

Midwest Historical Masonic Lodge Association Overview

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MHMLA Goals

- Primary - to publically present Freemasonry in educational environments to increase public awareness of the contributions of Freemasonry, resulting in an increased membership in Masonic organizations
- Supporting goals are:
 - Identification and preservation of historic records and artifacts related to Freemasonry.
 - Support research and publication of historic studies of Freemasonry.
 - Develop and support a historically accurate (within physical and legal requirements) lodge building for the use of Association members.
 - Coordinate with local, area, state, regional, national and international organizations to present historically accurate information to the public in public venues.
 - Support and fund the development of local historical and preservation efforts in communities within the Midwest Region. The Midwest Region is initially defined as Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Utah, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana.

Goals in Coordination with Historic Wichita and Old Cowtown

- Present historic relationship between Masonry and Wichita, Kansas and the Mid-West from ca. 1870 to ca. 1895
 - Public lodge room presentation
 - Historic Interpreter – Lodge Secretary C. W. Hill, other historical members
 - Museum events
- Increase interest in Masonry
 - AF&AM and Prince Hall Grand Lodges of Kansas
 - Public St. John Evangelist Feast – about 22 June
 - Public St. John Baptist Feast and Annual Meeting – about 22 December
 - Public and private meetings
- Preserve historic documents and artifacts
- Use history to enhance sense of community

Actions in Old Cowtown

- Enactor(s)
- Research
- Plans for Replica Lodge Room
 - October ?
 - Cornerstone Laying
 - 2 Grand Lodges
 - 12+ Lodges
 - Public
 - Lodge Consecration

Stand-alone Actions

- Initiated and continuing
 - Archives
 - Local and State publicity
 - Web site
- Planned
 - State, regional (KS, CO, NE, WY, MT, UT, OK) publicity
 - National publicity

Assistance Needed

- Publicity
- Coordination
- Fund raising