



## **Masonic Library & Museum Association**

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To the members of MLMA:

Greetings,

As I said last year: "A strength of our organization is its ability to visit various member institutions and learn about them and their communities. Our recent practice of having a workday at the host institution provides them with willing hands, expertise, and opportunities for networking among our members."

This year we thank Rob Moore of the Detroit Masonic Temple Library, Archive, and Research Center for being our host and giving us a look into their fabled building and local library and museum collections.

I want to express my thanks for the work of our secretary, Cathy Giaimo, and our treasurer, Eric Trosdahl, for their continued support of the association.

We are doing well at reaching out through our Yahoo Group with questions and answers. I learn something every time that happens because (on the whole) my Canadian library does not have the variety of materials or collections that the rest of our membership does. I see this activity as a strength because we assist, support, communicate, and educate each other.

Our Facebook page has steady traffic, usually with different questions or information. This is good for us and for anyone who checks out the page.

Last year the members agreed that we would like to continue working on the *MSA Masonic Libraries* project. Circumstances contrived to block this from happening. However, it gives us the opportunity to discuss whether we want to create a print version, or a listing with links on our website. Please bring your ideas to our meeting.

As reported previously, the website managers had resigned. Then the site became dormant and disappeared from searches. As the time for our Detroit meeting moved closer, I arranged for a new site to be created so that our registration information and revised content could be available. If you haven't already been there, check out [www.masonic-libraries.com](http://www.masonic-libraries.com).



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As you can see in the agenda, there are two important decisions to be made.

- 1) this is an election year and the four positions are open—president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer. Please consider carefully whether you might be able to take on one of these offices for the next two years.
- 2) We need to hear from anyone who is interested in hosting our meeting in 2020 or even 2021 and beyond.

IN addition, we should have some discussions on ways we could enhance the value of MLMA not only for our members, for all Masonic libraries, museums, and archives.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your president for the past two years. I look forward to opportunities to support MLMA and our new officers in the coming years.

Yours truly,

Brian Rountree, President