



September 11 2009. Grow Ohio Update and Urgent Special Appeal.

No Unit has achieved the Gold Level as no new unit has been instituted. However the Germantown attempt is ready to make an application once they overcome their location problem (see report later)

12 Lodges, Chapter and one District have achieved the Silver Level. **See Silver Level report.**

20 units have achieved the Bronze Level. **See Bronze Level report.**

20 units are still at level one and will be upgraded to Bronze Level when payment for the pin is received. **See Level One report.**

70+ units have yet to participate in the Grow Ohio Campaign. **See level 0 report.** These units still have an opportunity to achieve a Bronze Level award by requesting pins to sell in their units. We charge only \$1.00 each for them and ask you to sell them at \$2.00 each so your unit stands to make money on the deal. Monies raised are used to help kick start new units. With new units starting with no reserve and no immediate means of raising any and a whole array of start-up costs to meet, your participation is vital, and helps breathe new life into our Order. To date, with about a third of units participating, we have been able to bring our first attempt to the point of application for institution just think what we could do with greater participation.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR GERMANTOWN.

Germantown has a catch 22 situation, they have almost enough members signed to be instituted but have many others ready when they have a location. A location is available at a manageable cost but payable prior to our taking residence. So my committee is appealing to members for their help. If units could request pins (in packs of 25) and pay for them when you order them or could make donations to us **we could have this new unit operating within a month.** We feel sure, even in these hard economic times, you will do all you can to help, in the knowledge the precept " *A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many*" is what has lead our Order to greatness,

We appreciate all your support, Bob Goldsmith and Mike Thompson.