

The Illinois Lodge of Research

The Illinois Lodge of Research was chartered in 1976 by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Illinois as the only Masonic Research Lodge duly chartered in Illinois. It was formed for the purposes of studying, researching, and recording the history and philosophy of Freemasonry.

Membership in the Illinois Lodge of Research is open to all Master Masons who are in good standing in a regular Masonic Lodge. Although the Illinois Lodge of Research is a state-wide lodge, it neither confers degrees nor competes with regular Masonic Lodges. Master Masons do not have to demit from their regular Masonic Lodge to join the Illinois Lodge of Research. Also eligible to join are regularly constituted Masonic Lodges, libraries, and related bodies.

Meetings of the Illinois Lodge of Research provide a forum for the open discussion of Masonic events, personages, and current events important to Freemasonry. Our annual meeting is held during Grand Lodge's Annual Communication every October, in the mid-afternoon of the Friday after the first Grand Lodge session.

Members, as well as non-members, are welcome to attend our Annual Meeting, where a brief business meeting is held and a speaker is always featured presenting a fascinating topic on some aspect of Masonic education.

About the Lodge and Services the Lodge Provides

The Illinois Lodge of Research does not confer Masonic degrees nor does it hold frequent regularly-stated meetings (other than the Annual Meeting held during the time of Grand Lodge Grand Communication). Instead, the Lodge serves as a resource and respite for those brethren interested in Masonic education, research, and the scholarly pursuit of topics to enrich their comprehension and understanding of Freemasonry.

The Lodge provides these services and benefits to our members:

- A Masonic library and museum located at the Normal Masonic Temple in Normal, Illinois
- Our Annual Transactions, which is a compendium of research papers and presentations created throughout the year by our members
- Masonic Education Symposiums, where brethren gather to learn about Masonic research and writing as well as to experience papers and presentations from noted authors and researchers
- The Lamp, our online journal, located at IllinoisLodgeOfResearch.com, that features regular postings of Masonic education
- Interaction with other members and Masonic scholars at our online forum

Contacting the Lodge

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Enlighten yourself



Illinois Lodge of Research

Committed to the principle that an informed Mason is a better Mason, the Illinois Lodge of Research encourages members to study subjects connected with the Craft and offers opportunities to share research with other lodge members and our brethren in general



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Annual Transactions

Since its inception, the Illinois Lodge of Research has endeavored to nurture an appreciation for Masonic research and scholarship. Today, the Illinois Lodge of Research continues to support historical and scholarly research in Illinois Freemasonry and the Craft in General.

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Awards Bestowed

Several awards are presented periodically in recognition of substantial achievement and contributions, including:

- Active Award, presented to members taking an active part in research by preparing talks, presentations, or papers
- Fellow Award, for outstanding members including those who prepare multiple talks, presentations, or papers
- Torok Award, for furthering the Illinois Lodge of Research mission and goals via exemplary or long term service to the organization
- Cerza Award, named for our co-founder, Alphonse Cerza, and presented to a writer, lecturer, or other person who greatly enhances the prestige of the Illinois Lodge of Research



Library & Museum

Housed in a spacious, modern building at 614 E. Lincoln Street in Normal, Illinois, brethren from across Illinois may enjoy the benefits of a centrally-located facility for research and education, as well as the preservation of Masonic documents and memorabilia.

Library and museum services include:

- An extensive collection of Masonic research materials
- A complete set of Grand Lodge of Illinois proceedings
- Computer with Internet access available to any Mason, as well as basic skills training for any Mason interested
- Photocopier and printer for duplicating research materials
- State-of-the-art OCR book scanner for page sizes up to 11" by 17", with the ability to save files into MS Word or as PDFs
- Research services available upon request and as time is permitted, the Library's volunteer staff will undertake research on behalf of interested parties (extensive research requests may require reimbursement for copies, postage, etc.)

Petition for Membership

Membership in the Illinois Lodge of Research is open to all Master Masons who are in good standing in a regular Masonic lodge. Master Masons do not have to demit from their regular Masonic lodge to join the Illinois Lodge of Research. Also eligible to join are regularly constituted Masonic lodges, libraries, and related bodies.

To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Illinois Lodge of Research:

Being a Master Mason in good standing, I hereby apply for membership in the Illinois Lodge of Research by submitting the following information:

Full Name

Address.....

City

State Zip Code

Telephone Number

Email.....

I am a member of Lodge No.

Affiliation..... Located at.....

I prefer to receive the Annual Transactions:

Emailed as a PDF (preferred distribution)

Mailed to my mailing address

This petition is accompanied by:

\$10 one years dues

\$19 two years dues \$200 lifetime dues

Signature..... Date.....

Mail petition and dues to: Illinois Lodge of Research, P.O. Box 44, Bloomington, Illinois 61702-0044