



## 2022 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, this year, we are experimenting with standardizing the jurisdiction reports so that our attendees can compare and contrast the areas of focus, the initiatives, the structures, and resources in our member jurisdictions to find those good ideas worth exploring, those opportunities to ask questions or collaborate, and make those meaningful connections to strengthen and support Masonic Education.

This is an experiment and we invite your feedback on the format, the information, and its use as a tool.

### 2022 Reports

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## 2021-2022 MCME JURISDICTION REPORT

# ILLINOIS

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** Michael Jackson

**GL Website:** <https://ilmason.org/>

**Grand Master's Theme:** Reflect on Freemasonry

**GL Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ilfreemasonry/>

### 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

### Initiatives

~Areas of Focus: 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.

~Intender Plus program: These are created resources that mentors can use with candidates so that there is consistent messaging and information topics such as Ritual, history, etiquette, symbolism, etc. on a variety of topics. The committee working on this is looking to create both a public-facing YouTube channel/website and a private YouTube channel/website for Illinois members only. The committee is also looking to create a communication plan that interfaces with MORI so that newly raised Master Masons automatically receive certain communications relative to the date that they were raised.

~The Lycaenum: 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:

<https://illinoislodgeofresearch.org/grand-lodge-edu>

~Home-grown initiative. Illinois is a big state and has a wide variety in demographics. In the different areas, you can find a number of local initiatives to focus on different aspects of membership and education: Bridging the Gap (between N and S Illinois), Capital Area Masons. Young Freemasons group.

Grand Lodge Education website with links to programs and other resources: <https://ilmason.org/masonic-education>.

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# INDIANA

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** Daniel Martin  
**Grand Master's Theme:**

**GL Website:** indianafreemasons.com  
**GL Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/INGrandLodge>

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 360  
**Members:** 45,553  
**Member System:** Patriot

**Ritual:** Written Ritual in each Lodge, Individual can purchase a Cyphered Ritual with corresponding monitor.  
**Proficiency:** Minimum: modes of recognition. Each Lodge can set their own standards/requirements for proficiency.

### Structure

**State Level:** Education Committee with Chairman along with the people assigned as District Education Officers.

**District Level:** 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.

**Lodge Level:** 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.

**Other:** 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

Area of focus: Strengthening the District-level support by increasing number of District Education Officers, Ritual Instructors, and Membership Liaisons to aid, assist, and support Lodges in these areas.

~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:  
<https://www.inglmarketing.com/drip>

~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 William W. (Bill) Post  
**Grand Master's Theme:** Ignite Iowa Masonry

**GL Website:** <http://grandlodgeofiowa.org/>  
**GL Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/grandlodgeofiowa>

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 238  
**Members:** 13500  
**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. Just like Ohio. 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. 14 members, by Code.

**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.

**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

~Areas of Focus: Providing opportunities and resources for Brethren to stay connected while on pandemic lockdown.  
~The goal is to respond to the needs of the Lodges by having different trainings such as Masters and Wardens Training, Ritual Days of Instruction, etc.

~Robust series of pages on GL website that includes links to handbooks on leadership, engagement, membership, leadership planning, public relations, appropriate lodge education programs, etc.. There are different pages for Ceremonies, Degrees, Ritual, & Memorial Services; Handbooks, Courses & Tools; General & Applied Masonry; Symbolism & Philosophy; History, Law, & Biographies, Public Relations/Marketing. Link: <https://grandlodgeofiowa.org/lodge-service/>

~Iowa Masonic Library and Museum. Regarded as one of the best facilities in the world to perform Masonic research. The Library houses over 250,000 volumes of which thousands are rare Masonic books for the serious researcher, and a circulating collection for the casual reader. The Museum has a nice suggested Reading Course for the new Mason and one especially for the established Mason. a searchable online catalog of their works is available on their website:<https://grandlodgeofiowa.org/library-2/>

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### KANSAS

#### Leadership

**Grand Master:** Michael D. Johnson II

**GL Website:** <https://www.kansasmason.org/>

**Grand Master's Theme:**

**GL Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/kansasmasons>

#### Demographics

**Lodges:** 200+

**Ritual:** Cyphered.

**Members:** 13,814

**Proficiency:** Short Form from memory preferably in Lodge between degrees. Long

**Member System:** MORI

form is also available.

#### Structure

**State Level:** Grand Lodge Education Committee appointed by Grand Master. The Kansas Lodge of Research is a Grand Lodge program and has taken the lead on much of the Masonic Education in Kansas. The Director of the Kansas Lodge of Research is appointed by the Grand Master.

**District Level:** None

**Lodge Level:** Education is encouraged at every meeting, but not required. Candidate counseling and Lodge Education is done at the discretion of the Lodge.

**Other:**

#### Initiatives

~Education Committee has created a Masonic Jeopardy program for the Lodges covering a variety of topics: history, Code, Ritual, etc.

~Kansas Lodge of Research. <https://kslor.org/>. Education arm in Kansas. Website includes robust digital archive, Lodge Archival Kits to help Lodges archive their materials, virtual education series and videos, reading lists, speakers division, and a publishing division. KSLOR has an active social media presence. Monthly virtual sessions that alternate between guest speakers and topical roundtable discussions. Before Grand Lodge Communicaitons every year the KSLOR holds the 'Yearly Grand Master Exit Interview' as a virtual meeting. The website has started offering virtual tours of Masonic buildings. This is and incredibly robust and ever-updating resource on an incredibly professional site.

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# KENTUCKY

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** James H. Gibson  
**Grand Master's Theme:**

**GL Website:** <https://grandlodgeofkentucky.org/>  
**GL Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Grand-Lodge-of-Kentucky-FAM/114518940107593>

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 350  
**Members:** ~30,000  
**Member System:** Nexus Elite

**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 the Grand Lodge of Virginia's Ritual.

**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. 5 Lodges of Research that operate regionally.

**District Level:** 30 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

~Yearly Masonic Leadership Program: This program changes yearly according to the wishes of the Grand master and consists of educational pieces on elements such as the Constitution, etiquette, a 'crash-course' on Freemasonry, leadership planning, etc. This is presented yearly in regional meetings.

~Statewide virtual meeting: 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 Leadership 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.

~Roadshow-style presentations in three areas of the state over the course of the year.

~Rubicon Society is an invitation-only organization hosted by the William O. Ware Lodge of Research in Kentucky that hosts monthly online presentations of speakers on various themes. More information can be found on their FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/Rubicon-Masonic-Society-103569151635422>.

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# MINNESOTA

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** Tony Kroll (Presumed)  
**Grand Master's Theme:** (Pending)

**GL Website:** <https://www.mn-masons.org/>  
**GL Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/GrandLodgeMN>

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 130

**Members:** 9,300

**Member System:** Grandview

**Ritual:** Cyphered Ritual.

**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:

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

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

### Initiatives

Area of focus: 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.

~Minnesota Masonic Writers Guild: Informal way of recognizing those who have published on a statewide elvel or higher.

~Minnesota Masonic Charities Publication: This is a quarterly publication starting in the Saummer 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. More information and enrolment information can be found at : [https://www.mn-masons.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Masonic-Light-Program-Overview\\_101818.pdf](https://www.mn-masons.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Masonic-Light-Program-Overview_101818.pdf)

~Migration into Grandview: As Minnesota moves to a GrandView based system, they are creating a member portal of resources that will house documents, exams, links to resources.

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# MISSOURI

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** Ty G. Treutelaar

**GL Website:** momason.org

**Grand Master's Theme:** 'Honor the Past, Serve the Present, and Build the Future'

**GL Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/MissouriMasons>

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 318

**Ritual:** Written, Cyphered

**Members:** 30,500

**Proficiency:** Three methods: Proficiency cannot be required as a condition for

**Member System:** GrandView

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.

### 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

**Areas of Focus:** Much of the last year was creating content for Missouri's Bicentennial lecture series, topics are below and are available on GL website. Initiative this year in creating Masters and Warden's Training, candidate counselor standardization, and getting useful tools in the hands of Lodges.

#### **Topics for Bicentennial series:**

~*Freemasonry Crosses the Mississippi* with RWB Steven L. Harrison;

~*The Masonic College of Missouri* with RWB Jacob W. Thompson, Grand Orator;

~*Missouri's Masonic Governors* with MWB John W. Hess, PGM, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Missouri;.

~ *Harry S Truman & The Influences That Made Him* with Bro. Clifton Truman Daniel;

~*Missouri, the Baltimore Convention, and What Came of It All* with RWB Jacob Thompson, Grand Orator;

~*Light Settles in Missouri: A Look at the Early Proceedings* with RWB Jacob Thompson, Grand Orator;

~*Missouri Freemasonry & the Civil War* with RWB Jacob Thompson, Grand Orator

Lodge Leadership Training: Creation of training modules on particular topics at a granular level to give Masters and Officers a 'how-to' on topics such as opening and closing Lodges, what committees to appoint, conflict resolution, planning your year in the East, budgeting, applying Code.

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# NEBRASKA

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** MWB Alex F. Straatmann

**GL Website:** <https://www.glna.org/>

**Grand Master's Theme:**

**GL Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/GrandLodgeofNebraska/>

### Demographics

**Lodges:** ~100

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

**Members:** ~7500

**Member System:** M2

**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

Areas of Focus: Providing opportunities and resources for Brethren to stay connected while on pandemic lockdown; organizing and shoring up current tools, looking to support Lodges in their various endeavors.

~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 at Grand Lodge Communications: Held during GL communications in February, this is a breakfast that includes a speaker or speakers 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.

~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 available at :  
<https://www.nebraskamasoniceducation.com/>

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## 2021-2022 MCME JURISDICTION REPORT

# OHIO

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** Timothy S. Wheeland

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**Grand Master's Theme:** Reflect on Freemasonry

**GL Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/grandlodgeohio>

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 440

**Ritual:** Written, Cyphered

**Members:** 68,893

**Proficiency:** Three methods:

**Member System:** 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

**State Level:** Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Information. Consists of representative from each of Ohio's 25 Districts, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Grand Deacons.

**District Level:** 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.

**Lodge Level:** Lodge Education Officer, appointed yearly. Charged with Lodge Experience, Candidate Counseling, Lodge Quality.

**Other:** 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

~Areas of Focus: 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.

~Streamlined LEO and DEO manuals to give specific tasks/ mission centered on candidate counseling and Lodge Improvement based on set of guiding principles.

~Migration of resources within GrandView Portal: online Officers Manual, Code, and Ancient Charges exams; Candidate Counseling materials, Officer's Manuals, Inspection Materials, Officer Training Programs, Guidelines for Chamber of Reflection, library of education programs, Grand Master's One-Day Class resources.

~'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.

~GM 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 every-other month 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 identities 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.

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## 2021-2022 MCME JURISDICTION REPORT

# WISCONSIN

### Leadership

**Grand Master:** Gary Stang

**GL Website:** <https://wimasons.org/>

**Grand Master's Theme:** Love Ya' Brother

**GL Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/MissouriMasons>

### Demographics

**Lodges:** 180

**Ritual:** Written, Cyphered

**Members:** 9,340

**Proficiency:** 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.

**Member System:** MORI

### Structure

**State Level:** Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee. 8 members one year appointments. Chairman was Grand Orator, this year, the Chairman is not a Grand Lodge Officer.

**District Level:** District Lecturer for Ritual. No District-level education officers.

**Lodge Level:** Education is the responsibility of Master. Sometimes the appointed Candidate Counselor will do Lodge Education. Lodge education presentations are encouraged in Lodges.

**Other:** Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research #1843. Meets four times a year to discuss presentations, research, and areas of interest.

### Initiatives

~Areas of Focus: Getting education into the hands of the Lodges.

Focusing on the Grand Lodge Website, the Committee is going through materials to create an educational website. Wisconsin has a robust library of materials on their Grand Lodge website on various topics: candidate counseling, Lodge Leadership, History, Ritual Interpretation, etc. The Committee is looking to identify gaps and raise awareness of the resources that are available.

Addition of an Education Corner in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal, the monthly newsletter. This section features articles, explanation of symbols, links to resources.

~Creation of contest to submit new educational presentations through the Wisconsin Masonic Journal with the hopes of discovering and developing new voices. Working towards creating a library of videos for personal and Lodge use on various educational topics.

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