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F. & A.M. of Arizona**



**136th Annual Communication
June 1-2, 2018
Phoenix, Arizona**

**Proposed Legislation
Grand Masters Report
Grand Master's Recommendations
Reports**

**M.:W.:Scott A. Thomas, Grand Master
V.:W.:James W. Rowan, PGM, Grand Secretary**



THE GRAND MASTERS PIN

**The “open” design of my Grand Master’s Pin is to illustrate the following:
As one observes the fabric of clothing showing through its borders, so does the
whole world see who we are;
.....What we say, how we conduct ourselves, and what are our beliefs.....**

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WELCOME TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ARIZONA'S
136TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

We are holding this year's Grand Communication in the metropolitan Phoenix area again and returning to Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino in Chandler, Arizona where I hope you will enjoy your stay. Every year we have this opportunity to meet in one place, honor the distinguished visitors who have come from afar, and conduct the business of this jurisdiction to move forward Freemasonry in Arizona. It is the premier Masonic event in our State and I am glad your here!

On Thursday, May 31st, we begin with registration and check-In activities and will have opportunities to meet and greet each other and renew old friendships. There will be the Lodge Secretary's and Treasurer's meetings and a Review of the Proposed and Carry-over Legislation, my Grand Master's Recommendations, and a description of other Ballot action scheduled.

That same evening there will be the Grand Master's Banquet in the Ovations Showroom with a Grand Line Officer introduction and our dinner and entertainment. Afterwards we will have the annual presentation of our Lifetime Achievement and Mason of the Year awards. On Friday June 1st, we start the first session with the the formal opening of Grand Lodge which will occur at 9 AM in the Acacia Ballroom and proceed with the agenda then an open lunch starting at about 11:30 AM. At 1 PM, we open the second session to immediately have the Officer and Trustee Elections and conduct other business including presentations, announcements, and reports. We will adjourn at 4:30 PM to enjoy the Fellowship Reception and 6 PM Installation of the 2018-2019 Grand Lodge Officers in the Acacia Ballroom with a celebration reception afterwards. Our last day of Saturday, June 2nd, we resume at 9 AM the 3rd session to address required Ballot action and Legislation. At 10:30 AM we will have the Public Session open to all Masonic family members to receive the heads of our appendant and concordant bodies. There will be two representative greetings, a special keynote speaker, and then our annual memorial ceremony and adjourn for lunch. The 4th session begins at 1:30 PM for the remaining business including the Budget approval with the Proclamation closing the 136th Grand Communication.

I have received an incredible amount of support, assistance, and counsel this year from many individuals throughout our jurisdiction that have contributed to making this 136th Grand Communication a success, and I thank all of you. My brethren participating from the Lodges that I am a proud member have dedicated significant resources, time and energy and I am very grateful to them. To my partner in life of over 35 years, I thank my wife Roberta who has made all the difference in supporting me on this journey and making the special events enjoyable.

Brethren, it has been my privilege and honor to serve this Masonic year in the capacity of your Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Arizona. Take care and Godspeed.....

Fraternally,
Scott A. Thomas
Grand Master 2017-2018

General Information

Any Master Mason in good standing may attend the sessions of the 136th Grand Lodge Communications of the Grand Lodge of Arizona. Masons must register with the Registration Committee and if entitled to vote, register with the Credentials Committee. Both are located in the Wild Horse Pass Hotel Conference Center.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR SECURITY:

GRAND COMMUNICATION ISSUED NAME TAGS ARE TO BE WORN AROUND THE NECK AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE GRAND LODGE ROOM, IN ANY OF THE MEETING ROOMS, OR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CENTER AREA. SECURITY STAFF WILL BE CONFIRMING THIS FOR ALL OF OUR COMFORT AND SAFETY. IF LOST, THEY CAN ONLY BE REPLACED AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE. ADMITTANCE TO ANY TILED LODGE FUNCTION OR GRAND LODGE MEETING SPACE WILL REQUIRE WEARING YOUR CREDENTIALS IN PLAIN VIEW. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS PERMITTED.

Event Tickets

Pre-ordered tickets will be in the name tag holders and should be stored there while at the Communication to avoid getting misplaced. A lost ticket will require a return to the Registration table and only Installation Reception tickets, on a first come, first serve basis may be become available during the Communication if members cannot use the ones they have purchased, so please check with the Registration desk.

Mode of Dress

For most Grand Lodge activities and social events, business suits or a coat and tie are recommended for the Masons and short or long dresses for the Ladies. For those participating in the Ladies' Program, the attire will depend on the activity at the time.

General Session Procedures

1. Enter/Exit the Lodge Room through the designated doors and give the due guard and sign to SGW when Bible is open..
2. The Chair will **second all motions.**
3. Three speakers for an three against a Motion or Ballot with a maximum of 3 minutes each. Bell Warning at 30 seconds, There will be a Traveling Microphones and one at each Lectern which will shut off at time expired.
4. Speakers must announce their name, title and Lodge before speaking.
5. Legislation amendments will be allowed on the floor by the author only.
6. Turn off or "vibrate" all cell phones and or pagers.

Voting Procedures

Our Constitution governs who may vote at our Grand Lodge Communication. Each Lodge is entitled to three votes. If only one Master or Warden or duly elected representative is present from a Lodge, such officer or representative may cast all three votes. If represented by three officers, then each officer carries one vote. Past Master present and registered are entitled to one vote. For those entitled to vote, ballots are obtained by registering with the Credentials desk. Upon registering, a delegate will receive an election numbered ballot and a colored voting card. The Grand Master has decided that a perforated ballot will be used to elect Grand Lodge officers. All voting (except for election of officers) will be done by use of the voting cards. The cards in 2018 (they will change color each year) are designated as follows: 1 vote - Orange 2 votes - Green 3 votes - Yellow 4 votes - Pink

If a card ballot is called for, those voting "for" will be asked to raise their cards, in order of the number of votes. For example, the pre-appointed Tellers will first count the delegates with 1 vote, then 2 votes, then 3 votes and finally 4 votes. Then those voting "no" will be asked to show their voting cards in the same manner. The Tellers will then give their count to the Chairman, who will then announce the results. Past Masters ballots are non-transferable. A Past Master who is not present for the vote may not give his ballot to another Mason. If an officer must leave during the balloting, he must surrender his card to the Credentials Committee and the committee will reassign another card (with one extra vote) to the ranking officer present from the same Lodge. Questions about the voting cards should be referred to the Credential Committee. At the conclusion of each Annual Communication please destroy your voting cards in an appropriate manner.

Grand Communication Agenda

Thursday, May 31st 2018

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
REGISTRATION / CREDENTIALS
Conference Center

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
LODGE TREASURERS
Ocotillo BC Room
Michael McGee - V. W. Grand Treasurer

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
LODGE SECRETARIES
Ocotillo BC Room
James Rowan - V. W. Grand Secretary

3:00 PM - 4:00PM
2018-19 BUDGET/LEGISLATION REVIEW
Ocotillo BC Room
R.W. Craig Gross - Deputy Grand Master
M.W. James May- Deputy Grand Secretary

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
GRAND MASTERS' RECEPTION
By Invitation Only
Chrome Room

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
RECEPTION for all Masons and Ladies
No Host Cocktail
Ovations Showroom

7:00 PM
GRAND BANQUET
Ovations Showroom

WELCOME
WB Roger C. Biede III - Grand Editor
Master of Ceremony

PRAYER
Jason Stryker - V. Rev. Grand Chaplain

GRAND MASTER'S TOAST
DINNER
ENTERTAINMENT
MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Agenda - Friday, June 1st 2018

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

GRAND MASTER'S BREAKFAST (By invitation)
Ironwood Room

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION/CREDENTIALS
Conference Center

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN

9:00 AM

FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND LODGE
Grand Lodge Room (Officers in Tuxedos)

CALL TO ORDER

Lee E. Stith W..M. Chandler Thunderbird. Lodge #15

MARCH PRELUDE

WB Harman Cadis- Music & Audio

ENTRANCE OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

RITUALISTIC OPENING

INVOCATION

WB Jason B. Stryker - V. Rev Grand Chaplain

FLAG PRESENTATION

Knights of St. Andrew Honor Guard - Tucson Chapter

ROLL CALL OF ARIZONA LODGES

INITIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - W.B. Bob Crawford

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

LODGES DENIED VOTE

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF 135TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

PRESENT VISITING GRAND MASTERS (or their Representatives)

PRESENT VISITING GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

PRESENT VISITING PAST GRAND MASTERS

PRESENT ARIZONA PAST GRAND MASTERS

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT

DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE REPORT
AND MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS - M.W. James W. Rowan

11:30 PM - 12:50 PM

LUNCH

CONTINUED Agenda - Friday, June 1st 2018

**1:00 PM
SECOND SESSION**

CONTINUE GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

CALL TO ORDER
Gary J. Horn W. M. Glendale Lodge #23

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS IN STATIONS

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - W.B. Bob Crawford

ELECTION OF 2018-2019 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

GREETINGS FROM VISITING DIGNITARIES
(During elections)

ANNOUNCE 2018-2019 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

ANNOUNCE TIME & PLACE 137th GRAND LODGE

INTRODUCE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS & RECOGNITION

INTRODUCTION OF LODGE MASTERS

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT - V.M. Michael N. McGee

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT- M.W. James W. Rowan

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT - W.M. Ronald N. Allen

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE & FOREIGN RELATIONS REPORT- W.B. James Xie

BALLOT ON GRANTING OF CHARTER FOR ASCENSION LODGE U.D.

BALLOT ON PETITION FOR RESTORATION FROM EXPULSION

**4:30 PM
SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

5:00PM - 6:00PM
GRAND MASTER ELECT' RECEPTION
Ocotillo Room and Patio

6:00PM - 8:00PM
INSTALLATION OF 2018 - 2019 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
Grand Lodge Room

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
2018 - 2019 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS RECEPTION
Ocotillo Room and Patio

CONTINUED Agenda - Saturday, June 2nd, 2018

7:00AM - 8:45AM

PAST GRAND MASTER ASSOCIATION MEETING & BREAKFAST (By invitation)
Ocotillo Room

7:00AM - 8:30AM

2018 - 2019 GRAND MASTER ELECT BREAKFAST (By invitation)
Ironwood Room

8:00AM - 1:00PM

REGISTRATION / CREDENTIALS
Conference Center

9:00AM - 4:00PM

HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN

9:00AM

THIRD SESSION

Grand Lodge Room

CALL TO ORDER

Timothy E. Lindquist, W.M. Prometheus #87

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS IN STATIONS

(Business suits)

9:00 AM - Opening of Grand Lodge

FLAG PRESENTATION

Arizona Military Degree Team

NATIONAL ANTHEM - W.B. Bob Beffel Leading the Assembly

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT - W.B. Brian A. Pilz

Master Builder / Master Architect / Trestleboard / Web Page Award / Secretary of the Year

MASTER RITUALIST AND CHAPLAINS AWARDS - W.B. Ronald N. Allen Grand Lecturer

RECOGNITION OF MASON OF THE YEAR AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGE. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGE YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

MASONIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION - M.W. Simon Laplace- Executive Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

R.W. George D. Seghers - Executive Director

GRAND ORATION Grand Orator - W.M. Ahmet Erdemir

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT

(Reconvene at 10:30AM)

CONTINUED Agenda - Saturday, June 2nd, 2018

10:30AM

SPECIAL OPEN SESSION
(Ladies and guests welcome)

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS IN STATIONS

WELCOME BY WILD HORSE PASS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MEMORIAL CEREMONY
WB Gil Schlierer and WB Robin Settlemyer

PRESENTING PRESIDING OFFICERS OF CONCORDANT & APPENDANT BODIES

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF APPENDANT BODIES
Potentate of El Zaribah Shrine - Ill. Sir JC Reece,

GREETINGS FROM YOUTH GROUPS
Miss Arizona Job's Daughter - Kyra Rial

12:00PM - 1:30PM
LUNCH

1:30PM
FINAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER
R. Curtis Hills—W.M. Scottsdale Lodge #43

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS IN STATIONS

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - W.B. Bob Crawford

ARRESTED CHARTERS

LEGISLATION RESOLUTIONS

GRAND MASTER RECOMMENDATIONS

APPROVAL OF THE GRAND LODGE BUDGET

GRAND MASTER PASSING OF GAVEL AND HAT

PROCLAMATION
INSTALLED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2018 - 2019
M.W. Robert C. Conrad

CLOSING OF THE 136TH ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

**Most Worshipful Brother
Scott A. Thomas**



**Grand Master 2017-2018
Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Arizona**



A third generation Arizona Mason from Phoenix and Gilbert. After graduating from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Industrial and Management Systems with a minor in Electrical Engineering, he held technical, management, and executive positions in commercial and government sectors of the Electronics, Aerospace and Financial industries and provided follow-on consulting services. He and his wife Roberta of 32 years own a commercial Interior Architecture firm in Tempe, Arizona and have three sons, Kyle, Kean and Kade.

A Past Master of Scottsdale Lodge No. 43, he has served as their Trustee and is also a member of Chandler Thunderbird No. 15 and Glendale No. 23, them being the lodges of his Father and Grandfather and is a member of Prometheus Lodge No. 87. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew in Phoenix and Tucson and is in the York Rite. As a El Zaribah Shriner he has been President of the Past Masters Club.

He was a Deputy District Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Master for two Phoenix area districts, Grand Sword Bearer, served on the Consolidation Committee for Chandler Thunderbird Lodge No. 15, and was Chairman of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee. He has received the Grand Lodge of Arizona Distinguished Service Award and the Grand Master's Award for Outstanding Service. He is a member of the Philaethes Society, was inducted into the DeMolay Legion of Honor and has been elected to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association Board of Directors.





2017-2018 Grand Lodge Officers (Listed Below Left to Right)

WB Carlos Rausch - Grand Organist : WB Ronald Allen - Grand Lecturer
VW Michael McGee - Grand Treasurer : WB Jason Stryker - Grand Chaplin
WB Darrell Mandrell - Junior Grand Steward : WB Roger Biede - Grand Editor
WB Jim Baker - Junior Grand Deacon : WB Ahmet Erdemir - Grand Orator
RW Craig Gross - Deputy Grand Master : WB Michael Benhardt - Grand Sword Bearer
MW Scott Thomas - Grand Master : WB Michael Dale - Grand Standard Bearer
RW Greg Vasquez - Senior Grand Warden : WB Lance Brown - Grand Marshal
RW Boyd Robertson - Junior Grand Warden : WB Jess Lee - Grand Bible Bearer
WB Randal Jager - Senior Grand Deacon : WB Mark Brown - Grand Pursuivant
WB George Rusk - Senior Grand Steward : WB Matthew Riedmiller - Grand Tyler
MW James Rowan - Grand Secretary

DEDICATION

I am dedicating the 136th Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona to our dear departed Brother and my good friend, Right Worshipful John A. Engstrom III.



Grand Masters Report

Brethren,

In compliance with Section 3-1.1.1 of the Constitution, I submit this State of the Craft report and also that of my actions, dispensations, edicts, official visitations, and recommendations.

Over the course of this Masonic year, the Grand Lodge of Arizona has had numerous accomplishments in significant areas described below to improve Freemasonry in Arizona. It was made possible by not only building on the successes from prior years, but also with a perspective to evaluate where there were opportunities for improvement and to implement them. Our foundation Masonic belief to improve ourselves allows that effort to also be translated into what we want to impact. There were many Brethren who in the spirit of “what can I do”, did the “work” of their own initiative, stayed the course through times of challenge, and persevered. Our Grand Lodge elected and appointed officers, the Grand Trustees, the Grand Lodge committee chairman and their members, the leadership in the Lodges, and numerous Brethren, all helped to move the Craft forward. What we should all recognize though is that their most significant accomplishment, was a “commitment” to improve. Brother Vince Lombardi said, “Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

Therefore in summary, I am pleased to report;

We improved communication; 1) With social media messaging and text usage expanding our connections beyond just phone calls and that of the traditional “one on one” discussions. Much of this was done in an expedited manner, and often times, within hours of receiving the first message. Time is of the essence and it is a finite resource. We must embrace “smart phone” and tablet technology because our society will not only continue their usage, but will also escalate the same significantly in scale and depth. Our ability to communicate, transact business, and educate online with cloud based content using these mobile platforms is paramount to our future. 2) With frequent e-mail communication on many topics to manage the issues brought before Grand Lodge and to converse with Brethren. In the past, communication within our fraternity via email was thought to be problematic for various confidentiality reasons. But, I firmly believe it to be the preferred medium of communication to clearly convey meaning and we need to change our attitude towards it in this regard. 3) When immediately after the Grand Trustee’s quarterly meetings, their decisions were communicated to the Brethren for their awareness, understanding, and timely review of transactions. 4) With a purposeful increase in the frequency of Grand Lodge official correspondence, updates of our Grand Lodge website and Facebook pages, and on-time publishing of the quarterly Arizona Masonry and the Monthly Copper Post. Our Grand Secretary, Grand Editor, and the Technology Committee while building on a success foundation from previous years, made this outreach successful.

We improved planning: 1) With a developed and distributed Grand Lodge of Arizona Strategic Plan that is to be adjusted annually as the Grand Line works together to lead the Craft and improve Masonry in Arizona. 2) By implementing a strategy for “succession planning” for all Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Chairman appointments so as to rotate the opportunities for responsibility and get more Brethren participating throughout the jurisdiction. The Grand Line not only initiated these efforts, but have agreed on it as a priority for the future.

We improved on education; 1) With the lodge ritual and proficiency improvement activities by our Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Lecturers who conducted a number of “Lodges of Instruction” and ritual competitions around the state to establish a better understanding of the importance of performing our ritual with knowledge and care. 2) With our Candidate Education Program, and its updated content developed and fully implemented by the Education Committee. 3) By the Education Committee's development of a comprehensive Strategic Plan to guide us on a spectrum of education topics over the coming years. 4) With an adaptive Lodge Leadership Conference which has had increasing year to year participation, and finally, 5) By promoting and supporting the individual Lodge's educational events and activities covering both Masonic and Non-Masonic topics.

We improved our financial operations and position; 1) By contracting with the outside advisory accountants of CliftonLarsonAllen, a nationwide firm who specializes in non-profit organizations. Their compilation report reviewed procedures and results of the Grand Treasurer's operations and provided recommendations which have been implemented. The plan is for this to occur annually addressing different areas, similar to an institutional financial audit. This will establish additional confidence that appropriate financial procedures and activities are being maintained. That firm also assisted in the formation of our Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation (GLOAF). 2) By instituting a quarterly review of the 2017-2018 Budget Plan on income and distributions. 3) By implementing PayPal transaction capability for Grand Lodge registration fees. 4) With a continuation of the philosophy that sincere care of Grand Lodge monetary accounts, managed investments, and property assets by your Grand Trustees. Their prudent discharge of fiduciary responsibilities were performed at the highest levels and for the benefit of the Craft.

We improved our legal advisory resources by engaging with outside legal counsel and our internal Grand Counsel. They provided objectivity and unbiased legal opinions on numerous topics throughout the year. This was instrumental in addressing the Truitt Memorial Fund repurposing effort which yielded a Supreme Court Order. This historic milestone was achieved because of the support of the Grand Trustees, the guidance of our Grand Counsel, and the desires of the Craft. Because GLOAF and its 1023 Determination as a 501c3 tax exempt entity by the Internal Revenue Service, we were allowed to use an approved amount of the investment proceeds for a management fee for unrestricted income and also for charitable distributions in the approved 2017-2018 Budget Plan. We now have a “vessel” that can receive tax exempt donations, bequests, life insurance beneficiary distributions, and other gifts that in perpetuity, will provide financial resources not previously obtainable.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona is in an enviable position to prosper with what has been achieved not just this past year, but also from efforts spanning over several years. However, even with the organization's positive assessment above there is also a critical narrative to consider. For the foreseeable future, we as a fraternity and jurisdiction are going to continue to shrink in membership size and must accept that reality. We must embrace the concept that smaller can be stronger, and that "less is more". There needs to be a pragmatic stance on developing plans, objectives, and business practices utilizing less resources. We also have internal impediments that restrict us from addressing the changes in our society that will impact the fraternity. The debate is those who want to change too much to quickly versus those who want little change at all. Regardless, because expectations are not being realized, brethren are departing us. They're not participating, financially supporting, or assuming leadership positions. As a result, some lodges will continue to struggle just to survive, let alone prosper. There are other Lodges that are strong now but may grow weaker due to this issue. This is a complicated problem with no easy or certain solutions. I suggest that a way forward exists, but it starts with a transformation within ourselves as individuals. We need to extend our perceptions beyond the self-imposed boundaries of what we think is possible and embrace the message of "who best can work and agree". Without a personal adjustment, we will continue to restrict our fraternity's potential and its relevance. Our beliefs affect our thoughts and actions and then those of others. They either contribute or detract and this is our most significant challenge and also our greatest opportunity. Walt Kelly's phrase "We have met the enemy and he is us", is possibly a position for self-calibration. Our ritual defines us and our obligations direct us to improve to be better men and make that transformation. We must have a commitment to not only do that, but also a strong desire to exceed our own expectations.

As your Grand Master, I hope I have been worthy of the trust you placed in me for stewardship of the Craft. I would be remiss in not recognizing those who have had an impact on me in the performance of my duties. To my late Grandfather and Father, both lifelong Masons for the role models they portrayed. To the Past Grand Masters who appointed me to serve and those that provided me with wise counsel. To the Grand Line officers for their trust, thoughtful opinions, and steadfast support. To the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and their staff for their competent hard work. To the other Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen, who took on requested responsibilities with success to their credit and honor. And to the many Brethren who helped make this a great year and one that I will never forget. My message of gratitude started with family, and now ends with family. To my wife and three sons, thank you for being there all along the way, I could not have done it without your love, support, and understanding.

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona. Take care and Godspeed.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Scott A. Thomas
Grand Master 2017-2018

Grand Masters Actions 2017/2018

August 29, 2017 – Arrest the charter of Ajo-MacMcClure Lodge No. 36

November 14, 2017 – Permission to Grand Lodge of Michigan to hold two (2) informal meeting with Michigan Masons residing in Arizona – One in Sun City and one in Oro Valley.

January 3, 2018 – Arrest the charter of Huachuca No. 53

January 20, 2018 – Approve nominees for the Board of Directors for the Masonic Charities of Arizona.

January 23, 2018 – Permission to Grand Lodge of Wisconsin to hold a luncheon with Wisconsin masons on March 6, 2018 at the Arizona Golf Resort in Mesa, AZ.

January 23, 2018 – Permission to Grand Lodge of Minnesota to hold a luncheon with Minnesota masons on February 9, 2018 at the El Zaribah Shrine Center in Phoenix, AZ.

January 30, 2017 – Masonic Charities of Arizona – Approve the appointment of David Miller to the board, to fill the remainder of the term, as a result of the resignation of Jim Rolle.

By Laws changes approved 2017/2018

November 14, 2017 – Downtown Lodge #86 – General review of the lodge by laws by Charters and By Laws Committee.

November 14, 2017 – Anahuac Lodge No. 81 – Approve dues increase from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus Grand Lodge Per Capita.

November 28, 2017 – Winslow Lodge No. 13 – Approve dues increase to Forty dollars (\$40.00) plus Grand Lodge Per Capita.

November 28, 2017 – White Mountain Lodge No. 62 – Approve dues increase to Fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus Grand Lodge Per Capita.

December 18, 2017 – Marion McDaniel Lodge No. 56 – Approve proposed changes to current bylaws. Changes on file in the Grand Secretary's office.

March 19, 2018 – El Quixote Lodge No. 83 – Approve complete bylaws as re-written.

March 19, 2018 – Prometheus Lodge No. 87 – Approve bylaws with recommended changes by the Charters and Bylaws Committee.

March 26, 2018 – El Quixote Lodge No. 83 – Approve move to Wayfarers Lodge No. 50 at 340 E. Carol Ave. Phoenix – Scottish Rite chose not to renew their lease.

May 3, 2018 – Hiram Daylight Lodge No. 73 – Approve move to Wayfarers Lodge No. 50 at 340 E. Carol Ave. Phoenix – Scottish Rite chose not to renew their lease.

Edicts 2017/2018

Edict -1 – Designate American Education Week, 2017 – November 13 – 17, 2017

Edict – 2 – Prohibits the wearing of Aprons and Jewels of appendant or concordant bodies without special dispensation from the Grand Master.

Grand Master Appointments – 2017/2018

Grand Representatives

Florida	George Rusk	Oriental No. 20
Ontario, Canada	Gregory King	King Solomon No. 5
South Dakota	James Reid III	Gila Valley No. 9
New York	James Xie	Scottsdale No. 43
New Jersey	Russell Sayre	Scottsdale No. 43, Camelback Daylight No. 75
Nevada	Eric Dupree, Sr.	Downtown No. 86
New Hampshire	Leigh Creighton	Tucson No. 4
Greece	Thomas Murray	Hiram Daylight No. 73

Arizona from Israel – David Gassner

Arizona from Ireland – Henry Irvine

Masonic Charities Board of Directors

Approve the appointment of David Miller to replace Jim Rolle for the remainder of his term.

Request made by WB Jim Baker, Secretary/Treasurer of the board.

Approve three (3) members of the Masonic Charities of Arizona – terms expiring in 2021

Robert Richards – G. Craig Hutchinson – Roger Biede III

2017/2018 – Grand Masters Dispensations – Approved

June 9, 2017 – Pioneer Lodge #82 – Permission to hold June and July Stated Meetings at 19055 E K Mine Rd., Black Canyon City AZ.

June 13, 2017 – Glendale Lodge #23 – Annual night time Outdoor Degree October 23, 2017 @ 17444 W. Mountain View Rd.

July 6, 2017 – Pioneer #82 – Permanently move Lodge (meetings and Charter) to new meeting place at 19055 K Mine Rd, Black Canyon City, AZ.

July 6, 2017 – White Mountain #3 – Confer Dutch Mountain Outdoor third degree on August 19, 2017, east of Show Low

July 6, 2017 – Azatlan #1 – Hold Fain Memorial Outdoor Degree at Fain Ranch on September 9, 2017

August 8, 2017 – Flagstaff #7 – Hold Bi-Annual Outdoor third degree with San Bernardino #178, California on August 19, 2017

August 16, 2017 – Arizona #2 – Hold outdoor 3rd Degree at EZ Deer Ranch in Cordes Junction AZ. on October 14, 2017.

August 31, 2017 – Central Arizona #14 – Allow moving of the Charter to 123 Devils Kitchen Rd., Sedona, AZ. until new lodge building is built.

September 19, 2017 – Downtown Lodge #86 – Move meeting place from 160 S. Scott to 450 S. Tucson Blvd in Tucson, due to rent increase by the Scottish Rite Temple.

September 26, 2017 – San Pedro #55 – Hold Outdoor Degree in St. David at Escapule Ranch

October 21, 2017 – Hiram Daylight #73 – Move November Stated to Wayfarers #50 – Phoenix Scottish Rite is holding their fall reunion on November 11, 2017. Second Saturday is the Stated Meeting Day for #73.

October 21, 2017 – Paradise Valley Silver Trowel #29 – Request to participate in the One Day Class, March 31, 2017.

November 28, 2017 – Prometheus #87 – Grant dual installation of officers with Oriental Lodge No. 20 on December 9, 2017.

December 4, 2017 – Safford #16 – Request for special election due to the resignation of an elected officer.

December 6, 2017 – Hunters Paradise #85 – Request to participate in the One Day Class March 31, 2018.

December 18, 2017 – Willcox #10 – Request for special election for Junior Warden. Brother elected declined to accept for personal reasons.

January 20, 2018 – Camp Stone #77 – Request for special election for Junior Warden. They now have a brother willing and qualified to be elected and installed.

January 20, 2018 – Nelson C. Bledsoe #74 – Request to participate in the One Day Class, March 31, 2018

January 20, 2018 – Scottsdale #43 – Request to participate in the One Day Class, March 31, 2018

January 23, 2018 – Anahuac #81 – Request to host the Gran Logia Del Pacifico, Sonora Mexico to confer a first degree using their ritual on their candidate, at Sabbar Shrine, Tucson AZ. Purpose – for education and fellowship.

January 30, 2018 – Epes Randolph #32 – Request to participate in the One Day Class on March 31, 2018

February 12, 2018 – Kingman #22 – Request to hold Annual Outdoor Degree on May 12, 2018 in Hualapai Mountains

February 12, 2018 – Montezuma #35 – Request to participate in the One Day Class on March 31, 2018

February 12, 2018 – Arizona #2 Request to participate in the One Day Class on March 31, 2018

February 12, 2018 – Arizona #2 – Request to hold outdoor 3rd Degree at EZ Deer Ranch in Cordes Junction on March 31, 2018

February 12, 2018 – Pioneer #82 – Request to hold special election for Junior Warden; brother elected failed to pass his proficiency.

February 12, 2018 – Winslow #13 – Request to hold special election for Senior Warden due to illness and elapse of time.

February 14, 2018 – Central Arizona #14 – Request to do Entered Apprentice degrees in Aztlan Lodge #1 on February 24, 2018

February 15, 2018 – Camp Stone #77 – Request to participate in the One Day Class on March 31, 2018

March 5, 2018 – Hiram Daylight #73 – Request to move meeting location from current address to Wayfarers Lodge No. 50 at 340 E. Carol Ave., Phoenix, AZ ., stated meetings of April, May, and June, 2018.

March 26, 2018 – El Quixote Lodge #83 – Permanently move location to Wayfarers Lodge No. 50 at 340 E. Carol Ave., Phoenix. (Change to Bylaws have been submitted and approved by the Grand Master)

2017/2018 – Grand Masters Dispensations - Denied

July 6, 2017 – Apache #69 – Move August Stated from August 10, 2017 to August 17, 2017 because of conflict with Grand Commandery annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Dinner.

October 3, 2017 – San Pedro #55 – Move Stated Meeting from October 23, 2017 to October 30, 2017, to ensure a quorum. Conflicts with the Colorado River Fall Festival.

February 26, 2018 – Sun City #72 – Request for Special Election for Worshipful Master and Warden(s) if necessary. Master elect did not meet the proficiency requirements, and the request was not in proper form for approval.

March 5, 2018 – Widows Sons Masonic Riders Assoc. of Ariz. – Request dispensation from Edict #2, Wearing of Aprons and Jewels at Lodge Meetings, to perform a Fellowcraft Degree for a candidate at Eloy Lodge No. 46 on April 21, 2018

Grand Master Recommendation 2018-01

(Requires a 2/3 majority to approve or simple majority to carry over to 2019)

SYNOPSIS: Amends Statutes 14-301(e) and 14-301(f) to allow the Grand Lodge to own real property under its own name rather than only through a wholly-owned, but separate, LLC, as the Code currently requires. Owning property through an LLC has proved to have no significant benefit and, to the contrary, has complicated our tax filings and financial audits.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That Statute 14-301, subsections (e) and (f) be amended as follows (additions in **bold type**, deleted text in ~~striketrough~~):

Section 14-301 – Grand Trustees (Powers, Duties, Removal).

Subsections (a) through (d) are unchanged

(e) The Board of Trustees shall, insofar as practicable, keep all the moneys of the various funds of the Grand Lodge (except such portion of such funds as the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary shall estimate and certify to the Board of Trustees as necessary to meet the charges payable from any such funds until the next succeeding Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge) prudently invested in:

(1) Securities as may be approved by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Investment Policy Statement or other rules and regulations that the Board of Trustees may adopt from time to time and in accordance with the provisions of this Section;

(2) Real estate.

(f) The term "securities" used **in this Statute** ~~herein~~ shall include money market instruments, commercial paper, bankers acceptances, repurchase agreements and other short term money instruments and debt instruments; or, obligations of the United States, or its agencies or obligations of any state, county, municipality or other political subdivision of any of the foregoing; or high grade; and well-seasoned common and preferred shares or the debt instruments or other obligations of domestic or international corporations and mutual fund shares whose shares and debt obligations are traded on an established securities market for a minimum of five years; loans to or investments in an entity wholly owned or controlled by the Grand Trustees of this Grand Jurisdiction, which entity shall have as its purpose the purchasing of and holding title to real estate; loans to a duly constituted and chartered Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction secured by either a first or second mortgage or deed of trust on its Temple; provided, however, that:

(1) Funds held in a Class C Trust Fund shall be invested consistent with the terms of the trust document or other instrument creating such fund; and

(2) loans may only be made to a Lodge if the amount of the loan, when added to other loans executed by the Lodge and secured in a lien position senior to the lien position given by the Lodge to the Board of Trustees, does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the appraised fair market value of the Lodge's Temple and other property securing the loan.

Subsections (g) and (h) are unchanged

Recommended by Scott A. Thomas, Grand Master

Grand Master Recommendation 2018-02

(Requires a 2/3 majority to approve or simple majority to carry over to 2019)

SYNOPSIS: Amends Statutes 14-101 and 15-103.1 to allow a Mason who is not a Master, Warden or Past Master of an Arizona Lodge to be elected as Grand Secretary.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That Statutes 14-101 and 15-103.1 be amended as follows (additions in **bold type**, deleted text in ~~strike through~~; also note that the text of proposed subsections (b) and (c) has not been changed, only moved into new subsections):

Section 14-101 - Qualification of Members. Each officer and member of the Grand Lodge, with the exception of **those listed below**, ~~the Grand Editor, the Grand Organist and the Grand Chaplain~~, must be a Past Master, Master or Warden of some Lodge within **this** ~~its~~ jurisdiction. With the cessation of such membership shall cease his office and membership in the Grand Lodge.

(a) The Grand Secretary, if he does not meet the above requirements, must have been elected to and served a total of four years as Secretary of one or more chartered and duly constituted Lodges of this jurisdiction and have served one year as Deputy Grand Secretary.

(b) The Grand Organist must be a qualified organist and a member of some Lodge of this jurisdiction.

(c) The Grand Editor and the Grand Chaplain must be a member of some Lodge of this jurisdiction.

Section 15-103.1 - Other Eligible Votes. The following, if not eligible to vote as a Master, Warden, Representative or Past Master, shall be entitled to one vote, provided they are duly registered and physically present at the time the vote is taken, such vote being non-delegable: **Grand Secretary**, Grand Editor, Grand Organist, Grand Chaplain, Deputy Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Treasurer.

Recommended by Scott A. Thomas, Grand Master

Grand Master Recommendation 2018-03

(Requires a 2/3 majority to approve or simple majority to carry over to 2019)

SYNOPSIS: Amends Statute 14-102.1 to eliminate the annual election of the Grand Master by automatically advancing the Deputy Grand Master at the next Annual Communication.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That Statutes 14-102.1 and 14-102.3 be amended as follows (additions in **bold type**, deleted text in ~~striketrough~~):

Section 14-102.1 – Election of Officers. The ~~Grand Master~~, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and two of the four elective Trustees of this Grand Lodge shall be elected at each Annual Communication thereof.

(a) Voting shall be by paper ballot, show of hands or voice vote, to be determined by a majority vote of the brethren registered and present.

(b) Those elected shall be installed before its close, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

(c) A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

(d) The Grand Master (or presiding officer conducting the election) must read the vote totals for all candidates receiving ten or more votes, regardless if an election has taken place or not.

(e) The Deputy Grand Master, following his election and installation, shall be considered the Grand Master-elect and shall automatically be installed as Grand Master at the next Annual Communication.

Section 14-102.3 Vacancy in Elective Office. Whenever a vacancy **due to death, deprivation, resignation, removal from the jurisdiction, suspension or expulsion** shall occur in any elective office of the Grand Lodge **other than that of Deputy Grand Master**, the Grand Master shall ~~have power to~~ fill the same by appointment, which appointment shall be valid until the succeeding annual election and installation, and the officer so appointed shall be charged with all the duties and responsibilities of one regularly elected.

(a) **Should the office of Deputy Grand Master become vacant for any reason, the Grand Master shall not appoint a replacement, but shall assign the duties of that office to the Senior Grand Warden, and an election and installation of a Grand Master and a Deputy Grand Master shall occur at the succeeding Annual Communication.** ~~It is mandatory on the Grand Master to fill an office when a vacancy, due to death, deprivation, resignation, removal from the jurisdiction, suspension or expulsion, occurs in an elective office of the Grand Lodge.~~

(b) When the office of Grand Master, Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary is vacant, for any cause as listed above, and an elected Trustee succeeds or is appointed to one of those offices, there is no vacancy in the Board of Trustees but such an officer can only have one vote as Trustee.

Recommended by Scott A. Thomas, Grand Master

Grand Master's 2017-2018 Official Visitations and Meetings

June 7, 2017	Tucson #4 Stated Meeting Tucson, AZ
June 8, 2017	Scottsdale #43 Stated Meeting Scottsdale, AZ
June 13, 2017	Chandler Thunderbird #15 Stated Meeting Chandler, AZ
July 6, 2017	Glendale #23 Stated Meeting Glendale, AZ
July 8-11 2017	Imperial Shrine Conference - Daytona Beach, Florida
July 13, 2017	Maricopa County Tax Assessor Meeting with Grand Counsel on Grand Lodge Offices Exemption Phoenix, AZ
July 20-23 2017	Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference, Albuquerque, NM
July 29, 2017	1st Qtr Grand Trustees and LRP Meetings Phoenix, AZ
August 1st, 2017	Oriental # 20 Stated Meeting Mesa, AZ
August 3, 2017	Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session Scottsdale, AZ
August 8, 2017	White River #62 Stated Meeting Show Low, AZ
August 20-22, 2017	2017 Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, in Washington, D.C.,
August 23, 2017	George Washington Masonic National Memorial Official Tour Alexandria, VA
August 26, 2017	District Deputy Grand Master Meeting and LRP Phoenix, AZ
August 28, 2017	Arrest of Charter of Ajo-Mac McClure #36 Ajo, AZ
September 5, 2017	Acacia # 42 Stated Meeting and Longevity Award Presentation Avondale, AZ
September 9, 2017	Aztlan #1 Outdoor Master Mason Degree Prescott Valley, AZ
September 11, 2017	Gila Valley #9 Stated Meeting and DSA Presentation to WB Roger Biede Florence, AZ
September 13, 2017	El Zaribah Shrine Stated Meeting Phoenix, AZ
September 16, 2017	San Pedro #55 Outdoor Master Mason Degree in St. David, AZ
September 16, 2017	DeMolay Induction into Legion of Honor Sun City, Arizona
September 26, 2017	Arizona #2 Education Night & DSA Presentation to MW Rex Hutchens Phoenix, AZ
September 28, 2017	Scottish Rite Stated Meeting -Tucson, AZ
September 30, 2017	Kingman #22 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry Public Celebration, Kingman, AZ
October 11, 2017	Paradise Valley Silver Trowel #29 Longevity Award Night Phoenix, AZ
October 12-13, 2017	Grand Lodge of California Grand Communication San Francisco, CA
October 13, 2018	Past Grand Master's Degree Night at Oriental #20 Mesa,AZ
October 15, 2017	Flagstaff #7 Cornerstone Rededication Flagstaff, AZ
October 21, 2017	2nd QTR Grand Trustees and LRP Meetings Phoenix, AZ
October 24, 2017	Job's Daughters Bethel #22 Honor Masons Night at Sun City #72 Sun City, AZ
October 28 - November 1	UGLE Tercentenary Celebration London, England

Grand Master's 2017-2018 Official Visitations and Meetings Continued-

November 9, 2017	Apache #69 Longevity Award Presentation Mesa, AZ
November 17, 2017	Bethel #13 Officer Installation at PVST #29 Phoenix, AZ
November 18, 2017	Glendale #23 Officer Installation (Inst. Master) Glendale, AZ
November 19, 2017	Phoenicia #58 Officer Installation (Inst. Master) Phoenix, AZ
November 30, 2017	Maricopa Superior Court Proceeding for GLOAF Mesa, AZ
December 7, 2017	Scottsdale #43 Stated Meeting Scottsdale, AZ
December 9, 2017	Tucson #4 Officer Installation (Inst. Master) Tucson, AZ
December 10, 2017	Scottsdale #43 Officer Installation (Inst. Master) Scottsdale, AZ
December 12, 2017	Daughters of Nile Supreme Visit Tucson, AZ
December 16, 2017	Kingman #22 Officer Installation (Inst. Master) & DSA Presentation to WB Bob Weed Kingman, AZ
December 17, 2017	Grand Lodge of Arizona Christmas Party Phoenix, AZ
December 18, 2018	Job's Daughter Bethel #21 Officer Installation at Scottsdale #43 Scottsdale, AZ
January 3, 2018	Arrest of Charter of Huachuca Lodge #53 Sierra Vista, AZ
January 9, 2018	Chandler Thunderbird #15 Stated Meeting Chandler, AZ
January 10, 2018	Sahuaro #45 Stated Meeting Phoenix, AZ Phoenix, AZ
January 13, 2018	Job's Daughter Bethel #22 Officer Installation at Sun City # 72 Sun City, AZ
January 16, 2018	Grand Lodge of Illinois Luncheon Scottsdale, AZ
January 20, 2018	3rd Qtr Grand Trustees and LRP Meetings Phoenix, AZ
January 20, 2018	Job's Daughters Bethel # 19 Officer Installation at Oriental #20 Mesa, AZ
January 21, 2018	WB Gene Hutloff Masonic Services Glendale #23 Glendale, AZ
January 22, 2018	Downtown #86 Stated Meeting and DSA Presentation to WB Jason Stryker Tucson, AZ
January 25-26, 2018	Grand Lodge of Colorado Grand Communication Colorado Springs, CO
January 29, 2018	Heads of Appendant Bodies Meeting Phoenix, AZ
February 1-4, 2018	Grand Lodge of Utah Grand Communication, Salt Lake City, UT
February 6, 2018	Arizona #2 Stated Meeting Phoenix, AZ
February 9, 2018	Minnesota Masons Luncheon Phoenix, AZ
February 10, 2018	Grand Line 1st Degree Scottsdale #43, Scottsdale, AZ
February 13, 2018	Phoenicia #58 Stated Meeting Phoenix, AZ
February 17-20, 2018	Western States Conference and Conference of Grand Masters Indianapolis, IN
February 23-25, 2018	George Washington Masonic National Memorial Board of Directors Dinner and Association Birthday Celebration Washington, DC
March 1, 2018	Flagstaff #7 Stated Meeting and DSA Presentation to WB Cal Magnus Flagstaff, AZ

Grand Master's 2017-2018 Official Visitations and Meetings Continued-

March 2, 2018	DeMolay International Executive Director Conference Phoenix, AZ
March 3, 2018	Michigan Masons Luncheon Sun City, AZ
March 6, 2018	Wisconsin Masons Luncheon, Mesa, AZ
March 6, 2018	Arizona #2 Longevity Award Presentation Phoenix, AZ
March 10, 2018	Research Lodges Stated Meeting Aztlan #1 Prescott, AZ
March 10, 2018	DeMolay State Grand Masters Class Casa Grande, AZ
March 14-17, 2018	Grand Lodge of New Mexico Grand Communication Farmington, NM
March 18, 2018	Daughters of the Shrine Quadash Temple #85 Officer Installation Phoenix, AZ
March 20, 2018	Chandler Thunderbird #15 1st Degree
March 23-24, 2018	Lodge Leadership Conference Casa Grande, AZ
March 25, 2018	Job's Daughters State Ritual Rally Phoenix, AZ
March 26, 2018	Groundbreaking Ceremony Central Arizona #14 Cottonwood, AZ
March 29, 2018	Lodge of Instruction Scottsdale Lodge #43 Scottsdale, AZ
March 31, 2018	Three Degrees Day at Hunters Paradise #85 Phoenix, AZ
April 4, 2018	Paradise Valley Silver Trowel Lodge #29 Stated Meeting & DSA Award Presentation to WB Kirk Lockett Phoenix, AZ
April 7, 2018	Ladies of the Shrine Sphinx Court # 65 Officer Installation Phoenix, AZ
April 7, 2018	Knights Templar Ball Sun City, AZ
April 9, 2018	Rainbow Girls Assembly and Masons Honor Night at Glendale #23 Glendale, AZ
April 10, 2018	White River #62 Stated Meeting Show Low, AZ
April 17, 2018	Military Fellowcraft Degree at Arizona #2, Phoenix, AZ
April 28, 2018	4th Qtr. Grand Trustees and LRP Meetings Phoenix, AZ
May 3, 2018	Grand Court of Arizona Order of Amaranth Annual Session Mesa, AZ
May 6, 2018	WB Morey Parish Masonic Services Aztlan #1 Prescott, AZ
May 8, 2018	Ray- Winkelman #24 Stated Meeting Kearny, AZ
May 15, 2018	Green Valley #71 Stated Stated Meeting Sahuarita, AZ
May 18, 2018	Prometheus #87 Community Outreach Presentation at Settlers Elementary School for Vietnam War Memorial - Gilbert, AZ
May 19, 2018	District Deputy Grand Master Meeting & LRP Meeting Phoenix, AZ
May 19, 2018	El Zaribah Shrine Potentate's Ball Phoenix, AZ
June 1-2 2018	The Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Arizona 136th Annual Grand Communication Chandler. AZ

Grand Treasurer's Report 2018

It has been a very active year in the accounting department and there have been significant changes.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation has been established, funded, and its accounting architecture put in place. All designated funds have been transferred from the Grand Lodge of Arizona's ledger to the ledger of the Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation's new ledger. All required federal and state tax returns have been filed. In the years to come the financial statements of the Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation will be consolidated with combined financial statement of the Arizona Grand Lodge and the Phoenix Foundation. Qualifying Items of charitable or educational expense, or community outreach have been transferred from the budget of the Arizona Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation. The Grand Lodge of Arizona will continue to receive an administration fee for managing these funds. The only restricted funds remaining in the in Grand Lodge are Perpetual I and Perpetual II. As part of the Grand Lodge general ledger there will be no administration fee assessed on either of these two funds.

As some of you have heard, we changed accounting firms last year. This was not planned, but rather was the result of the prior firm's dissolution and a significant failure to perform on their part. While the prior firm's non-performance did result in the IRS imposing of a late filing penalty of \$18,900, the prompt and professional reaction of our new accounting firm, Clifton Larson Allen, LLP., quickly had the penalty removed. Special thanks to Ron Stearns, CPA and Wayne Hunter, CPA for their efforts!

During a transition there is always the fear that "tribal knowledge" will be lost or not passed on. In this transition exactly the opposite happened. Much forgotten lore was recovered. The accountants at CLA, our legal team of Worshipful Brother Will Wilkinson and John Standifer as well as our Grand Trustees were able to ask the right questions and dig for the right answers to recover key pieces of our past. Special thanks to MW Larry Schafer for his journey into the bowels of his law firm's archives to recover key pieces of history for the Sciots, the group that ultimately became the Phoenix Foundation.

As I stated earlier, we are now current on all of our regulatory filings, and have recovered much lost lore on our craft.

Last year I told you that I would attempt to find a more cost effective way to gain additional assurances on our financial statements. I believe that has been accomplished. We have implemented a financial statement process which has our new accounting firm preparing our accrual basis consolidated (Arizona Grand Lodge and the Phoenix Foundation) financial statements and then performing agreed upon procedures to test our statements. Both of these reports are included in your yellow books and will be included in the proceedings book. In the coming years the accrual basis consolidation will consist of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, the Grand Lodge of Arizona foundation, and the Phoenix Foundation.

Going forward the process of generating the financial statements and regulatory filings will not take nearly as long. Now that the tribal knowledge has been recovered and documented the process of preparing the financial statements will be much faster. The financial statements for the year ended 6/30/2018 should be available for inspection by early fall.

Recognition also needs to be given to our legal team of Will Wilkinson and John Standifer for their notable efforts this past year. Both for guiding us through the implementation of GLOAF, the resolution of the 2801 W Northern property tax exemption and countless other critical issues.

Special thanks is also due to Rand Szajna and Craig Carlson for their successful implementation of the PayPal program. I was amazed how many brothers have chosen to use it!

Again this year I would make a plea to the craft that we return to our constitutional guidelines and let the per capita be determined by the budget, rather than the budget determined by the per capita. I believe that your officers have followed your direction and managed this Grand Lodge as lean as possible.

The execution of this office can at times be a little stressful. Support from the line, the trustees, the office, and the craft are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to my dear wife Sharon for all of her support as well.

Please find included in this year's yellow book, the combined accrual basis compilation financial statements for Arizona Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and the Phoenix Foundation. Also, please find CLA's report on the agreed upon procedures.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael N McGee, CPA, PM
Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

In compliance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Arizona I present the report of the activities of the Office of the Grand Secretary during the Masonic year 2017-2018.

The following statistics are for the calendar year 2017.

Membership December 31, 2016.....**7,030**

Gains

Initiated	199
Passed.....	152
Raised.....	160
Affiliated Foreign Regular	26
Affiliated Foreign Dual/Plural	49
Affiliated Arizona Regular	11
Affiliated Arizona Dual/Plural.....	33
Reinstated.....	66
Error Gain	1
Total Gain	346

Losses

Demitted.....	100
Suspended NPD	180
Suspended UMC	0
Expelled	0
Deaths	267
Error Loss.....	1
Total Loss.....	548
Net Loss	(202)

Membership December 31, 2017.....**6,828**

A complete lodge membership analysis for 2017 is available from the Grand Secretary's office with a "Membership Summary" from 1991-2017 inclusive.

REQUEST FROM GRAND LODGES FOR COURTESY WORK IN ARIZONA LODGES

There were no requests from other Grand Lodges for Courtesy work by our lodges on their candidates.

NECROLOGY

During 2017 there were 267 members of Arizona Lodges who were lost to death. This is 10 less than in 2016.

DEATHS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

We received notification from 3 Sister States, that a total of 10 Past Grand Masters and 1 Past Grand Treasurer had answered their call to the “Grand Lodge Above” during the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017

	<u>Details</u>	
Delaware	PGM	Iowa..... (3) PGM
Michigan	Gr. Sec. Emeritus	Nevada
Utah.....	PGM	PGM

OTHER SERVICES RENDERED

We were contacted this year by numerous foreign jurisdictions with requests for various types of assistance. Examples of request received are listed below.

1. Assist their members (or widows of their members) in completing applications for admittance into Masonic Homes.
2. Locate their members who have been “missing” for sometime.
3. Conduct courtesy investigations of their members who have applied for reinstatement from suspensions.
4. Present certificates or awards to widows of their members.
5. Present longevity awards to their members residing in Arizona
6. Verify membership of Arizona Masons for the Order of the Eastern Star and Job’s Daughters for Arizona and other Jurisdictions.

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LONGEVITY – FIFTY YEARS OR MORE

During calendar year 2017 we were requested to present 64 Longevity Awards to Brethren on behalf of 23 sister jurisdictions, compared to 56 during 2016, a increase of 8.

The following list shows Arizona Brethren who were issued Longevity Awards by the Grand Secretary’s office during the 2017 calendar year. Most of these Awards have been reported as being presented. They are listed first by Lodge number, then by the year’s service, and then by alphabetical listing. 110 Awards were issued, a decrease of 50 over 2016. We congratulate these Brethren.

1	55	Breka, Jack Edward	20	50	Cole, Jasper John
1	55	Sibson, Ronald Lee	20	50	Higgins, Warren Welles
1	60	Bell, Robert Wissler	20	50	Locke, Donald Willard
1	60	Hoffman, John Paul	20	60	Fox, Earl Montford
1	60	Walker, Donald Thomas	22	50	Chambers, Gene Allen
1	65	Limbacher, Eugene Edward	23	50	Ward, Dillis Ray
2	50	Brown, Melvin James	24	50	Dewey, Ronald Ray
2	50	Farrer, Robert	29	50	Bannon, Hobert Paul
2	50	Lehman, Stanley Allan	29	50	Bracken, John Charles
2	50	Miller, Frederick Paul	29	50	Henley, James Orval
2	50	Seniuk, Daniel Harry	29	50	Kunaschk, Edmund James
2	50	Warne Jr., James Ernest	29	50	Scurr, Charles Michael
2	55	Koeppen, Elliott, Frederick	29	50	Stell, Gilbert Lee
2	60	Chuka Jr., Andrew	29	50	Townsend, Robert Leon
2	60	Hobe, David Walter	29	55	Atwood Sr., Earl Edwin
2	60	Marlar, Owen Brooks	29	55	Casey, Charles Lawrence
2	65	Leber, Don	29	55	Casey, John Francis
4	55	Harris, Jerry C.	29	55	Gary, William Everett
4	55	Hazard, Clifford Jackson	29	55	Harlan, Don Richard
4	55	Hutchison, Donald	29	55	Louhi, Mervin William
4	55	Murad Jr. John Abderhaman	29	55	Sage Jr., Webster LeGene
4	55	Richard, Don Joseph	29	55	Seaver, Edward Carlson
4	55	Williamson, Peter Golden	29	55	Wible, Thomas Lee
4	60	Smith, Elmo Gordon	29	60	Elders, Paul William
4	60	Young Eugene Peter	29	65	Anderson, Oliver Clinton
7	50	Linebarger, Ronald Willard	29	65	Cocklin, Hubert Wilbur
7	50	Phillips, Fred Edward	32	50	Croy, Gerald Raymond
7	50	Teague, Ray Edwin	32	50	Gragg, Marvin Frank
7	55	Kiker, Cecil Baker	32	50	Jennison, Robert W.
7	55	Russell, John Alonzo	32	50	Martin, John Karl
7	60	Brooks, John Thomas	32	50	Miller, Dennis Dean
7	60	Johnson, Charles Bruce	32	50	Ranslem, Clarence
7	60	Ratcliff, Marvin Winston	43	50	Genthner, Bruce William
7	60	Slipher Jr., Earl Carl	43	50	Grissom, James Marion
9	50	Anderson, Rudolph Eugene	43	50	Hartnett, Edward Thomas
9	50	Johnson, Bradley Fiske	43	50	Schwartz, Thomas Welke
9	55	Worden, Oscar Albert	43	50	Solemina, John A.
9	60	Cole Jr., Dalton Henry	43	50	Underhill, Gary Fremont
10	50	Childress, Jr., Lee Roy	43	50	Yerger, Donald Richard
10	50	Hauptert, Robert Lee	43	55	Gesswein, William T.
10	50	Henderson, James Carol	43	55	Poppe, Donald William
13	50	Scott, John Lewis	43	60	Tarr, Robert Dale
14	50	Barrow, Leonard Dale	43	65	Woodland, David J
16	50	Cubitto Jr., Adolph John	46	50	Potter, Melvin, Warren
16	50	Marshall, Lawson Hughes	56	50	Jones, Frederick Warren

60	50	Avrett, James Ray	64	50	Hoffman, Don Oliver
60	50	Betterton, William Owen	64	50	Kilefner, Carl Lester
60	50	Chapman, Arthur Jerry	64	50	Tapia, donald Ray
60	50	Deyo, William Swartz	64	60	Woody, John Robert
60	50	Hart, James Lorell	64	50	Langerveld, Charles D.
60	50	Mattheis, David Charles	69	60	Wessler, Edward D.
60	50	Moore, Billy Joe	70	50	Wessler, Edward Duane
60	50	Royce, Thomas Wesley	70	50	Downs, Joyce Howard
64	50	Beacom, Richard Dean	72	50	Edmands, Richard Earl
64	50	Helton, Joe Dean	73	50	Lindsay Sr., Robert Williams

50 Year Awards	64
55 Year Awards	23
60 Year Awards	20
65 Year Awards	5
70 Year Awards	0
Total	112

APPRECIATION

I would like to start by saying thank you to all of the Brethren of this Grand Lodge for allowing me to serve as your Grand Secretary. There are still challenges, but we are facing them as they come, and move forward, thanks to the office staff. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the office staff, MW James May, and Jim Leppert! I want to thank both of you for your hard work and operation. This job would be impossible without both of you. It has been a pleasure to work with these two brothers who come to their jobs with one thing in mind, that of serving the lodges and the brothers. Thank you both for everything you do.

MW Jim May has informed me that he will no longer serve as Deputy Grand Secretary, but is willing to assist in the office when extra work is required over and above the normal day to day work in the office. I will be looking for a replacement for MW Jim.

To Very Worshipful Mike McGee; what can I say? Thank you for keeping me straight on the financial part of the job. Thank you for being my sounding device and helping me to keep my thoughts in perspective for the betterment of this fraternity. I always know I can count on you to give me the straight answers.

And lastly to my wife, Gail; she continues to give me all the support to do this job, because she knows how much this fraternity means to me. Masonry has given much more to me, personally, than I will ever give to it.

Fraternally submitted,
James W. Rowan, PGM, Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

During this past Masonic year, the Grand Lecturer has performed several duties, each of which are reported on here:

Improvement of the Ritual: The primary goal for this past year was to expose the Craft to different techniques with the goal of improving the level of ritual for the fraternity by making ritual less daunting and more fun. As Masons, we measure ourselves against perfection. In the Grand Lecturer's thirty-some-odd year career, he has never given a perfect lecture. After all, perfection is an ideal which cannot be obtained. However, in the attempt to reach perfection, we can obtain excellence, and excellence is what we are striving for. While I've made this statement all year, Vince Lombardi said it first. And he's right. An excellent ritual - one in which the candidate has the best possible opportunity to learn the lessons of Masonry - is the excellence we seek. These techniques have been implemented in Lodges of Instruction, a Ritual Competition and Ritual Awards:

Lodges of Instruction: During this past year, ten Lodges or Schools of Instruction have been held in various parts of the State. More are in the process. We have continued to reserve time for answering questions by the attendees. Some of those answers have been "I don't know" but many of them have been, "Let's look at the book." Changes to the format have also been implemented, including the use of object lessons and think-out-of-the-box exercises to encourage brethren to reflect on the ritual, both spoken and physical. In our fraternity, we learn lessons about life, and after life, by absorbing the words spoken to us in lodge. Rote memorization should be only the beginning - not the end - of this learning process.

At the same time, a learning process where we listen to a brother and then criticize his mistakes tends to negatively impact the ability to learn, both for the speaker and for those who are then less likely to start the learning process. Pointing out common errors through the use of roleplay and object lessons allows the opportunity to make points in a more general way.

Ritual Competition: During this past year, the Grand Lodge commenced a ritual competition focused on individuals. For this year, the competition included Chaplain's parts. Regional competitions were held, followed by a final competition at the Lodge Leadership Conference in March. The winner will be announced during the verbal report. The competition was intended as a first step in a further individual and lodge competition in the ensuing masonic year.

Ritual Awards:

1. Master Ritualist: Since the inception of the program, there have been ten Master Ritualist awards presented. This year, I have already presented one. Three brothers have been examined on the ritual, and one brother has informed me that his application is on the way. A new application form has been developed to help brethren keep track of what is required; however, your Grand Lecturer has been deficient in having the application form for the Master Ritualist on the Grand Lodge website, and it is hoped that the Grand Lecturer can cure this deficiency in the ensuing Masonic Year.
2. Certified Lecturer: The Grand Lecturer has only presented one pin this year. He is not aware of any other presentations. It is respectfully submitted that a growing, thriving fraternity is one in which brethren are learning to do lectures, not just the same guy over and over again.
3. Officer Proficiency: One of the first tasks presented this last year was to change the Lodge

Officer proficiency card to comply with our Masonic Law. A new card was developed, and seems to have been well received during this past year. One mistake survived the ten drafts of the card, and exists on the current card. The development of this card was due in large part to W.Bro. Carl Melton. Carl, thank you for all your efforts. If you run into him, please thank him on behalf of the current Grand Lecturer. The important signature on the card is that of the District Deputy Grand Master, who is the gatekeeper for the fraternity on the level of proficiency.

4. Lodge Proficiency: Several tasks have been performed during this past year.

(a) Ascension Lodge UD (Under Dispensation). In order to grant a charter to a lodge UD, the Grand Lecturer must find that the members are well-versed in the ritual. During 2018, the Grand Lecturer has spoken with several members of Ascension Lodge, spoken with DDGM's and others, and observed the exemplification of a second degree in March. I am pleased to say the brethern of Ascension UD are serious about the work. I have no reason to suspect that individually and as a lodge they will be not be able to perform the work on all three degrees.

(b) New Lodge Building: A new lodge building was in the works for one of the lodges. One of the duties of the Grand Lecturer is to ensure that any proposed new location will meet the requirements to keep cowans and eavesdroppers from receiving masonic communication. The deal did not go though; however, please remember for the future if your lodge is considering relocating, the Grand Lecturer must be involved in the process.

(c) Chamber of Reflection: Explanation of this function, and what is required (and prohibited) in having the Chamber be part of the candidate process was developed during this past masonic year. Several lodges now make the chamber part of their degree process, especially the first degree.

(d) One-Day Class: A one-day class was proposed early in the Masonic year. The Grand Lecturer was tasked with ensuring the quality of the work for each degree. This would have involved the Grand Lecturer traveling to Phoenix on several occasions to review the work; however, the class was cancelled.

(e) Education Committee: At Grand Lodge in June, 2017 and afterward, the Grand Lecturer was involved as a liaison to the Education Committee. Last fall, the CAPSTONE program content was reviewed by the Grand Lecturer.

(f) Annual Exemplification of Degrees: The Masonic Law requires that each lodge exemplify each of the three degrees at least once a year. During this last year, the Grand Lecturer attempted to review how many lodges complied with this requirement. The results have been disappointing. The requirement is harder on smaller, less active lodges, as lodges who have candidates comply with part of the requirement each time they do a degree. To those brethren who have told the Grand Lecturer that for whatever reason, their lodge should be exempt from this requirement, the response of the Grand Lecturer is: "Change the law. Until then, follow the law." In our organization, the Grand Lodge meets for two days a year. We then delegate the operation of our Grand Lodge to basically one man for the remaining 363-4 days for the year. It is unreasonable to ask him to ignore the written law. One of the disconnects I have observed in Masonry is that I will hear from a lodge officer telling me his lodge just held a double or triple degree (two or three candidates at the same time), while another lodge nearby has not held a candidate degree for more than a year. This doesn't make sense, and there are several reasons for it on all sides, but to the extent that a lodge does not wish to share a candidate because the other lodge may not be proficient in the work, is something which can and should be addressed in every lodge.

(g) Third degree open/close word transfer not to be done on the step. The Grand Master announced that the transfer in the opening and closing of the third degree would not be done on the step. This was announced at the next DDGM meeting in November, 2017.

(h) Ritual Review Committee: One resolution was reviewed by the Committee, which will be in a separate report.

5. Communication: The Grand Lecturer has been hindered by a lack of effective communication. This is due in great part to deficiencies by the Grand Lecturer. Our Grand Lodge has developed wonderful tools for communication to the craft, including without limitation the Grand Lodge website, the Copper Post and email from the Grand Secretary's office. We have brethren helping in each of these places who have been and are doing wonderful work in getting out the word. That these tools were not as effectively used as they could have been by the Grand Lecturer is my biggest disappointment. All I can tell you is I hope the Grand Lecturer will be better at this next year and in the future.

6. Above and beyond: At the same time, many brethren and others have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help the Grand Lecturer. First, the Deputy Grand Lecturers, namely WB Bob Goble, WB Calvin Magness, WB Jason Morrett, WB Jon Reynolds, WB Jason Michlowitz, WB Leigh Creighton, WB Gustavo Portillo, and WB Rich Hendrickson. Each of these brethren have many special gifts, which they unsparingly used to help during the past year. Also the judges for the ritual competition. I cannot thank you enough for what each of you have done. I also need to thank all those who have helped me with communication during the past year, especially WB Craig Carlson and WB Roger Biede. I made your jobs tougher, for which I apologize, and I look forward to being less of a problem in the future. The Grand Secretary and those in his office have been great, and the Grand Lodge line has been wonderful. Jim Baker, in particular, helped move lodge room furniture to the Lodge Leadership Conference, with very little notice. Thank you, each of you. To MW Scott Thomas, I can't thank you enough for taking a chance and allowing me this opportunity to serve the Craft, as well as for all the support you've given me during this masonic year. I know I've forgotten many people who also helped (sorry I haven't mentioned you also) but lastly thanks to my wife, Luci, for her support, and to my daughter, Michelle, who helped me hand out proficiency cards at Grand Lodge and ribbons at the LLC.

Respectfully Submitted:
Ron Allen, Grand Lecturer

RESOLUTION 2017-01
HOLY BIBLE VS. HOLY WRITINGS

(Requires 5/6 majority)

(To be referred to Ritual Review and held over for voting at the 2018 Communication)

Synopsis: The following legislation is proposed to amend the Arizona Masonic Ritual to allow lodges to substitute “Book of Holy Writings” or “Holy Writings” for “Holy Bible” in cases where a candidate of other than the Christian faith substitutes his Holy Book for the Holy Bible.

WHEREAS, not all candidates in Arizona are of the Christian faith and

WHEREAS, Article 8, section 8-3 of the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona recognizes that Freemasons of other faiths are allowed “the book held holy by them” and

WHEREAS, the current Arizona Masonic Ritual does not allow for the change of terms during a candidate’s obligation, and a candidate is allowed to substitute his Book of Holy Writings for the Holy Bible and

WHEREAS, The Arizona Masonic Ritual erroneously states in the Entered Apprentice Degree Lecture “**the Holy Bible...and upon it all regular Masons have been obligated**”;

Therefore, be it Resolved: The Ritual Review Committee be directed to amend the ritual to include in the text the words Holy Writings or Book of Holy Writings as an alternative for Holy Bible whenever appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Herzig, PM

Endorsed by:

WB James Gier, PM, DDGM, Payson AZ

WM Patrick Zech, Marion McDaniel Lodge #56, Tucson, AZ

WM Bruce Halvarson, WM, Sy Harrison Lodge #70, Payson, AZ

Bro Jesse Alba, Sy Harrison Lodge #70, Payson, AZ

Carryover Resolution 2017-03

(Requires a 2/3 majority to approve)

SYNOPSIS: Currently the Constitution and Statutes provide for a Grand Lodge Fee of twelve dollars for each new candidate and each affiliation from a foreign jurisdiction; and a three dollar fee for each degree conferred during the year. This legislation modifies the Constitution Article VII – Revenues Section 7-1.2 Fees and the Revised Arizona Masonic Statutes Title IV – Grand Lodge, Chapter 15, Section 15-201 - Revenue of the Grand Lodge and Title IV, Section 15-302 - Fees for Degrees, by increasing the Grand Lodge Fee for every new petitioner and for every affiliation from a foreign jurisdiction from twelve dollars to fifty dollars, increasing the Grand Lodge Fee for each degree from three dollars to five dollars, and increasing the minimum fees charged to confer all three degrees from thirty dollars to one hundred twenty-five dollars.

The candidate fees for initiation have not been changed for many decades. Administrative costs have continued to increase over the years while the fees have not been addressed. The increased fees as suggested will help cover the administrative costs of a new candidate while not affecting the costs to the existing membership or revising per-capita. The suggested amount is not out of line with similar jurisdictions. We must address the fact that costs continue to increase and the craft must take action to keep up with those increases in order to provide proper services, materials and programs to the lodges.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That §7-1.2 of the Constitution and Sections 15-201 and 15-302 of the Masonic Statutes be amended as follows (added text in **bold type**, deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~):

§7-1.2 Fees. Each Lodge, in addition to the foregoing, and in addition to the fees required by its By-Laws, shall collect from each petitioner elected to receive the degrees and from each applicant elected to affiliate from a foreign jurisdiction, ~~twenty-two~~ **sixty** dollars, which sum shall be sent by the Secretary of the lodge with his annual report each year to the Grand Secretary. ~~Twelve~~ **Fifty** Dollars of such sums shall be available to the General Fund. Five Dollars of such sums shall be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Secretary of the Masonic Charities of Arizona, and Five Dollars of such sums shall be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Secretary of the Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children.

Section 15-201 Revenue of the Grand Lodge - The following shall be the fees charged, and in no case shall any of these documents be issued until the fees therefore shall have been paid to the Grand Secretary:

(a) For a dispensation to form a new Lodge, the sum of ~~seventy-five~~ **two hundred fifty** dollars.

(b) For a charter to perpetuate a Lodge, the sum of ~~fifty~~ **one hundred twenty-five** dollars.

(c) For each degree it shall have conferred during the year, ~~three~~ **five** dollars.

(d) No fee should be charged for a dispensation granted by the Grand Master, in the absence of a Statutory provision authorizing and fixing the amount of the fee.

Section 15-302 Minimum Fees for Degrees. No Lodge within Arizona shall confer the three degrees for a ~~fee less fee than~~ **ninety one-hundred twenty-five** dollars, nor shall any Lodge without Arizona and under this jurisdiction confer them for a ~~fee less fee than~~ **thirty one-hundred twenty-five** dollars; and in every case the entire fee for the degrees

shall accompany the petition, else such petition shall not be received. Provided, however, that, if the petitioner has already received the first and second degrees, in another Lodge, the fee to accompany his petition for the remaining degree or degrees shall be such proportion of the fee for all the degrees as the by-laws of the Lodge may prescribe.

(a) There shall be collected from each petitioner for the degrees of Masonry the sum of ~~\$25.00~~ **twenty-five dollars** at the time of his petition, to be sent to the Grand Secretary, who shall give the same to the George Washington National Memorial Association.

(b) The ~~twelve~~ **fifty** dollar fee for the Grand Lodge General Fund (as stated in the Constitution) cannot be refunded to an Entered Apprentice denied advancement, but must be refunded to petitioners for the degrees or applicants for affiliation who are rejected.

(c) An Entered Apprentice, petitioning for the remaining degrees under a waiver from another Grand Jurisdiction, must pay the ~~twelve~~ **fifty** dollar fee to the Grand Lodge General Fund in addition to the fees for the two degrees.

(d) Where advancement is denied an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft in accordance with these statutes, the Lodge should return that portion of the fees paid, covering degrees denied, retaining all of the ~~\$12.00~~ **fifty dollar fee** paid for the Grand Lodge General Fund.

(e) Upon the death of a candidate prior to the completion of the degrees, that portion of fees paid covering degrees not taken shall be refunded by the Lodge to the estate of the deceased candidate, but retaining all of the ~~\$12.00~~ **fifty dollar** Grand Lodge Fee.

(f) The two additional fees of ~~\$5.00~~ **five dollars** each for Masonic Charities of Arizona and The Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children, shall also be collected and retained as stated above.

Submitted by:

Scott A. Thomas (15, 23, 43, 87)
Deputy Grand Master

Arthur J. Montgomery (5)
Junior Grand Deacon

Craig L. Gross, (4, 74)
Senior Grand Warden

Randal S. Jager (52)
Senior Grand Steward

Gregory A. Vasquez (15)
Junior Grand Warden

Jim Baker (9)
Junior Grand Steward

Boyd W. Robertson (1)
Senior Grand Deacon

Carryover Resolution 2017-04
(amended at the 2017 Communication)
(Requires a 2/3 majority to approve)

SYNOPSIS: Currently the Constitution and Revised Statutes provides that a certificate, issued by a District Deputy Grand Master to a Master-elect or a Warden-elect that shall attest to his proficiency in the work required of his office and those junior officers for which a proficiency card or certificate is required. Said proficiency card (or certificate) is valid for five years after the date of issue, and is to be presented at time of installation. This amendment will require that a proficiency card (or certificate) be issued prior to the time of election of officers, rather than allowing a non-proficient member to stand election. This amendment will require prospective Masters and Wardens to better prepare and not wait until the last minute. Hopefully this will help focus the officers to do better planning for themselves and the Lodge.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That Article VI, §6-4 (Lodge Officers: Installation) of the Constitution and Chapter 13 (Officers of a Lodge) Statute 13-202 (Certificate of Proficiency) be amended as follows (added text in **bold type**, deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~):

§6-4 Lodge Officers: Installation. **Effective January 1, 2019**, Lodge Officers shall be installed within sixty days following the Stated Meeting at which they are elected. The installed officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed, provided that no Master or Warden shall be ~~installed~~ **elected** until he shall present to the ~~Installing Officer~~ **Lodge** the **proficiency card** ~~certificate of proficiency~~ referred to in Statute 13-~~3202~~. Installation may be either public or private. The Deacons and such officers as the by-laws of each Lodge may designate, shall be appointed in such manner as they may direct; and the officers so appointed shall be properly ~~invested~~ **installed** as soon as practicable after their appointment.

Section 13-202 – Certificate of Proficiency. A **proficiency card** ~~certificate~~ shall be issued by a District Deputy Grand Master ~~to a Master-elect or a Warden-elect shall to~~ **any qualified member seeking election to the office of Master or Warden of his Lodge** attesting to his proficiency in the work required of his ~~that~~ office **per Statute 13-201** and those junior offices for which a proficiency certificate is required. **prior to the election of officers of the Lodge.**

- (a) A proficiency **card** ~~certificate~~ is valid for five years after date of issue.
- (b) A ~~Master-elect or Warden-elect~~ **member** who desires to be ~~installed~~ **elected** but whose proficiency **card** ~~certificate~~ is more than five years old is required to requalify for the office to which he ~~has been elected.~~ **seeks election.**

Submitted by:

Craig L. Gross (4, 74) SGW
George E. Weil (1) DDGM Dist 2
James E. Gier (69, 70) DDGM Dist 5
James W. Wild (56) DDGM Dist 8
James Xie (43) DDGM Dist 9
Darrell Mandrell (15, 75) DDGM Dist 10
N. Dean Millard (52) DDGM Dist 21

L. Grant Hays (53) DDGM Dist 11
George Rusk (20) DDGM Dist 12
Kirk Lockett Sr (29) DDGM Dist 14
Marlin Easthouse (10, 55) DDGM Dist 15
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Mark H. Nielsen (9) DDGM Dist 20
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CARRYOVER RESOLUTION 2017-05

(amended at the 2017 Communication)

(Requires 2/3 Majority to approve)

Synopsis: If passed, this legislation would allow any Arizona Mason who holds a current dues card to attend the meetings of the Grand Trustees and to receive copies of their minutes when requested.

Whereas: Section 14-301 Grand Trustees in the AMC, subparagraph (d) reads: “They [the Grand Trustees] shall make a complete report of the business and property of the Grand Lodge under their control and the condition and operation thereof for the preceding year to the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication thereof. Such reports shall be printed and ready for distribution on the first day of each Annual Communication.”

Whereas: This annual report made by the Grand Trustees at the Annual Communication typically represents only a brief synopsis of the discussions and actions highlighted in the minutes of those meetings and that these complete minutes are not made available to the voting members of the Grand Lodge.

Whereas: Article III, Section 9 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees as amended January 31, 2015 Transaction of Business reads: “Except as set forth in this Section and Section 10 below [*Action Without Meeting*], the business of the Trustees shall be conducted at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Board is authorized to hold telephonic meetings, and if authorized by the Chairman based on exigent circumstance, the Secretary may telephonically poll the Trustees as to a course of business and may transact such business in the name of the Trustees based upon the affirmative vote of four (4) of the Trustees. The Secretary shall make a complete report of any business of the Board transacted pursuant to the foregoing sentence at the next regular stated meeting of the Board of Trustees.”

Whereas: There is no current provision in the Constitution, AMC or the Bylaws of the Grand Trustees that defines who other than the Trustees or Grand Line of Officers can or cannot attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees, except in the case of such executive sessions when called for.

Whereas: For many years members of the Craft were allowed to sit in on the Grand Trustees’ regular meetings. However, in 2010-11, the Grand Master then, declared that the Grand Trustees’ meetings were closed to all but the Grand Line of Officers and those specifically invited by the Trustees to attend. This edict continued until 2013-14 when the Grand Master that year declared that the Grand Trustees’ meetings were open to all Arizona Masons provided that they should remain silent unless asked to speak. The following two Grand Masters continued with this same edict for the years 2014-16. The Grand Master for the year 2016-17, in his position as Chairman of the Grand Trustees, has once again declared that the Grand Trustees’ meetings shall be closed to all but the Grand Line of Officers and those specifically invited by the Trustees to attend.

Whereas: Given that it is defined in the several sections of the Constitution and AMC of the Grand Lodge of F&AM of Arizona that the Grand Trustees are empowered to oversee the general business, including properties, monies, investments and insurance of the Grand Lodge and that the Grand Trustees are required to give a “complete” report of such business at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, then such business is of the utmost concern to the members of the Craft and they should have open access to attend upon the meetings of the Grand Trustees.

Whereas: “Trust” may be defined as having the confidence and assurance that one’s expectations will be met and “fiduciary”, in part, is dependent upon public confidence. Further that our own Constitution and AMC requires that a full report of the business of the Grand Trustees must be made available to members of the Craft, then there should be no reason why those members cannot attend the Grand Trustees’ meetings.

Therefore be it Resolved that: §3-1.6 of the Constitution be amended as follows (added text in **bold type**):

Note: subsections (a) through (f) of Constitution §3-1.6 are unchanged

(g) The Board of Trustees shall hold regular and special meetings at such times, places, and upon such notice as they may provide by By-Laws, and shall execute such duties as statute may require. **Any Arizona Master Mason who holds a current dues card may attend the regular and special meetings of the Grand Lodge Trustees and receive a copy of their minutes when requested, except for such Executive Sessions as may be called.**

Proposed by:

William A. Garrard Jr, PM (2, 3)

Larry C. Schafer, PM (2, 57)

Herman C. Zickerman, PM (41)

Resolution 2018-01

(requires 2/3 majority for approval)

Synopsis: This amendment will allow lodges with only one room of sufficient size to conduct bingo games and other public events to do so within the room where lodge is held only when all related Masonic related items have been removed and the letter “G” covered or removed from the room.

Resolved: That Statute 10-501.1 of the Arizona Masonic Code be amended as follows (additions in **bold type**, deletions in ~~striketrough~~):

Section 10-501.1 – Gambling Policy for Lodges. It shall be unlawful for any Lodge to permit gambling in any Lodge room, ante room or hall belonging to or under the control of such Lodge; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to raffles or bingo games which: (1) are conducted in accordance with State and Local laws governing raffles or bingo games, and (2) which otherwise comply with the constitution and statutes of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Arizona.

(a) Provided that a proposed raffle or bingo game is permitted under State and Local law, such raffles or bingo games may be conducted by Masonic-related organizations ~~if no part of the raffle or bingo game is conducted~~ within the Lodge room itself. **where Lodge is held, provided that the room shall be devoid of all Masonic-related items when used for a bingo room, raffle or a public event. Only the letter “G” may be covered rather than removed from the room.**

(b) The Masonic-related organization conducting the raffle or bingo game must be in existence continuously in Arizona for at least five years immediately preceding the raffle or bingo game.

(c) No person, except a bona fide member of the sponsoring body, may participate directly or indirectly in the management, sales or operation of the raffle or bingo game.

(d) No member, officer, employee, agent or director of the non-profit Masonic related organization may receive any direct or indirect benefit other than being able to participate in the raffle or bingo game on a basis equal to all other participants.

(e) All profits must go only to the Bodies sponsoring the raffle or bingo game.

(f) No advertisement of any raffle or bingo game conducted by a Masonic related organization shall be posted on or attached to any Lodge building or facility used by any Masonic related organization.

Submitted by Michael Pringle, WM (82)

Resolution 2018-02

(requires 2/3 majority for approval)

Synopsis: This amendment will allow the Brothers and ladies of Masonic-related organizations to aid and assist the Lodge in the floor operations of a raffle or bingo game. Many Masonic “snowbirds” spend the winter months in Arizona and want to assist the Lodges in their fundraising endeavors.

Resolved: That Statute 10-501.1 of the Arizona Masonic Code be amended as follows (additions in **bold type**, deletions in ~~strike through~~):

Section 10-501.1 – Gambling Policy for Lodges. It shall be unlawful for any Lodge to permit gambling in any Lodge room, ante room or hall belonging to or under the control of such Lodge; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to raffles or bingo games which: (1) are conducted in accordance with State and Local laws governing raffles or bingo games, and (2) which otherwise comply with the constitution and statutes of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Arizona.

(a) Provided that a proposed raffle or bingo game is permitted under State and Local law, such raffles or bingo games may be conducted by Masonic-related organizations if no part of the raffle or bingo game is conducted within the Lodge room itself.

(b) The Masonic-related organization conducting the raffle or bingo game must be in existence continuously in Arizona for at least five years immediately preceding the raffle or bingo game.

(c) No person, except a bona fide member of the sponsoring body, may participate directly or indirectly in the management, sales ~~or operation~~ of the raffle or bingo game. **Floor operations of a raffle or bingo game may be assisted by any member of a Masonic-related organization. This shall include visiting brothers and ladies from other recognized Masonic jurisdictions holding a current dues card.**

(d) No member, officer, employee, agent or director of the non-profit Masonic related organization may receive any direct or indirect benefit other than being able to participate in the raffle or bingo game on a basis equal to all other participants.

(e) All profits must go only to the Bodies sponsoring the raffle or bingo game.

(f) No advertisement of any raffle or bingo game conducted by a Masonic related organization shall be posted on or attached to any Lodge building or facility used by any Masonic related organization.

Submitted by,
Charles Dowler Jr, SW (64)
Jeff Coke, WM (64)
Keith McCormack, PM (64)

Resolution 2018-03

(requires 5/6 majority for approval)

SYNOPSIS: The purpose of this legislation is to change the time when Trial Commissioners are elected. This legislation would also establish a “pool” of Commissioners from which to “draw” for a Masonic trial. Three of the seven Commissioners would be from the home Lodge of the accused. The remaining four would be pulled from the Commissioners “pool” from neighboring Lodges. This should support an impartial panel of Trial Commissioners. It will also streamline the trial process and avoid the time and expense involved with special meetings to elect Trial Commissioners.

WHEREAS: Impartial justice must be the concern of every Masonic trial and is absolutely essential if we are to remain true to our Masonic principles. Recall the explanation of justice contained in our ritual. The annual election of Trial Commissioners for any possible trial will distance the election process from any actual trial and further ensure the impartiality of those later randomly selected. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Section 13-101 and Sections 18-203 through 18-209 of the Statutes and Article 6-1 and Article 6-4.5 of the Constitution be amended as follows (added text in **bold type**, deleted text in ~~strike through~~):

Section 13-101 – Lodge Officers. The election and installation of Lodge Officers, **and the election of Trial Commissioners**, shall take place in accordance with the Constitution.

[Note: The balance of Section 13-101 remains unchanged.]

~~Section 18-203—Notice to Lodge Members. Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, the Master shall call a special meeting of his Lodge within thirty (30) days after presentation of charges.~~

- ~~(a) Notice of the call of the meeting shall be sent to each Master Mason in good standing in the Lodge by letter, which shall be delivered by United States Postal Service First Class Mail; such mailing shall occur not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the meeting and shall state the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.~~
- ~~(b) The notice so sent shall be limited to the specific issue of electing Commissioners for a Masonic Trial and shall not disclose the name of the accused or the accuser or the charge/specifications.~~
- ~~(c) The only business to be conducted at such a meeting shall be the election of Commissioners and such other as relates to the pending Masonic Trial.~~

Section 18-204 **18-203** Notice to Grand Master. ~~Concurrently with the mailing of the notification of the meeting,~~ **Within three (3) working days after presentation**, the Master shall cause to be mailed to the Grand Master or his designee ~~a true copy of the notice of special meeting to elect Commissioners, and~~ a copy of the charges and specifications, **and a copy of the accuser’s list of witnesses.**

~~Section 18-205~~ **18-204** Grand Master Names Trial Master. ~~Prior to the date set for the Special Meeting to elect Commissioners, the Grand Master or his designee shall inform the Master of the name of the Mason he has selected to serve as Trial Master for the proceedings.~~ (a) Upon receipt of a copy of the charges by the Grand Master, the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden or Junior Grand Warden, if designated by the Grand Master so to do, shall appoint any Master or Past Mater of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, who is in good standing and skilled in Masonic Law, to preside at the trial.

~~(b)~~(a) The person so appointed shall be known as the Trial Master, and shall have all the powers and duties of the Master of the Lodge as respects the trial of the accused Brother, commencing when the Master of the Lodge completes the duties specified in Section ~~18-207~~ **206** and continuing until the conclusion of the Trial and the transmittal of the Commissioners' decision to both accuser and accused.

(b) Within ten (10) days after the Grand Master's receipt of the charges and specifications:

(1) The Grand Master or his designee shall inform the Master of the lodge where charges were presented of the name of the Mason he has selected to serve as Trial Master for the proceedings; and

(2) The Grand Secretary shall notify the Master of the Lodge of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the five (5) elected Trial Commissioners from each of the four geographically closest Lodges, determined by driving distance.

[Note: The balance of old Section 18-205 (c), (d), (e) remains unchanged and becomes new Section 18-204 (c), (d), (e).]

~~Section 18-206—Special Meeting to Elect Trial Commissioners. At the special meeting to elect Commissioners, no one shall be present except members of the Lodge where the charges were presented.~~

~~(a) The Lodge shall be duly opened on the third degree of Masonry and the Master shall state that the purpose of the meeting is to elect by written ballot and by a majority of those present seven (7) of its members to serve as Commissioners to hear and determine upon Masonic charges properly presented to the Master of the Lodge against a Mason who is subject to trial within the Lodge.~~

~~(b) The Master will then read the names of the accused, the accuser, the accuser's known witnesses who will be called and the charges and specifications for which the Commissioners are to be elected.~~

~~(c) The Master shall ascertain if there exists with any Brother present so obvious a conflict of interest which would preclude his serving as a Trial Commissioner.~~

[Note: Retained as (a) in new Section 18-205.]

~~(d) The Lodge Secretary is the Secretary for the Trial Commission and therefore should not be elected as a Commissioner.~~

[Note: Retained in amended Article 6-1 of the Constitution.]

~~(e) The balloting for Commissioners shall continue through as many ballots as are required to elect seven (7) Commissioners by a majority vote of those present.~~

- ~~(f) Immediately following the election of the Commissioners, the Master shall disclose the name of the Trial Master selected to preside at the trial.~~
- ~~(g) The Master shall then set a date, time and place for the trial, which shall occur not less than thirty (30) nor more than forty-five (45) days subsequent to the date of the special meeting to elect Commissioners.~~
- ~~(h) The Master shall further read an appropriate statement of secrecy pertaining to the fact that Masonic charges have been filed against a Brother.~~
- ~~(i) Repealed 2013.~~

Section 18-205 Selection of Trial Commissioners.

- (a) The Master shall ascertain before selection if there exists an obvious conflict of interest or bias which would preclude an elected Brother to serve as a Trial Commissioner.**
- (b) Within ten (10) calendar days of the presentation of charges, the Master shall randomly select from those Brothers who have been found to be free of conflict of interest or bias three (3) of the five (5) elected Trial Commissioners in his Lodge to serve as Trial Commissioners for the Trial.**
- (c) From the list of the elected Brothers to serve as Trial Commissioners from the four (4) closest Lodges provided by the Grand Secretary, the Trial Commissioners, in the presence of the Master, shall then randomly select one Brother from each Lodge to also serve as Trial Commissioners so that the total number of Commissioners is seven (7).**
- (d) The Master shall then set the date, time and place for the Trial, which shall occur not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days after the date of the disclosure to the Trial Master.**
- (e) Upon the conclusion of this process, the Trial Master shall become fully responsible for all procedural matters incident to the trial until the conclusion thereof and the rendition and transmittal of the Commissioners' decision to the parties thereto.**

~~Section 18-207~~ **Section 18-206** Final Duties of Master of Lodge. Within five (5) days **following** ~~subsequent to~~ the date of the ~~Special Meeting to elect~~ **selection of** Commissioners, the Master shall ~~notify~~ **transmit to** the Trial Master of the date, time and place set for trial, the names, ~~and~~ addresses **and telephone numbers** of the ~~seven (7) Commissioners elected~~ **selected** to try the Mason on the charges, and the name and address of the accused.

- (a) The Master shall transmit to the Trial Master a true copy of all documents pertaining to the charges, specifications, ~~notice of Special Meeting and the minutes of Special Meeting to elect Commissioners.~~ and a list of the known witnesses against the accused in order that the Trial Master might be fully informed to proceed to perform his duties.
- (b) The Master shall also cause the **seven (7)** Commissioners to be notified of their ~~election~~ **selection**, and of the **date**, time and place set for trial.

~~Section 18-208 Service on Accused.~~ Service of a copy of the charges and specifications, the list of known witnesses provided by the accuser and all other notices required to be served shall be served upon the accused Mason in the manner provided by Statute [Note: Covered by new Section 18-207.]

~~Section 18-209~~ **18-207** Transmission of Documents to Accused. Within five (5) days after the Trial Master is informed by the Master of the Lodge of the date, time and place set for trial and receives the other data required to be sent to him pursuant to Statute; the Trial Master shall cause to be transmitted to the accused in the manner provided by this Code a copy of:

- (a) The charges and specifications,
- ~~(b) Notice of special meeting to elect Commissioners,~~
- ~~(c) Minutes of special meeting where Commissioners are elected,~~
- ~~(d)~~ **(b)** A list of the known witnesses against the accused,

- ~~(e)~~ **(c)** Evidence of his appointment as Trial Master, and
- (d) The list of Trial Commissioners selected.**
- ~~(f)~~ **(e)** Notice of the **date**, time and place where the trial will be conducted.
- (f) All other notices required to be served, and**
- ~~(g) He shall also furnish a copy of~~ Chapters 17 and 18 of these Statutes, and a copy of Article IX of the Constitution.

Sections 18-210 through 18-224.3 of the Statutes will be renumbered as Sections 18-208 through 18-222.3 with no changes to the wording.

§6-1 Masonic Lodges: Officers and Elections; Rights, Powers and Authority. A Lodge shall consist of a Master, a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Senior Deacon, a Junior Deacon, and such other officers as its bylaws provide; together with as many members as it may find convenient. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected annually by ballot at the stated meeting specified in the Lodge by-laws, or at the stated meeting in November, if a specific month is not stated in the by-laws. **At the same meeting, each Lodge shall also elect five (5) Master Masons who are members of the Lodge to serve as potential Trial Commissioners for the ensuing Masonic year. The Lodge Secretary is the Secretary for a Trial Commission and therefore should not be elected as a Commissioner.** A majority of the votes of the eligible members present shall be necessary to elect. A Lodge of Research shall be a Lodge of research only, and have the rights, powers and authority only as prescribed by Statute.

§6-4.5 Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

(a) Keep the seal of the Lodge and to affix the same, with his attestation, to all papers issued under its authority or in obedience to the requirements of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge:

(b) Transmit to the Grand Secretary, immediately after each election and installation of a Lodge, a certificate thereof in the form prescribed; **which shall include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the five (5) members who have been elected Trial Commissioners for the ensuing Masonic year.**

(c) Transmit to the Grand Secretary the annual report required in such form as shall be provided;

(d) Report to the Grand Secretary, immediately after their occurrence, all rejections, expulsions, suspensions, and restoration, in the forms provided:

(e) Keep, and of the Lodge to provide the following records of the Lodge, in such form as may be provided.

Submitted by

Jason D. Morrett, PM (7)

Lance Brown, PM (7)

John Graham, PM (7)

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Arizona

PROPOSAL TO REMOVE "ONE-DAY-CLASSES" IN ARIZONA

SUMMARY

This legislation will remove the possibility of holding One-Day-Classes in Arizona.

WHEREAS,

Our petitions for the degrees state: "Freemasonry is a fraternity which teaches ethics and morality", both ethics and morality are complex and abstract matters taught through serious, beautiful and impressive ceremonies calculated to inculcate upon the mind and imprint on the memory, wise and serious truths transmitted unimpaired through ages,

WHEREAS

Each of the three degrees are designed to be a once-in-a-lifetime personal and intimate experience provided to the candidate by the members of the Lodge that he chose, and which chose him to become their Lodge Brother,

WHEREAS,

- The torture to his flesh,
- the recollection to his mind and conscience,
- the heart conception before the eyes observation,
- the transmittal of his Apron,
- the reception upon the sharp instrument, the square, the points of the extended compasses,
- the token and the friendship and continuance of the Brotherly Love of the Lodge,
- the state of destitution allowing the important lesson in Masonic Charity,
- the personal affirmation concerning placing his trust,

- the multiple affirmations about his freewill, and his desire for Light,
- the sight of the compasses, great and lesser lights,
- the presumption to consider himself to be a Master Mason,

cannot be enacted in the intimate and profound manner traditional to Masonic Initiation in a one-day-class as described in Paragraph (e) of Section 14-201.1 of Title IV of the Statutes (Under Grand Master Powers)

without profound and substantial changes to the Arizona Ritual or violation of numerous provisions of the adopted Ritual,

WHEREAS,

Multiple conditions established by the ritual such as, to name a few, knocking at the door, the discalceation, hoodwink, partial nakedness, destitution, position of the body, its location (such as: within a square, NE corner of the Lodge), circumambulation, use of a cable tow, Lodge reflecting order and beauty, allow only the exemplar to "experience" in full the initiations while the other participants are at best witnesses, in a one-day-class as described in Paragraph (e) of Section 14-201.1 of Title IV of the Statutes (Under Grand Master Powers),

unless profound and substantial changes to the Arizona Ritual, are made,

WHEREAS,

There are several violations of the Arizona Constitution and Statutes such as:

- §5-1.1.1 Minimum Proficiency for EA, FC or MM. A minimum proficiency consisting of the steps, the dueguards, the signs, the grips, the words, and the completion of the approved Candidate Education Program

(which cannot materially be done prior to advancing to the next degree except for "Approaching the Portals")

is acceptable as the minimum proficiency in Arizona,

- §5-1.1.1 No Lodge shall advance an Entered Apprentice Mason or a Fellowcraft Mason to a higher degree until he has been examined by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge in the proficiency of that degree.

Doable but impractical?

- Section 14-501.1 - Grand Lecturer (a) It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer to develop such system of Masonic instruction through District Deputies and Lodge Instructors as will permit uniformity and proficiency in the esoteric work and exoteric work;

This uniformity in the esoteric and exoteric work is not compatible with a one-day-class as described in Paragraph (e) of Section 14-201.1 of Title IV of the Statutes (Under Grand Master Powers)

WHEREAS,

After witnessing full fledge regular degrees that they would have preferred, past one-day-classes' participants felt they were cheated by this process. If such is the case, those who participated or supported these classes violated part of their second-degree obligation (will not cheat, wrong a brother of this degree), although perhaps, not knowingly and intentionally,

THEREFORE,

Be it resolved that Paragraph (e) of Section 14-201.1 of Title IV of the Statutes be deleted:


~~-(e) Proclaim that a one-day class be held provided the following conditions are met: (1) All candidates must be elected by a Lodge to receive or continue the degrees.~~

~~(2) All candidates must complete the minimum proficiency. (3) A Lodge must submit a request for a dispensation to the Grand Master (through the Grand Secretary's Office) requesting that courtesy work be conferred. The request for a dispensation must be signed by the Master and one of the Wardens. (4) All degree work shall be under the direction of the Grand Lecturer and/or an appointed representative of the Grand Master. (5) A lodge will be designated as the Host Lodge to perform the degrees. (6) A fee for each candidate to cover supplies, meals and facilities will be determined and assessed. (7) The Master or a Warden of each Lodge sponsoring a candidate must be present to assist in the raising of their candidates at the proper time.~~

~~(8) Candidates advancing to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in a "One Day Class" have necessarily made the minimum proficiency in the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Degrees. The proficiency is made in the Master Mason Degree at the Lodge where the candidate was elected to receive the degrees and at the judgment of the Master of the Lodge.~~

Respectfully submitted:

Jean-Claude Malterre PM (4, 41)

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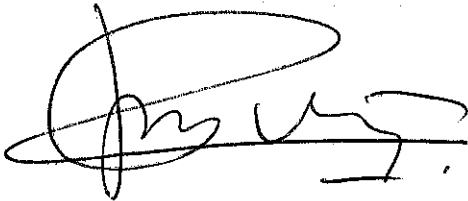
TO: Grand Secretary's Office
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REF: 2018 Grand Lodge of Arizona Annual Communication
New Legislation proposal and submission

MW Brother Grand Secretary:

Please find enclosed a proposal and submission to remove
so-called "One-Day-Classes" in Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,



Jean-Claude Malterre

PM Tucson Lodge #4,
PM Adobe Lodge #41,
PM & CM Renaissance Lodge #84
PM SARL #2,
Past DDGM,
Past Grand Pursuivant,
Past Grand Orator,
Past Chair and current member of the Grand Lodge Masonic
Education and Service Committee.
Past Chair Foreign Relations Committee.

Enclosure: Proposal to remove "One-Day-Classes" in
Arizona.

Resolution 2018 -05
(Required a 2/3 majority)

SYNOPSIS: In the interest of accuracy and clarity, the following amendments should be made to the RAMS as follows (added text in **bold type**, deleted text in ~~strike-through~~)

Section 7-102.3 – Certificate for Foreign Entered Apprentice. A certificate under the seal of another Grand Lodge stating the Lodge to which an Entered Apprentice belonged has lost its Charter may be accepted in lieu of a waiver. The petitioner must have the necessary qualifications as to residence and apply in the regular manner, paying the fees for the remaining two degrees and the ten dollar ~~Masonic Home Endowment Fund~~ **Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation Inc.** fee.

Rational: The Grand Lodge Foundation Inc. now holds and manages the fund previously known as the Masonic Home Endowment Fund per Section 15-601(C)(1).

Section 18-308 – Notice of Action on Appeal. As soon as possible after the close of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication at which an appeal is heard, the Grand Secretary shall notify the ~~accused~~ **appellant** and the Lodge of the action taken at Grand Lodge.

Rational: To make an appeal, one has already been found guilty and is then an appellant.

Section 18-305 – Restoration by Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge may, at any Annual Communication, if good cause therefor be shown and proof be given of the notice hereinafter prescribed, restore to the rights and privileges of Masonry any Mason who has been suspended or expelled within its jurisdiction, but such restoration shall not restore him to membership in the Lodge by **or from** which he was suspended or expelled.

- (a) A Mason so restored is a non-affiliated Mason and must conform to the requirements of the appropriate Section(s) within six months of his restoration.
- (b) A Brother restored after suspension for un-Masonic conduct is not obligated to pay dues for the period of his suspension.

Section 18-309 – Petition for Restoration from Sentence of Suspension or Expulsion. Whenever any Mason, suspended or expelled for un-Masonic conduct, desires to petition the Grand Lodge for restoration to the rights and privileges of masonry, he shall first make written application for such restoration to the Lodge by **or from** which he was suspended or expelled, if it still be in existence.

- (a) Such application shall be presented at a stated meeting at least sixty (60) days before the Annual Communication at which his application is to be presented,

accompanying said notice with a copy of his intended application; and before said application shall be considered by the Grand Lodge, proof of the giving of said notice to the Lodge shall be furnished.

- (b) If the Lodge which expelled applicant was not the Lodge of which he was then a member, similar notice shall be given to the Lodge of which applicant was a member at the time of his expulsion if the same was a Lodge in this jurisdiction.
- (c) The notice must be read at the next stated meeting of the Lodge after its receipt by the Secretary and the Master must state to the members present that a vote may be taken at the following stated meeting on the question of approval or disapproval of the restoration.
- (d) If a motion is made and seconded either to approve or disapprove the restoration, a secret vote by written ballot shall be taken and the result entered in the minutes, and the Secretary shall promptly notify the Grand Secretary of the result of said ballot.
- (e) The Master shall also announce that any member may express his endorsement of or objection to the restoration by communication to the Grand Secretary or that any member may orally state his approval or disapproval to the Master.
- (f) Prior to the opening of the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Master shall inform the Grand Secretary in writing of the number of endorsers and objectors.

Rational: Section 18-309(b) makes it clear why this change is needed in Section 18-305 and 18-309.

Section 18-209 – Transmission of Documents to Accused. Within five (5) days after the Trial Master is informed by the Master of the Lodge of the date, time and place set for trial and receives the other data required to be sent to him pursuant to Statute; the Trial Master shall cause to be transmitted to the accused in the manner provided by this Code a copy of:

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- (e) Evidence of his appointment as Trial Master, and
- (f) Notice of the **date**, time and place where the trial will be conducted.
- (g) ~~He shall also furnish a copy of~~ Chapters 17 and 18 of these Statutes, and a copy of Article IX of the Constitution.

Submitted by:

Earl L. Wunder, PM (13,14)
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Mark

Robert Weed, PM (22)
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Greg

REPORT OF THE CHARTERS AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

*Prepared by the Arizona Grand Lodge Charters and Bylaws Committee
Presented at the 2018th Annual Communication of the Arizona Grand Lodge.
Chairman: Glen H. Van Steeter, PM (58)
Committeeman: Raymond Najjar, PM (29)
Committeeman: Jason Easterday, PM (58)*

Your Charters and Bylaws Committee was active throughout the entire Grand Lodge Masonic Year, working towards the goal of assisting the Constituent Lodges of this jurisdiction in ensuring that their bylaws and proposed amendments thereof are in proper form and are not in conflict with the Arizona Masonic Constitution (AMC) nor the Revised Arizona Masonic Statutes (RAMS).

We had two Lodges with work that was carried over from the previous Masonic year, and six Lodges who presented us with new proposed amendments.

I exhort all of the Arizona Lodges to submit a current copy of their Lodge Bylaws to the Grand Secretary's office, and recommend that all Lodges should have a standing or occasional committee to review their bylaws on a periodic basis, especially in light of the fact that each year at our Annual Communications amendments are passed that change the AMC and RAMS.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay Masonic Wages. First, I would like to thank the secretaries and bylaws committees of the Lodges who worked with the Charter and Bylaws Committee this year. I realize that sometimes, navigating the AMC and RAMS can seem "arcane". Their patience and diligence in "working the process" is appreciated and commendable. I could not have done this work on my own, and I owe a great deal of gratitude to Worshipful Brothers Jason Easterday (58) and Raymond Najjar (29), who both provided valuable commentary and consultation during the year.

It is my opinion that the committee performed well this year and I found the work to be interesting and satisfying. It was also educational to see how the various Lodges have formatted their governing documents and found something of great interest and value in many of them. Even more interesting was the great variety in the form of their bylaws, even if, in the end, they accomplished the same thing, which is to provide the framework wherein their Lodges can "best work and best agree." I encourage the various Lodges to talk about their bylaws and share ideas.

I now look forward to seeking new opportunities with my current employer, which sadly necessitates a move from Arizona to Salt Lake City, Utah. I regret that I shall not be able to serve on this committee in the future and I wish our successors well.

Recommendations to the Grand Master

Chandler Thunderbird Lodge No. 15
New submission received on June 11, 2017

This committee recommends the approval and adoption of all amendments as submitted on May 26, 2017.

Peoria Lodge No. 31

Carryover from previous year

This committee recommends the approval and adoption of all amendments as re-submitted on January 3, 2018 with the following exceptions:

Part I, Article II, Section 4 paragraph b

Part II, Article III, Sections 1, 2, & 3

The committee would like to call out the excellent follow-through by W. Bro. Michael Gatti to get these recommendations and revisions completed.

Apache Lodge No. 69

New submission received on September 11, 2017

This committee recommends the approval and adoption of all amendments as re-submitted on October 8th, 2017.

Pioneer Lodge No. 82

New submission received on October 31, 2017

This committee recommends the approval and adoption of all amendments as re-submitted on March 21, 2018.

El Quixote Lodge No. 83

Carryover from the previous year

Several attempts were made by this committee to contact the Secretary of this Lodge, but without effect. However, the following recommendations are offered by this committee:

Article III, Section 2: Current text copied verbatim from the AZ Masonic Constitution, however, grammatical changes need to be made so that the context changes from all constituent Lodges to El Quixote Lodge in particular.

Article III, Section 3: Current text copied from the RAMS, however, there are several spelling and punctuation errors that needed to be corrected.

Article V, Section 3: There exist several spelling and grammar errors.

All other amendments were approved and adopted at the 2017 Annual Communication.

Downtown Lodge No. 86

New submission received on October 6, 2017

This was a “clean-sheet” rewrite of the Lodge bylaws.

This committee recommends the approval and adoption of these bylaws with the exception of the following sections:

Article II, Section 2: The committee suggests a rewrite of this section to improve clarity.

Alternate text has been provided the Lodge by this committee, which we believe will provide the needed clarity without changing the intent of this section.

Article II, Section 3: Change “...*belonging of to the Lodge...*” to “...*belonging to the Lodge...*”

Article III, Section 2: Remove the reference to the day of month, time and location in this section, which we believe to be unnecessary since this section defines which months the Lodge

will be “dark”. Recommended the following text: *“The monthly Stated Meeting will not be held in the months of July and August.”*

Prometheus Lodge No. 87

New submission received on January 18, 2018

This committee recommends the approval and adoption of all amendments with the exception of Article XIV, Section 4. There is a conflict in this section 4 and Section 1 of the same Article which this committee cannot resolve.

Ascension Lodge U.D.

New submission received on January 3, 2018

This is a clean-sheet submission of new bylaws.

This committee recommends the approval and adoption of all articles and sections of these except for those noted below:

Article III: Grammar corrections. Also, we recommend that the Lodge specify if initiation fees include or exclude the Grand Lodge fees and assessments.

Article V: We recommend a new Section 1 to define the officers of the Lodge in accordance with Article 6-1 of the AZ Masonic Constitution. Existing sections will require renumbering.

Additionally, we recommend that Article V title be changed to “OFFICERS, ELECTIONS and TRUSTEES”.

Article V.1: Renumber to V.2. Additionally, this committee recommends that this section specifically include appointed officers to the list of officers to be annually installed.

Article V.3: Renumber to V.4.

We recommend specifying the date of Trustee elections.

We recommend that the period prior to election of Trustee to fill vacancy be specified, as well as method(s) to be used for communication. As currently written, notice by email on the same day of the election would satisfy current language.

Article V.5: Renumber to V.6. We also recommend that what constitutes a “quorum” be specifically defined.

Article V.6: Renumber to V.7. We find this section to be very hard to understand due to lengthy compound sentences. We recommend using an enumerated list. We also recommend dropping the phrase “or necessary therefore” because of the implication that could be made that the Lodge could possess, manage, control property that the Lodge doesn’t own or doesn’t have a valid possessory interest.

This report concludes the business conducted by the Arizona Grand Lodge Committee for Charters and Bylaws. It has been an honor to have been selected to serve.

Glen H. Van Steeter, PM, Chairman

REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES IN NORTH AMERICA

The 2018 Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America was held in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center, on February 18 – 20, 2018. There were 40 Grand Secretaries from the United States, Canada, and Mexico present at the conference, eight of whom are new secretaries.

The Conference officially opened at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, February 19, 2018, by Terence Shand, President, Ontario. After the invocation, flag presentation, and tribute to the flags (U.S. Canada, and Mexico) the new Grand Secretaries were introduced. Roll call was taken, and the following reports were received and presented:

Report of the Memorials Committee – C. Michael Watson, Ohio,
Report of the Secretary-Treasurer Committee – Mike DeWolf, Wisconsin
Report of the Audit Committee – Alan Adkins, Virginia
Report of the Investment Committee – Monte Bollar, Idaho

The keynote address was given by Brother Alan Casalou, Grand Secretary of California, entitled “Freemasonry in Mexico”.

The conference had a different flavor this year as the planning committee decided to have breakout sessions for discussion and presentations to the entire group upon reconvening. Discussion Topics were:

Grand Lodge Office – What positive/negative changes have improved/impacted office performance?

Identify membership incompatibility issue trends reaching the Grand Lodge, and how they are dealt with?

Pros and cons of the administrative relationship of the Grand Secretaries office with an office manager/administrator!

Lodge building fire safety standards, lodge insurance, officer liability coverage; what is adequate and how is it addressed?

There was a presentation made by Brother Donald Tuttle, retired New Jersey police officer and chair of Security and EMS in New Jersey. Synopsis in brief, is be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Next year’s conference will be held at the Ramkota Conference Center, Rapid City South Dakota, on February 18 – 20.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Rowan, PGM
Grand Secretary.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT 2017-2018

It has been a great year representing the Masons of the Great State of Arizona as Deputy Grand Master. Working with the Most Worshipful Grand Master Scott A. Thomas and the other dedicated Officers of the Grand Lodge has been a wonderful experience and a time that I shall remember forever. It has been a labor of love and an opportunity that I just cannot put into words. The completion of my year as Deputy Grand Master completes the lodge visitation program supported by the Grand Line. In the last few years I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in Arizona at least once and in most cases several times. The lasting friendships I have made and the receptions and respect that I have been given fills my heart. This year I visited over 30 lodges in Arizona and had the privilege to attend the Grand Lodges of New Mexico, Idaho and Wyoming, the Conference of Grand Masters, the Western States Masonic Conference (where I was a presenter), and the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference. I also participated in the Nogales #11 and Flagstaff #7 rededication ceremonies, the Cochise County, Fain Ranch and Dutch Mountain outdoor degrees, the Lodge Leadership Conference as well as several other degrees and ceremonies. In all cases they were a tremendous learning experience and great information and ideas were brought home to be put to use in Arizona.

Visiting Lodges gives one a clear view on the pulse of Freemasonry in Arizona and the activities of our dedicated brothers. There are several things that I have learned and observed during this time in office that I would like to share with you. Our Lodges are filled with great brothers who love the craft and believe in its tenets and teachings. Unfortunately there are just fewer of us. Not that being fewer is a bad thing. Many of our Lodges struggle just to fill the chairs and perform degree work, but those that are there are spreading the teachings of Freemasonry in the communities. The Lodges that are spending time out in the community, doing things for others and being in public view are the Lodges that are doing well. There are so many things that a Lodge can be involved in. Take your Lodge out of the lodge room and into your community. It will pay great dividends to us all.

The dedicated Officers of the Lodges are struggling with leadership issues and the general administration of their lodges. We have lost so many dedicated and involved brothers to the ravages of time and the hand of the grim reaper, and so much of that knowledge has not been transmitted to our newer members. Do not allow the light of our great Fraternity to be dimmed. Go to work in the quarries and help change that rough ashlar into the perfect ashlar so that the beautiful Masonic edifice that is our Fraternity may grow and prosper with a proper foundation. I want to acknowledge the Brothers who have served as DDGMs and DDGLs for this year. The DDGMs and DDGLs are the direct conduit between the lodges and the Grand Lodge Officers. They play a major part in disseminating information and helping with our ritual and Lodge proficiencies. These Brothers travel many miles with little compensation. These jobs are among the most demanding in the Fraternity. It is their main job to ensure that the Lodges follow the Arizona Masonic Code and have the most current information available. Thanks to their dedication there were fewer problems with proficiencies and the general operations of lodges. The DDGMs meet on a quarterly basis to obtain training from the Grand Lecturer and discuss issues and problems with the Grand Lodge Officers. This coordinated effort allows for a consistency of information being provided to the Lodges. The DDGLs and our dedicated Grand Lecturer are tasked with training the Lodges on floor work and lodge operations. Their districts comprise many lodges and require many miles of travel. The Grand Lecturer increased the number of programs from last year and the DDGLs have completed many Lodges of Instruction around the State, earning much praise for their efforts. The Grand Lecturer has participated in most of them and also provided a stellar presentation at the Lodge Leadership Conference. I truly appreciate the opportunity to work with these brothers and thank them for their dedication

to the Craft. I strongly advise that the Lodges take more advantage of the information and dedication that these Brothers have available. They are here to work for you.

The Grand Line Officers meet on a regular basis for Long Range Planning and coordination. It has been my honor to serve as the head of this group of dedicated brothers for the past year. In the LRP meetings we discuss issues from around the State and formulate solutions to solve problems and establish programs. We also use this time to plan for the future of the craft and ensure that we are all traveling upon the same road for the betterment of the Fraternity. Many projects of the LRP are multiyear programs. A major duty of the LRP is to develop programs for the Lodge Leadership Conference and support educational programs for the State. The Grand Officers are assigned to manage and oversee projects and initiatives, which has improved the participation and input into improving our management and problem solving capabilities. This year they have helped especially in making major advances in updating our technology and making information more available to the Craft.

My conclusion is that Masonry is alive and well in Arizona. While we have faced many trials and hardships, we have emerged triumphantly. I see our Brothers working hard to be successful and to keep our lodges alive and prosperous. We need to return to our roots and what has worked for Masonry for centuries. The concepts of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are more important in today's society than they ever have been. We are a society of friends and brothers, we have nothing magical to offer, only truths to guide us in our daily lives.

I look forward to the future of the Craft and the many successes we will have. I wish to thank you all for the love, respect and support you have all given to me. In the immortal words of a great brother and the finest Senior Deacon a Master could ever have: I LOVE THE FRATERNITY!!

Craig L. Gross, Deputy Grand Master

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona:

Brethren,

It has been a very productive year for our Committee. Masonic Education building has had its challenges. As stated at this year's Leadership Conference in Casa Grande, the creation and subject matter of the educational materials must have relevance to our Masonic growth.

"If You Don't Know Where You Are Going Any Road Will Get You There."

--Lewis Carroll

The following points were two big areas that the committee felt was a good Strategic starting point to assist in building a strong educational footprint. First, we needed to define a purpose of what the committee was doing and wanted to achieve. Secondly, how do we meet the challenge of these common problems?

1. Purpose

- Provide an effective voice on significant issues within Masonic education at all levels.
- Actively involve students in learning.
- Take into account student's prior knowledge of the subject matter.
- Challenge students to meet high standards of performance.
- Offer opportunities for them to practice.
- Provide them with appropriate and ongoing feedback about their performance.

2. Seeking Solutions to Common Problems

- Opportunities for dialogue with Grand Lodge Officers and members.
- New approaches to long distance learning.
- Future workshops on topics of interest to members.
- Professional strategic planning meetings to include Long Range Planning.
- Educational articles in Arizona Masonry and website.
- Cross talks w/other committees, DDGMs and DDGLs.

The following timeline illustrates what has been done and what is in the hopper:

TIMELINE:

Note that means the statement has been completed. means the statement has not been completed or is on-going.

2017-2018

- Roll out the Arizona Candidate Education Program Revision.
- Create CAPSTONE. A Professional Masonic Studies Program targeted to the Masonic Student to further enhance his educational development.
- Create PINNACLE. A Professional Masonic Studies Program targeted to student development in Arizona Constitutional and Statutes Studies.
- Create LOOKING GLASS. A Professional Masonic Studies Program targeted to the student that is interested in the interpretation of symbols in the Masonic ritual.
- Create PANGEA. A Professional Masonic Studies Program targeted to the student that is interested in ?
- Work with the Grand Lodge Technology Committee on “Distance Learning.”
Note: One of the most important features of distance learning is the possibility to study at any chosen time and wherever there is an access to the Internet. The students can choose their own pace of progress.
- Develop an interactive on-line course for Lodge Secretaries.
- Develop an interactive on-line course for Lodge Treasurers.
- Assist in future Grand Lodge Leadership Classes/Workshops.

CONCLUSION:

I would like to thank our Grand Master Scott Thomas for the opportunity to serve this great fraternity. Education, whatever its ultimate source, represents a transformation of ordinary human consciousness. Each Arizona Mason should garb themselves with the fabric of education and through those experiences achieve a richer understanding of our Masonic Order.

Submitted by:

George E. Weil, PM (1) Chairman
Donn Bernhardt, PGM (45)
Jim Gier, PM (69, 70)
Jean-Claude Malterre, PM (4, 41)
Briggs Cunningham (45)

Foreign Relations Committee 2017-2018 Report

I first would like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master, Scott A. Thomas for appointing me to serve as the committee chairman during the 2017-2018 Masonic year. It was a great honor to be able to serve you and the Craft this year. I thank you for trusting me to serve in this capacity and it was an absolute pleasure to do so!

This Masonic year has been very busy with several developments around the many jurisdictions within and outside the United States.

Grand Orients of Brazil

The Grand Lodge of Arizona in 2017 received four recognition requests at the exact same time from four different Grand Orients in Brazil.

Grand Orient of Santa Catarina

Grand Orient of Paraná

Grand Orient of Mato Grosso

Grand Orient of Rio Grande do Sul

The Grand Lodge of Arizona currently recognizes the following Grand Lodges in Brazil:

The Grand Lodge of Santa Catarina

The Grand Lodge of Paraná

The Grand Lodge of Mato Grosso

The Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Sul

The names above are very similar to each other but note that they are two very different entities.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona typically does not recognize more than one Grand Lodge or Grand Orient in the same territory unless the more established Grand Lodge gives permission and has signed an agreement with the other to share the same territory. The four Grand Lodges mentioned above has done so with the four Grand Orients that have submitted their request for recognition to us.

The Foreign Relations Committee has studied all four requests and they appear to be in proper form. After receiving these requests, we have been working diligently throughout the year on gathering more information from the four Grand Orients with our counterparts in the foreign relations/recognition committees.

The Foreign Relations Committee has checked the 2017 commission report put out by the Commission on Information for Recognition, which is a part of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Their report has stated that all four Grand Orients are now recognized by the commission and appear to be practicing regular masonry.

Currently, only three Grand Lodges in the United States have voted to recognize these four and they are The Grand Lodge of New York, The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and The Grand Lodge of District of Columbia. The committee has reached out to our counterparts within these Grand Lodges to for assistance by gathering additional information since they have done their

due diligence to the point where they all felt comfortable to put motions on the floor to be voted on and approve the recognition requests during their annual grand communications.

This committee has gathered much needed information throughout the year, but we have felt that it is insufficient as of now to request of our voting members to approve and grant recognition to these four Grand Orients. We will continue to gather additional information throughout the next year and will report to this grand body of our recommendations during the 2019 Grand Communication.

Valle de Mexico

The Foreign Relations Committee during the 2017 Communication reported on The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. The committee received an unofficial notice and request that Valle de Mexico would like to restore mutual recognition with The Grand Lodge of Arizona. We decided to honor that request. We have researched the matter and have gained what limited information there was. We also stated that The Grand Lodge of Arizona's voting members in 2001 decided to withdraw recognition with Valle de Mexico, thereby suspending all fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge and all its members because it was reported to us prior to the 2001 Communication that The Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico appears to have great difficulty in keeping partisan politics out of its lodges. Information has also come to us that indicates they were rather heavily involved on a partisan basis in the presidential election in Mexico.

This committee has delegated one of our members to establish communication with The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico mostly due to the language barrier. It has been reported that there has been minimal contact and response back from their members when requested of them to supply information that we have requested of them, mainly what they have done since 2001 until now to correct their actions. After repeated attempts for information and requesting of them to submit a formal request for recognition, there is not much or if any response from their Grand Lodge or of its members. The Foreign Relations Committee has determined that the lack of response and proactiveness on their part and very limited information from Valle de Mexico make it impossible to consider any restoration of recognition, and we have decided to close this matter. If the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico chooses to engage us again in the future, we will be happy to continue talks.

New Developments

At the time of this report, there have been several new developments that have surfaced within the Grand Lodge of Kansas and The Grand Lodge of Japan. There is limited information now, but this committee will research the issues happening within those Grand Jurisdictions and report these additional findings verbally during this Annual Grand Communication.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
James Xie, P.M. (43) Chairman
Carlos A. Tolsa - Member

Fraternal Correspondence Committee 2017-2018 Report **(includes Grand Representative Program)**

I first would like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master, Scott A. Thomas for appointing me to serve as the committee chairman during the 2017-2018 Grand Lodge year as the chairman of this Committee. I would also like to thank the members of this committee who have been working this entire masonic year to get the Representatives program up and running again.

During this Grand Lodge year, the committee has had an overwhelming success in promoting the Grand Reps program to the lodges around the state. We have had a great response from the Craft and a huge number of applications sent in to participate in the program. Our Grand Master has taken the recommendations of the committee of all who are to be appointed and has done so with speed, and the committee thanks you for the support of this program. We thank all of you who took interest and the time to apply and having patience with the committee as we work on the back end administrative process to move along the applications and appoints to ensure everything went smooth.

Unfortunately, there have been a few applications that we received that could not proceed because the grand jurisdictions that has been requested by these brothers were already taken by other members around the state. This committee's policy when those applications are received is to contact the current grand representatives of those respective jurisdictions and to inform them that there has been interest and if they would like to yield it to the new applicants. There have been a few successes and those brothers were recommended to the Grand Master for appointment. The committee does apologize to those brethren who we not were not able to fulfill what they were seeking. We are hoping that you will give us another chance in the future.

There have also been a few questions being raised by some members who decided to apply and participate in the program, which mostly was that they have not heard back on the progress of their appointment. The committee has been working throughout the year with the Grand Secretary's office to follow up on the status of their appointment by the grand jurisdictions that they have applied for which is by sending them a friendly reminder of the communication we have sent to their Grand Lodge office by official mail. Unfortunately, we cannot control the priorities of other Grand Lodges and force them to respond to our requests for Grand Representative appointments. We will continually follow up with friendly reminders throughout the year.

The Grand Secretary's office has received many replies regarding the appointments of the Grand Representatives by those Grand Jurisdictions and I am happy to say that they were ecstatic to hear from the Grand Lodge of Arizona and that our members want to participate into the program. The office has received "patents", or certificates, that are to be presented to the brothers at their stated meeting. I must say, the patents sent by these various Grand Lodges are very ornate and impressive. The Grand Representatives committee members, along with the District Deputy Grand Masters around the state has been presenting these patents to the brothers throughout the year and were very happy! The committee are still receiving more patents throughout the year so there are many more to come.

The Grand Representatives Committee members still hold on to the belief that after the resurrection of this program, we have shifted the intent of this program from what the original purpose and geared it more towards travel. By being appointed as a Grand Representative, it is not a requirement to travel out to your appointed jurisdiction, but it is highly encouraged at least once during the lifetime of your appointment. The experience of the travel is a once in a lifetime and will be the time of your life, trust us, we know firsthand! This program should hopefully encourage and give you a reason to do so! We also highly encourage at the very least that the participants to learn as much as possible about their Grand Jurisdiction and to familiarize themselves with all information available to them. You never know, you may one day go!

There are quite a few Jurisdictions left that are vacant and the Grand Representatives Committee would one day like to see it all filled. We plan to send our periodic announcements to the lodges throughout the year to encourage more participation. If any members who would like more information about this wonderful program, please contact myself or any other committee members and we would be glad to give it to you. My contact information is on the Grand Lodges website, www.AZMASONS.org.

It is our hope that we can make a mark in the vast world of Freemasonry and to let the world know that Arizona Freemasonry is thriving and eventually a place where many Freemasons around the world want to visit.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Fraternal Correspondence Committee & Grand Representatives Program
James Xie, P.M. (43) Chairman
Eric C. Marble (43) Member
Raymond J. Brigandi, P.M. (58) Member

Grand Lodge of Arizona

Investment Advisory Committee Report

For calendar year 2017, the Grand Lodge of Arizona's investment accounts increased 9.71% or \$516,027.42. Given the aggregate account(s) allocation of 56.7% Cash/Bonds, 11.2% International Stocks, and 32.1% US Stocks, performance was strong.

Factors that contributed to this impressive performance were, strong corporate earnings and revenue forecasts, expected corporate tax relief, global economic optimism and extremely low volatility.

The US Stock market, as reflected in the S&P 500, grew 19.4%, the EAFE (International) Index increase 24.6% and the Barclay's Aggregate Bond Index was up 3.8% for 2017.

Perpetual Membership I, designed to be the Grand Lodge's most conservative account, increase 6.77%, considerable better than its benchmark. This was achieved even as the account's credit quality improved and duration was shortened in anticipation of interest rate increases expected for 2018.

Perpetual Membership II, which follows a total return strategy (stocks for growth & bonds for income), grew 13.11%. This, while maintaining well diversified allocation to minimize risk & volatility, but still participate in the impressive performance of the stock market.

Forecasts for 2018 anticipate another positive year, though not as robust as 2017, with more historical volatility. For the year, bonds are expected to return 3-5%, given an estimated 3 interest rate increases, while the US Stocks market is expected to return 6-9%. International Stocks are once again projected to out perform domestic equities, with performance of 10-14% as Europe continues to resurge and China emerges from it's modest recession.

Chairman, Russell Sayre continued to hold the Investment Advisory Committee meetings on a quarterly basis, two days before each Grand Trustee meeting. As in prior years, these quarterly meetings allowed the Advisory Committee to thoroughly review all Grand Lodge accounts, insuring they complied with the Investment Policy Statement (IPS) and the investment objectives and risk tolerance for each account. Every investment holding was analyzed, and their performance was reviewed at each meeting. Finally, if deemed appropriate and/or necessary, recommendations were made to the Grand Trustees. Finally, as in past years, the Committee considered macro-economic trends and geo-political issues to assist with the determination of prudent allocation and diversification to further protect the investments of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell Sayre, Chairman #43 & #75

Raymond Everett #1

Ron Richards #32 & #41

Gary Horn #23

Paul Burns #15

Report of Masonic Charities of Arizona **2017-2018**

Freemasons throughout the world have a long and proud heritage of giving unselfishly to those in need. Arizona Masons are no different. Masonic Charities of Arizona was separately incorporated under Arizona State law in 1981 as a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization for the stated purpose of relieving human suffering in this state. The business and property of the Masonic Charities of Arizona is managed independently by a Board of Directors consisting of 9 members who are Master Masons of Arizona Lodges and serve as volunteers and receive no compensation. The Directors each serve a term of 3 years, staggered so that 3 new members are appointed each year by the current Grand Master at our annual meeting. This year MWGM Scott Thomas reappointed Robert Richards and Craig Hutchinson to three year terms, Roger Biede III to a three year term and David Miller to fill the unexpired term of James Rolle who is unable to continue as a Board member. Roger replaces Jim Baker who did not seek reappointment due to other Masonic commitments. The Board of Directors wishes to express our gratitude to James Rolle for his service and dedication of over 12 years and Jim Baker for his 7 years of service to Masonic Charities of Arizona.

Our annual meeting is held at a date to be announced during the 1st quarter of each calendar year. We hold another Board meeting in the 3rd quarter of the year at which time, the Directors award grants to 501c3 charitable organizations around the state of Arizona. These meetings are open to any Master Mason to come and observe.

We depend upon donations from our Lodges, its members and individuals or groups not associated with Freemasonry. All donations to the Masonic Charities of Arizona are tax deductible under state and federal laws. As donations are received, they are placed into an investment fund which is managed by the Board of Directors operating in accordance with our Investment Policy Statement. The value of the portfolio increased from a beginning value of \$865,350 on January 1, 2017 to an ending value of \$885,314 on December 31, 2017.

Each year the Board votes to issue grants to 501c3 organizations. All grants are paid out of the earned interest from our Investment Portfolio, reserving the principal of the portfolio for future growth. This past year we issued grants totaling \$31,500 to the following 16 organizations around the State of Arizona: Yavapai Exceptional Industries in Prescott, Mt. Graham Safe House in Safford, New Life Center in Goodyear, Casa Community Services in Green Valley, Northland Family Help Center in Flagstaff, the Gila County S.O.S. (Support our Soldiers) in Globe, Holbrook First Step Workshop in Holbrook, the Stepping Stone Foundation in Phoenix, Verde Valley Sanctuary in Cottonwood, Horizon Domestic Violence Safe House in Globe, The Learning Center in Phoenix, Shoebox Ministry in Scottsdale, The Child Language Center in Tucson, Community Alliance Against Family Abuse in Apache Junction and Operation Welcome Home in Gilbert.

In 2017 the Masonic Charities of Arizona received \$9,544 in donations from Masonic License plate revenue, Grand Lodge Petition fees, Tracy Trust management fees, Amazon Smile contributions and personal and Lodge donations. Our expenses for 2017 included IRS Exempt Organization Tax reporting and Arizona Corporation Commission filings, Web site maintenance and postage for a total of \$869.

We appreciate the memorial donations made in the names of deceased brothers from their Lodges over the years. Some of our donations have come by way of endowments that have been given to us as the result of estate planning from our brethren and their families. These contributions have enabled us to expand and increase our giving to the many organizations throughout Arizona. You can find out more information about the Masonic Charities of Arizona by visiting our website at **www.masoniccharitiesaz.com**.

Fraternally,

Paul J Dore Sr., President
Craig Hutchinson, Secretary/Treasurer
Calvin Magness, Member
David Miller, Member
Roger Biede III, Member

Kenneth Smith, Vice President
David McHone, Member
Peter Johnson, Member
Robert Richards, Member

Military Degree Team Report for 2017-2018

Following is the list of functions that the Military Degree Team performed during the year. All were second degrees, which were done according to Arizona Masonic Code with slight variations as needed for the military portion. All degrees were performed under the rule and guide of Nelson C. Bledsoe # 74, our sponsoring lodge, and the lodge we were visiting at the time. The degrees were done without cost to the Grand Lodge. The expenses were covered by donations from various lodges and by out of pocket funds of the team members.

Aaron Lodge #49	July 17, 2017	Tucson, AZ.
Oasis Lodge #52	January 16, 2018	Tucson, AZ.
Aaron Lodge #49	April 14, 2018	Tucson, AZ.
Arizona Lodge #2	April 17, 2018	Phoenix, AZ.
Tucson Lodge #4	May 9, 2018	Tucson, AZ.

Fraternally,
Robert D. Crawford PM, Secretary/Treasurer

Grand Lodge of Arizona Museum

The opportunity to create the first museum of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was both an educational and rewarding experience. Located in the Grand Lodge building, the museum transformed the former Grand Secretaries' office from a storage room to the home of what is hoped will be a continuous, living and evolving testament to the history of Freemasonry in Arizona.

With the objective of having each lodge contribute an artifact from their archives that identifies the history or unique character of the lodge, at the writing of this report, 50% of the lodges have contributed at least one item to exhibit with most on display and several ready to be added. The museum officially opened on December 17, 2017 in conjunction with the Grand Lodge of Arizona's Annual Christmas Party.

The museum features 6 distinct areas of Arizona Grand Lodge history; Grand Lodge, Cornerstones, Lodges/Lodge pins, Banners/Regalia/Memorabilia, Charters/Dispensations, and Brethren. The photos below depict the room at the start of the project and its current displays.

Before



Today



Working with future Grand Masters, the plan is to continue to grow and evolve the museum to best display, preserve and present the history of Arizona Freemasonry.

Mark Brown

Grand Pursuivant/Museum Curator

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

It is with honor and pleasure that the Grand Lodge Public Schools Committee submits this Annual Report after having been inactive for several years. MWGM Scott Thomas was determined to see the Masons of Arizona active and engaged with our Public Schools and therefore budgeted \$4,000 to reintroduce the Masonic Essay contest and Classroom grant program in Arizona Public Schools. This became a reality in part by the formation of GLOAF that provides the much needed funding source for the program this year and into the future. The Grand Lodge Line Officers are committed to seeing the program continue and evolve for years to come.

Another long standing tradition that had been overlooked was brought back to light with the issue of Edict No. 2017-01 announcing American Education Week and our support of Public Schools in Arizona, November 13 – 17, 2017. Several of our Lodges observed the Spirit of American Education Week by making the effort and taking the time to show their appreciation for our Public Schools by recognizing Students, Teachers, Staff and Administrators.

After being dormant for a few years the Grand Lodge Public Schools Program is slowly gaining support and participation from our Constituent Lodges and we express our thanks and gratitude for all that have made the effort to introduce the program to their local Public Schools. We are pleased to report the results of this year's Essay Contest and Classroom Grant Program. Congratulations to the winners, participating Schools and Lodges.

2017- 2018 Masonic Essay Contest Winners

Grade	School	Sponsoring Lodge
3rd Grade		
1 st Place:	Imagine Coolidge Elementary	Gila Valley Lodge No. 9
2 nd Place:	Hulet Elementary	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
3 rd Place:	Hulet Elementary	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
4th Grade		
1 st Place:	Hulet Elementary	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
2 nd Place:	Hulet Elementary	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
3 rd Place:	Cottonwood Elementary	Pinal Lodge No. 30
5th Grade		
1 st Place:	Hulet Elementary	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
2 nd Place:	Indian Wells Elementary	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
3 rd Place:	Hulet Elementary	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
6th Grade		
1 st Place:	Indian Wells Elementary	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
2 nd Place:	Indian Wells Elementary	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
3 rd Place:	Indian Wells Elementary	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
7th Grade		
1 st Place:	Holbrook Junior High	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
2 nd Place:	Holbrook Junior High	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
3 rd Place:	Florence K-8	Gila Valley Lodge No. 9
8th Grade		
1 st Place:	Florence K-8	Gila Valley Lodge No. 9
2 nd Place:	Holbrook Junior High	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
3 rd Place:	Florence K-8	Gila Valley Lodge No.

Total Essays received: 30

Participating Lodges: 3

2017-2018 Classroom Grant Recipients

<u>School</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Sponsoring Lodge</u>
Indian Wells Elementary	Math Flash Cards	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
Imagine Coolidge Elementary	Kindle Tablets	Gila Valley Lodge No. 9
Winslow Junior High	Seating Stools (Art class)	Winslow Lodge No. 13
Jefferson Elementary	Hand Drums (Music class)	Oriental Lodge No. 20
Sonoran Sky Elementary	Composter (Science project)	Glendale Lodge No. 23
Cottonwood Elementary	Reading Support Program	Pinal Lodge No. 30
Curriel Elementary	Bluetooth Listening Center (ELA)	Eloy Lodge No. 46
Fox Creek Junior High	Plotting Peg Boards (Math)	Mohave Valley Lodge No. 68
Pine-Strawberry Elementary	Art Supplies	Sy Harrison Lodge No. 70
Holbrook Junior High	Tools and Supplies (Shop class)	Chalcedony Lodge No. 6
Jefferson Elementary	Science Biomes Project	Winslow Lodge No. 13

Total Classroom Grants requests: 16

Total participating Lodges: 9

Financial report:	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Essay awards	\$1,170.00	
Classroom Grants	\$2,500.00	
Office supplies	<u>\$ 61.39</u>	
	Total Expenses	\$3,731.39

There were several Lodges that approached their Schools but were unable to gain support. We thank those Lodges for the efforts and encourage you to continue to become involved in your local Public Schools. This program is in a rebuilding mode and we are looking forward to an expanding and growing interaction with our Public School System in Arizona.

Participation in the Grand Lodge School Essay contest and Classroom Grant program are excellent opportunities to become involved with your local Schools and show you support and commitment to furthering education. Your involvement in these programs will be rewarding and give you an insight into the thoughts, ideas and needs of the Students, Teachers and Schools. Reading the Essays is fun, entertaining and inspiring and is time well spent.

I wish to personally thank MWGM Scott Thomas for giving me the honor to serve as chairman and with my utmost gratitude, thank you to WB Henry Spomer and WB James Watson for their wise council, time, support and Brotherly Love. We had a great time evaluating, discussing, and making our selections for the Essay Contest Winners and Classroom Grant recipients.

Fraternally Submitted,
Jim Baker JGD, Chairman

Ritual Review Committee Report 2017-2018

During the current Masonic year, the Ritual Review Committee was charged with review of one Resolution, namely 2017-01, informally known as “Holy Bible vs. Holy Writings”. The committee has conducted the following review:

1. Investigation of foreign Grand Lodge jurisdictions regarding what their ritual calls for when obligating a man who believes in a Supreme Being, but whose religion does not necessarily follow the Holy Bible.
2. Request for written comments by Arizona Master Masons in good standing.
3. Public (by “Public” is meant comment by Arizona Master Masons in good standing) comment at designated times in Tucson, Arizona on April 7, 2018 and Phoenix, Arizona on April 21, 2018 and more informally in Payson, Arizona on April 14, 2018.
4. Thoughts of the committee members themselves.

DISCUSSION

In asking foreign jurisdictions, I was amazed by the lack of response. Apparently, discussion of the ritual across jurisdictional lines is something that is just not done. Four Grand Secretaries did respond, the common elements seemed to be that the identification of the book in the ritual was unimportant, and should be left to the Master of the Lodge. Anecdotal evidence of other Grand Jurisdictions revealed that using “Bible” or some more vague term such as VSL breaks both ways. I was not informed of any Grand Jurisdiction where this issue was currently a hot topic.

A review of the public and written comments is as follows:

1. The main objection to the current ritual appears to be a statement from the first degree lecture, and is referred to in the Resolution. Your Committee would refer you to the third section of the first degree lecture, in paragraph five, at the end of the first clause of the second sentence.
2. No comments have referred to changes to any other reference to the HB, although the operative language of the Resolution calls for a broader change. In fact, HB and Bible appear almost thirty (30) times in our ritual.
3. The Resolution references to the current Masonic Law (the Constitution and Revised Arizona Masonic Statutes) are accurate, our law only referring to the Holy Bible at Article VIII, Section 8-3 of the Constitution as the Volume of the Sacred Law (“VSL”) in the Judeo-Christian tradition.
4. By stating that “...upon it all regular Masons have been obligated.”, candidates who do not accept the Holy Bible as the VSL are marginalized, resulting in an organization which does not practice the diversity and tolerance which it preaches.
5. It is the right thing to do.
6. The fraternity should be looking forward to the future, and not backward to the past. The context of this comment is the assumption that future masons are not nearly as likely as current Masons to express belief in the Supreme Being through the Holy Bible, based on demographic trends evidencing reduction in populations of organized Christian religions as well as reduction in populations of fraternal groups such as ours. We run the risk of falling further behind the times by keeping with the old.
7. Parts of the ritual already refer to a more vague reference the sacred book. For example, in the first degree charge, the reference is to the VSL, and not the Bible. Further, in the second

section of the first degree lecture, at paragraph eight, clause two reference is made to the nonbinding obligation without belief in a Supreme Being. The obligation is taken upon a book, but is that book there because it is sacred, or is it because the book contains a precept that one should not lie, even to oneself, resulting in the obligation binding the candidate to the belief system the obligation contains. However, four paragraphs later, reference is made to the right hand resting on the HB to symbolize fidelity.

Comments against the Resolution have stated the following:

1. Why not just leave it alone, and let the Master do what he wants?
2. The current Masonic law has only been in effect for approximately a decade. At the adoption of the current Masonic Law, changes to the place held by the HB were not discussed, yet the concept of making the ritual consistent with the precepts of the Masonic Law is one of the reasons given for making the change. However, if consistency is the goal, it is just as easy (or easier) to change the Constitution than it is to change the ritual.
3. Changing the HB may have unintended consequences. By dropping the reference to the HB, does the same idea of diversity require removing or changing the letter G in the East, or the references to “God” in the ritual?
4. What happens when the candidate expresses belief in a Supreme Being from a religion which has no sacred book? The Resolution could be interpreted to require changes not only to verbal statements of the ritual, but also to the physical placement of a different sacred book (or multiple sacred books) upon the altar.
5. When we refer to the HB, are we speaking of the revealed will of God,
6. When we refer to the HB, we are speaking of a common moral code, which by following, the virtues and the perfection of the “Good Man” identifies a mason?
7. Procedural difficulties:
 - a. The Resolution calls on the Ritual Review Committee to make changes “where appropriate” to accomplish the intent of the Resolution. The Ritual includes HB or Bible almost thirty times. The Committee might decide to change all references, or only one or two occurrences.
 - b. Also, allowing the Committee to make changes “where appropriate” is vague enough to drive a truck through, and the Committee could decide to do anything from make changes to the Ritual and authorize a new printing of the Ritual, to making a single change in the Ritual Supplement. Perhaps the easiest change is to acknowledge that the initials “HB” stand for “Holy Book” rather than “Holy Bible”, but this would require further changes to the ritual, as well as the language of the Resolution, which appears to limit change to either “Holy Writings” or “Book of Holy Writings”. Another approach would be to state in italics in the ritual (“*appropriate sacred volume to be named here*”). The point is that this Resolution delegates the power of the Grand Lodge to one committee, traditionally chaired by the Grand Lecturer, who is an appointed, not an elected, Grand Lodge officer. The Resolution contains no mechanism to review the decision of the Ritual Review Committee, in the event Grand Lodge members disagree with the Committee’s decision as to what and where is appropriate. It is respectfully submitted that the Grand Lodge would be setting a dangerous precedent in allowing such latitude to a small body of men to modify the ritual by themselves.
 - c. Most importantly, members voting for (or against) this legislation may be doing so based on differing ideas (due to vagueness in the Resolution) of what language will

replace the current ritual. One member may think that only one change is being made to the Ritual, another might think thirty changes.

The committee as a whole does not take a position on whether the Resolution should pass. We would ask each member of Grand Lodge to look in his own heart and conscience after reviewing what the committee has determined are many of the arguments pro and con.

The committee members would each like to thank Grand Master Scott Thomas for this opportunity to serve the fraternity. The chairman particularly would like to thank the Grand Master for his patience and support of the committee's work. The chairman would also like to thank each of the members of the committee, some of whom you may hear at Grand Lodge during discussion of this resolution. They have been direct in their positions, while at the same time being patient and courteous. The chairman would particularly like to thank past Grand Lecturer Carl Melton, who also gave of his time in a thoughtful review of the Resolution. Finally, the chairman would like to thank the many members of the Craft who took the time to participate in the committee's work by appearing at public hearings on the resolution, or by informing me of their thoughts and positions.

Respectfully submitted:
Ron Allen, GL, Chairman

REPORT OF THE RETURNS COMMITTEE

On May 21, 2018 the Committee examined the Annual Lodge Reports (Per-Capita) as well as the Financial Reports of all Arizona Lodges for the purpose of determining if they had been filed with the Grand Secretary as required by §6-3 of the Constitution, 3rd paragraph.

The sections of the Constitution and Statutes referenced for this report are §6-2.3.2, §6-3, 3rd paragraph and §7-1.1.1 of the Constitution, and Section 15-302 of the Statutes.

Below are the Lodges that did not meet the requirement in §6-3 of the Constitution and are not entitled to vote in the 135th Annual Communication.

PER-CAPITA REPORTS

ALL LODGE PER-CAPITA PAYMENTS WERE RECEIVED BY 2/28/2018.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ALL LODGE FINANCIAL REPORTS WERE RECEIVED BY 2/28/2018

§6-2.3.2 of the Constitution states: “No chartered Lodge which shall have failed to make and transmit its annual returns, with payment of its contributions, including its financial report to the Grand Secretary, as provided in this Article, shall be entitled to representation at the next Annual communication, except by unanimous vote of the brethren.”

Another essential element of the Annual Returns of each Lodge is a list of the newly installed officers and certification that they were installed within the required time period by a qualified Installing Officer. Without this report, your Committee is unable to certify voting status for Masters and Wardens. This Committee congratulates all Lodges for having their reports in.

Respectfully Submitted:

- James W. Rowan (43) – Chairman
- James H. May (20) – Member
- James R. Leppert (85) - Member

Social Committee Report

It has been a privilege serving as chairman of the new Social Committee for 2017-18. This year the committee was responsible for planning several events. The first event was our 2nd Annual Christmas party held at the Grand Lodge office on Sunday, December 17th. The committee, along with Chandler DeMolay, decorated the Grand Lodge Office. The Christmas party was well attended. The festivities included a dinner catered by Roma Café, accompanied by wine donated by MW Scott Thomas, and desserts. We had a special guest musician, Br. Gordon Stevenson. Finally, our Masonic families had the opportunity to take pictures with Santa Claus.



A special thanks to WB Scott Tracy, WB Ray Brigandi, WB Tony Hernandez, Br. Timothy Scarpino, and Br. Reed Houge for their participation on the Social Committee.

Our second successful event was the Premiere of the Documentary “*33 and Beyond: The Royal Art of Freemasonry.*” This event was held on Thursday January 11, 2018 at Arizona Mills in Tempe, Arizona and a second screening at The Pavilion in Tucson. The Screening was a very successful event. Over 100 brothers, family and candidates attended the screening. The show was so successful that several lodges hosted their own screenings. Br. Johnny Royal attended the screening in Tempe and after the show he gave a brief presentation on pre and post production. In addition, he sold merchandise as a fundraiser for Grand Lodge. The proceeds will be presented at Grand Communication and donated to Arizona Masonic Charities.

Br. Johnny Royal, with several PGMs and other Masonic Dignitaries, attended the screening. The success of the Social Committee was so well received, that more events are being planned for 2018 and 2019. Some of our future events will include a camping social at the Grand Canyon, Bowling Family Night and a special trip to Scotland in 2019. Furthermore, the Social Committee is also working on a new program The Master Mason Forum, which will take place in 2019/2020. The program is being reviewed by Grand Lodge to make sure it is a good fit for Arizona Masonry. The Forum is a program designed to encourage newly made Master Mason to attend Grand Communication and be recognized for being raised and taking their first step into our fraternity. More details to follow.



It is a great pleasure serving Arizona Masonry. I hope that more brothers will partake in the activities and participation in organizing future events. Arizona Masonry is looking well and prosperous.

Fraternally,
Cosmo Magliozzi, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES

In compliance with Section 14-301 of the Constitution, the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge submits its report for the Grand Lodge year 2017-2018. This report summarizes the actions of the Board. A complete record can be found in its approved minutes, which are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

The Board of Trustees is composed of:

Three ex-officio members: Grand Master Scott Thomas; Grand Secretary James Rowan; and Grand Treasurer Michael N. McGee;

Three elected members serving staggered three-year terms: Larry C. Shafter, PGM (term expiring 2018), Jeffery S. Carlton, PGM (term expiring 2019); Robert Bradfield, PGM (term expiring 2020) and one elected member serving a one-year term: Earl Wunder, PGM (term expiring 2018).

Quarterly meetings were held July 29th, and October 21th, 2017, January 20th and April 28th, 2018. At each meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

All Trustees were present at each of the quarterly meetings.

Audit Committee

An auditing committee is appointed prior to each meeting to review the bills and warrants, and verify the correctness of all expenditures. No substantive errors were found. The Audit committees for the quarterly meetings are as follows:

July 29, 2017 – MW Larry Schafer and RW Boyd Robertson

October 21, 2017 – MW Robert Bradfield and WB Jim Baker

January 20, 2018 – MW Earl Wunder and WB George Rusk

April 28, 2018 – MW Jeff Carlton and WB Darrell Mandrell

July 29, 2017 meeting - there was a question related to charges to the proper accounts for legal fees and demolition fees. The Grand Treasurer will make the proper entries upon his return from surgery. Report approved.

October 21, 2017 meeting – there was one discrepancy of fifty cents, invoice to check. Report approved.

January 28, 2017 meeting – there was a correction to an invoice from our printing company. There were two separate printing charges to different account numbers and the tax had

to be split between the two items. The invoice can be reviewed in the Grand Secretary's office. Report approved pending the review of the invoice.

April 28, 2018 meeting – there was an invoice that appeared to be missing for accounting services that was apparently stuck to another invoice. Report approved.

Minutes and Financial reporting

MW Earl Wunder was in attendance at the July 29, 2017 meeting by phone. The correction made to the minutes

The Minutes of the quarterly meetings were distributed to the Trustees for review and corrections. The minutes were approved/corrected/amended at the regular trustees meeting. A copy of all minutes are on file and available for review, along with the audio, in the Grand Secretary's office.

The Grand Treasurer's reports were distributed to the Trustees for review and comment at the quarterly meetings.

Unless otherwise noted, all reports to the Trustees were accepted and all motions duly seconded and passed by the required majority.

Quarterly Meeting July 29, 2017.

Report of the Investment Committee:

The Investment Committee met on April 20, 2017. WB Russel Sayre gave the report. Russ distributed the usual investment information provided by Paul Burns, Grand Lodge Investment Advisor. Here is a brief summary of the report.

The Return on Investment since November 2012 is up 5.07 percent, or just short of one million dollars, and for 2016; the investments are up approximately three percent or just over \$308,500.00. Year to date (2017) the investments are up approximately \$159,000.00 of 2.98 percent. Breakdowns of the accounts and their performance, as well as the Historical Performance by Investor report were given to each of the Trustees. The committee had no recommendations to the Trustees for moving funds at this time.

Report of the Grand Treasurer:

The Grand Treasurers quarterly reports are available from the Grand Treasurer upon request. Some highlights of importance follow:

General Observations:

1. Subsequent to taking office I drafted an internal control manual which tightened our internal financial controls. This document was reviewed by an independent outside CPA firm and found to be very acceptable. We now have before us a proposal from the same to CPA firm to once again perform limited agreed upon procedures to our internal

controls. While this will give no audit like assurances on our accounting, it will help us assure nothing is being ignored. It is my recommendation that we accept this engagement and consider having it performed at least every several years.

2. The reconstruction of Winslow #13 has entered a new phase. The building itself has been completed and accepted by the Architect, and the contractor is completing a series of warranty repair items. As of July 2017, the contractor has been paid in full. The remaining claim is now one for replacing contents. While this office will continue to administer the funding of this claim, I am passing the torch to the Mater of the Lodge to direct and complete the contents portion of the claim as only the lodge knows what was destroyed.
3. At the request of the trustees I have made a change in the reporting format which will no doubt save many reams of paper. Hence forth the previously passed out at the quarterly meeting, and all supporting schedules will be attached to this report in a &.zip compressed file. This will give you several extra days to review the materials.
4. The Grand Communication is now behind us and as MWPGM Bradfield will report, it would appear it was very successful! The Craft was neither profited from nor subsidized. Quite a balancing act!
5. A final note. While my surgeon and I have wildly divergent expectations of how long I will be off work we must forgive his pessimism. After all, he is young. I fully expect to be back at my desk Monday or Tuesday. If for some reason I am not I do have the ability to log in remotely and of course I am always available by phone or email.

Report of the Grand Secretary:

The Grand Secretary's quarterly reports are available from the Grand Secretary upon request. Some highlights of importance follow:

The Chiropractor's Office is gone as of June 28, 2017. The job is not complete; there is some work to do where the sever cap was located. Arizona Specialty Demolition is trying to secure additional pavement millings to cover the area where the building was. They also agreed to set the parking bumpers between the 2723 and 2801 properties to stop westbound traffic on Northern from using the lot as a turnaround. Using the 6-foot bumpers with a 3-foot space in between will block 72 feet between the properties. Question from GM Thomas – Can you elaborate on the bill from the contractor? Answer – The invoice for \$1,550.00 was for the NESHAP, Asbestos report, and the Demo permits for the building at 2801 W. Norther. We have not received the final invoice for the demolition as the job is not complete.

Decisions/Action of the Trustees – July 29, 2017

Summary of issues from the Grand Trustees Meeting – July 29, 2017

1 – Fees for legal services related to property taxes and demolition of the existing building at 2801 W. Northern Ave. taken from General Fund. General Fund to be reimbursed from Solomon/Truitt Fund, registered owners of the property – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Unanimous Vote

2 – Ratify actions of Grand Counsel for collection of taxes on property at 2801 W. Northern Ave. Ayes, 6, Nays 0, Unanimous vote

3 – Ratify Clifton, Larson, Allen, Engagement Contract, for the 1023 Application for Recognition of Exemption, for the Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation (GLOAF) Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote

4 – Ratify Engagement agreements for legal counsel in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation (GLOAF) – Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote

5 –Ratify Clifton, Larson, Allen, Engagement Contract for Long Term Financial Reviews, Tax Preparation, and procedures of the Grand Lodge – Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote

6 – Authorize the Grand Master to sign the CLA Engagement Contract, and the Grand Treasurer, in the Grand Masters absence, and the Grand Secretary in the absence of both.

7 – Fees to be paid from the respective funds related to Tax Preparation – Ayes 6, Nays 0 Unanimous Vote

8 – Ratify action to renew Grand Lodge Insurance and Directors and Officers (D & O) insurance – Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote

9 – Ratify issue regarding ownership of Grand Lodge property with the Maricopa County Assessor's Office by Grand Counsel, Outside Legal Counsel and the Grand Master. Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote

10, Ratify engagement contract from Grand Counsel for Pro Bono services as described in the contract, and authorize the Grand Master to sign the contract – Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Unanimous Vote

New Business:

Item 1 – Distribution of License Plate Funds. MW Schafter – Question, what is our policy regarding these funds, and what kind of accounting function do we perform regarding the license plate funds that we received? How is it booked as income, how is it booked as distribution, and where are the funds going? Recollection is that the funds have to go to 501c (3) organizations; there was some discussion about the difference between private foundation and public charity. Both the Masonic Student Assistant Program and Masonic Charities of Arizona are 501c (3) foundations. Where are the monies going, and when? Grand Master Thomas deferred on the

details based on the absence of the grand Treasurer but stated that the fund is completely swept on an annual basis as required by statute – Grand Secretary looks at them, decides how the funds will be distributed, then issues a check to the two charities that we support. I'm not sure about his journal entries but the monies are distributed to the MSAP and Masonic Charities of Arizona. They are the only two charities we support. MW Carlton – When we first received funds from the program the Grand Trustees determined that those would be the charities we would support. MW Schafer – We have a now 501c(3) organization that we support; Are we going to include GLOAF as a part of a recipient of those funds, and further question, was there any commitment on our part to provide for the youth groups as a part of that? Do we know when the funds have to be swept? The funds have been swept for this year. Grand Secretary Rowan – the Grand Treasurer has reviewed who we can and can't distribute to, and he is very much up to the IRS standard and he makes sure everything is down right down to the letter of the law. I would suggest that he prepare a report for the next meeting, so everyone understands the funds are being distributed. MW Schafer – Report will be fine. Grand Master directed that a report will be prepared and there will be a discussion on funding distribution at the October Trustees meeting.

Quarterly Meeting October 21, 2017

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the July 29, 2017 meeting were approved with the following corrections – VW Wunder attended the meeting by phone and noted the voting on issues.

Report of the Investment Committee:

Paul Burns, Grand Lodge Investment Advisor, gave the report for the Investment Committee, as Russell Saye, chairman was not in attendance. Documentation on the Grand Lodge accounts has been distributed to the Trustees on October 18, 2017 for their review and questions. There were no recommendations from the committee related to moving funds within the portfolio; however there was a question from MW Schafer related to the bond portfolio. After question and discussion, MW Schafer moved, MW Carlton seconded that the bond assets be reduced by five percent and moved into the international stocks.

Report of Grand Treasurer:

VW McGee gave the Grand Treasurer report. Copies of the report were distributed to the trustee on October 18, 2017 for review along with supporting documentation. Copies are available from the Grand Treasurer and on file in the Grand Lodge offices. VW MGee brought Item 6 on the General Observations of his report – being that of the replacement of the Grand Lodge server. The details are in the distributed report, and he wanted to make the trustees aware that there will be some cost to upgrading the equipment with a ballpark figure of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). This will probably occur in the Grand Lodge year 2018/2019. Grand Master Thomas – the Technology Committee has been involved in this discussion, as well as our current in-house support person, and the cost breakdown is about two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for hardware, for a server if we buy a server, and the remainder is for software and

setup by in-house support personnel. There may be problems in with the new hardware/software in that it may not support our current operating system. There was additional discussion related to hardware and software and the legacy system being supported that can be heard on the Audio. MW Rowan moved, MW Bradfield seconded that the Grand Treasurer's report be accepted as distributed.

Report of the Grand Secretary:

MW Rowan reported that there is really nothing to report. It has been business as usual, with the exception of the false alarm, which was checked out by Ray Brigandi. There was no hard copy of the report distributed as there was nothing to report. MW Bradfield moved VW MCGee seconded to accept the verbal report of the Grand Secretary.

Decisions/Actions of the Trustees – October 21, 2017

- 1 – Reduce the Bond portfolio by five percent (5%) and increase the International portfolio by five per cent (5%)
- 2 – Conditional approval for Apache Lodge No. 69 to enter into negotiations for the purchase of a new building to house their lodge.
- 3 – Ratify John Standifer engagement contract to pursue tax exempt status on 2801 W. Northern Ave. property. John is outside counsel to the Grand Trustees.

Old Business:

Item 1 – Distribution of funds from Masonic License Plates – The discussion had been tabled from the previous meeting as the Grand Treasurer was not in attendance. The Grand Treasurer gave his report on the distribution of funds from the Masonic License Plate Program. Full discussion is in the minutes of the October 21, 2017 meeting.

Item 2: Grand Lodge Insurance Policy – Grand Master Thomas has spoken with Phil Houghton who agreed to chair the Grand Lodge Insurance Committee. A copy of the insurance policy and the D & O Policy was furnished to Phil by the Grand Secretary. The goal is to have the policy reviewed and those servicing the policy, prior to the end of this Masonic year, we will request a ninety (90) day extension to the policy, so that in the new Masonic year, the Trustees in the July meeting will have the ability to approve a new policy, possibly with a new service provider or the existing one. Currently, the policy expires on May 31 of the calendar year with the annual communication beginning the following week.

New Business:

Item 1 – Presentation from Apache Lodge No. 69 – represented by WB William Greenen, Secretary Paul Swietek, and Treasurer Louis LaCilento. DDGM James Xie attended at the request of Grand Master Thomas.

Apache Lodge is looking for a new physical place to meet. Original request was to spend five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) and was increased to six hundred thousand (\$600,000.00) in the trustees meeting to begin negotiations and tenant improvements.

Item 2 – Bob Richards, Chairman, Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee – Bob provided copies of the Fall Semester report for the trustees and explained his process for selection of scholarship recipients. Bob talked to the scoring report first stating that the reports used to determine who will and will not receive the scholarships; a total of 29 applicants this year.

Comment by the Grand Master – the Grand Line concerned about succession as Bob has stated it will be his last year as chairman. Bob mentioned that he had spoken with Jay St. John, current secretary of Green Valley Lodge No. 71, who indicated he would be willing to sit on the Scholarship Committee. Grand Master Thomas thanked Bob for his ten plus years of service on the committee and the report was completed.

Item 4 – Notification to Trustees regarding the use and set up of a Pay Pal Account – VW McGee – The recommendation has been made that we set up and use a Pay Pal Account for the Lodge Leadership Conference and possibly the annual communication. Concern – Grand Treasurer did not want Pay Pal to have access to our cash account, and they would have under the initial setup. VW McGee stated that we are setting up a dedicated Pay Pal bank account that Pay Pal can make deposits to, charge us fees or whatever they need to do, and we can make transfers from that account to our general fund. VW McGee has requested information on what kind of reporting we can expect from Pay Pal. If you were to log on to Pay Pal and make a reservation for the Grand Communication for \$45.00 dollars, buy a couple of meals and a proceedings book, what kind of reporting are we going to receive from Pay Pal? If we get that kind of detail, then we can use that as part of our registration packet. VW McGee stated that he wanted to offer assurances to everyone that Pay Pal will be isolated from our cash assets.

Other Items:

Grand Trustees actions since the July Meeting – approve and additional twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for Arizona Lodge #2 to repair the ceiling in the Lodge (Blue) room at 345 w. Monroe.

Approve Aztlan spending two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) for the resurfacing of the parking lot.

Quarterly Meeting January 20, 2018

Addition Attendees – MW David Luebke, MW D. Brook Cunningham, WB Scott Donham

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the October 21, 2017 Meeting were distributed for review and approval. MW Schafer moved for approval, MW Bradfield second.

Report of the Investment Committee:

Paul Burns – Reports distributed via email to the trustees through the Grand Secretary’s office. Highlights – S & P up 19.4%. International index up by 24.6% and the aggregate bond index is up 3.8%. Perpetual 1 was up 6.7%, predominantly in bonds and cash, the more conservative of the two perpetual funds. Perpetual II, about 50% stocks and 50% bonds was up 13.11%. The Restricted Fund, GLOAF, was up 15.68%. Un-restricted was 2.4% because money goes and out of the account all the time. The Phoenix Foundation (Scholarship Fund) up 8.07% and the object is to make as much money as possible to give out in scholarships. Funds distributed from the Phoenix Foundation were 4.9% in scholarships and will continue to grow so the actual amount of distribution will grow in 2019. Because of the projected increase in interest rates this year, the Bond Market projected to grow 3 to 5 percent, US Market projected to grow 6 to 9 percent, and the International Market projected to grow between 9 and 15 percent. Investment Committee recommendation – that 5% US Bond exposure be move to Global Bond exposure. Motion to move funds by GT McGee, Second by MW Bradfield.

There was some additional discussion on Phoenix Foundation as to how the funds are distributed for investment purposes, i.e. 50% bonds and 50% in equities. Paul Burns stated it was reflecting the Grand Lodge Investment policy. More of the general discussion is in the minutes of the January 20, 2018 Trustees minutes.

Report of the Grand Treasurer:

Grand Treasurer reported that the report would be really short as he didn’t have the financial reports ready because of the acceleration of this meeting, and some of the issues with our outside CPA firm precluded getting the financial statement done. The final reconciliation was done early this morning and the final reports should be distributed to you early next week, Monday or Tuesday.

General Observations – Pay Pal now up and running for the Leadership Conference and the Annual Communication.

Winslow Lodge No 13 – the building has been done since mid-summer and signed off on, the insurance company has closed the claim as of January 5, 2018, so that’s essentially over. There is a remaining balance on the books of content reimbursement and we will continue to manage and disburse the funds on the approval of Earl Wunder (sitting Master). Grand Treasurer does not feel comfortable passing judgement on contents of the lodge. That belongs to the brothers who are there.

Property taxes on the 2801 property – The saga continues. Our initial request for exemption was denied so we paid the taxes due. About two weeks later we received a letter from Maricopa County for the same property, same period, and the exemption was approved, and then we received that annual property exemption request. The same person who issued the denial is the same person who approved the tax exemption.

GLOAF is set. The close of business, Q 2, the Truitt fund was moved into GLOAF.

Back to the probable refund issue; the server issue is not yet critical, however the Grand Treasurer recommends we should consider any windfalls, like this unexpected refund, be directed toward that project because it is going to happen.

This year's update (accounting) has not been installed for fear of losing additional functionality. We have lost the ability to use it in multi-user mode. I don't know what we'd do if we lose something else, so that's still on hold. Grand Treasurer, and that we put a project together that we can live with would prefer that we put together a well thought out plan for what our needs will be in the future, and that we put together a project that we can live with.

Discussion on Masonic License Plate allocation – Chronological history put together in a report showing the history of the program showing where the money came from and where it was paid to and where the earnings have been distributed to.

Discussion: Grand Master Thomas – We have not received a check for the refund, is that correct? Answer – that's correct, we have not received our refund. Grand Master Thomas – do you want to initiate a motion for, depending on receiving the check, having an up to amount to spend on the server and related software in this Masonic year between now and May? The idea was that we didn't have this in the budget for the next Masonic year. Grand Treasurer McGee – Yes, I would like to entertain a motion (MW Schafer – How much is the refund? Answer - approximately \$7,700.00 continues – the important thing is we budgeted for the property tax so if we don't receive the refund we do not have an unbudgeted expense. If we do receive the refund, we have a \$7,000.00 windfall. If we do get the refund, the monies will be allocated to that (server) project, up to \$8,000.00 – MW Wunder, second.

Discussion: Grand Master – there is currently a single user license in play that is somewhat handicapping the operation of the Grand Treasurer in their ability to look at Quick Books, and we had decided not to buy the software and the server because we wanted to understand the impact on the legacy system as it's related to the database on the membership. Additional general discussion about a plan, the legacy system (membership database) McGee withdraws motion, Wunder withdraws second. New motion by MW Schafer – to authorize the purchase of a new server and the updated program of Quick Books, with program developed for future discussion. MW Rowan second.

One more issue: IRS notification that we owe \$18,000.00 for back taxes and penalties. CliftonLarsonAllen thinks that this will be dropped. MW Schafer, what happened? Explanation was given by Grand Treasurer. Comment on the books – Spending is within budget, In fact it's about 10K favorable to budget and number not expected to change. Grand Master Thomas stated that he was specifically tracking the travel expenses on the budget which was approved, and the anticipated travel between now and the remainder of the year should all come under the remaining amounts, and we should continue to be on budget with the anticipated expenditures. McGee move to accept the Treasurer Report, MW Bradfield, second.

There was some general discussion about the security on the Pay Pal account and the balance of the monies in the Winslow Lodge No. 13 construction account, which is recorded in the Trustees minutes.

Report of the Grand Secretary:

The Grand Secretary's report is brief. We have reached the end of the calendar year with no major problems. The Office staff has been a little short in December, due to some sciatic problems with Jim May. Also, Jim's mother passed away in December, just shy of her 102nd birthday.

Pad lock and dead bolt locks have been purchased and installed for the chain link fence on the 2801 property and the Tach room (storage) in the back of the building the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer offices.

Per capita billing has started with just under fifty percent of the lodges being invoiced (28 lodges) and notices are being sent to the lodges that haven't submitted their final Form 14's for the year. As well, the documentation for lodge financial reporting was mailed to the lodges on January 16, 2018. The lodges also received all the information related to their perpetual funds investments and the amounts available for their use. According to our bookkeeper, this is the earliest this documentation had been distributed to the lodges. There should be no reason for any lodge to be late with their reporting, unless it's internal to the lodge.

Decisions/Actions of the Trustees - January 20, 2018

- 1 – Approve purchase of new Hardware and software for Grand Secretary/Grand Treasurer office. To increase needed capabilities for the office.
- 2 – Transfer five (5%) per cent US bond exposure to five (5%) per cent International exposure on the recommendation of the Grand Investment Committee and Grand Financial Advisor.
- 3 – Approve request from Central Arizona Lodge N. 14 for an additional expenditure of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) for their new building in Cottonwood, AZ.
- 4 – Approve distribution of funds from the Arizona Masonic License Plate program to the Arizona Masonic Student Program (Children at Risk) and Masonic Charities of Arizona.
- 5 – Ratify engagement contract for Atty. John Standifer to pursue tax exemption on 2801 W. Northern Property.
- 6 – Ratify GLOAF Services Agreement for CliftonLarsonAllen for filing of Tax Returns.

Old Business:

Item 1 – Grand Trustees approve Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) expenditure for Arizona Lodge No. 2 for the purchase of sideline chairs for the lodge.

Item 2 – Update on the tax exemption status on the 2801 W Northern Property. See the Grand Treasurer’s report.

Item 3 – Received notice of Court approval for the establishing of the Grand Lodge of Arizona Foundation (GLOAF).

Item 4 – Permission to Apache Lodge No. 69 to search for property, but no binding agreement until present to and approved by the Grand Trustees.

New Business:

Item 1 – GLOAF Media Campaign – WB Randy Jager – With the approval of GLOAF and the roll in of the funds, the next action falls to the fund-raising committee. Two reports handed out – 1- Action Plan which was discussed, and 2 – Information for the trustees as to the idea of the Action Plan, i.e. Audience, Actions Desired, Activities, and the Message. Action Plan, first thing is to find a Chairman for the committee. WB Jager speaks to this in his official visits and asks for people with fundraising background to volunteer for or lead the committee. Grand Master – Just to clarify, this fundraising committee is specifically and only for GLOAF. It is not general fund-raising committee, and the reason why is I asked WB Randy to start efforts on this, knowing that once we had the Truitt funds mingled with the prior restricted funds, which total over had million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) now, that we must immediately, in the next five years have that grow, or else we’ll run into that private vs. public issue on how the determination was made by the IRS. Additional discussion in the minutes

Item 2 – Report by Phil Houghton, chairman of the Grand Lodge Insurance Committee on review of the Grand Lodge policy. Negotiation in process to purchase a one-month policy, then purchase a new policy one month after the annual communication so the insurance committee can report on its review/recommendations at the annual communication.

Item 3 - Ratify Engagement Contract for John Standifer to pursue tax exemption on 2801 W. Northern property. McGee move, rowan second.

Item 4 – Presentation by WB Roger Biede for the Casey/Roskrige Library Foundation. WB Biede updated the Trustees on the status of the Library Foundation. There was discussion about distribution of funds from the Masonic License Plate program and if the Library Foundation should be a recipient of a portion of these funds. MGee move, Schafer second that the License Plan funds be distributed to Masonic charities of Arizona (50%) and the Masonic Student Assistance Program (50%) for 2018, which is the same as 2017.

Other Items:

Item 1 – General Policy Committee recommends that the charter for Huachuca Lodge No. 53 not be returned until the work is completed or the deposit money is returned.

Item 2 – Roger Biede to provide documentation on the Casey/Roskrige Library & Museum to the Trustees for review.

Quarterly Meeting April 28, 2018

Approval of the minutes:

The minutes of the January 21, 2018 Trustees meeting were distributed on April 9, 2018. MW Rowan moved for acceptance and approval as distributed, MW Carlton – Second.

Appointment of the Audit Committee:

None

Report of the Investment Committee:

Paul Burns, GL Financial Advisor gave the report of the investment. The financial information was distributed to the Trustees on Thursday for review. Paul stated that the investment committee will meet on the Monday or Tuesday before the trustees meeting to all adequate time for the trustees to review the information and prepare any questions for the meeting. In 2017, no volatility, and now we are in 2018 and we have volatility. One of the causes for the volatility is the uncertainty of increasing the interest rate by the government, and if so, how many increases. So far, there has only been one increase. That calmed things down but had a negative impact on bonds. In March, a little more volatility because of the talk of tariffs, i.e. trade wars. One of the biggest things to happen is that both the Korea's are talking together with the threat of no war, the market will skyrocket. Paul handed out the investment committee recommendations to exchange funds in GLOAF, Phoenix Foundation, Perpetual 1, and Perpetual 2 accounts to maximize investment and minimize risk. Motion to approve by GT McGee, MW Bradfield second. Paul will provide figures to Grand Secretary for the end of the year.

Report of the Grand Treasurer:

January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018

Working closely with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, CPAs the initial 990 for GLOAF has been completed and has been filed. The Grand Lodge tax return and the Phoenix Foundation tax return are also nearing completion. A first draft of the Phoenix Foundation return has been submitted and returned for correction. All of these returns are covered by the appropriate filing extension requests. In addition, CLA has completed work on the Agreed upon Procedures engagement and their report has been received and is available for inspection. The Consolidated Compilation Financial Statements for Grand Lodge, GLOAF, and the Phoenix Foundation, are complete and available for review in the Grand Treasurer's office. Next year these procedures will go much faster as the ground work has been laid this year.

General Observations

Item 1 - Pay Pal is now up and running. The corresponding bank account has been tied in. We are receiving numerous registrations for both the Leadership Conference and the Grand Communication.

Item 2 – The reconstruction of Winslow #13 is essentially complete. The building itself has been completed and accepted by the Architect, and the contractor has completed a series of warranty repair items. As of July 2017, the contractor has been paid in full. The Insurance Company has closed the claim. There is now a balance remaining with which to purchase final contents. This office will continue to administer the funding of this claim, I am passing the torch to the Master of the Lodge to direct and complete the contents portion of the claim as only the lodge knows what was destroyed.

Item 3 – At our last meeting there was some discussion concerning the property taxes paid on 2801 W. Northern. Our application for a property tax exemption was denied and so we paid the taxes due. After Mr. John Standifer’s appeal the exemption request was approved and it was ultimately decided that we should received a 25% refund of the taxes.

Item 4 – There is an emerging issue to begin considering. The Grand Lodge server is going to need to be replaced. There is much too be considered, hardware, software, cloud, etc. all of which lies far outside my field of expertise. Suffice to say that in the coming year(s) we need to grow into something new and ball-park figure is \$10,000. It would be nice if at our next trustees meeting the technology committee would update us on this issue.

Grand Treasurer moved for acceptance as distributed, MW Carlton second.

Report of the Secretary:

Minutes of the January 20, 2018 meeting and Trustee Decision were emailed to the Grand Trustees on April 5, 2018. I apologize for the delay in getting them distributed.

At the January 20, 2018 meeting, the Audit Committee reported two findings:

1 – Pacific Office Automation Invoice for \$331.78 – Recorded for payment for \$313.78 – Transposition of figures. The invoice was paid in the correct amount of \$331.78 on October 3, 2017 and verified with Chase Bank bill payment record.

2 – Quick Printer invoice #56453 dated 9-28-2017 for \$1,988.46 for Lodge Dues Cards and AMC – Why were figures changed with white out? The charge for the due cards was \$1373.00 plus a Graphic Production fee of \$218.00, and the Constitution and Statues (AMC) for \$240.00 and total tax of \$157.46. Our accounting procedures have the tax split for \$16.99 for dues and \$20.47 for the AMC. The figures for the white-out portion include the taxes to the dues cards and the AMC order. There was no white-out on the tax which gave the appearance of the total being \$2145.92.

The Scholarship monies have been mailed to the respective Junior Colleges and Universities and the recipients have been notified of their awards. A total of \$25,500.00 dollars was awarded for the spring, 2018 semester, which is a total of \$50,500.00 for the 2017/2018 school year.

We have received the 2019 Property Valuation Notice(s) from the County Assessor's office. The total Full Cash Value for all parcels is \$1,092,000. The Full Cash Value for 2013 (our first year at 2723 W. Northern) was \$560,606.00 and increase of \$531,594.00 or 94% in value.

All lodges submitted their financial reports and paid their per capita. Two lodges will not have voting privileges at the Annual Communication because of the arrest of their charters – Ajo-Mac McClure No 36 and Huachuca No. 63.

April 17, 2018 – Letters sent to Ajo-Mac McClure No. 36 and Huachuca No. 53 reminding them to appear at the annual communication to speak to the arrest of their charters.

The Grand Master has authorized the purchase of new signs for the front of the building. The signs were installed on April 23, 2018.

MW Jim May has told me that he is moving to a very limited time schedule as he prepares to exit from his position as Deputy Grand Secretary. I will be looking for a replacement for Jim and he will be available for training and to assist in the year end closing and other times when the work load gets heavy. It's time for Jim to ride into the sunset after 20 years, and it's his decision.

Thanks, you Jim for all the friendship and help in the short time I've been here.

Grand Secretary moved for approval as distributed, VW McGee second.

Old Business:

Item 1 – Status of Huachuca Lodge No. 53 – Report from the Sr. Warden Howard Seibert - Repairs to the roof have been completed, contractor has been paid, and all inspections have been made and approved. Issue is close. This report has been submitted and will be reported to the craft at the annual communication, related to the arrest of the charter. Grand Master called for questions or discussion. MW Schafer – in the past there were concerns about the accuracy of the reports, so what gives you (the Grand Master) the confidence that everything has been done and this report is accurate? Has the Building Survey Committee been sent to verify this information? Grand Master Thomas – Deputy Grand Master, do you want to comment on that? DGM Gross – I have been to Sierra Vista and seen that the work has been completed, and all the permits were approved by the City of Sierra Vista, the inspections were made and approved and signed off by the City of Sierra vista. It is all completed to. Grand Master Thomas – I don't know the obligation to the contractor, but I was told they have completed their payment. I was also told that Camp Stone Lodge No. 77, being a tenant, was going to hold a fundraiser to help pay for the work. The funds were pulled out of Huachuca No. 53 investment funds. All questions being answered satisfactorily, the discussion was closed.

Item 2 – Grand Master recommendation to the Grand Lodge concerning the ownership of property by the Grand Lodge (Grand Trustees) Statutes, Section 14-301, Page 102 of the Arizona Masonic Code – The most significant recommended change is in paragraph (e) adding 2 sub-sections as noted on the recommendation stating the Grand Lodge can own real estate.

Item 3 – Craig Gross update for the 2019 Communication. The 2019 Annual Communication will be held at the Hilton Double Tree at Reid Park, June 6-8, 2019.

New Business:

Item 1 - Grand Master Thomas talked about the current budget stating the distribution, out of the GLOAF Foundation has been made to the Masonic Charities of Arizona, the Masonic Student Assistance Program, the Public Schools Essay Program. No requests from the Community Outreach Program had been received.

Grand Master Thomas proposed that a fence be placed across the Northern front of the property from the driveway on the west to the east property line, and from Northern Avenue on the east property line to the existing fence to deter people from using the yard as a park, do their drugs, picnic area, etc. Motion by MW Carlton, so we can get some discussion, second by GS Rowan. MW Schafer – MW, I'm opposed to your motion. I don't think that using \$1,500.00 designated for community education outreach and not using it is for charitable purposes is a good use for funds, even if it's only \$1,500.00. More generically, I'm opposed to it because I don't think it's a proper use of Grand Lodge funds. I think that this idea of there is going to be liability is us getting afraid of our own shadow. Grand Master Thomas – Thank you MW Larry. I actually agree with you on your first comment. Grand Secretary – One more thing! The east side of the property; there is quite a difference in the level of the properties, and more than anything from a liability standpoint, I would be concerned with somebody being intoxicated or high on drugs that would stumble and fall into our property which would probably do more damage that someone finding or stepping on a needle. That is not saying that someone can't get into our yard and step on or use needles. Call for the vote. Motion carried.

Item 2 – Report on Lodge Leadership Conference in Case Grande – 140 Attendees, 41 Lodges, 31 Ladies, 10 DDGMs, and 3 DDGLs. Highlight of the event was Grand Lecturer Ron Allen's ritual event on Sunday. Conference cost - \$14,256.00. Conference will continue next year. Profit from the conference used as seed money for the coming years.

Item 3 – 2018/2019 Budget – Craig Gross and Dave Schafnit – There is very little change from the current budget. Schafnit – No monies will be taken out of perpetual funds for administrative fees. Rental Income for the year is zero \$20,000.00 last year as Eastern Star moved to their new facilities. We saved money on property taxes. There was discussion about the management fee on GLOAF, and the Grand Secretary provided minutes from the Trustees meeting of April 22, 2017 stating that no more than 2% of the value of the restricted funds for management fees on the restricted funds. Minutes state we are allowed to charge 2%, but after all the discussion the figure is to be re-calculated. General discussion continued.

Item 4 – Pioneer Lodge No 82 – Mike Pringle, worshipful Master, Kerry deKergommeaux, Secretary, and R. T. Smith, Treasurer – by phone – John Standifer – John Standifer statement – I have represented both the Grand Lodge and Pioneer Lodge for the record and any possible conflict of interest. The discussion was about the Lodge conducting Bingo games at the lodge in the one room lodge. Legislation is pending on this issue. Grand counsel Wilkinson – question concerning the Bingo operation contributing to the cost of the lodge operating and any problems with the IRS. What affect will it have on our 501-C107? Grand Master Thomas indicated that he had been told by Chuck Torre (member of Pioneer Lodge) that if they don't have the Bingo operation, we can't keep the building open. That raised a flag. The Lodge now has an LLC.

Grand Master – who owns the building? Smith – the LLC owns the building. Grand Master Thomas – Who is the LLC? Are there Trustees? Smith – Yes, there are five trustees. Grand Master Thomas – Are the trustee’s members of the Lodge? Smith, All Trustees are members of the Lodge. Grand Master Thomas – Are the trustees on the LLC the same as the lodge trustees? Smith – Ah, most of them. Grand Lodge Trustees then shown papers that John Standifer had filed for the LLC; also, the operating agreement between the LLC and Pioneer Lodge. The LLC owns the building and leases to Pioneer Lodge for no money, in perpetuity. Further discussion held about the LLC, who owns the building, what is the name on the Bingo license? LLC owns the Bingo license in the name of Pioneer Lodge No. 82, Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona, Building LLC. A copy was provided to the Grand Master. The LLC owns the building under that name. They did not apply for a gaming license. The building came from the Black Canyon Community Association, as a gift. All legal documents completed and filed. Pioneer Lodge paid all the fees for the recording of the documents. No liquor will be served.

Item 5 – Wayne Hunter, CliftonLarsenAllen – CLA was engaged to perform a compilation for the Grand Lodge of Arizona and they determined that the organization had a positive net change of \$246,000.00 which is good for the organization. Grand Lodge has a good cash balance, and what was different in this years compilation was that CLA specifically called out, on the face of the compilations funds held for others in the Perpetual 1 and Perpetual 2 Funds, amounts invested in the land with the Solomon LLC, and funds called out for Winslow Lodge No 13, restricted for furniture and fixtures. Grand Master asked Mr. Hunter to comment on the breakdown of the funds as follows; Winslow - \$626,000.00, Outstanding mortgage to Solomon LLC - \$510,000.00, Perpetual 1 and Perpetual 2 as of June 30, 2017 - \$2,500,000. Grand Treasurer MCGee stated the Winslow figure was now at about \$98000.00, as it is now a year later. The compilation did not include GLOAF. Mr. Hunter stated that in a go forward mode GLOAF would be included in the consolidated compilation project. CLA will have a formal proposal or Letters of Engagement to submit to the next Grand Master prior to the next Trustee meeting to start the 2018/2019 compilation in June 2018. Comment by the Grand Treasurer – The Grand Lodge needs to continue the compilation as it gives adequate disclosure, and the Grand Lodge Cannot afford to pay for a full review or audit, especially an audit. We need the agreed-up procedures to supplement the – Mr. Hunter – There was also an engagement letter between management and CLA where the two parties agree on specific procedures they will review; in this case, checking account agrees with the actual bank statement, investment accounts balance with the actual investment, did sampling on mileage claims and expenses to make sure they were within the rules of the administration.

Services rendered related to the abatement – Late filing of IRS Form 990. – Mr. Hunter commented on the IRS Notice of Failure to File on the year end June 20, 2016, IRS form 990. That was a substantial penalty. It was determined that the return had not been filed electronically. When firms file electronically, CLA receives a form, signed by management. The return was not filed by our previous accounting firm. CLA assisted the Grand Lodge in filing an abatement letter which was approved by the IRS. The Grand Lodge was not charged with non-filing penalty. Fee for this service was \$2,780.00. Motion by MW Wunder, second by VW McGee; authorize Grand Counsel to send a demand letter to the previous accounting firm to

reimburse the Grand Lodge for fees incurred by CLA and Grand Counsel for the IRS Abatement. Total – approximately \$3,500.00.

Item 6 – Some general discussion related to GLOAF and Phoenix Foundation and the commonality between the two.

Item 7 – Apache Lodge No 69 – Request for purchase of property/raw land. Due diligence has not been completed related to details, there is no letter of agreement between the lodge and the seller, the lodge hasn't provided anything in writing related to the building, i.e. type, size, cost of proposed building. Grand Master asked that the Trustees review the packet and submit their questions to the Grand Secretary, so Apache Lodge can answer them before the Trustee vote for approval/disapproval. Grand Secretary will prepare a request for information to be provided by Apache Lodge.

Item 8 – Discussion related to The Phoenix Foundation. Grand Master engaged Grand Counsel Wilkinson for discovery and John Standifer for discovery because of the excise tax possible exposure and asked for approval of the contract that the Grand Master had engaged in on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Motion to approve by VW McGee, second by MW Wunder.

Trustees signed a waiver stating that they were waiving the 30-day notification to the Grand Master that we were having a Board of Directors meeting for GLOAF to meet the requirement for annual meeting. Motion by MW Wunder to have discussion of GLOAF, for the annual GLOAF meeting, at the Trustees meeting. Second by MW Carlton.

Discussion: For the future, the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, will serve as President, Treasurer and Secretary of GLOAF, respectively, and will serve with no compensation. The four elected Trustees of the Grand Lodge will also be the Board of Directors for GLOAF. Motion by MW Schafer, second by VW McGee, that the activities, transaction, contracts and the business entered into the corporation was confirmed and ratified.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Bradfield, PGM (68)
Grand Trustee - 2020

Scott A. Thomas Age: 56 yrs. Phone 602-463-3954
Residence : 12024 South Tuzigoot Dr Phoenix, AZ 85044 E-Mail scottathomas@cox.net
Family: 3rd Generation Arizonan and married 32 years to Roberta with three Sons - Kyle, Kean, and Kade

EDUCATION

Gilbert High School - Gilbert, Arizona
Arizona State University Tempe, Arizona
BSE in Industrial and Management Systems Engineering (Minors in Electrical Engineering and Architecture)

COMMUNITY

2003 PTO Co-President for Colina Elementary School - Kyrene School District
2005 PTO President for Centennial Middle School – Kyrene School District

MASONIC

2005 Master Mason in Scottsdale Lodge #43
2006-2009 Scottsdale Lodge Line Officer (Chaplin, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden)
2007-2009 Scottsdale Lodge 3 year Trustee and Chairman of Property Management Committee
2010 Worshipful Master of Scottsdale Lodge #43
2010 DDGL District # 10 (also Affiliated with Thunderbird Lodge #15 where Grandfather was a Past Master)
2010 Grand Lodge Merger Committee Member for Thunderbird #15 and Chandler #34 Lodges
2011 DDGM District #16 (also Affiliated with Glendale Lodge #23 where Father was a Member)
2012 Grand Sword Bearer
2012 Appointed to Grand Line as Junior Grand Stewart/ Chairman of Grand Lodge Membership Committee
2012-2013 Senior Grand Stewart
2013-2014 Junior Grand Deacon
2014-2015 Senior Grand Deacon
2015-2016 Junior Grand Warden/Senior Grand Warden
2016-2017 Deputy Grand Master (also Affiliated with Prometheus Lodge #87)
2017-2018 Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons in Arizona
Appendant Bodies & Affiliated Organizations
2005 - Life Member of Scottish Rite (32nd Degree) Phoenix Valley
2007 - Life Member of Knights of St. Andrews (KSA) - Phoenix Clan
2009 - Present Member of York Rite & King of Kings Commandery #12 Scottsdale
2010 - Present Member of El Zaribah Shrine
2012 - Past President of El Zaribah Shrine Past Masters Club and Shrine Degree Team Member
2015 - Present Scottish Rite Affiliate Member of Tucson Valley & Knights of St. Andrews (KSA) - Tucson Chapter
2017- Present George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association Ambassador

PROFESSIONAL - Present

Principal and Co-Owner	Consultant & Owner
Evolution Design Interior Architecture Inc.- Tempe, AZ	Terra Firma International Inc.
Commercial Interior Design & TI Project Management	Operations & Technology Analysis/Consultation

PROFESSIONAL - Prior

Chief Technology Officer (Executive Management in Operations and Systems Development)
EStreet Inc. - Tempe, AZ

Executive Director (Worldwide Quality/Manufacturing & Strategic Customer/Supplier Management)
Three-Five Systems Inc. Tempe, AZ

Quality Systems Manager (Commercial/Military PCB Manufacturing, Research & Development)
Continental Circuits Corp.- Phoenix, AZ

Senior Manufacturing Technology Engineer (Commercial/Military Aerospace Manufacturing & Technology)
Allied Signal Aerospace-Fluid Systems Division -Tempe, AZ

Product Assurance Engineer/ Quality Operations Supervisor (Electrical/Thermal Components Manufacturing & Development)
Rogers Corporation - Tempe, AZ

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR GRAND TRUSTEE
OF THE GRAND LODGE F&AM OF ARIZONA**
(for re-election to the 1 year term)

**EARL L. WUNDER
506 N. Verde Hts. Dr.
Cottonwood, AZ 86326
928-634-8395**

Earl was born in 1943 in Waterloo, Iowa. He was raised and educated in the public schools of the small community of Dysart, in the east central area of the state. He graduated from Dysart High School in 1961 and the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 1967.

Within weeks after college, Earl was commissioned a Pharmacy Officer in the Commission Corp of the United States Public Health Service and arrived in Arizona in August, 1967. He served as a staff pharmacist at the Fort Defiance USPHS Hospital for 2 years and as Chief Pharmacist at Winslow USPHS Hospital for 3 years.

He and his wife Barbara were married in 1968 and have resided in Cottonwood since 1972. They are the parents of two daughters and have four grandchildren. Earl retired in 2013 after nearly 46 years as a pharmacist.

Earl was raised a Master Mason in Winslow Lodge #13 on January 31, 1970. He became a dual member of Verde Lodge #14 in 1973 and served as Master in 1976. He was appointed Grand Standard Bearer in 1978 by MWB Nelson. He served as Area Representative in 1979-80 and DDGL in 1980. He was appointed Junior Grand Steward by MWB Richard Kidwell in 1981. Earl served as Grand Master in 1988, and as a Grand Trustee 1989-92. He served as Master of Central Arizona Lodge #14 in 2014, Master of Winslow Lodge #13 in 2017, and is the current Master. While employed in Flagstaff, he became a plural member of Flagstaff Lodge #7 in 1998.

Earl is a past presiding officer of the now defunct Verde Valley York Rite Bodies, a member of Arizona Priory #34, KYCH, and served as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in 1985.

Earl received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Tucson in 1971, and has been an active member of several degree teams since that time. He was designated to receive the KCCH in 1975, and was coroneted 33° Honorary in 1985.

He believes he has common sense and the knowledge and experience to impartially evaluate any question and arrive at a reasonable and proper decision consistent with the values and best interest of the craft. He does not believe service to the craft should cease merely because of past service.

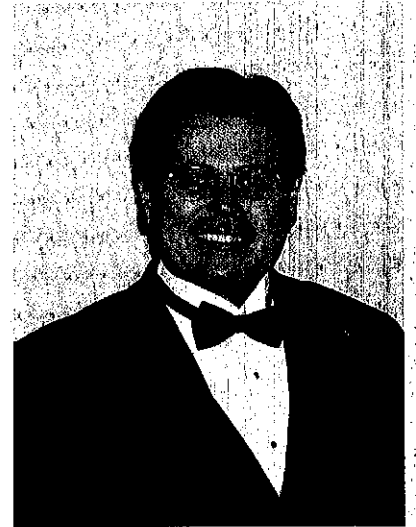
Andrew S. Warianka Masonic Resume

Masonic Affiliations

DeMolay – Senior DeMolay – Member Phoenix Chapter - 1965-1969
Current Chapter Chairman of Phoenix Chapter Order of DeMolay
Arizona Lodge No. 2 - 2001-Present
Various Chairs - 2002-Present
Trustee – 2006-Present
Treasurer – 2009-2011
Secretary – 2011-Present
Worshipful Master – 2013
Funeral Master - 2011-Present
Masonic Education – Created joint program with Montezuma #35 – 2013-Present
Montezuma Lodge No. 35 - 2013-Present
Junior Warden – 2014
Worshipful Master – 2015, 2016
Secretary - 2017-Present
Participated in Masonic Public Events with Father (member of No. 35) - 1965-2001
Arizona Sunrise Lodge No. 88 - 2015
Participated in organization and Chartering of Lodge
Senior Warden – 2015, 2016
Worshipful Master - 2017, 2018
Arizona Research Lodge #1 - 2007-Present
Senior Warden – 2015, 2016
Shrine - El Zaribah - 2001-Present
President Al Jondi Camel Unit - 2004, 2005, 2006
Active in Shrine Membership Programs
Samsar Committee – 2013-Present
Grand Lodge Charters & ByLaws Committee – 2014-2016 (2016 Chairman)
Grand Lodge Trial Master – 2014-Present
Legacy Mason, Legacy Shriner
Attending Grand Lodge Trustee Meetings in 2014
Actively Consult with Grand Lodge Officers on Lodge activities and programs

Recognition

Arizona Lodge No. 2 Mason of the Year – 2011
DeMolay Legion of Honor – 2014
Grand Lodge Distinguished Service Award - 2015
Maintaining Worshipful Master Elect Card
Master Architect Award – 2012/13 & 2013/14



Personal

Native of Arizona

Married to Cheryl - September 1976 (to Present)

Resident of Maryvale - 1976-1999

Resident of Laveen - 1999-Present

Father (Steve) long time member of Montezuma Lodge No. 35, El Zaribah Shrine, York Rite and Scottish Rite

Mother (Anastasia) long time member of Laurel Chapter OES

Education

Bachelors Degree in Physics from Occidental College - 1973 - with emphasis in Mathematics

Continuing Legal Education to maintain certification for Pro Tem & Hearing Officer for Maricopa County Justice Courts 1990-Present

Patents applied through GTE for Design and Fabrication of Memory Logic Partitioning Circuitry

Computer Programming Experience with Q2, PDP & IBM personal computer languages

Semiconductor Design Theory - Arizona State University - 1978

Interpersonal Effectiveness Training - The Thoren Consulting Group - 1982 & 1987

Employment Experience

Design Engineer - Powers Regulator Company - 1973-1977

CMOS/NMOS Designer/Test Engineer - EMM Semiconductor/GTE Microcircuits - 1977-1985

Regional Applications Engineer - HHB Systems - 1985-1986

VP & Director of Design/Manufacturing/Construction - P.A.T. Homes - 1986-1991

Computer Software/Hardware/Network Consultant - 1991-Present

Telecommunications Consultant - 1991-Present

Political Consultant - 1990-Present

Hearing Officer for Maricopa County Court System - 1990-Present

Judge Pro Tempore for City of Surprise Court - 1999-2003

Hearing Officer for City of Surprise Court - 2003-2008

Judge Pro Tempore for Maricopa County Court System - 2006-Present

Community Involvement

President/Member Maryvale Neighborhood Association/Neighborhood Watch - 1976-1999

Volunteer Maricopa County Elections Observer - 1996-Present

Arizona Consumers Council - Board of Directors Member - 2006-Present

Arizona Regional Co-Chair - Occidental College Alumni Association - 1998-Present

Arizona Regional Chair - Occidental College Alumni in Admissions Program - 2000-2004

Director/Producer 1hour Cable Access TV Show - 2001-2008

District Chairman and County Chairman for Political Party - 1986 to 2004

Masters of Arizona Lodges

2017

Morey J. Parrish Jr
Chad J. Gappa
Lowell E. Fox
Nicholas A. Address
Duane L Brown
Peter H. Johnson Jr
John W. Welsch
Roger C. Biede III
Marlin S. Easthouse
Dale R. Jacobs
Josef G. Linden
Earl L. Wunder
Dave R. Brubaker
Christopher D. Gamache
Douglas W. Jones
Michael A. Dale
Ward C. DeSplinter
Nicholas E. Lindquist
D. Kenneth Chism Jr
Keith A. Cooper
Brian R. Hanne
David P. McArdele
Edward R. Baney
David R. Aguayo
James E. Lofquist
Douglas F. Schassler
Terry W. Henley
Joseph E. Landreth
Ronald W. Richards
Matthew M. O'Halloran
Robert R. Beffel
Michael A. Forrest
William B. Carnell
Donald Lowery
Christopher W. Huson
Roger R. Cousineau
Robert B. Bezduch
Roderic L. Wagoner Jr
Patrick S. Zech
Tony Hernandez
Kristofer E. Settlemeier
Stephen F. Beardsley

Lodge No.

Aztlan #1
Arizona #2
White Mountain #3
Tucson #4
King Solomon #5
Chalcedony #6
Flagstaff #7
Gila Valley #9
Willcox #10
Nogales #11
Perfect Ashlar #12
Winslow #13
Central Arizona #14
Chandler Thunderbird #15
Safford #16
Yuma #17
Mt. Moriah #19
Oriental #20
Kingman #22
Glendale #23
Ray-Winkelman #24
Paradise Vly Silver Trowel #29
Pinal #30
Peoria #31
Epes Randolph #32
Montezuma #35
Ajo-MacMcClure #36
Williams-Grand Canyon #38
Adobe #41
Acacia Masonic #42
Scottsdale #43
Sahuaro #45
Eloy #46
Aaron #49
Wayfarers #50
Oasis #52
Huachuca #53
San Pedro #55
Marion McDaniel #56
Phoenicia #58
Builders #60
White Mountain #62

2018

Eric S. Giler-Tomala
Jason M. Holbrook
James B. Rasmussen
William E. Wilkinson
Kenneth R. Barrett
Peter H. Johnson Jr
Ralph F. Doudna
Roger C. Biede III
Marlin S. Easthouse
Dale R. Jacobs
Richard W. Dunbar
Earl L. Wunder
Dave R. Brubaker
Lee E. Stith
Douglas W. Jones
Michael A. Kofta
Ward C. DeSplinter
Luke J. Evans
Robert E. Weed
Gary J. Horn
Frank T. McCown
Timothy M. Dougherty
Matthew A. Armer
David R. Aguayo
Rufus Tamayo
Douglas F. Schassler
Terry W. Henley
Joseph E. Landreth
Ahmet S. Erdemir
John A. Nichols
R. Curtis Hills
Michael A. Bernhardt
James A. Tidwell
Donald Lowery
Kenneth B. Olsen
Michael W. Bravin
John D. Lervold
Ronald N. Allen
Roderic L. Wagoner Jr
Bryan P. Howe
Jason R. Williams
Stephen F. Beardsley

Jeffrey G. Coke
James W. Pokorny Jr
Charles V. Phemister III
William R. Greenen
Bruce E. Halvarson
Steven L. Garn
Craig G. Montgomery
Matthew Hartzell-Robbins
Martin T. Jones
Darrell D. Smith
Allan A. Hammond
Carlos A. Tolsa Nino
Michael B. Pringle
Adalberto O. Castellanos
James M. Jennings
Eric D. Dupree Sr
Suresh Muthumani
Andrew S. Warianka

Havasu #64
Jerusalem Daylight #66
Mohave Valley #68
Apache #69
Sy Harrison #70
Green Valley #71
Sun City #72
Hiram Daylight #73
Nelson C. Bledsoe #74
Camelback Daylight #75
Camp Stone #77
Anahuac #81
Pioneer #82
El Quixote #83
Hunters Paradise #85
Downtown #86
Prometheus #87
Arizona Sunrise #88
Ascension Lodge U. D.

Jeffrey G. Coke
Anthony T. Glover Sr
Stephen T. Fields
Lowell E. Fox
James E. Gier
James L. Davis
Craig G. Montgomery
Matthew Hartzell-Robbins
Andrew M. Klos
Michael J. Lay
Mario A. Jones
Rene M. Gonzalez
Michael B. Pringle
Adalberto O. Castellanos
Jonathon M. Beffel
Aaron M. Feagley
Timothy E. Lindquist
Andrew S. Warianka
Ronald W. Richards

*District Deputy Grand Masters
2017-2018*

Keith J. McCormack	District 1	22, 64, 68
David A. Sahady	District 2	1, 14, 82
Damon K. Krieg	District 3	7, 13, 38
Clayton J. Howard	District 4	6, 62
Lon C. Thomas	District 5	70
Mikel K. White	District 6	17, 36
Vincent M. Santos	District 7	74, 81
Robin E. Settlemeier	District 8	41, 86
James Xie	District 9	20, 69, 75
Gerald B. Massey Jr	District 10	9, 30, 46
Duane L. Brown	District 11	5, 53, 77
Michael A. Gatti	District 12	15, 43
Eric D. Dupree Sr	District 13	52, 60
Tony Hernandez	District 14	29, 50, 58
Roderic L. Wagoner Jr	District 15	10, 16, 55
Scott H. Tracy	District 16	23, 31, Ascension UD
Robert L. Hill	District 17	11, 71
Lyle L. Adams	District 18	42, 72, 73
Patrick S. Zech	District 19	49, 66
Mark H. Nielsen	District 20	3, 24, 85
N. Dean Millard	District 21	4, 32, 56
Matthew L. G. Morales	District 22	2, 83, 88
James E Watson	District 23	35, 45, 87
John H. Escapule	District 24	12, 19

*Deputy Grand Lecturers
2017-2018*

Jason D. Morrett	Northern	1, 7, 14, 38, 70
Calvin D. Magness	Northeast	3, 6, 13, 24, 62
Robert S. Goble	Northwest	22, 64, 68
John H. Reynolds	Phoenix A	23, 29, 31., 43, 50, 58, 72, 73, 82, 83
Jason L. Michlowitz	Phoenix B	2, 15, 20, 35, 42, 45, 69, 75, 85, 87, 88
Leigh J. Creighton	Pima/Pinal	4, 9, 30, 32, 46, 56, 66, 74, 81
Gustavo A. Portillo	Pima/Santa Cruz/Yuma	11, 17, 41, 49, 52, 60, 71, 86
Richard A. Hendrickson	Southeast	5, 10, 12, 16, 19, 36, 53, 55, 77



Living Past Grand Masters

<i>Nelson</i>	<i>1978</i>
<i>Earl L. Wunder</i>	<i>1988</i>
<i>Hubert W. Cocklin</i>	<i>1991</i>
<i>Robert F. Hannon</i>	<i>1993</i>
<i>Gerald H. Lankin</i>	<i>1995</i>
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