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Masonic Ambassadors (Current and new)
Worshipful Masters and Secretaries
District Deputy Grand Masters

Dear Brethren:

Planning is underway for the 2008 Square and Compasses Day. All lodges have been asked for their Masonic Ambassadors to help make this day a great success, create a positive perception of Freemasonry in our communities and build and activate lodge membership.

The Masonic Ambassador Program has three primary objectives. First, to excite and involve lodge membership – new members and veterans – on a strategy for building a stronger future for Massachusetts Freemasonry and our lodges. Second, to develop able spokesmen / membership development officers for every lodge, and third, to advance standards for planning and conducting public dialogues on Freemasonry in lodge, community and college settings.

As of today, over 500 Masonic Ambassadors have been named by the Masters of Lodges across this Grand Jurisdiction. That's good, but many lodges have yet to name Ambassadors who will spearhead membership initiatives that are essential to the future of our Craft and local lodges. Lodge Masters (included with this letter is a **guide** for selecting Masonic Ambassadors) are encourage to name more than one Ambassador: for instance, one might work in the community, another on a local college campus; one might speak in a lodge setting and another in a local church or ethnic community.

The 2008 Ambassador training date and locations (all are air-conditioned!) are:
Tuesday, July 22nd at the Fall River Masonic building, Fall River.
Thursday, July 24th at the Wakefield-Lynnfield Masonic Building, Wakefield.
Wednesday, July 30th at the East Long Meadow Masonic building, East Long Meadow.

Registration deadline is Saturday, July 12th.

Directions to these locations are on the Grand Lodge web page, www.MASSFREEMASONRY.ORG, click on “view all event calendars” at bottom left of home page, scroll down to Grand Lodge schedule and click on “Masonic Ambassador Training”.

Each session will be structured around the following schedule:

6:00 - 6:45 Registration and light supper
6:45 - 6:50 Welcome remarks
6:50 - 9:15 Ambassador training modules

All Ambassadors are strongly recommended (current and new) to register for this year's training session as there is important **new** information to be learned by all! All Masonic Ambassadors that have not taken any Masonic Ambassador training courses by the end of July of this year must be dropped from the program. It is very important to keep abreast with all of the changes and improvements in the Ambassador program.

Presiding Masters may still appoint Ambassadors, and Masters may also attend, particularly if the Lodge does not yet have an Ambassador. District Deputy Grand Masters for 2008 and 2009 are invited to attend. The course modules have been updated to include new information: (1) Membership Engagement, (2) A **new** web page will be introduced as a "working tool" for all of the Ambassadors throughout this jurisdiction.

All persons participating in this training need to be pre-registered to ensure that enough manuals and food are available. **Please respond to this letter at your earliest convenience, (registration deadline July 12th) whether or not you will be attending**, by e-mailing your intentions to **Registration@MasonicAmbassadors.net** or by leaving a message at 978-658-2000 for questions only. E-mail response is preferred.

I look forward to meeting both new and current Ambassadors from your lodge and your District at one of the training sessions.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip A. Nowlan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally below the word "Fraternally,".

Philip A. Nowlan