

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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GPS Comments from the Grand Master

Since my installation on November 1, 2014 time has vanished quickly. Despite the shortness of time, we have managed to present a new program that will enhance strengthening solidarity, harmony, transparency and meaningful two-way communication within our Grand Jurisdiction.

This new GPS Program and its first major accomplishment is shared elsewhere in this publication. I encourage you to study its first contribution which deals with our Statewide Sentiment on Districting.

As your Grand Master, I am pleased with the clear statistical results that the GPS provides. The overwhelming majority of the Craft desires to restore the Nine District Model and I hereby declare that we are embracing it immediately.

Many Brothers have labored hard to design and activate our GPS Program. I especially wish to thank RWB Joe Porco, WBs Anthony Raiani and Eric Charette. I also want to thank our Grand Lodge Officers, our District Deputies and Associate Grand Marshalls, our Worshipful Masters and Secretaries and most important YOU the members of the Craft whose Collective Intelligence came together and shared your sentiments that overwhelmingly led us to return to the Nine District Model.

Thank you all for the unlimited amount of time and energy that went into establishing this noteworthy program which promises to serve us so well as we forge a new path and direction within our Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas M. Maxwell II".

Thomas M. Maxwell II
Most Worshipful Grand Master

As of 3/27/15

All comments submitted will be reviewed by the Grand Master and a reply will be given.

Total Lodges eligible to Participate in Districting Sentiment Poll =	90	
Total Lodges eligible which participated in Districting Sentiment Poll =	71	
Total Submissions =	72	(one submission was not eligible at this time/ BLC)
Percentage of the Lodges that participated =	78.89%	
Percentage of the Lodges that did not participate =	21.11%	

Running Count	Count for 9 Districts	Lodge Name	Lodge No.	Districting Response	Comments Submitted	Comments Reviewed by WMGM
1	1	Coastal	57	9	Yes	see comments
2	2	Daytime	144	9	no	NA
3	3	Wolcott	146	9	no	NA
4	4	Ionic	110	9	no	NA
5	5	Village Lodge	29	9	no	NA
6	6	Ark Lodge	39	9	no	NA
7	7	Uriel	24	9	no	NA
8	8	Hospitality	128	9	no	NA
9	9	Fidelity St John's	3	9	no	NA
10	10	Harmony	42	9	no	NA
11	11	Ashlar	332	9	no	NA
12	12	Hartford Evergreen	88	9	no	NA
13	13	Brainard	102	9	no	NA
14	14	Wooster	79	9	no	NA
15	15	Wooster	10	9	no	NA
16	16	King Hiram	12	9	no	NA
17	17	Valley	36	9	no	NA
18	18	Oxoboxo	116	9	no	NA
19	19	Compass	9	9	no	NA
20	20	Fayette	69	9	no	NA
21	21	St Andrew's	64	9	no	NA
22	22	Hiram Lodge	18	9	no	NA
23	23	Estuary	43	9	no	NA
24	24	Bay-View	120	9	no	NA
25	25	King Solomon's	7	9	no	NA
26	26	Union	40	9	no	NA
27	27	St. Luke's	48	9	no	NA
28	28	Seneca	55	9	no	NA
29	29	Federal Lodge	17	9	no	NA
30	30	Montgomery	13	9	no	NA
31	31	St. Peters	21	9	no	NA
32	32	Old Well - St Johns	6	9	no	NA
33	33	Union	31	9	no	NA
34	34	Morning Star	47	9	no	NA
35	35	Washington	19	9	no	NA
36	36	Jeptha	95	9	no	NA
37	37	Cosmopolitan	125	9	no	NA
38	38	Manchester	73	9	no	NA
39	39	Day Spring	30	9	no	NA
40	40	Evening Star	101	9	no	NA
41	41	Columbia	25	9	no	NA
42	42	Madison	87	9	no	NA
43	43	Annawon	115	9	no	NA
44	44	Ivanhoe	107	9	no	NA
45	45	Saint Paul's	11	9	no	NA
46	46	Temple	65	9	no	NA
47	47	Housatonic	61	9	no	NA
48	48	Corinthian	104	9	no	NA
49	49	Anchor	112	9	no	NA
50	50	Harmony	67	9	no	NA
51	51	Somerset St. James	34	9	no	NA
52	52	Acacia	85	9	no	NA
53	53	Union	5	9	no	NA
54	54	Putnam	46	9	no	NA
55	55	Wyllys St Johns	4	9	yes	see comments
56	56	Friendship	33	9	yes	see comments
57	57	Shepherd-Salem	78	9	yes	see comments
58	58	Philosophic Lodge of Research	400	9	yes	see comments
59	59	Frederick Franklin	14	9	yes	see comments
60	60	Composite Lodge	28	9	yes	see comments, separate email
Total	60					

Percentage of Craft (as compared to eligible submitted submissions) that desire the 9 district model = **84.51% (60 of 71)**
 Percentage of Craft (as compared to Total State-wide Lodge Count of all Lodges) that desire the 9 district model = **66.67% (60 of 90)**

Note 1: Regardless of the number of Lodges which did not participate, the 66.67% represents a majority as compared to all Lodges in the State. The data is conclusive.

Note 2: Non participating Lodges which did not exercise their voice (abstaining) were viewed as indifferent (at the present time), making the 84.51% potentially more meaningful.

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Running Count	Count for 9 Districts	Lodge Name	Lodge No.	Districting Response	Comments Submitted	Comments Reviewed by WMGM
	Count for 4 Districts					
61	1	Widows Son	66	4	no	NA
62	2	Meridian	77	4	no	NA
63	3	St. Alban's	38	4	Yes	see comments
64	4	Unity	148	4	no	NA
65	5	Temple	16	4	no	NA
66	6	Corinthian	63	4	yes	see comments
67	7	Hiram	1	4	yes	see comments
68	8	Ansantawae	89	4	yes	see comments
Total	8					

Percentage of Craft (as compared to eligible submissions) that desire the 4 district model = **11.27% (8 of 71)**
 Percentage of Craft (as compared to Total State-wide Lodge Count) that desire the 4 district model = **8.89 (8 of 90)**

Un-Measurable Response						
69	1	7th District BLC		9	no	NA
70	2	America-St John's	8	1	no	NA
71	3	Jerusalem	49	1	yes	see comments
72 (71)	4	Friendship Tuscan	145	1	yes	see comments
Total	(4) 3					

Percentage of Craft (as compared to eligible submissions) that could not be measured = **4.23% (3 of 71)**
 Percentage of Craft (as compared to Total State-wide Lodge Count) that could not be measured = **3.33% (3 of 90)**

Note 3: Indistinct or un-measurable responses were viewed as invalid responses to the Grand Master's question. However their comments are meaningful and important to review.