



The delegation of The Grand Lodge of Florida returns home after a successful trip to the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Opening ceremonies started on February 19th with the Presentation of the Colors by the Heroes of '76 and the National Anthems of Mexico, Canada and the United States.

Our Grand Master, M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, was a member of the Time and Place Committee who was responsible for selecting the location for the Conference on February 20-23, 2021; our Grand Master reported that the Conference will be held in Seattle, Washington on said

date.

Our Grand Secretary, M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., was charged with assembling a program for the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America, where they had a successful conference with many presentations addressing a wide range of topics to educate and benefit the respective memberships of their Grand Lodges. The Conference of Grand Secretaries is composed of the sixty-four Grand Lodges in North America.

This Conference brings much information to the leadership of the particular Grand Lodges with eleven different programs such as "Discovering Best Practices in GL Leadership," "Guarding the West Gate," "Identifying & Assisting Lodges in Distress," and "Building Masonic Leaders" just to name a few.

Also at the Conference we had an opportunity to meet and discuss worldwide Masonic events with many of the Grand Masters or their representatives and obtain a better understanding of the state of Freemasonry worldwide while meeting their leaders personally and strengthening our fraternal relations.

One of the benefits of the Conference is the opportunity to participate in the meetings held by the Commission on Information for Recognition which is where Grand Lodges form around the world seeking recognition present their credentials in hopes to satisfy the conditions of regularity.

This commission in turn generates a report that the Grand Lodges can use to make their formal decisions regarding recognition with Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Our Grand Master, M.:W.: Hudson, met with the delegation of the Centennial Grand Lodge of Paraguay with whom we have had a long standing relationship going back to the 80's when delegations of both Grand Lodges exchanged Fraternal Visitations. The Paraguayan delegation was led by M.:W.: Benigno Villasanti.



L to R M.:W.: Carl Nelson, Grand Master of Arkansas , M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master of Florida, R.:W.: Eduardo Dedoff Deputy Grand Master (CGLP), M.:W.: Todd Jones Grand Master of Kentucky, M.:W.: Benigno Villasanti, Grand Master of Centennial Grand Lodge of Paraguay (CGLP), R.:W.:T. Anibal Zapattini, Grand Chancellor, (CGLP), and W.:Richard Segovia Grand Masters advisor (CGLP)

Our delegation showed our Brothers from Paraguay around the Conference and introduced them to many of the Grand

Jurisdictions attending the Conference, where they met and reacquainted themselves with many of the Grand Jurisdictions they are in amity, such as Kentucky and others.

They were also introduced to the delegation of The Grand Lodge of New Jersey where a friendly discussion ensued with their Grand Master, M.:W.: Walter R. Kaulfers, and



L to R R.:W.: Richard Segovia Advisor to the G.M. (CGLP) M.:W.: Walter R. Kaulfers, Grand Master of New Jersey, T. Anibal Zapattini, Grand Chancellor (CGLP), and R.:W.: Miguel Palermo Assistant Grand Secretary.

R.:W.: Roger B. Quintana, Senior Grand Warden, who demonstrated his mastery of the language when communicating with the Paraguayan delegation.

All in all, we had another great conference and we are looking forward to Indianapolis, IN, next year.