for the welfare of its residents and for maintaining this high quality of care. These residents, worthy Brothers, their wives, and/or their widows, are the same each of us promised at our Sacred Altar to contribute to their relief. Financially, in order to stay ahead or at least keep up with the increasing cost of living and inflation, it is necessary that we continue to procure donations for the Endowment Fund. This can be accomplished in various ways.

The District Deputy Grand Masters should become thoroughly familiar with the MH-100 Program and during each of his visits should, in the absence of the District Chairman, promote the MH-100 Program. Another recommendation is at the beginning of the 2015 Masonic Year correspondence, which could include a flyer and a letter, can be sent to each of the Particular Lodges. The letter should contain a request for each Lodge to contribute at least \$100.00 to the MH-100 Program. (An excellent time to present this donation is when the Grand Master makes his Official Visit in your District.) The District Chairmen could also include in this correspondence any ideas for programs he may have to obtain donations, providing the programs are within our Masonic guidelines. The District and Zone Chairmen should work together closely to organize fundraisers and to obtain donations, either large or small. To encourage further participation in the MH-100 Program, the Grand Lodge recognizes donations in the following manner:

\$100 Donation = MH-100 Club Level – Bronze Lapel Pin and Certificate
\$200 Donation = Ambassador Club – Red Enamel Lapel Pin and Certificate
\$500 Donation = Gold Club – Gold Lapel Pin and Certificate
\$1,000 Donation = Grand Master’s Club – Blue Enamel Lapel Pin and Certificate

Donations are cumulative and will be recorded by the Grand Lodge Office. As donations increase to the next level, the award for that level will be presented. For the highest per capita donation, one Lodge in each District and one Lodge statewide will be recognized at our Grand Communications in 2016 for their contributions. It is my goal to work closely with each Zone Chairman, and I expect each Zone Chairman to work with their respective District Chairmen, in order to provide an accurate accountability to our Grand Lodge.

Other donations to the MH-100 Program can be made “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone special as an expression of appreciation. Members of a Particular Lodge may compile their donations to purchase a membership in the MH-100 Club to express their appreciation of a deserving Brother.

Although the initial idea of this Committee was to solicit \$100 donations, it must be stressed that any amount received will help the bottom line. Whether the contribution is \$1 or \$100, it will help our Home.

Remember Brothers, all contributions to the MH-100 or the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

So let’s get together and raise some money for our Masonic Home. As State Chairman, I am at your service and ready and willing to help you make this Committee a success. I will be in touch with you and I hope you will call on me for assistance at anytime.

Respectfully submitted,

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