

The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Georgia

Grand Master's Address 2008

Committee Reports

222nd Annual Communication
Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M.
October 28 and 29, 2008
Macon, Georgia

REPORT OF THE GENERAL WELFARE COMMITTEE (..... *page 129*)

M.W. Bro. Ted C. Collins, Grand Master, requested the General Welfare Committee to study and make recommendations on several matters. They were the Masonic Scouters association (NAMS), the insurance coverage of Grand Lodge and a request for recognition of a new Masonic motorcycle club to be known as the "Widows Sons Motorcycle Club."

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The Mandated Meeting of the General Welfare Committee of The Grand Lodge of Georgia, F.& A.M. was called to order at 2:00 p.m., August 8, 2008, in the conference room of the Grand Chapter Building, 811 Mulberry Street, Macon, by Most Worshipful Brother A. Charles Knowles, Jr., Past Grand Master, Chairman.

All committee members were in attendance.

Charles Knowles, Jr., PGM, Chairman
Clyde E. Griffin, PGM
F. Ray Jackson, PGM
Albert F. Garner, Jr., PGM

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Wiley A. Gammon
Gordon B. Smith
Thomas W. Tinley, III
Bobby B. Simmons, PGM
Sheldon Little, Acting Secretary

Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were:

Ted C. Collins, Grand Master
J. Edward Jennings, Jr., Deputy Grand Master
Donald I. DeKalb, Grand Secretary
Douglas W. McDonald, Third Grand steward

Invited guests in attendance:

Steven McCall, PM, (No. 184) Widows Sons Motorcycle Assn. of Georgia

Michael Powell, JS, (No. 184) Widows Sons Motorcycle Assn. of Georgia

The Opening invocation was given by Bobby B. Simmons, PGM. The "Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag of our country (indicated on the appropriate Tie worn by R.W. Brother J. Edward Jennings, Jr.) was said by all.

M.W. Brother Knowles expressed his thanks and appreciation for all in attendance.

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Most Worshipful Brother Albert F. Garner, Jr., PGC, was called upon to present and discuss his investigation into the "National Association of Masonic Scouters". Each member at the meeting was given a copy of the Constitution of that Association. After a general discussion was held, a motion was made to recommend the adoption of this organization for the Grand Lodge of Georgia's Satewide Blue Lodges participation. A unanimous vote was cast in favor of the motion.

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M.W. Brother Knowles, again, thanked the Brethren for their attendance and time spent working in behalf of this Committee and the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. after the closing Benediction by Most Worshipful Brother Bobby B. Simmons, PGM, Grand Orator.

Respectively submitted,

A. Charles Knowles, Jr., PGM, Chairman
Clyde E. Griffin, PGM
F. Ray Jackson, PGM
Albert F. Garner, PGM
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