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## **MASONIC MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY HIRES CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

*Oneida County native and CPA tapped to serve as new financial head of Lab*

UTICA, NY – The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) today announced it has recently hired John S. Zielinski of Marcy, NY as chief financial officer (CFO). Mr. Zielinski joins the MMRL after a 30-plus year career in which he has served as a senior financial officer in fields ranging from high tech manufacturing to health care and public service.

“We are extremely pleased to have someone as talented and experienced as John join our team at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory,” said Mr. David F. Schneeweiss, President of the Board of Directors. “John brings with him more than thirty years of experience as a financial and administrative executive having recently served as City Chamberlain for the City of Elmira. In this newly created position he will focus primarily on the finances and administration of the Laboratory.”

A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) since 1976, Mr. Zielinski has held senior level finance positions throughout the Mohawk Valley and upstate New York including serving as Vice President of Finance and CFO of Momentum Manufacturing Corporation; Assistant Director of Finance at St. Luke’s Memorial Hospital; CFO of the J.M. Murray Center in Cortland, NY; and as Vice President of Administration and Finance of the Mohawk Valley EDGE. In his position at the EDGE, Mr. Zielinski was responsible for the assets of nine related entities, totaling more than \$87 Million.

“It’s truly an exciting opportunity to join the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory,” said Zielinski. “The Laboratory is a highly regarded and respected cardiac research institute. I look forward to working with the multi-talented members of the scientific and administrative teams.”

The addition of the CFO position is part of MMRL’s commitment to strengthen its focus on science and research. In this new role, Mr. Zielinski will be responsible for managing the finances and administration of the MMRL. By consolidating financial, information technology,

administrative, human resources and maintenance functions under the new CFO position, it will allow the new Director of Research to focus on the scientific staff and their work.

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**About the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory**

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is a not-for-profit institute founded by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York in 1958 and is dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for all. The Laboratory is also committed to providing education and training to basic scientists, clinical researchers and students who will perpetuate and extend the fight against disease. Please visit [www.mmrl.edu](http://www.mmrl.edu) to learn more.