(April 2008) — Among the largest grant-making organizations in the state, Minnesota Masonic Charities (MMC) is the nonprofit charitable organization of Minnesota Masonry. It promotes greater levels of Masonic charity by uniting and combining contributions to charitable causes, as well as directly aiding Masons, their families, and society, through its grants and services. MMC’s total charitable grants average nearly $5.6 million a year, as part of yearly services totaling nearly $70 million.

Grant-making and service areas
Areas of support are broadly based and include social services, health care, medical research and education. Philanthropic efforts include but are not limited to:

- **Masonic Cancer Center Fund, Inc.** - in collaboration with the University of Minnesota through the Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota and including the Partners for Life fund-raising campaign. Past contributions, current gifts and pledges for the future total $100 million from the Masons of Minnesota, underlining its commitment to cancer research, their commitment to find a cure.
- **Elder Services** - though the Minnesota Masonic Home Care Center in Bloomington and the Minnesota Masonic Home in North Ridge. MMC has provided housing and health care for seniors since 1920.
- **Minnesota Masonic Historical Society & Museum** - seeking to preserve and promote education about the History of Minnesota Freemasonry and to relate that history to that of the state of Minnesota.
- **Scholarships** - for more than 20 years, Minnesota Masonry has provided college scholarships for graduating high school seniors and also returning students.
- **Lodges, Chapters & Community Outreach** - providing matching funds and other support through Lodges and Chapters for communities throughout the state in support of youth, family and school programs. It also includes major grants for hospitals, children’s clinics, senior facilities, cancer research, education, and much more.

Leadership
President/CEO Eric J. Neetenbeek

About Masonry (Freemasonry)
Masons, also known as Freemasons, belong to the world’s oldest and largest secular fraternal society. Masonry welcomes men of any race or religion who believe in a Supreme Being and are concerned with moral and spiritual values, which they express through a commitment to three overriding principles. Those principles are Brotherly love, Relief (practicing charity and volunteerism), and Truth. Today, there are more than 3 million Masons worldwide, 1.5 million Masons in North America, and nearly 17,000 here in Minnesota alone. Historically, 13 signers of the Constitution and 14 Presidents of the US, beginning with George Washington, were Masons.

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