

# The Grand Lodge

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

## of Idaho



**155<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Communication**

**Proceedings**

**Russ W. Smith  
Grand Master**

**September 15, 16, 17, 2022  
Pocatello, Idaho**

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**Russ W. Smith**

*M.:W.: Grand Master*

*Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho*

*2021-2022*

## Russ W. Smith – Biography

### Most Worshipful Grand Master 2021-2022

Born in Pocatello, Idaho and raised on the family ranch 20 miles North of Mackay near the base of Mt. Borah. Attended Mackay Elementary and High School, Idaho State University and the University of Idaho. Received an RF Technician's Certificate from Idaho State University Vocational Technical College, and a Bachelor's of Science in Productions Management and a Bachelors of Technology in Industrial Electronics from the University of Idaho. He works at the Idaho National Laboratory as a Wireless Engineer and Spectrum Manager.

He lives in Arco, Idaho with his wife KayLynn and they have 5 children that kept them busy growing up in Scouts, Job's Daughters International, DeMolay, sports, and church youth group activities. He became a Master Mason in 1982 and has been active in Masonry since. He has been Associate Guardian of 2 different Bethels, Dad Advisor for CFK DeMolay Chapter, and was Associate Grand Guardian for Idaho Job's Daughters in 2016-2017. His hobbies are music, playing the fiddle, camping, mountain man rendezvous, and giving an occasional message at the Arco Community Church.



(OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS)  
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIFTH  
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION  
OF THE

# M.: W.: Grand Lodge Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons Of Idaho

Russ W. Smith, M.: W.: Grand Master

Monte B. Bollar, R.: W.: Grand Secretary

Held in Pocatello, Idaho, September 15, 16, 17, 2022  
A.D. 2022 -- A.L. 6022

at Red Lion Hotel, Pocatello, Idaho

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The Master shall cause a synopsis of the Abstract of Proceedings to be presented at the first Stated Communication after it is received and shall cause such review to be immediately reported to the Grand Secretary on forms provided by him. The Masters of Constituent Lodges shall make available a copy of the Abstract of Proceedings to his Brethren. The Masters shall use the Grand Secretary's abstract for further topics should he deem it necessary throughout the ensuing year. He shall cause one copy of the printed Abstract of Proceedings to be filed for future reference. (Revised Sept. 2015)

(See Reg. 53 Sept. 2015)

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Address of the Grand Secretary:  
Monte B. Bollar  
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In Preparation for the 2022-2023 year the following training was performed.

## Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### 2022-2023 District Deputy Grand Master Training

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 am                  District Deputy Training  
held at Pocatello Masonic Temple, 535 North Arthur Street, Pocatello, ID

### 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers Lunch

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 pm                  2022-2023 GL Officers Lunch  
held at Pocatello Masonic Temple, 535 North Arthur Street Pocatello, ID

Held at the Red Lion Hotel Pocatello, 1555 Pocatello Creek Road, Pocatello, Idaho

### Registration / Credentials Opens

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.                  Registration / Credentials                  Washington  
Registration information and credentials packets were ready to be picked up.

### Committee Meetings

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.                  Committee Meetings                  Jefferson

### Budget Meeting (Discuss 2023 Budget)

2:00 - 3:30p.m.                  Budget Meeting (Discuss 2023 Budget)                  Syringa  
The Syringa Room was opened for the Brothers to come in and ask questions about the proposed 2023 Budget. The Accounts and Finance Committee was there to answer any questions

### Practice for Grand Lodge Officers

3: 30 p.m.                  Practice for Grand Lodge Officers                  Caribou/Teton

### Vespers Service – (Public)

5:15 p.m.                  Vespers Service - Public Invited                  Jefferson

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### Grand Masters Banquet (Invitation Only)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm                  No Host Social Hour                  Indoor Patio  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm                  Grand Masters Banquet                  Bannock/Bonneville  
9:00 p.m.– 11:00 pm                  Hospitality Room Open                  Hotel Suite #151

Thursday, September 15, 2022

(Formal Opening)

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 am	Registration / Credentials Open	Washington / (N/A)
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	Hotel Suite 109 / ( C )
8:15 a.m.	Prelude	Arlen Marshall, W.: Grand Organist
8:30 a.m.	Formal Opening (Tyled)	Caribou/Teton ( DS )

**Formal Opening of Grand Lodge**

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**Welcome to Formal Opening by Michael Sutton, WM of Portneuf Lodge No. 18**

“Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Formal Opening of the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of Idaho. Please give your attention to the procession of the Grand Lodge Officers.”

(Grand Lodge Officers marched in)

Brother Grand Marshal, you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master. It is my pleasure to introduce Brother Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho.

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

“It is my pleasure to introduce Michael Sutton, Worshipful Master of Portneuf Lodge No. 18, our Host Lodge for the 155th Annual Communication.”

“Officers take your Stations”

**Formal Opening of Grand Lodge (Ritual)**

Grand Lodge Officers

**Opening Prayer**

Rev. Edgar R. Simmons, W.: Grand Chaplain

*“Great Architect of the Universe, in thy name we have assembled, and, in thy name, we desire to proceed in all our dealings. Grant that the sublime principles of Free Masonry may so subdue every discordant passions within us so harmonize and enrich our hearts with thine own love and goodness that the Grand Lodge, at this time, may humbly reflect that order and beauty which reigns forever before thy throne. Amen”*

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

“Brother W.: Grand Marshal, would you make the Proclamation.”

**Proclamation (Call to Order)**

Daniel W. Drefs, W.: Grand Marshal

*“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim this Formal Session of the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho open in ample form.”*

# Roll Call

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*"Brother Grand Secretary, will you call the Roll."*

**Roll call by**

Monte B. Bollar, R.:W.: Grand Secretary

## Grand Lodge Officers 2021-2022

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Here?</u>
M.:W.: Grand Master	Russ W. Smith	Present
R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master	H. Sherman Burger III	Present
R.:W.:Sr. Grand Warden	Gary A. LaBruyere	Present
R.:W.:Jr. Grand Warden	Rick Holloway	Present
R.:W.: Grand Treasurer	Bruce A. Wethered	Present
R.:W.: Grand Secretary	Monte B. Bollar	Present
R.:W.: Grand Lecturer	Daniel D. Siddall	Present
W.: Sr. Grand Deacon	Randy King	Present
W.: Jr. Grand Deacon	Clifford R. Kramer	Absent
W.: Grand Marshal	Daniel W. Drefs	Present
W.: Sr. Grand Steward (Acting)	Eric Coryell	Present
W.: Jr. Grand Steward	Levi Billman	Present
W.: Grand Sword Bearer	Harold E. Bloom	Present
W.: Grand Pursuivant (Acting)	Dave Stonhill	Present
W.: Grand Chaplain	Rev. Edgar R. Simmons	Present
W.: Grand Orator	Danny R LaVine	Present
W.: Grand Historian	James T. Hansen	Present
W.: Grand Organist	Arlen Marshall	Present
W.: Grand Tyler (Acting)	Todd Millican	Present

## District Deputy Grand Masters 2021-2022

First Masonic District	Walter L. Hamby	Absent
Second Masonic District	Michael J. Keeton	Absent
Third Masonic District	Abraham J. Warner	Absent
Fourth Masonic District	John T. Bonnett	Absent
Fifth Masonic District	Darren W. Taber	Absent
Sixth Masonic District	Don J. Miller	Present
Seventh Masonic District	Justin L. Boyer	Present
Eighth Masonic District	Mark H. Smith	Excused
Ninth Masonic District	Daniel W. Jennings	Excused
Tenth Masonic District	Edward L. Bonham Jr.	Absent
Eleventh Masonic District	Wayne M. Sprouse	Present
Twelfth Masonic District	Loren I. Knight	Absent
Thirteenth Masonic District	Bart D. Casey	Present

## Lodges

<u>Lodge Name</u>	<u>Lodge Number</u>	<u>Here?</u>
Idaho Lodge	1	Present
Boise Lodge	2	Present
Placer Lodge	3	Present
Mt. Idaho Lodge	9	Present
Nez Perce Lodge	10	Present
Lemhi Lodge	11	Absent
Silver City Lodge	13	Present
Hailey Lodge	16	Present
Paradise Lodge	17	Present
Portneuf Lodge	18	Present
Eagle Rock Lodge	19	Present
Coeur D'Alene Lodge	20	Absent
Richfield Lodge	21	Absent
Weiser Lodge	23	Absent
Kootenai Lodge	24	Present
Shoshone Lodge	25	Absent
Washoe Lodge	28	Present
Ashlar Lodge	29	Present
Elmore Lodge	30	Present
Salubria Lodge	31	Absent
Grove City Lodge	33	Present
Cataldo Lodge	34	Absent
Butte Lodge	37	Present
Mt. Moriah Lodge	39	Present
Rathdrum Lodge	41	Present
Lakeside Lodge	42	Absent
Bonnors Ferry Lodge	43	Absent
Twin Falls Lodge	45	Present
Meridian Lodge	47	Present
Malad Lodge	51	Absent
Kamiah Lodge	56	Absent
Spirit Lake Lodge	57	Present
Lincoln Lodge	59	Present
Oriental Lodge	60	Present
St. Maries Lodge	63	Present
Mt. McCaleb Lodge	64	Present
Burley Lodge	68	Present
Paul Lodge	77	Absent
Hagerman Lodge	78	Present
Fidelity Lodge	80	Present

Ionic Lodge	82	Present
Caribou Lodge	84	Present
Challis Lodge	92	Present
Capital City Lodge	93	Present
Kaniksu Lodge	97	Absent
<u>Initial Point Lodge</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>Present</u>
46 Lodges total	33 present	13 absent

**Monte B. Bollar, R.:W.: Grand Secretary**

*“Code & Digest Section 104 states the representatives of fifteen (15) chartered Lodges shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Grand Lodge. A quorum is present.”*

**Flag Tribute**

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Daniel W. Drefs, W.: Grand Marshal

**Presentation of the Flags**

Commandery of Knights Templar of Idaho

**Pledge of Allegiance Lead by**

Russ W. Smith, M.: W.: Grand Master

*“Brothers, join with me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country.”*

**Post Lodge Banners**

Lodge Masters

Lead by Idaho Lodge	1
Mt. Idaho Lodge	9
Nez Perce Lodge	10
Silver City Lodge	13
Portneuf Lodge	18
Eagle Rock Lodge	19
Weiser Lodge	23
Mt. Moriah Lodge	39
Rathdrum Lodge	41
Meridian Lodge	47
Hagerman Lodge	78

**Receptions:**

**Past Grand Masters**

## Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master

*W.: Senior Grand Deacon, please line up the Past Grand Masters for introduction with the assistance of the Grand Stewards.*

*R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden, Would you introduce the Past Grand Masters?*

Introduced by

Rick L. Holloway, R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>
Gregory L. Winther .....	1995-1996
James V. Voyles .....	1997-1998
Bradley A. Cannon .....	2001-2002
Joseph E. Alexander .....	2002-2003
Richard C. Broemeling .....	2003-2004
Michael A. Sutton .....	2006-2007
David C. Triplett .....	2009-2010
Jay A. Lenard .....	2011-2012
G. Arthur Shoemaker .....	2014-2015
John E. Warner .....	2015-2016
William K. Curtis Jr. ....	2017-2018
Steven O. Zimmerman .....	2021-2022

## Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master

*"Please join me and extending the Private Grand Honors and a Hearty Welcome."*

Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master, went to the floor to welcome the PGMs.

## 50 Year Masons

## Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master

*R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden, would you introduce the Fifty Year Masons.*

Introduced by

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden

<b>Name</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
Edgar R. Simmons.....	53
Don J. Miller.....	57
Johnny A. Willis.....	53
Ray J. Sackett .....	54
Bruce A. Wethered .....	50
Chris E. Wethered .....	50
N. Randall "Randy" King.....	50

**Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

*“Please join me and extending the Private Grand Honors and a Hearty Welcome.”*

Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master, went to the floor to welcome the Fifty Year Masons.

**Lodge Secretaries**

**Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

*“R.:W.:Grand Secretary, would you introduce the Lodge Secretaries.”*

Introduced by

Monte B. Bollar, R.:W.: Grand Secretary

<u>Name.....</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>#</u>
William K. Curtis Jr. ....	Idaho Lodge	1
James Grant .....	Placer Lodge	3
Wayne B. Weathers .....	Mt. Idaho Lodge	9
Bradley A. Cannon .....	Nez Perce Lodge	10
John E. Warner .....	Portneuf Lodge	18
Danny R. LaVine.....	Kootenai Lodge	24
Bruce A. Wethered .....	Ashlar Lodge	29
Daniel L. Ely / Kevin F. Heiner .....	Grove City Lodge	33
Harold “Howie” Bloom.....	Mt. Moriah Lodge	39
Richard L. Rowe.....	Twin Falls Lodge	45
James T. Hansen.....	Oriental Lodge	60
Douglas J. Hammond .....	Mt. McCaleb Lodge	64
Douglas J. Hammond .....	Challis Lodge	92
Justin Boyer.....	Capital City Lodge	93
Randy King.....	Initial Point Lodge	98

**Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

*“Please join with me in giving these Secretaries a Hearty Welcome.”*

**Worshipful Masters**

**Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

*“R.:W.:Deputy Grand Master - Would you introduce the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges.”*



Introduced by:

H. Sherman Burger III, R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge #</u>
Chad J. Brown .....	Boise Lodge 2
Randy L. Berg .....	Mt. Idaho Lodge 9
Richard M. Worthington .....	Nez Perce Lodge 10
Randy King.....	Silver City Lodge 13
Nyal A. Peterson.....	Hailey Lodge 16
Wayne M. Sprouse .....	Paradise Lodge 17
Michael A. Sutton.....	Portneuf Lodge 18
Craig D. Bowles .....	Eagle Rock Lodge 19
B. Calvin Saul.....	Kootenai Lodge 24
Daniel W. Jennings.....	Washoe Lodge 28
Harold E. Bloom.....	Ashlar Lodge 29
Michael E. Keas .....	Elmore Lodge 30
David G.N. Stonhill.....	Grove City Lodge 33
Robert Middlebrook .....	Butte Lodge 37
Nathaniel S. Bendel.....	Rathdrum Lodge 41
Robert W. Swofford .....	Meridian Lodge 47
John B. Johnson.....	St. Maries Lodge 63
Walter H. Johnson .....	Mt. McCaleb Lodge 64
Ronald J. Wood .....	Hagerman Lodge 78
Max L. Hemmert .....	Caribou Lodge 84
I. Allen Hardman.....	Challis Lodge 92
Michael A. Kish .....	Capital City Lodge 93

**Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

*“Please join with me in giving these Worshipful Masters a Hearty Welcome.”*

**District Deputy Grand Masters**

**Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

*“R.:W.:Deputy Grand Master, Please take the East while I introduce the District Deputy Grand Masters.”*

Introduced by:

Russ W. Smith, M.: W.: Grand Master

<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>
Second Masonic District .....	William S. Young
Fourth Masonic District .....	Don J. Miller
Fifth Masonic District .....	Justin L. Boyer

Sixth Masonic District..... Mark H. Smith  
 Seventh Masonic District .....Daniel W. Jennings  
 Eighth Masonic District ..... Wayne M. Sprouse  
 Tenth Masonic District ..... Scott C. Tollackson

**Deputy Grand Master**

*“Please join me in giving these District Deputy Grand Masters the Public Grand Honors and a Hearty Welcome.”*

**Introductions of Distinguished Guests of Idaho:**

**Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

*“Would all the heads of the Concordant and Appendant bodies please retire to be lined up for introductions! W.:Sr. Grand Deacon, you will introduce the Heads of the Concordant and Appendant Bodies of Idaho. Brother Grand Stewards, please assist.”*

**Heads of Concordant/Appendant Bodies of Idaho**

Introductions by	Randy King, W.:Sr. Grand Deacon (Assisted by Grand Stewards)
Joseph E. Alexander Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Idaho	Scottish Rite, Idaho
Russ W. Smith Associate Grand Guardian	Job’s Daughters of Idaho
Chad Smith, Executive Officer	International Order of DeMolay
Gary A.S. LaBruyere Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Idaho	Representing George J. White, Jr
Dale Rutter Potentate	El Korah Shrine
Wayne Sprouse, Chief Rabban, Calam Shrine	Representing Potentate Dustin Hatfield, Calam Shrine
G. Arthur Shoemaker Most Excellent Grand High Priest	Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho
James Herndon Grand Preceptor	Knights Templar

**Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

*“Please join me in giving these Leaders of the Concordant and Appendant Bodies a Hearty Welcome. Thank you for coming.”*

## Introduction of Visiting Distinguished Guests

*(Visiting Grand Masters / Representatives)*

### **Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

*“R.: W.: Senior Grand Deacon - would you introduce the Distinguished Guests from other Jurisdictions.”*

*(Guests will be requested to address the Grand Lodge as time permits)*

Introductions By:

Randy King, W.: Senior Grand Deacon  
(Assisted by Grand Stewards)

### **Officers from Other Jurisdictions**

Auston Smith

R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden, Illinois

Craig Sipp

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master, Oregon

Timothy Best

R.:W.: Sr. Grand Warden, Oregon

Marc Strong

R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden, Oregon  
Master Mason, Oregon

Kenneth L. Briggs

Steve C. Martin

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master, Washington

### **Representing their Most Worshipful Grand Masters:**

Thomas G. Needham

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master

Representing M.: W.: Grand Master, Mathew J. Ramey

### **Most Worshipful Grand Masters:**

Michael Giles

M.: W.: Grand Master, Nevada

William (Bill) Pogue

M.:W.: Grand Master, New Mexico

Michael Jackson

M.: W.: Grand Master, Illinois

Edward Woods

M.:W.: Grand Master, Washington

Jason Allred

M.:W.: Grand Master, Utah

Mark Posler

M.:W.: Grand Master, Oregon

## Report of the Most Worshipful Grand Master

01, M.: W.: Grand Master

Russ W. Smith

### **Grand Master 2021-2022**

#### **Actions and Activities**

Brothers, what an experience! It was such an honor to be able to serve as your Grand Master this past year. It is an honor bestowed upon a few, and it was humbling to be able to be considered for this incredible opportunity, even though it comes with heightened and expected responsibilities.

Some decisions were easy to make, others were hard and difficult. I wished every Brother could experience what I have this past year. The honors, receptions, and hospitalities extended to me were incredibly humbling and greatly appreciated. Even though I joked about questioning the Brother's judge of character as I was appointed and elected up through the chairs, when I look around the local lodge rooms and the Grand Lodge attendees, I see Brothers that are much more worthy of being in this position than I, it makes me that much more appreciative that the Brothers had the confidence in allowing me to serve this Grand Lodge. The first time I was received as Grand Master and given private grand honors, it was an uncomfortable feeling and one I'm not sure I'll ever get used to. It was such a humbling and overwhelming feeling; it is hard to put into words.

Not too many Grand Masters are installed on their birthday, and not too many Grand Master's terms start out with a 3-minute egg timer to limit their speeches and their wife supplying a Nerf gun to the Grand Lodge Officers to shoot in his direction when he gets long winded and needs to sit down. I'm not one that generally likes to get up in front of people and speak, but when it comes to Masonry and our Youth groups, I have a hard time keeping my comments short. Freemasonry has had such an impact on helping me become a better man, it is hard to understand why almost every man is not pounding on our door wanting to become a better person. In putting together my year as Grand Master, I did not want to try and make my mark on Freemasonry, but rather enable Freemasonry to make its mark on other men, as it has on me. My focus being education, that all our Brothers want more of, and supporting our Youth Groups. I gave every Mason I came across a wooden nickel to take to a youth activity and get it signed by their respective leader and then show it to the District Deputy to receive a metal coin. I will say that the youth were, at times, more excited about the wooden nickels and earning a metal coin than the adults were.

First and foremost, I want to thank every Master Mason in the Idaho Grand Lodge for supporting our youth. You may not be an Associate Guardian, Rainbow Dad, or Dad Advisor, or a council member for the youth organizations, but you have shown your desire to support them by providing a line item in our Grand Lodge budget for each organization to help them attend their respective Leadership training conferences. Thank you for your continued support of our youth organizations. They are truly our future, and this is one way to emphasize that. The budgeted amounts for the youth are not always fully utilized, but they are there to show everyone that our youth organizations are a priority for the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

### **Activities as Grand Master**

Installation: 9-17-2021

### **Fall District Meetings**

9-20-21, District 7, Capital City #93, Boise  
9-21-21, District 6, Fidelity #80, Glenns Ferry, this was also Fidelity's Centennial Celebration  
9-23-21, District 8, Meridian #47, Meridian  
9-24-21, District 9, Washoe #28, Payette  
9-27-21, District 2 and 3, Portneuf #18, Pocatello  
9-28-21, District 5, Hailey #16, Hailey  
9-29-21, District 4, Twin Falls #45, Jerome  
10-4-21, District 13, Lakeside #42, Sandpoint  
10-5-21, District 12, Kootenai #24, Coeur d'Alene  
10-8-21, District 10 & 11, Nez Perce #10, Lewiston  
10-13-21, District 1, Lemhi #11, Salmon

9-20-21, I decided to keep the 13 District Deputies to cover the Districts consolidated down to 10. This was after the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee chairman to reduce it down to 10. I felt there was enough activities and distance between lodges in the districts to keep 2 District Deputies busy. I had to plan on having 13 District Deputies in case the resolution to consolidate the districts did not pass, then felt it was kind of unfair to install a District Deputy at Grand Lodge, then a couple days later pull that honor from them when they were looking forward to serving. The DDGM's in the consolidated districts agreed to continue serving their respective lodges to sign those Master's and Warden's certificates of proficiency and work together for the District Mason of the Year.

### **By-Laws Approved**

9-20-21, Twin Falls #45, Read and approved changes to By-laws. This was carried over from MWGM Steve Zimmerman's term because he had received these after he had submitted his report and passed it on to me. These were delivered to Twin Falls at the District meeting on 9-29.

### **Dispensations and Amendments**

11-17-21, D01-211117, Placer Lodge #3 to Elect Officers Out of Time. Dispensation Approved

11-17-21, D02-211117, Mt. Moriah #39 to Elect Treasurer Position Out of Time. Dispensation Approved

11-19-21, D03-211119, Hailey #16 to Elect Officers Out of Time. Dispensation Approved

11-21-21, D04-211120, Silver City #13 to Elect Junior Warden Out of Time. Dispensation Approved

11-29-21, D05-211129, Eagle Rock #19, perform degrees on petitioner from Peru. Grand Lodge of Peru did not respond on request for status on failure to advance in time. Eagle Rock treated candidate as new candidate. Dispensation Approved

11-23-21, D06-211123, Malad #51 to Elect Officers Out of Time. Dispensation Approved

12-1-21, D07-211201, Elmore #30, Elect Officers Out of Time. Dispensation Approved

12-10-21, D08-211210, Coeur d'Alene #20 to move date/time of meeting. Dispensation Approved.

This was unusual but storm was coming in and making the travel to Murray that following Saturday dangerous or not possible, so changed Stated meeting date to previous Thursday. Consulted with Jurisprudence Chairman and though instructed not to suspend lodge By-laws for obvious reasons, decided the safety of Brothers was important, so approved this dispensation under Section 301-7, for the Good of the Craft, knowing and expecting to be reprimanded for approving this dispensation.

12-14-21, D09-211214, Caribou #84, Install officers out of time. Called WM and installation of officers will be before December 27, so dispensation was not necessary. Dispensation Denied

1-9-22, A01-220109, Amendment for Mt. Idaho #9 By-laws to change stated meetings to Fourth Tuesday at 7:30 PM each month. Amendment Approved

1-19-22, A02-220119, Nez Perce #10, By-law amendment to change dues structure to include Grand Lodge Assessment. Amendment Approved

1-21-22, D10-220127, Mt. McCaleb #64, install Junior Warden Out of Time. Dispensation Approved

1-21-22, D11-220129, Challis #92, install Junior Warden Out of Time. Dispensation Approved

3-17-22, A03-220317, Rathdrum #41 to not go dark and meet each month. Amendment Approved

5-1-22, A04-220501, Grove City #33, amendment to By-laws to not go dark and meet each month.

Amendment Approved

5-1-22, D12-220501, Eagle Rock #19, Confer Master Mason degree at Bannack Montana Historic Lodge. Dispensation Approved

7-3-22, D13-220619, Paradise #17 to start meeting early for degree to accommodate travelers.

Recommended having a called communication for degree, then stated communication and business afterward that way, no dispensation needed. WM agreed. Dispensation Denied

7-3-22, A05-220703, Kootenai #24 amendment to By-laws to not go dark and have meetings all year. Amendment Approved

7-3-22, D14-220703, Salubria #31 to meet on July 11 instead of July 4. Dispensation Approved. Knowing that the Grand Master does not have the authority to suspend any lodge By-laws, approved anyway so I would get in trouble and not the local lodge. Decision made under Section 301-7, Good of the Craft. Recommended that they modify their lodge By-laws, so it addresses when Federal holidays occur on first Monday of the month.

7-31-22, D15-220731, Ionic #82, Dispensation to change date of Stated meeting for Dinner and Movie date. Called WM and talked to him. No business will be conducted, so recommended they have the Dinner and Movie as a Called communication. Dispensation Denied.

8-10-22, D16-220810, Capital City #93, Dispensation to move location for their Stated meeting to have their "Lodge in Garage" meeting. Lodge By-laws address change of dates when Federal holiday occurs on first Monday. Even though Grand Master does not have the power to suspend any lodge By-laws, all the members were informed of change of date and location, so decision was made under Section 301-7, for the Good of the Craft. Dispensation Approved.

### **Appointments**

Appointed PGM Jim Herndon to replace vacancy from passing of PGM Kent McCandless on Board of Custodians. PGM Jim agreed to fulfill appointment for next 5 years.

Appointed PGM James Voyles to replace vacancy from passing of PGM James Hensley on Board of Custodians. PGM James agreed to fulfill appointment for next 3 years.

Appointed Idaho Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M Grand Pursuivant Eric Coryell to Senior Grand Steward position filling vacancy from the passing of Worshipful Andrew Evenson.

Appointed Philip Voelz as the ambassador in Idaho for the Masonic Medical Research Institute.

### **Actions**

10-17-21, After being consulted by a DDGM, Submitted clarification to Board of Custodians on ruling of passing the word in 3<sup>rd</sup> degree from previous ruling. Their decision was returned.

10-30-21, Attended Silver City #13 that had 2 called communications for a FC and MM degree to stay within the requirements of section 2018 of the Code and Digest. Made Rod Baldwin a Master Mason on site in accordance with Monitor Landmark #8, so there was no question on the expediency of his proficiencies.

1-25-22, Received Masonic Charges filed in Nez Perce #10. Contacted WM to discuss. Informed Grand Secretary on 1-26-22. Appointed Trial Chairman and Trial Commissioners.

2-3-22, Approved Grand Treasurer to pay \$500 to TOK for the Broker Price Opinion on the Grand Lodge building for the consideration of selling the building and moving to the West Gate Plaza Masonic building. In accordance with Sections 703 and 707 of Idaho Masonic Code and Digest.

7-16-22, Received appeal from Nez Perce #10 member on Masonic Trial outcome. Forwarded on to Grand Secretary and Chairman on Appeals and Grievances.

### **Visitations**

9-22-21, Kuna, Stated meeting

10-7-21, St. Maries #63

10-12-21, Hagerman #78, special meeting with PGM Justo Gonzales from Puerto Rico

10-19-21, Grove City #33, Blackfoot

10-20-21, Mt. McCaleb #64 EA degree

11-3-21, Portneuf #18, Stated and Elections

11-4-21, Richfield #21, Stated and Elections

11-11-21, Challis #92, Stated and Elections  
 11-16-21, Grove City #33, Stated and Elections  
 11-17-21, Mt. McCaleb #64, Stated and Elections  
 12-1-21, Elmore #30, Installation  
 12-2-21, Richfield #21, Installing Officer for Installation  
 12-4-21, DeMolay CFK Chapter, Installation and Masonic Family Appreciation dinner  
 12-9-21, Burley #68, Installation, was installing Marshal  
 12-11-21, Challis #92, Installing Master for joint installation with Mt. McCaleb #64  
 1-12-22, Lemhi #11, Stated  
 1-19-22, Portneuf #18, Oscar Bambolo EA degree. (DeMolay Brother)  
 2-15-22, Fidelity #80, President's Day celebration, Special skit/presentation by Susan Broemeling on Mrs. George Washington. This was a real treat and very interesting.  
 3-8-22, Hailey #16, Stated meeting  
 3-10-22, Lincoln #59 Stated meeting  
 3-16-22, Mt. McCaleb #64 EA degree  
 3-17-22, Butte #37 Stated meeting, dinner included cabbage and excellent corned beef  
 4-9-22, Silver City #13, Table lodge, honored to be able to award 50 year member pin and certificates to SGD Randy King and PGM Philip Drew, and recognize Sam Smyser who received a 78 year Mason award.  
 5-12-22, Lincoln #59, Stated meeting and dinner  
 8-6-22, Mt. McCaleb #64, 2 FC degrees

Didn't include all visitations to Challis #92, Mt. McCaleb #64, Grove City #33, and Richfield #21. Tried to attend as many stated communications as possible.

### **Visitations to and Activities with Appendant and Concordant Bodies**

9-30-21, Grand Court of Amaranth  
 10-2-21, Grand Court of Amaranth installation  
 10-9 to 10-10-21, Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Boise  
 10-15 to 10-16-21, Northwest York Rite Regional Conference, invited to attend the Royal Arch and Cryptic Masons conference. Attended the York Rite Leadership training – 101.  
 10-23-21, Honorary DeMolay degree, Boise  
 10-23-21, Scottish Rite Honors Ceremony  
 11-6-21, Shrine Fall Ceremonial  
 12-11-21, York Rite Christmas celebration ceremony, Idaho Falls  
 12-18-21, Bethel #59 Christmas party  
 12-19-21, York Rite Grand Commandry Christmas celebration ceremony, Jerome  
 12-20-21, Bethel #59 Christmas Cookie baking at Shilo Restaurant  
 1-8-22, Snake River DeMolay installation, Burley  
 3-26-22, Received 2 degrees of York Rite Royal Arch Masons  
 3-31 to 4-2-22, DeMolay Conclave, Pocatello, Received plaque for Grand Master's class and received Legion of Honor award. Past Grand Master DeMolay International Derek Sprague conferred.  
 4-19-22, Appointed Vice Associate Grand Guardian to fill vacancy left by passing of Vance Mason. Attended Elected Grand Guardian Council meeting.  
 4-20 to 4-23-22, Not able to attend Grand York Rite session in Boise due to knee replacement. RW Deputy Grand Master Sherm represented Grand Lodge of Idaho.  
 4-30-22, Received final 2 degrees of York Rite Royal Arch Masons  
 5-9-22, IF York Rite, Jeremiah Council meeting

5-14 to 5-15-22, Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, Boise  
5-28-22, Bethel #59 Official Grand Guardian's visit, Idaho Falls  
5-29-22, Bethel #1 Official Grand Guardian's visit, Pocatello  
6-12-22, Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Moscow  
6-22 to 6-26-22, Grand Session, Idaho Job's Daughters, elected as Associate Grand Guardian  
6-27-22, Jeremiah Council, Received 3 Cryptic Council degrees  
7-7 to 7-11-22, Washington/Idaho Rainbow Girls International Grand Assembly, Yakima WA  
7-25 to 7-30-22, Attend Supreme Session for Idaho Job's Daughters  
8-13-22, Grand Bethel Planning meeting  
8-13-22, Bethel #64 installation, Jerome

Multiple visitations to Job's Daughters Bethel 59 as Associate Guardian, Idaho Falls and DeMolay CKF Chapter as Dad Advisor, Pocatello.

### **Visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions**

10-08-to 10-10-22, not able to attend California Grand lodge due to Scottish Rite Reunion in Boise, no representatives able to attend.

11-7 to 11-9-21, Nevada Grand Lodge, Reno, NV

01-20 to 01-22-22, Colorado Grand Lodge, Denver, CO

02-03 to 02-05-22, Utah Grand Lodge, Salt Lake City, UT

03-17 to 03-20, Not able to attend Grand Lodge of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. PGM Steve Zimmerman and RW Deputy Grand Master Sherman Burger represented Grand Lodge of Idaho

6-1 to 6-4-22, Oregon Grand Lodge

6-1 to 6-4-22, Not able to attend Arizona Grand Lodge, RW Junior Grand Warden Rick Holloway represented Grand Lodge of Idaho.

6-4 to 6-7-22, James Husted-Fiat Lux Lodge #1068, New York, NY, for Idaho night. Previous Grand Masters have stated that this has been the highlight of their Masonic year, and I would have to agree with them. It was an honor to be there and also an honor to be able to be with PGM Steve Zimmerman who presented Past Grand Master William Thompson's apron from 1937 to James Husted-Fiat Lux Lodge #1068. PGM Thompson was the Grand Master that issued the positional edict that started this wonderful relationship. This made the evening even more memorable than it would have been. Thanks again Steve for all the hard work in putting this together, and the Burley Lodge #68 who had the apron and allowed us to present it.

6-9 to 6-11-22, Washington Grand Lodge

6-23 to 6-25-22, Not able to attend Montana Grand Lodge as it was the same weekend as Job's Daughters Grand Session. RW Deputy Grand Master Sherm Burger and RW Senior Grand Warden Gary Labruyere represented Grand Lodge of Idaho.

8-7 to 8-9-22, Grand Lodge of Wyoming, RW Senior Grand Warden Gary Labruyere was present during their installation.

### **Other Activities**

11-14-21, Educational Zoom meeting, Rick Holloway presented on Masonry, Marketing VS Advertising

11-18-21, Engage 2021, Masonic Renewal Committee, Masonic Communications & Leadership Conference, Raising Money and Grants for Lodges.

12-12-21, Educational Zoom meeting, Michael Meline presented on Internet/Data Security

12-18-21, Received letter from a member detailing information on being dropped for NPD in another Grand jurisdiction. Discussed back and forth between Idaho and the other Grand Lodge. The other Grand Lodge notified Idaho Grand Secretary that member was dropped. Grand Lodge of Idaho sent



that information to constituent lodge who determined member was a good member and not going to be dropped. That would have been my recommendation as well.

1-9-22, Secretary/Treasurer training

1-9-22, Idaho Masonic Family Alliance Zoom meeting

1-16-22, Lodge of Research Zoom meeting

1-16-22, Educational Zoom meeting, PGM Greg Winther presented on Charitable Giving

1-18-22, Grand Lodge investment Zoom meeting

2-19 to 2-23-22, Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Milwaukee, WI

3-2-22, West Gate Plaza Temple Board meeting

3-5-22, Grand Lodge Planning meeting

3-5-22, Portneuf #18 Exemplification

3-13-22, Idaho Masonic Family Alliance Zoom meeting

4-3-22, Building Sale Committee meeting

4-4-22, District 1 Spring Communication

4-5-22, District 2 Spring Communication

4-21-22, Engage 2022 Masonic Renewal Committee Zoom meeting

4-25-22, Masonic Medical Research Institute Zoom meeting, MMRI is looking for an ambassador in Idaho to help educate members on capabilities and help with some fundraisers.

5-1-22, Elected Grand Lodge Officer Zoom meeting

5-6-22, Attended Andrew Evenson's memorial ceremony, Rathdrum, ID

5-20-22, Grand Lodge meals planning meeting, Red Lion Motel, Pocatello

5-16-22, Presented \$1000 scholarship at Mackay High School

5-21-22, Challis Fire Building dedication

5-24-22, Presented 2 \$1000 scholarships at Butte High School

6-18 and 6-19-22, Pancake breakfast fundraiser, Mt. McCaleb #64, Mackay

6-30-22, Oral History presentation, Grand Lodge of Idaho

7-24-22, Grand Lodge Officer Zoom meeting

8-12-22, Challis #92, Breakfast fundraiser

8-14-22, Idaho Masonic Family Alliance meeting

8-16-22, Grove City #33, Stated

8-17-22, Mt. McCaleb #64, Stated

8-27-22, Malheur Cave Degree, Malheur, OR

8-28-22, Challis #92, Picnic

### **Planned Activities Between Report submittal and Grand Lodge of Idaho Communication**

9-1-22, Richfield #21, Stated

9-4-22, Daughters of the Nile, Supreme Queen visit, Boise

9-8-22, Challis #92, Stated

9-10-22, Air Force Appreciation Days, Mt. Home

9-14 to 9-17-22, Grand Lodge of Idaho

Plan on appointing Grand Pursuivant when full Master's certificate is completed. Brother asked is diligently working on proficiency.

### **Recommendations for the Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Idaho**

I recommend that the Grand Lodge of Idaho continue to support, budget, and send individuals to the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America. Even though it is expensive, it is important to continue to have Idaho represented in this important decision making conference.

I recommend that the Grand Lodge of Idaho continue to support and send representatives to the Rocky Mountain Masonic conference. This conference is important and valuable for information on how Masonry is growing in different areas, and the topics presented at the RMMC are good for discussion and educational purposes, as well as sometimes interesting discussions.

I recommend that the Grand Lodge of Idaho continue to provide the budgeted line items for our Youth Organizations for leadership training. Continuing the budgeted line items to help out these organizations with sending individuals to leadership training is important and shows our level of support. The Brothers of the Idaho Grand Lodge are making a difference in these young men and women's lives, and you are to be commended and thanked. I also encourage that we continue to promote and support our youth organizations and provide Master Masons as council members, Dad Advisors, Associate Guardians, and Rainbow Dads. It is important to make sure our youth organizations are never lacking for Masonic support. The same goes for our other adult Appendant and Concordant bodies. They need Masons in their organizations as well. By supporting them, it is also supporting us and making our Idaho Masonic Family much stronger.

I recommend that we continue PGM Steven Zimmerman's program of Plus One for Masonic growth. This is a great program, and each Grand Master can determine how they are going to increase membership using this program as a successful foundation. The Brothers and lodges that use this program continue to experience growth and success. Replacing our current members and adding additional members is the only way we are going to get the Fraternity to grow with good, qualified men.

I recommend that we strongly promote ritual proficiencies for Warden and Master certificates. This cannot be stressed enough. The Brothers need to step up and work on these proficiencies. We have a lot of repeat/recycled Worshipful Masters in lodges throughout the state because they are the only ones that can be elected or willing to serve as Master in their lodges. We have some lodges that are in a serious state of possibly closing because there is only 1 or 2 individuals in those lodges that have a Master's certificate. One Brother's passing would render the lodge unable to open.

**Discussion on above recommendation:** This causes problems in at least 2 areas. First, burnout and stagnation in the lodge. If you don't have individuals coming in with new or fresh ideas on getting the lodge involved more in the community in different areas, the lodge will lose its impact on being an integral part of that community. New Worshipful Masters on a regular basis is important in keeping the lodge effective in growth, both in each Brother's personal Masonic edifice and educational activities in the lodge. Lodges that have repeat Worshipful Masters tend to do things the same way, over and over, which can cause apathy and stagnation and result in Brothers not coming to lodge because this month's meeting is no different than the last 10, they attended, so their increased interest in being active in the lodge decreases.

Secondly, if we have someone in our lodges that is willing to serve in those elective positions and we don't have a progressive line in moving up the chairs with increased proficiency requirements, then Brothers don't step up because the need is not present, and we find ourselves with a lot of members that are good members, attend regularly, should be working on their Warden and Master's certificates, but aren't, because there is no urgent need. We have lost some of our smaller lodges due to the fact that no one was willing to be or serve as Worshipful Master, and I am afraid we are going to lose some more lodges because we only have 1 or 2 individuals in the whole lodge that have their Master's certificate. I am not a strong proponent on decreasing the requirements. I love the

ritual and think it is important that the Master and Wardens can open in all 3 degrees and confer all 3 degrees. I also recognize that there are a lot of individuals who are retired, have more time, have a lot of organizational, managerial, development, and delegation skills, and experience in handling people with different backgrounds, that are not able to be Master because of the requirement to memorize a lecture. This is something we will struggle with until we find common ground to either convince our Brothers to learn the lectures early on when memorization is easier or change the Code and not require a lecture. I would like it to be the former situation rather than the latter.

Along with the above, there are a limited number of individuals that can serve as Grand Lodge Officers. DDGM's have been appointed because there is no one else available or willing in their district to perform those duties, and Past Master's with secondary Master's certificates are filling these roles. When it comes to appointing individuals to the Grand Lodge line, it is common to look at the DDGM's first, then Past Masters or current Worshipful Masters. It has always been the desire to spread the appointments out across the state, so all the Grand Lodge Officers are not from the same area, but when looking through the individuals that are qualified, there are regions in Idaho that do not have very many individuals that have a full Master's certificate. Again, this is something that each Brother needs to work on. Start learning the lectures, a little at a time, work with your District Deputies or give it in open lodge as an educational experience and get the requirements completed. Unless we get started on this early, it is only going to compound the problem as our membership decreases.

I recommend that we continue to emphasize Masonic education in our meetings to make them more informative, beneficial, and sometimes entertaining. Masonic education is one of the items that all Brothers indicate they want, yet there are few that are willing to stand up and present. It is easy to sit back and want to be entertained by others, but there is a time when we need to just pick a topic, do some research, find out some interesting things, and then share them with the Brothers. It can be something simple like a podcast from the Masonic Service Association or news articles, or something more elaborate like a PowerPoint presentation for a larger group. There are multiple websites that have Masonic educational items. All you have to do is spend a little time and each Brother can contribute to a lodge's educational program. There have been some educational programs on how a town was named, or a street named, or why a building architecture is a certain type. Some of these have not been Masonic in nature, but the Brothers all come away with a gold nugget of information that they didn't know previously. Something small and informative can make a difference if a Brother reflects on whether attending the meeting is worth his time.

I recommend that the Lodge of Research continues to move forward in the process of bringing books and other educational things online. The membership list needs to be updated and then a determination made if dues need to be assessed and who has access: everyone, all the Brothers in Grand Lodge, or only those that have paid their current dues.

Finally, time is valuable, for everyone. I recommend that each Worshipful Master spend some extra effort to make the meetings fun, enjoyable, informative, educational, stimulating, enticing, encouraging, and requiring participation. Our members, especially our younger members are going to seek something else out that is a better use of their time if we don't make our meetings desirable to attend, even if it is sitting home watching TV or surfing the internet. We need to make sure that when Brothers come to our meetings, it is the best use of their time, and they look forward to the next meeting with anticipation because they enjoyed the previous one so much.

## **Conclusion**

In closing, I first and foremost apologize to those lodges that I have not been able to visit yet for a Stated meeting these past few years as a Grand Lodge Officer. We lost a year and a half of possible visitations because of Covid, and it reflects in the number of lodges I have not been to. Don't worry though, I will attend your lodge. The ones still outstanding are Idaho #1, Boise #2, Mt. Idaho #9, Paradise #17, Coeur d'Alene #20, Weiser #23, Shoshone #25, Washoe #28, Salubria #31, Cataldo #34, Bonners Ferry #43, Meridian #47, Kamiah #56, and Spirit Lake #57. It is really hard to make visitations in areas when lodges meet on the same night, so it requires 2, 3, and even 4 trips to try and hit all the lodges. I will get it done, but time ran out and I also lost 2 months of meetings this year when I had to have my knee replaced.

I am encouraged with our Fraternity. We have the character building, mentorship, integrity, brotherhood, and accepting environment that a lot of men, young and old, still desire and are looking for. When a candidate comes in and progresses through the degrees, they are greeted with an increased acceptance at a level that is unsurpassed by any other organization. Though our numbers may be smaller than in the past, there was a time when the Grand Lodge of Idaho had less members than now, and because of the impact it was going to have on their lives and in their community, our numbers grew to an incredible size. We can get there again and as long as we offer the same experience, I believe that when good men find out about us, they will be as anxious to join and be a part of our Fraternity as they were in the past. Publicizing Freemasonry like the [beaefreemason.org](http://beaefreemason.org) website sponsored by the North and South Scottish Rite organizations and the Shriners is helping to get the word out.

## **"Thank You" to so many individuals**

So many individuals to thank, I am not sure where to start. Let me start with my wife KayLynn. Anytime I volunteer for additional activities she usually rolls her eyes and wishes I could learn to say "No". However, she has never complained about me being involved in Masonry. I think she understands how important it was for me and how it helped me to become a better man, husband, and father. My thanks for this Fraternity and to her for helping me become the man I am, and it is all due to her supporting me in these endeavors. I know I owe her a beach vacation in an area with lots of lighthouses to visit, and that will only be a small amount of what she really deserves. I could not have done this without her support, and though her work didn't allow her to always travel with me this year, the times that she did, made it that much more enjoyable and special. She was gracious enough to have my Mom present me with my Dad's Grand Master apron to wear throughout the year and it has been an honor to do so. It has been a hallowing experience at times when I realize that this apron had visited a number of those places, like the Grand Lodge of New York for James Husted – Fiat Lux Lodge #1068 Idaho night, 38 years ago.

Thanks to my Mom and Dad for raising me and not being afraid to take me to the woodshed when it was needed. I learned hard work, perseverance, responsibility, loyalty, dependability, and integrity growing up on the ranch and Masonry has taken all those lessons of life and added to them. You developed in me a love for God, our Supreme Creator, that has been the cornerstone of my life. Thanks to Dad for being the type of mentor every young man needs and desires. Your role model in showing me what a husband and father should be, and how Masonry helps develop that has made me want to be like you and become a Mason. I wish every boy and girl had the opportunity to have parents like you. The world would be such a better, better place.

Thanks to MWPGM Jay Leonard who appointed me to the line, all the MWPGM's that continued to appoint me in the following years, and the Brothers of this Grand jurisdiction in electing me through the Grand stations. I questioned your judgement of character at the time but was humbled in that you see in me potential that I did not, and hopefully I have not let you down and have served this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in the best manner possible. My ambition and desire were to somehow make this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Idaho better, and I hope I have accomplished that. At least I didn't get tarred and feathered.....yet.

Thank you to the Chairman of my committee's and to all the Past Grand Masters. I contacted many of you multiple times throughout the year and your advice and wisdom was over the top and so valuable, you can't imagine how much I appreciated it. Brother PGM Joe Alexander is the chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, and where being a "Code and Digest man" is not my strong suit, I really needed someone that knew it very well to keep me in line. I was so excited when you said you would be willing to serve in this capacity. We chatted back and forth many times this year and you were available every time I tried to call. You gave me such sound advice in alliance with the Code, that your knowledge and wisdom was invaluable for guidance in making the right decisions. I know I went against some of your advice a few times and expected to be taken to the woodshed for it, but you were always gracious in presenting to me, "This is what the Code says", "This is what you should do or the best way to do it", and "I wouldn't do it that way, but it is your decision Grand Master". How wonderful it was to have a Brother have your back and make sure that you are doing the best thing for the Fraternity at all times.

Thank you to Randy King, William Votaw, and Jeremy Vaughn for performing the duties in determining if the sale of the Grand Lodge building was feasible to do and look at solutions, including moving the Grand Lodge office to the new West Gate Plaza Masonic Center. You had a difficult job that took a lot of time and every hour that you spent on working through this needs to be appreciated by every member of Grand Lodge, meaning every Master Mason under the Grand Lodge of Idaho's jurisdiction. You weighed every option with pro's and con's and collectively came to the conclusion felt by most, that it was not the right time to consider this now but could be different in the future under different circumstances.

Thank you to the Grand Lodge Officers that have supported me this year. Your dependability in stepping up anytime I needed help was so appreciated and only second to the competition of who got to hold the Nerf gun and keep me short-winded. Thank you to RWGS Monte for letting me know when I was getting out of control and helping remind me of what the appropriate action or thing to say was. Your help in familiarizing me in what Past Grand Masters would have said or done in the same situation was valuable beyond what words can express. You were at times the solid rock I could measure the whirlwind of activities and decisions with, and I appreciated your input, probably more than you will ever know. RWJGW Rick, RWSGW Gary, and RWDGM Sherm, I appreciate your willingness to contribute news articles this year. Mine were typically called Rants and Raves from the East, but your articles were so deep and thought provoking that every one of them should be used for educational programs in our local lodges. The knowledge of the craft that you have is second to none, and your passion for our Fraternity is evident in each article that you presented. Thank you for representing me at Grand Lodge activities, other Grand jurisdictions, and other Masonic activities when I was not able to be there. The Brothers of Idaho should know that they were well represented and can be proud of that.

RWDGM Sherm and the Brothers of Silver City #13. I so much appreciated your willingness to allow me to attend the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly in Yakima Washington the same weekend as Silver City's homecoming. I kind of broke tradition, and in doing so, put DGM Sherm in a precarious situation where, if he was going to close the lodge as Grand Master, according to our Code and Digest, he would have to be the one that opens the lodge because only the person that opens the lodge, the Worshipful Master, or the Grand Master can close the lodge. Something that I hadn't even thought about, but you were able to make the best of a bad situation. Thank you to you and PGM Steven Zimmerman. I can't think of any 2 other individuals I would rather have been in between in moving up through the line. You have made it both fun and enjoyable and it has been an honor and pleasure to have gotten to know both of you a whole lot better than I would have if the 3 of us wouldn't have progressed together.

To the Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, I owe a whole debt of gratitude. I am so grateful to be able to be associated with such an incredible group of men who desire to make themselves better men and hold each other accountable at a higher level than just a normal acquaintance. Your ambition in becoming influential in your lodges and communities and making them a better place for everyone is inspiring and overwhelms me. Our Fraternity is still making good men better men, and I am standing in front of the best men I know. Thank you for your vote of confidence and I hope that my service to this ancient and honorable Fraternity has benefited you, your lodges, your Grand Lodge, and Masonry in general.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted with Fraternal and Brotherly love under my hand and the seal for the Grand Lodge of Idaho, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022,



Russ W. Smith  
Grand Master, Idaho Grand Lodge, A.F.& A.M.



**Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master**

*"I move that the Grand Master's report be received and referred to Accounts & Finances and Jurisprudence."*

**Deputy Grand Master, Gary A. LaBruyere**

*"It has been moved and seconded that the Grand Masters Report, be received and referred to Accounts & Finances and Jurisprudence, All in favor vote by the usual sign of a Mason."*

Motion passed.

## Break for lunch Thursday

Call from Labor to Refreshment

(Ritual – Call off through the South)

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### Prayer for Lunch

Rev. Edgar R. Simmons, W.: Grand Chaplain

*“We would reverently ask your blessing upon the food prepared for us. May it strengthen us for the work we strive to do this afternoon. Amen”*

### Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)

Daniel W. Drefs, W.: Grand Marshal

*“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I Proclaim the 155th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Idaho from called from Labor to Refreshment for the period of one Hour or until the sound of the Gavel in the East or (1:00p.m.)”*

12:00 p.m. - 01:00 p.m. Men’s Luncheon (and Ladies not attending the Crafts)

Indoor Patio

## Thursday, September 15, 2022 (Afternoon Session)

12:50 p.m.

Prelude

Arlen Marshall, W.: Grand Organist

Grand Lodge Officers in place

### Welcome to Thursday Afternoon Session by

Walter H. Johnson, Worshipful Master of Mt. McCaleb Lodge No. 64

*“Gentlemen it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Thursday Afternoon Session of the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho*

*“Brother Grand Marshal you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master”*

*“It is my pleasure to introduce Brother Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho.”*

### Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith

*“It is my pleasure to introduce. Walter H. Johnson, Worshipful Master of Mt. McCaleb Lodge No. 64”*

## Call from Refreshment to Labor ( Ritual )

### Thursday Afternoon Prayer by

Rev. Edgar R. Simmons, W.: Grand Chaplain

*“Supreme Grand Master, we know where two or three are gathered in thy name, you are there in the midst of them. We look to you for guidance and wisdom for the rest of the seek. We know that you will be with us as conduct the important business of the Grand Jurisdiction. We pray that our discussions will be acceptable in thy sight. Amen”*

*“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim the 155th Annual Communication called from Refreshment to Labor.”*

## Business:

### Reading of the Resolutions

#### **Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*“Brother Grand Secretary, you will read the resolutions to be brought before this Grand Lodge.”*

#### **R.:W.: Grand Secretary, Monte Bollar**

*“I move that the reading of the Resolutions for the 155th Annual Communication be considered read as printed and distributed to the lodges and handed out to all members at this 155th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.”*

*Motion was seconded and carried.*

### Approval of the Printed Committee Reports

#### **R.:W.: Grand Secretary Monte B. Bollar**

*“I move that the committee reports be accepted as printed and distributed in the advance proceedings except, Grand Master’s Report, Grand Secretary’s Report, Grand Treasurer’s Report , and Standing Committee Reports required to be read in Grand Lodge.”*

Joe Alexander asked for the Low twelve fund to be presented on the floor of Grand Lodge.

Randy King said he will have a report of the Low Twelve fund tomorrow.

*Motion was seconded and passed as amended.*

R.:W.:Deputy Grand Master H. Sherman Burger III brought up there is a problem with the By-Laws of the Low Twelve fund that needs to be resolved.

David A. Smith, past Secretary of the fund, discussed that the last report he sent was in March 2021.

### Approval of the 154th Annual Communication Proceedings

#### **Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*“Brother Grand Secretary, please read the proceedings from our last communication.”*

#### **R.:W.: Grand Secretary Monte B. Bollar**



*“I move that the Proceedings of the 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication be accepted as printed and distributed to the lodges and posted on the website.”*

Motion to approve the proceedings as printed and distributed was seconded and passed.

## Approval of the Grand Lodge Officers Reports

**R.:W.: Grand Secretary, Monte B. Bollar**

*“I move that the Grand Lodge Officers’ Reports, except MWGM, GS, and GT, be accepted as printed and distributed in the advance proceedings.”*

Motion to receive the Grand Lodge Officers Reports with exceptions was seconded and carried.

## Report of the Grand Secretary

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*“R.:W.: Grand Secretary, are you ready to give your report?”*

07, R.:W.: Grand Secretary

Monte B. Bollar

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### REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY 2021-2022

(Referred to the Committees for Accounts and Finances)

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho*

The Grand Secretary duties and responsibilities are outlined in Section 306 of Idaho Masonic Code and Digest. While completing these tasks I have worked with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers (Elected and Appointed), all the Lodge Secretaries, the Past Grand Masters and served on all the committees assigned to me. Hosted many Zoom meetings for the Grand Lodge Officers and the Idaho Masonic Family Alliance.

#### **Finances**

All bills against the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho have been submitted to the Grand Treasurer and checks drawn on payment of the same.

Current Budget vs Actual spending for year 2022, as of July 31, 2022, is located in the Grand Treasurer’s report.

Monthly Financial Reports have been prepared and sent to the Accounts and Finance Committee and the Elected Grand Lodge Officers by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Monthly Investment Reports have been received from Wells Fargo Advisors and the summary reports have been prepared and sent to the Investment Committee by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The financial records for the Fiscal Year 2021 have been closed and a Financial Review has been performed by Tarter & Associates, PA, (See Grand Treasurer Report for Audit results).

A copy of these reports has been given to the Accounts and Finance Committee for their review.

The “2021 IRS 990 form” (Taxes) has been prepared by Tarter & Associates, PA, and filed electronically with the IRS.

The "Idaho Secretary of State Annual Report" was submitted electronically with the New Directors/Officers updated.

The Ada County Tax Assessment Short Form Application has been completed and sent in requesting a 100% Tax exemption. The Tax Exemption for Parcel No. R553894460 was reviewed on June 27, 2022, by the Ada County Commissioners and the Ada County Commissioners voted to approve a full 100% tax exemption for the year 2022. Idaho Code requires that the tax exemptions be approved annually by the Board of County Commissioners.

The IRS Group Exemption Verification Letter for the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho has been received and reviewed by the Grand Lodge Office and returned to the IRS.

Please remember to file your 990 form every year!

### **Proceedings**

In accordance with Regulation No. 52 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest, the 2021 Proceedings for the 154th Annual Communication have been printed and distributed. Hard copies have been sent to each Lodge, each Grand Lodge Officer, each District Deputy Grand Master, all Past Grand Masters and 10 copies have been stored in the fireproof safe in the Grand Lodge Office. A copy is also put on the Grand Lodge Website and a copy sent to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial for archival.

### **Abstract of the 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication**

In accordance with Regulation No. 53 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest, the Abstract of the 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication has been sent to all the Lodges in hard copy format to the Secretary of the Lodge on record. It is currently available, in electronic format, on the Grand Lodge of Idaho Website at [www.idahomasons.org](http://www.idahomasons.org).

### **George Washington Masonic National Association**

In accordance with Regulation No. 61 of our Idaho Masonic Code and Digest, the Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho contributes one dollar (\$1.00) for each dues paying member of this jurisdiction to the George Washington Masonic National Association. The funding shall come from the Interest Relief Fund. The 2022 budget amount for the George Washington Masonic Memorial was set at \$2,856.00. A check for \$2,445.00 (\$1.00 x 2,445 members) sent by mail to the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

Any donations/contributions the Lodges sent directly to the George Washington Masonic Memorial are not included in this report.

### **Masonic Service Association**

The Grand Lodge of Idaho made a contribution to the Masonic Service Association, according to the budget, of \$250.00. A check was made out in that amount and mailed to the Masonic Services Association.

Any donations/contributions the Lodges sent directly to the MSA for Relief are not included in this report.

### **Masonic Information Center**

The Grand Lodge of Idaho made a contribution to the Masonic Information Center, according to the budget, of \$250.00. A check was made out in that amount and mailed to the Masonic Information Center.

Any donations/contributions the Lodges sent directly to the Masonic Information Center are not included in this report.

## **Maintain Membership Records**

In Accordance with Section 306 paragraph 9 the Grand Lodge and Lodges are maintaining the Memberships individual records in the Grandview Membership Management Software. All Lodge Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries have update/manage capabilities for their members. Masters, Senior and Junior Warden and Treasurer have View Only access. Prospect Managers have special access to manage the new Lodge Inquiries. District Deputy Grand Masters and Prospect managers have special permissions at the District Level.

All Idaho Members have access to their Grandview Membership record and can update and maintain their own Profile data, i.e., picture, address, phone number, email address. How to Sign into the Grandview Membership Manager software has been sent to each lodge. The Lodge secretaries are to disseminate that information to all the members.

Log in and see all the things that you have available to you as a member of this Grand Jurisdiction. And upload your picture to put in your profile so all know who you are.

Lodge Secretaries please load a current picture of your lodge building to put in the Lodge Settings in Grandview.

## **Reports from the Lodges.**

The Idaho Masonic Code & Digest regarding Monthly and Annual Returns:

### **Section 1104. Returns, Monthly and Annual.**

**Monthly Returns** - Whether any Communications are held or not, each Chartered Lodge shall file monthly in the Office of the Grand Secretary on forms furnished by him, a report of its membership statistics for the previous month. The monthly report shall contain the information required on the form, and shall be filed or postmarked between the 1st and 10th day of the following month

The Monthly Reports are different in Grandview Software Membership Manager software. There is a block called "**Actionable Items**". There will be a button called "**Close out (month year)**" push that button and a report will appear on your screen of all the changes that have been made to the lodge members records in the (*month year*), Then click that button "**Close out (month year)**" at the bottom of the page and it will close out the previous month's activities. There has been a place to add comments at the bottom of the page.

I know this is a new process for the Lodge Secretaries, but not all the secretaries are completing this process. Again, the lodge secretaries need to do this for each month even if they do not meet for the month. [This replaces the written Monthly Reports.](#)

There are reports available at the Lodge Secretary, Lodge Master, District Deputy and (Elected) Grand Lodge Officers that display the Closeout Summary report listing those who have and have not completed their monthly reports.

It was determined not to list the lodges that have not submitted the Monthly Report, ever remembering, that you will whisper good counsel in his ear, gently admonish him of his error, and in the most friendly manner endeavor to bring about a reformation.

A process is being created to notify the secretaries of the lodges that they have not completed their monthly report and if it is not completed in a timely manner the Grand Master will be notified.

### **Section 1104. Returns, Monthly and Annual.**

**Annual Returns** - Each Chartered Lodge shall file in the office of the Grand Secretary between the 1st and 15th day of January each year, on forms furnished by him, its returns for the preceding Grand Lodge fiscal year from January 1st through December 31st, both dates inclusive. Annual Returns shall contain a list of the officers of the Lodge, and such other information as required on the form, and shall be signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary.

*It is the special duty of the Master to forward the return of his Lodge, or cause the same to be done, together with the annual Grand Lodge Dues, to the Grand Secretary at the time herein specified.*

***(Deadline for Annual Report is the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.)***

This year most of the Lodges had their Annual Return in by the end of January. **Thank you!**

We had (4) four lodges that submitted the Annual Report late due to assorted reasons. Not all Lodges sent the Annual Assessment checks along with the Annual report. This is a requirement to complete the Annual reporting.

The lodges that were late in sending in the annual report were notified and the reason for the report being late has been discussed as well as the late fees associated with their late report. These have been discussed with the Grand Master and appropriate actions have been taken.

It was determined not to list the lodges that have not submitted the Annual Report, ever remembering, that you will whisper good counsel in his ear, gently admonish him of his error, and in the most friendly manner endeavor to bring about a reformation.

Note: only 1 Lodge has not submitted the annual report and the Grand Master and Elected Grand Lodge Officers are determining what action needs to be taken.

An Electronic “Annual Report” is available in Grandview Membership Management Software. The Secretary runs the draft report, proofs it for accuracy, makes corrections as required in Grandview Membership Management Software and runs the draft report again, checks for accuracy and if correct, submits and prints that report and turns it in with the rest of the Annual Report package.

If the Secretary is keeping up with the month to month changes in Membership this process should only take a couple of minutes to complete.

**Note:** *The “Annual Report” can be streamed in Grandview Membership Management software for the electronic copy. It will require the Secretary to transcribe the information from the electronic copy on to the hard copy cover sheet furnished by the Grand Secretary, answer a few more questions and the hard copies to be sent into the Grand Lodge Office under the signature of Lodge Master and Secretary signatures and the seal of the Lodge Secretary. This hard copy is then placed in the historical records of the Grand Lodge.*

**Annual Returns for 2021**  
(January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021)

Members as of 01/01/2020 .....	<b>2,527</b>
Initiated.....	175
Passed .....	45
Raised.....	44
Affiliated.....	62
Reinstated .....	7
Restored.....	2
Omitted in Past .....	0
Expelled.....	3
Suspended Dropped .....	37
Died.....	123
Demitted Withdrawn .....	31
<u>Corrections from Previous Year .....</u>	<u>0</u>
Members as of 12/31/2021 .....	2,448
<u>Minus 50-Year Members .....</u>	<u>533</u>
TNM .....	1,915

**Net loss (2,527 – 2,448) = 76 members**

**Note:** TNM = Total Grand Lodge Assessment paying members

**Interesting Facts from Annual Reports:**

**Degrees**

Initiated.....	175
Passed .....	45
<u>Raised.....</u>	<u>44</u>
Total # of Degrees.....	264

**Lodges**

Positive growth .....	9
Negative growth .....	33
Neutral .....	4

**Dues**

Highest Dues .....	\$194.00
Lowest Dues.....	\$12.00

**Degree Fees**

Highest .....	\$300.00
Lowest .....	\$60.00

**Certificates Issued this year:**

**WORSHIPFUL MASTER’S FULL CERTIFICATE**

August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Total of 1

Justin L Boyer	Worshipful Master Certificate	2022-06-18
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**WORSHIPFUL MASTER’S LIMITED CERTIFICATE**

August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Total of 5

Craig Dean Bowles	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	2021-08-26
B Calvin Saul	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	2021-09-01
Dennis P Skinner	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	2021-09-02
Michael D Gallina	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	2021-10-06
Kevin G DeWall	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	2022-05-18

**WARDEN’S CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY**

August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Total of 11

Wayne Cole Heath	Warden Certificate	2021-07-20
Neal A. Johnson	Warden Certificate	2021-08-21
Kevin G DeWall	Warden Certificate	2021-08-25
Wyatt V Brown	Warden Certificate	2021-09-15
Danny L. Harkins	Warden Certificate	2021-10-06
Jason Christopher Morales	Warden Certificate	2021-11-01
Red Donovan	Warden Certificate	2021-11-04

Randall Alan Feaster	Warden Certificate	2021-11-11
Brent Patrick Leatherman	Warden Certificate	2021-11-15
Nicholas James Demeter	Warden Certificate	2021-12-11
Trevor Todd Thueson	Warden Certificate	2022-02-09

**(New) FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES**

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Issued 44

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
Mitchell M.S. Davis	Idaho Lodge 1
Lee A. Hartman	Boise 2
Charles J. McNiel	Boise 2
Robert A. Carlson	Mt. Idaho Lodge 9
Lawrence E Lathrop	Mt. Idaho Lodge 9
Delmer L. Gehrke	Nez Perce Lodge 10
Michael C. Moon	Nez Perce Lodge 10
David D. Barton	Lemhi Lodge 11
C. Philip Drew	Silver City Lodge 13
Edward G. Johnson	Silver City Lodge 13
N. Randall King	Silver City Lodge 13
Robert L. Beutler	Paradise Lodge 17
Donald R. Johnson	Paradise Lodge 17
Raymond L. Miller	Paradise Lodge 17
Robert A. Farrow	Eagle Rock Lodge 19
Titus R. Shelby	Eagle Rock Lodge 19
Darwin L. Adams	Weiser Lodge 23
William C. Syme	Weiser Lodge 23
Dann Allan Douglas	Kootenai Lodge 24
Delbert L. Kerr	Kootenai Lodge 24
James B. Pryse	Kootenai Lodge 24
Marvin J. Askey	Ashlar Lodge 29
Bruce A. Wethered	Ashlar Lodge 29
Chris E. Wethered	Ashlar Lodge 29
Harry Everett Fisher	Ashlar Lodge 29
John E. Bowles	Elmore Lodge 30
Homer R. Hatch	Elmore Lodge 30
James C. Ledbetter	Elmore Lodge 30
C. Arthur Blickenstaff	Cataldo Lodge 34
Mel K. Lawson	Cataldo Lodge 34
Vernon Earl West	Cataldo Lodge 34
Richard C. Bruett	Mt. Moriah Lodge 39
David C. Jurgensen	Bonnors Ferry Lodge 43
Charles S. Thompson	Twin Falls Lodge 45
Roger E. Muzzy	Meridian Lodge 47
Chris L. Johnson	Kamiah Lodge 56
John D. Martin	Oriental Lodge 60
C. Allan White	Oriental Lodge 60
Richard W. Dean	Mt. McCaleb Lodge 64

Scott A. Johnson  
George B. Miller  
Richard E. Belliston  
Kirt L. Martin  
William E. McCurdy

Mt. McCaleb Lodge 64  
Mt. McCaleb Lodge 64  
Burley Lodge 68  
Hagerman Lodge 78  
Challis Lodge 92

### CONFERENCES AND VISITATIONS

During this past year I have been privileged to attend the following conferences, special meetings and other Grand Jurisdictions.

#### **Attended:**

Fall district Communications in the for District 7, 8 and 9.

Grand Lodge of Nevada in Reno Nevada.

As many Installations of Officers of the lodges that would fit in my schedule

I assisted as requested as Installing Marshal when asked.

Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America, *(I Was elected as President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America.)*

Attended Planning meetings for the 2023 Conference of Grand Masters of NA.

3rd Degree Exemplification, (Pocatello, Idaho)

Grand Lodge Planning Meetings

Scottish Rite Reunion (Utah)

Attended / Hosted Idaho Masonic Family Alliance ZOOM meetings

Attended / Hosted Lodge and Grand Lodge ZOOM meetings when requested.

Hosted Zoom meetings for the Investment Committee

Hosted Zoom meetings for Idaho Lodge of Research No. 1965

OES Grand Chapter, Moscow Idaho

Montana Grand Lodge, Lewistown, MT.

Silver City Lodge No. 13 Annual Communication, Silver City, ID

Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference (Helena Mt.)

Building Dedication (New Fire Station, Challis Idaho)

(Cancelled) Dinner and a Movie (Cascade, Idaho)

Grand View Open House User Conference (Bossier City, Louisianan)

#### **Grand Lodge Newsletter**

The Grand Lodge continues to publish the Grand Lodge Newsletter on a weekly basis. I would like to thank Cyndie Bollar for all her work in putting the newsletter together each week. I would like to thank all the Lodges who have sent articles, emails, and Lodge Trestle boards to the Grand Lodge Office to be published in this newsletter. As of 8/14/2022 we have 1,156 subscribers to the newsletter.

I would like to especially thank the MWGM, Russ Smith, DGM, Sherman Burger, SGW Gary LaBruyere, and JGW, Rick Holloway for their articles. They have been a great contribution to the newsletter.

Again, anyone wanting to place an article in the Newsletter or wanting to be a sponsor of the newsletter, please give the Grand Lodge office a call @ (208) 343-4562 or send an email to [gs@idahomasons.org](mailto:gs@idahomasons.org).

#### **In Conclusion:**

I would like to thank the members of the Grand Lodge of Idaho for the trust shown to me by electing me to be (Your) Grand Secretary. I would also like to thank my wife Cyndie Bollar (your Grand Clerk) for her work in the Grand Lodge Office. It has been a pleasure to serve the Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho, the

M.: W.: Grand Master Russ W. Smith and all the Grand Lodge Officers and the members of this great jurisdiction.

I appreciate the friendship and hospitality all of you have shown me this past year. I have tried to visit as many Lodges as I could. But there is only so much time to go around. I would also like to thank all the Lodge Secretaries for their hard work and understanding during this past year. Thank you for getting your reports in on time and keeping me informed on the important events happening in your Lodge and/or District.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as "Your" Grand Secretary.

Fraternally Submitted



Monte B. Bollar  
Grand Secretary

*I move that this report be received and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts & Finances.*

*The motion to receive the Grand Secretaries Report and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts and Finances was seconded and Passed.*

## Grand Treasurers Report.

### **Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*"R.:W.: Grand Treasurer are you ready to give your report?"*

06, R.:W.: Grand Treasurer

Bruce A. Wethered

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho

The Grand Treasurer duties and responsibilities are outlined in Section 305 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest. While completing these tasks I have worked primarily with the Grand Secretary and served on all the committees assigned to me as Grand Treasurer.

All monies have been received from the Grand Secretary, receipt has been given and monies paid out in accordance with the approved budget in dual control with the Grand Secretary. All bills received against the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho have been recorded in QuickBooks and checks subsequently drawn in payment of the same in a timely manner. The Grand Secretary and I have met agreeably to appointment to ensure the bills are paid timely. We also have weekly discussions concerning the finances of the Grand Lodge and have worked with Tarter & Associates in seeing the audit was completed.

The following reports are enclosed herewith:

Current Budget vs Actual, as of July 31, 2022

Tarter & Associates audit of the Finances of the Grand Lodge of Idaho (General Fund)

Tarter & Associates audit of the Finances of the Grand Lodge of Idaho (Prepaid Life Accounts)

The audits were completed in accordance with the Code & Digest requirements pursuant to the scheduled timing.



Conclusion: I would like to thank the members of the Grand Master for the trust and confidence shown in appointing me to the office of Grand Treasurer. I would also like to thank the Grand Secretary & Grand Clerk for all of their assistance during the past year. Their support and help are greatly appreciated.

It has been a pleasure to serve you, the members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho, the MW Grand Master Russ W. Smith and all of the Grand Lodge Officers. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as "Your" Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Bruce A. Wethered

*"I move that this report be received and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts & Finances."*

*The motion to receive the Grand Treasurers Report and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts and Finances was seconded and Passed.*

## Section 504 Trustees of Grand Lodge Relief Fund

### **Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*"Does anyone have a report not printed in the Advanced Proceedings port?"*

### Section 504 Trustees of Grand Lodge Relief Fund

Greg L. Winter

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF & AM of Idaho

September 2022

Section 504 Trustees of the Grand Lodge Relief Fund

Annual report of the Investment Committee 2021-2022

On behalf of the Investment Committee I am pleased to submit the following annual report for the Grand Lodge's investments from July 1st, 2021, through July 31st, 2022.

The committee received investment reports monthly and met quarterly with Brother Scott Johnson of Wells Fargo Advisors. His help is invaluable, and the committee wishes to recognize and thank Brother Johnson for his monthly reports and his in-person meetings every quarter. The committee also recognizes our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother Monte Bollar, for his diligence in keeping the records, and minutes plus distributing the monthly reports. At each quarterly meeting the committee compares the financial summaries to the previous quarter and the year to date to determine if any action needs to be taken. The committee also closely watches the ratio of stocks to bonds, to stay within the boundaries of Section 503 of the Code.

Our investment advisor, Brother Johnson, showed us that the stock market turned a corner and started to repair itself in mid-June. It has still been a bumpy ride. To protect the funds as much as possible, we moved our bonds or fixed income investments into short term bonds and our stocks or equities into blue chip investments for protection and stability. With this move we are exceeding the market's benchmark returns.

In the fall of 2021, we transferred \$40,000 to the Grand Lodge General Fund. That money stays in the fund until needed and most years less than the full amount is expended. The table below shows the beginning amounts in each account, all withdrawals, any deposits and the gain or loss for each account and lastly the

weighted rate of return. The value of our stocks has come down in this turbulent period as you probably are aware. The fund is managed for growth at medium risk, and we continue this policy.

Art Shoemaker, Greg Kimberling and I (the three appointed members of the committee) have worked well together and have appreciated the sharing of each other's knowledge to further the financial aims of our Grand Lodge. Thank you to them.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory L Winther, MWPGM (29, 13) Chairman

G. Arthur Shoemaker, MWPGM (60)

Gregory Kimberling, (17)

Bruce Wethered, RW Grand Treasurer (29)

Monte Bollar, RW Grand Secretary (60,13,98)

## Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022

### Grand Lodge - Relief

Type of Investment	Value on 08/01/2021	Withdrawals	Deposits	Transfers	Earnings & Appreciation	Value on 07/31/2022	Equity vs. Fixed	Money Weighted ROR
Equities	\$1,005,039	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$117,274)	\$877,765	70.61%	-11.67%
Fixed	\$428,701	(\$30,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$33,429)	\$365,272	29.39%	-7.80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,433,740</b>	<b>(\$40,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$150,703)</b>	<b>\$1,243,037</b>		<b>-10.53%</b>

### Grand Lodge - Pre-Paid Life

Type of Investment	Value on 08/01/2021	Withdrawals	Deposits	Transfers	Earnings & Appreciation	Value on 07/31/2022	Equity vs. Fixed	Money Weighted ROR
Equities	\$1,012,689	(\$60,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$112,284)	\$840,405	69.37%	-11.09%
Fixed	\$414,626	(\$13,248)	\$0	\$0	(\$30,221)	\$371,157	30.63%	-7.29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,427,315</b>	<b>(\$73,248)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$142,505)</b>	<b>\$1,211,562</b>		<b>-9.92%</b>

### Grand Lodge - Endowment Fund

Type of Investment	Value on 08/01/2021	Withdrawals	Deposits	Transfers	Earnings & Appreciation	Value on 07/31/2022	Equity vs. Fixed	Money Weighted ROR
Mix	\$600,422	\$0	\$3,010	\$0	(\$68,312)	\$535,120	68.7%/31.3%	-11.38%

**\$3,461,477** Grand Total **(\$361,520)** **\$2,989,719** Grand Total

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*"I move that this report be received and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts & Finances."*

*The motion to receive this report and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts and Finances was Seconded and Passed.*



*Idaho DeMolay  
1041 E Ionia Dr  
Meridian, ID 83642*

Most Worshipful Grand Master Russ Smith, Elected Line, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Idaho:

Since Grand Lodge 2021, Idaho DeMolay has executed several successful events to that continue to move our program forward. While the impact of COVID-19 continues, it has not diminished the effort to achieve our goals of membership and communication.

Last October, the annual Honors program was scaled back from a Statewide event to just a local one. This was the right choice, in the interest of minimizing the spread of the new variant. Despite the change and smaller attendance, Idaho DeMolay saw new members initiated to with the ceremonies being performed in person by Treasure Valley Chapter. In addition, Masons who did not have the ability to be in DeMolay as youth take advantage of our Honorary DeMolay program and participate in the full degrees.

By the end of 2021, Idaho DeMolay finished the year three new members short of positive growth. While the goal wasn't met, we were very close and took that momentum into 2022. For the past 3 years, we have only been a handful of members short of growth, so this has really been a primary focus going into the new year.

In March of 2022, Idaho DeMolay held its annual Conclave in Pocatello, Idaho. We initiated new members and got the entire state together for some fun and friendship, holding activities for the youth that rekindled the brotherhood our fraternity is built on. I'm especially pleased that after two long years, deserving brethren were finally able to be invested with the degree of Chevalier and Legion of Honor.

I want to give some recognition also to the top 3 elected officers of this Grand Lodge for the majority of the weekend, as well as several volunteers from the Portneuf Lodge, the Pocatello Valley of Scottish Rite, and the local Eastern Star and Jobs' Daughters Bethel to help us with meals and join in the activities. The support of the elected line and Masonic bodies was very much appreciated throughout the State. Thanks to all of you for your contributions that made this Conclave such a success.

That weekend also Jacob Marshall finished his duties as State Master Councilor and William Tolman took the reins. Will's goals as State Master Councilor are simple and address the biggest challenge facing our organization today. Will is focused on:

- 1) Membership: each chapter is challenged to initiate the number of active members they have plus 1. When we achieve this, it will at a minimum double our size.
- 2) Communication: increasing and improving communication to keep goals in sight and have the best events that we can to help with our membership goals.

3) Promotion: Making DeMolay a known name through out Idaho is a primary goal. We will do this by participating in community events and sharing everything about DeMolay to anyone who will listen to us.

April, May and June were spent traveling to the annual conventions of Washington and Oregon to strengthen our relationship. In June, I traveled with Will to Orlando for International session where Idaho DeMolay received the Gordan A. McBride award for initiating more members in 2021 than we did in 2020. Always nice to get some recognition for our work.

Brethren, I am excited to let you know that Idaho DeMolay initiated the first members into a brand-new chapter in Rathdrum. Rabbie Burns Chapter, sponsored by Rathdrum Lodge #41, is a little over halfway to having its 15 initiates to become the first new DeMolay chapter in the state in decades. A big thank you to brothers Danny Osburn, Nathan Bendel, and the members of Rathdrum #41.

In July, SMC Will Tolman and I traveled to Yakima for the Washington/Idaho Rainbow Grand Assembly. While it was a long trip, it was great to see so much support at the event from Idaho.

August has consisted of chapter visitations, and whenever possible, initiations. As of the writing of this report, Idaho DeMolay is in **POSITIVE GROWTH** for the year 2022 as we have initiated more new members this year than we will lose to majority and members aging out of the organization. We will continue to push membership as our primary goal and put ourselves in the best position for 2023 and the bright future to come.

In closing, I would like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Russ Smith, and his Grand Lodge Officers for the incredible support of all three masonic youth organizations during the last year. The additional attendance by masons at our events has been noticed and well received.

It has been a good year, and we are looking forward to great years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad R. Smith  
Executive Officer  
Idaho DeMolay

*"I move that this report be received "*

*The motion to receive this report was Seconded and Passed.*

## Report to Grand Lodge of Idaho Idaho Lodge of Research

To Most Worshipful Grand Master Russ Smith, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren All:

2022 has been a year of re-invigoration for the Idaho Lodge of Research. At the last called meeting the consensus was that we were dissatisfied with the condition of the lodge, and we wanted the lodge to be a more functional resource to Idaho Freemasons and to the Grand Lodge.

The Idaho Lodge of Research obviously has a different structure and goal than the constituent lodges. The elected officers consist of the traditional Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer. Additionally, however, the bylaws direct that a research steward be appointed for each district of the jurisdiction. The roles and responsibilities of the elected officers is conventional and obvious. The role of the district stewards is to inform each lodge in their district of the research resources available to the members and to make the members of each lodge aware of the goals and objectives of the Lodge of Research. Unfortunately, before I could ask the district stewards to convey the goals and objectives of the Lodge of Research, it would first be necessary for us to define those goals and objectives.

The function of the Lodge of Research, as stated in its bylaws, is to “study, accumulate and distribute materials on Masonic history (including the Masonic history in Idaho), symbolism, and philosophy, and the personal responsibilities and duties of Master Masons”. While this is undoubtedly interesting and certainly worthwhile, my officers and I believe that while providing archival of research materials, we could also serve an educational function, and with the encouragement of Most Worshipful Grand Master Russ Smith, have begun to fill that role.

If I may, I would like to summarize the accomplishments and expectations of the Lodge of Research for the 2022 term:

1. We have begun to organize, and I have initiated a series of (nearly) quarterly Zoom calls intended to communicate and co-ordinate our efforts among the officers and interested members. While only a small minority of districts are represented, those serving have contributed and advanced our progress.
2. With the assistance and talents of Brother Greg Bosen, we have staked a claim in the domain of the internet (at [WWW.IDAHOLODGEOFRESEARCH.ORG](http://WWW.IDAHOLODGEOFRESEARCH.ORG)) and established a beta test structure for Masonic research materials. It is hoped that by the time this report is presented, a link to this material will be made available on the Grand Lodge of Idaho website (IdahoMasons.org), with suitable caveats regarding the beta test nature of both the structure and content materials.
3. The current digital library is a fairly loose collection of materials that we have gathered from our personal libraries. Should anyone have materials, either from the previous (and currently unavailable) digital archive, or from their own collections, they are welcome to upload that material to our more sustainable digital library, or to contact us for assistance.
4. We have been presented with the potential for a small physical footprint within the new Boise Masonic Temple, which we foresee might contain a high-end digital scanner and a minimal collection of documents. Although limited in scope and availability we believe this may provide a valuable resource for the jurisdiction.

Although at the time of the drafting of this report we are only six months into the current term, I am

satisfied with the progress we have made to date.

There are some short-term objectives that I believe I have the authority to pursue as the master of the lodge. First, I believe there is existing content, particularly in our sister jurisdictions to encourage the spread of Masonic Education within the Idaho Jurisdiction. We have heard of Seminars on Masonic topics, brief presentations with talking points, articles regarding Masonic tenets and philosophy, and much more. All this should enable any reasonably interested Mason to perform research, and perhaps to present a brief educational presentation during or after Lodge. The Lodge of Research seems an appropriate archive for such a resource to Idaho Masonry, and we are pursuing this resource

Secondly, I intend to send a letter to those members currently on the Lodge of Research membership roster, informing them of the re-ignoration of the Lodge of Research, and summarizing the actions we have taken on their behalf. This letter will also identify the need for interested Masons to:

- Review and filter content in our digital library. We need to verify that the material is appropriately Masonic related, complete and adequate, and meets copyright requirements.
- Serve as District Stewards, informing the constituent lodges about the resources available to both lodges and members.
- Act on a “speakers bureau”, using established material to generate Masonic educational programs for the constituent lodges.

Finally, I would like to remind all interested Masons that there is a called meeting of the Lodge of Research, currently scheduled for Thursday September 15, 2022, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to discuss those actions taken and planned, and present potential by-law changes. There is an annual meeting, which according to the bylaws is to be held on the first Saturday of November (November 5th) at a lodge in Boise (not yet specified). One of the topics that needs to be addressed during the stated meeting is the current dues. We have a minimal budget for the domain name and file storage, but the dues have been set to zero for a number of years, so we have no matching income stream. We will be reading several bylaw changes at the called meeting and voting on them at the stated communication.

In closing, I would like to thank the officers and members who have performed this restart of the Lodge of Research:

Gene Ammerman – Senior Warden  
Levi Billman – Junior Warden  
Greg Bosen – Secretary and Webmaster  
Ken Beaudreau- Treasurer

Jason Myers – District Steward  
Dan Levine – District Steward

We believe that we have rebuilt the structure for an Idaho Lodge of Research which can be a valuable resource for the Grand Lodge as well as for the constituent lodges, and we believe there is much more that could be done. However, if I may paraphrase an old truism, you can lead a jackass to water, but you can't make him drink. We are at a point where the Masons of Idaho need to decide whether a Lodge of Research is something that should be supported, or if we should direct our efforts elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Coryell  
Worshipful Master  
Idaho Lodge of Research

*"I move that this report be received."*

The motion to receive this report was Seconded and Passed.

# Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions:

## Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith

Call for Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions

*"I would invite William (Bill) Pogue, M.:W.: Grand Master of New Mexico to come up and speak at this time."*

## William (Bill) Pogue, M.: W.: Grand Master, New Mexico:

In New Mexico we are teaching the value of Freemasonry and Quality vs Quantity. Thank you for inviting me to come to your communication and thank you for your courtesy extended to us, and congratulation on your year and wish you a successful communication.

12, W.: Grand Historian

James T. Hansen

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### Grand Lodge Historian Report:

To the Grand Lodge and Masons of Idaho,

History is defined as the study of past events, particularly in human affairs.

Within the realm of Freemasonry that can be a very large area in which to cover. Throughout the past, a number of Grand Lodge Historians have conveyed historical information about where and how Freemasonry began. The Old Charges like the Halliwell Manuscript (Regius Poem) from around the 1400's, the first Grand Lodge coming together in England in 1717, as well as taken a small passage from the Bible (1 Kings 7:13-14) and created the allegory of Hiram Abiff. They have also in the past given us insight to the members of the fraternity. Bro. Meriwether Lewis, of the Lewis and Clark expedition, being the first known Mason to set foot in the lands we now call Idaho. PGM. Geo. L. Shoup our first Governor of Idaho in 1890 as well as the last Territorial Governor of Idaho. PGM. Jas A. Pinney known as the "Father of Boise," just to name a few. Therefore, what might be something from our history that could bring to light that has not been notated or left by the wayside?

Maybe the history that drove us to knock on the door three times. A great number of Masons today might say it was the history of Freemasonry that led them to the door. In our present day information is abundant and within the reach of all. One can also fall down the rabbit hole of information if not too careful. Our attraction to Freemasonry presently might have started with a History Channel Documentary, maybe it was the movie National Treasure, or it might have been that random bargain book that a family member gave to you about Secret Societies. Compared to what it might have been. Family tradition of membership, the custom of a true gentlemen, or the only way to learn the trade secrets to build the cathedrals and travel freely. Either way it lite a fuse that brought you here.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

Once the door was open, we see that Freemasonry is Living History of sorts. We follow ritual that has been passed down through centuries that bring us closer to the history we know. Our Obligations are ones that have been sworn by historical individuals like Bro. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, Lafayette,



Winston Churchill, Mozart, Nat King Cole, Buzz Aldrin, Irving Berlin, Henry Ford, Prince Hall, Kamehameha IV, Alphonse Mucha, Antonio Meucci, Steve Woznaik, Harry Black, etc. The list is endless. Once we have taken that Obligation we become a part of that history, but one thing we must remember is now we must make history. We cannot just ride the coat tails of our past Brothers. We must take the mantel that has been place before us and continue shaping our future. The Brothers that came before us here in Idaho were movers and shakers, pioneers of this state. Just because that state is now established, does not mean that we place our tools down and rest. We must continue to dust off our tools and continue the work.

Masonry does not just happen within the walls of our Lodge we must take it to heart. A good example of this is something that I found out about the first Potentate of El Korah III. Sir Morgan Regan.

Bro. Morgan was a man who would always try to help the less fortunate, whether that be financially, or otherwise. One person whom he helped Donohue ("Old Henry"), who was a Civil War Vet. About every two months or so Morgan traveled up to Arrow Rock Dam rent a motorboat travel 25 miles to "Old Henry's" place to drop of staples he needed. This he did as well as helped "Old Henry" out with his money managements and pensions, funds, old prospects, etc. This Morgan did until "Old Henry" passed away.

Morgan made a final trip when "Old Henry" passed to not only help with his belongings but also help with the building the casket, digging the grave, and reading the funeral services. He laid the marker to his grave and made his journey home. All this he did in one day.

A funny thing about "Old Henry" was that he made bread, which he would always put between the blankets of his bunk to cool. The blankets were nailed to the wall in the back, which help eliminate the necessity of making the bed each day. Morgan never liked eating with "Old Henry" he never thought it was a very sanitary to cool the bread this way or for the blanket to be nailed like this. The blankets stayed nailed from one year to the next.

This was just one simple act from history of one individual to another. To think that if every Mason in Idaho could use their tools to help your fellow man/woman/child, this state could be that of one family.

Bro. Morgan also would brought together an Ecumenical Council in Boise. Faiths all across Boise would get together on the Level, to talk about what they have in common and to help with any future moral issue that might come about in the area.

"In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12

"I am a stranger to no one; and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed am a friend to all." Guru Granth Sahib p. 1299

"Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself." The Prophet Muhammad, Hadith

"Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself." Shayast-na-Shayast

"This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you." Mahabharata 5:1517

"Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." Udana-Varga

"What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary." Hillel, Talmud, Shabbat 31a

"One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated." Mahavira, Sutrakritanga

"Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain, and your neighbor's loss as your own loss." T'ai Shang Kan Ying P'ien 213-318

All different faiths with one general view. Be on the Level.

One thing that does happen once we have joined is that history is put to the side. The reason being is that we must focus on our charities, fundraisers, dues, etc. The only way we even know about our history of even our own Lodges is in asking the right questions to those who put the brick and mortar together to create the Lodge itself. Which as we know, time is never on our side. So ask the questions. Find out what your Lodges roots are

and where they come from. As well as the members presently and from the past and who they were. This can open up the idea of who we are and can be as Masons.

A challenge that I would put on you is dig into your Lodges past, what were some great moments, who were your legendary Brothers, and how do you now compare? With this make your own history using the tools that have been given to you and always remember to Meet on the Level, Act by the Plumb, and Part on the Square.

Fraternally Yours,

W. Grand Historian James "Jimmy" T Hansen.

Grand Historian Bio:

Bro. James T Hansen born in Boise, ID on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1984, to James E and Jane A Hansen. Fourth generation Idahoan on my father's side. Attended college at the Art Institute of Seattle graduating in 2006 with an associate's degree of Applied Arts in Industrial Design Technology. Joined Oriental Lodge #60 in 2012 (EA. January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, FC. March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, and MM. June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012) coached by Bro. Drew Westenskow (cousin). Offices held: Tyler, Junior/Senior Deacon, Junior/Senior Warden, and current Secretary (honorary Past Acting WM. during 2017). Joined the Boise Valley Scottish Rite November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, as well as being a past officer of the Knights of Saint Andrews. The following year joined the El Korah Shrine on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, offices held: Pote's Aid, Outer Guard, Capt. Of the Guard, Assistant Director/Director, and Recorder. Joined the Job Daughters of Bethel #29 in Boise, becoming the last PABG. in 2021. Joined the DeMolay as a honorary member in 2021. As well as being the Secretary of the Masonic Temple Association from 2020 – current.

*"I move that this report be received."*

*The motion to receive this report was Seconded and Passed.*

## Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions:

### **Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*"I would invite Edward Woods, M.:W.: Grand Master of Washington to come up and speak at this time."*

### **Edward Woods M.:W.: Grand Master, Washington**

What we are asking our members to do it to Evaluate yourself. Make plans to make yourself better in the future and be realistic. Thank you for inviting me to come to your communication and thank you for your courtesy extended to us.

## Presentation:

PGM, Joe Alexander asked if he could approach the podium and he then presented MWGM Russ W. Smith with an Associate Grand Guardian pin.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF & AM of Idaho

September 2022

Section 605 Grand Lodge Charitable Trust

Annual Report of the Idaho Freemason Foundation

The Freemason Foundation is very pleased to have served 16 of our lodges this year with matching funds for a total giving of \$7550. When that is added to the Lodge's original contribution, over \$15,000 has been given to programs benefiting Idaho's children. That is our largest donation to children in Idaho to date. The program is growing, and Lodges are getting exposure in their communities that they would not have without their charity work. Your Lodge should be part of this powerful program to become known in your community and even grow your membership.

It takes about 10 minutes on the website [idahofreemasonfoundation.org](http://idahofreemasonfoundation.org) to quickly name your program that benefits children, request the amount, up to \$500 and submit. Then when the event is over, send or email us pictures and newspaper write-ups about your event. The deadline for submitting your proposal is March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Foundation has money and wants you to spend it!

Last year's annual appeal netted \$6,075. These donations came from ordinary Masons who believe in our charitable work that raises the level of what Lodges can accomplish in their communities. We owe these Brothers our gratitude for their generosity. Thank you so very much for your tax-deductible gift.

Other donations came from smile. Amazon, Fred Meyers Stores, Network for Good, Fiat Lux Lodge and a special Brother named Gary Miner, who used tax deductible planned to give to write a check for \$7,000. If you wish to know more about the IRS and planned to give, contact me or any board member.

I purchase quite a bit from Amazon. Without any cost to me, Amazon donates a portion of my purchase to the Idaho Freemason Foundation every time I order. For you to do this, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), choose the Idaho Freemason Foundation as your charity and make your order. Then, you always order on smile. Amazon instead of Amazon, but you choose your charity only once. Pretty simple. If you shop at Fred Meyers, the process is similar. Each time you buy online or in store, a portion of your purchase goes to the Foundation.

In closing, the Foundation asks MWGM, Brother Sherman Burger to consider appointing a Grand Lodge officer to our Board annually. He would be a liaison and improve communication between the Grand Lodge officer corps and the Foundation.

Have a fantastic year ahead and remember we are waiting to hear from your Lodge to join the excitement.

Fraternally,

Greg Winther, PGM, Chairman

Mark Smith, DDGM, Secretary

Jason Morales, Treasurer

Derek Sprague, Director

Dan LaVine, G Orator, Director

*"I move that this report be received"*

*The motion to receive this report and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts and Finances was Seconded and Passed.*

## Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions:

### **Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*"I would invite Mark Posler, M.:W.: Grand Master of Oregon to come up and speak at this time."*

### Mark Posler, M.:W.: Grand Master, Oregon

In Oregon we talk about the symbolism behind the Square, the Level and Trowel. We have been spreading the word about "How to bring in members." That the lodge is a safe place, and the members should be treated with Respect. Thank you for inviting me to come to your communication and thank you for your courtesy extended to us and wish you a successful Communicaiton.

## Announcements:

Jesse Laduke – Hospitality Room is 151

PGM meeting in the Hospitality room after conclusion of this session.

Bill Curtis invites RWGM Russ and all presiding GM and PGM to this PGM Meeting.

Idaho Lodge of Research will be at 04:00 pm tonight.

Dan Siddall – come see me if you have a copy of the Esoteric work. (Inventory)

Secretaries Meeting at 07:00 am tomorrow morning in the Executive Room.

Credentials will be closing at 04:00 pm today.

MWGM Russ invited the SGD to that altar for an Official/Unofficial presentation.

Russ W. Smith presented Jesse Laduke with an Apron. (Libations Officer)

## Thursday, September 15, 2022 (Close for Evening)

### Call from Labor to Refreshment (Ritual – Call off through the South)

#### **Prayer**

Rev. Edgar R. Simmons, W.: Grand Chaplain

*"Supreme Grand Master, as we go from labor to refreshment, be with us that our actions would be acceptable in our sight. Thank you for this time of renewing friendships and making new ones. We ask these things in thy name, Amen"*

#### **Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)**

Daniel W. Drefs, W.: Grand Marshal

*"By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I Proclaim the 155th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho from Labor to Refreshment until 08:00 Friday Morning Memorial Service."*

## Friday, September 16, 2022 (Morning)

7:00 a.m.	Secretaries Breakfast	Executive
7:15 -09:00 a.m.	Credentials & Registrations	Washington
10:00 a.m. 04:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	Hotel Suite #109

## Friday, September 16, 2022 (Public Memorial Service)

8:00 a.m. Prelude Arlen Marshall, W.: Grand Organist

### Public Memorial Service:

Rev. Edgar R. Simmons, W.: Grand Chaplain  
(Assisted by the Grand Stewards)

402-5 Necrology – Memorial Service Rev. Edgar R. Simmons

### 155th Grand Lodge Masonic Memorial Service

#### Necrology Report

Friends and Brethren, the hour stands at Low twelve. By the authority vested in me by the Most Worshipful Grand master, I declare the Idaho Grand Lodge of Sorrow to be opened.

Friends and Brethren, it has been a custom among the Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons from time immemorial to assemble with the solemn formalities of our craft, to offer a final Tribute and Memorial for our departed Brethren.

The roll has been called. Ninety two of our Brethren have not answered. Our Heavenly Father has smiled on them, taken them by the hand and led them to that “Spiritual building; that building not made with hands eternal in the heavens.”

Our Brethren have reached the end of their earthly labors. However, all that is beautiful and good and true in human life is no more affected by the shadow called death than by darkness that divides today from tomorrow. In this, our Brothers’ hour of victory, we should rejoice, for we can see far enough through the veil to know that all is well with them, and we thank our Creator that we were fortunate to have dwelt with them for a while.

Let us pray:

Thou, O God who knows our down sitting and our uprising and understands our thoughts afar off, shield and defend us from the evil intentions of our enemies. Support us under the trials and afflictions which we are destined to endure while traveling through this vale of tears. Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth as a flower and is cut down; he flees also as a shadow and continues not. His days are determined, and the number of his months is with Thee; Thou has appointed his bounds that he cannot pass. Turn from him that he may rest till he shall

accomplish his days. For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. But man dies and wastes away; yea, man gives up the ghost and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea and the flood decays and dries up, so a man lies down and rises not up till the heavens be no more. Yet, O Lord, have compassion on the children of thy creation; administer them comfort in time of trouble and save them with an everlasting salvation. Amen.

I will now call the roll of those Brothers who have not answered. Brethren, as I call your lodge, please rise and assume the attitude of prayer.

### Necrology Report

#### Deaths reported from 09/01/2021 to 08/31/2022

	Idaho Lodge No. 1	
Donald Vernon Hill		12/24/2020
Charles W. Cullen		08/17/2021
Florencio L. Jimenez		12/29/2021
	Boise Lodge No. 2	
Wayne J. Finch		06/27/2022
	Placer Lodge No. 3	
Walter Ray Browne		02/12/2018
Rulon Harold "Hal" England		03/20/2022
Thomas Hunter Parker		06/28/2022
	Mt. Idaho No. 9	
Kenneth M. "Ken" Nevel		08/21/2021
William H. Schmadeka		09/27/2021
Norman L. Kennedy		12/01/2021
Donald N. McLeod		12/01/2021
Max B. Stephens		12/01/2021
John Jordan		12/01/2021
	Nez Perce Lodge No. 10	
William H. Schmadeka		09/27/2021
Gary R. Floch		08/01/2022
	Lemhi Lodge No. 11	
Paul J. Tracy		11/27/2021
	Silver City No. 13	
James R. Alley		09/10/2021
Harry C. Black, PGM		11/14/2021
Jerry E. Scherer		02/21/2022
	Paradise Lodge No. 17	
Jacob H. Kruse		11/01/2021
Stanley H. Blum		12/03/2021
	Portneuf Lodge No. 18	

Durward Lewis Fry	05/16/2021
Keith C. Christensen	12/09/2021
James M. Birdwell	01/28/2022
Edward A. Smith	07/05/2022

Eagle Rock No. 19

Lewis E. Town	09/26/2021
Gail H. Pullman	11/08/2021
Donald D. "Don" Taylor	08/09/2022

Coeur D' Alene No. 20

David Robert Garnett	12/02/2021
Andrew Thomas Evenson, SGS	04/25/2022
Francis L. Benway	06/03/2022

Weiser Lodge No. 23

Gerald D. "Jerry" Cunningham	01/31/2022
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Kootenai Lodge No. 24

Waife Emmett "Bub" Barnes	09/19/2021
Darel F. Gore	10/21/2021
Frederick A. Schilling	10/21/2021
Frank A. York	10/21/2021
Dean Edward Eisenbarth	10/23/2021
David Robert Garnett	12/02/2121

Shoshone Lodge No. 25

Ronald J. Santi	10/08/2021
William H. Pickett	11/28/2021
Elmer E. Salo	03/17/2022

Washoe Lodge No. 28

Paul J. Tracy	11/27/2021
Sterling Swanson	12/23/2021
Bert Leroy "Bert" Osborn	08/14/2022

Ashlar Lodge No. 29

James Raymand "Jim" Ervin	04/30/2022
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Elmore Lodge No. 30

Lyndell Keith Massey	11/29/2021
Herbert R. Vann	11/29/2021
Harold C. Henderson	05/23/2022
George A. Lucia, Jr.	06/29/2022

Salubria No. 31

Brett Newbold	09/02/2021
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	Butte Lodge No. 37	
Darel W. Harris		11/10/2021
Arthur I. Guillard		12/18/2021
William F. McAfee		03/24/2022
	Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 39	
Michael R. Warwick		09/18/2021
Mervin C. "Merv" Sattler		09/20/2021
George E. Thomas		11/08/2021
	Rathdrum No. 41	
Andrew Thomas Evenson, SGS		04/25/2022
	Lakeside Lodge No. 42	
Darell Guerdon Congdon		10/09/2021
Donald E. Lewis		11/07/2021
	Bonners Ferry No. 43	
Lonny Duane Jelinek		09/29/2021
John W. Sater		09/29/2021
Henry Schoof		01/09/2022
Richard L. Hollenbeck		03/31/2022
	Twin Falls Lodge No. 45	
Layne Kenneth Hall		09/03/2021
Frank A. Finlayson		11/08/2021
Lloyd A. Duncan		01/09/2022
Elmer Earl "Vic" Graybeal		02/26/2022
Vance Parker Mason, VAGG		03/30/2022
	Meridian Lodge No. 47	
Curtis D. Fesler		10/02/2021
Harry C. Black, PGM		11/14/2021
	Lincoln Lodge No. 59	
Harvey T. Bickett		06/03/2021
William Clinton "Bill" Oakley		12/02/2021
	Oriental Lodge No. 60	
Harry C. Black, PGM		11/14/2021
James R. Cobley		01/24/2022
Gerald L. Sneddon		03/02/2022
Donald D. Wisdom		03/13/2022
	St. Maries No. 63	
Martin Jackson Modrell		02/02/2022
	Paul No. 77	
Burton R. Greenwell		06/06/2014
Ivan L. Smith		10/10/2021
Carl C. Reed		10/23/2021



William V. McClung		06/12/2022
	Hagerman Lodge No. 78	
Noel G. Baker		08/21/2021
	Fidelity Lodge No. 80	
James Arthur Hensley, PGM		01/15/2022
	Ionic Lodge No. 82	
Donald Vernon Hill		12/24/2020
Harry C. Black, PGM		11/14/2021
Kevin J. Grove		01/05/2022
Steven W. Mount		01/15/2022
Rand E. Walker		02/06/2022
Thomas Hunter Parker		06/28/2022
	Caribou Lodge No. 84	
William H. Sikes		08/16/2021
John F. Williamson		08/22/2021
Jeffrey H. "Jeffro" Latham		01/25/2022
Jerry Lynn Beus		02/09/2022
Charles M. "Chuck" Davis		07/05/2022
Edward A. Smith		07/05/2022
	Challis Lodge No. 92	
Wayne D. Lanier		03/19/2022
	Capital City No. 93	
Russell D. Purcell		11/15/2021
	Kanisku Lodge No. 97	
David W. Rourke		09/01/2021
Errol H. "Lem" Lemburg		09/18/2021
Lloyd O. Moler		01/23/2022
Ronald J. Morrow		05/28/2022
	Initial Point No. 98	
Harry C. Black, PGM		11/14/2021

While we mourn their loss, we realize that they have now been added to the roll of our departed Brothers and Fellows, who have gone this way before. They are but one small step in front of us and we too must follow where they have pointed the way. The young may die, the old must die, but the wisest of us knows not when. One by they pass, the Brethren of our adoption, the companions our choice.

Ninety three Brothers whose hands we have clasped in bonds of friendship and brotherly love have now passed from our sight. They have laid down the working tools of life. Now their work is done, their course on earth is run, and it may be said, "Well done, be at peace."

Well done my Brothers, well done indeed! We can do nothing more for our departed Brothers than to cherish their memories, with the abiding faith that the loss is but temporary and, in the world, where death cannot come, our meeting will be eternal.

In this belief let us commit, with due reverence, to the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Earth to earth...Dust to dust...Ashes to ashes.

With faith in the goodness of our Supreme Grand Master, we can trustingly leave our Brethren with a Beneficent Creator who has done all things well.

Let us pray:

Our Heavenly Father, Supreme Architect of the Universe, receive our Brethren into your divine Presence. Hold them in your arms and forgive their sins. Remember their many virtues and kindly deeds that they may add to the glory of your kingdom. Make them worthy to take their stations within the blessedness which you have prepared for those who love you.

Bless the relatives and friends of our departed Brethren. Give them faith and strength to bear this sorrow with fortitude and courage. Endow them with peace of mind and understanding of the immutable laws of nature, that they may become reconciled to this loss. Amen.

Farewell, my Brothers, until we meet you and greet you on that ever shining shore, to be parted never more, forever and forever.

We shall cherish their memory here. To God we commit their spirits from whence they came.

And now may the Lord bless and keep us! The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us! The Lord lifts up the light of His countenance and gives us peace! Amen

Fraternally submitted

Reverend Edgar R. Simmons

Worshipful Grand Chaplain 2021-2022

9:00 am Dismissal of all Non-Master Masons

9:00 a.m. Credentials Closed

# Friday, September 16, 2022 (Morning Session)

Grand Lodge Officers Started in place.

## Welcome to Friday Morning Session by

Johnny Willis, Past Master of Richfield No. 21

*“Gentlemen, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Friday Morning Session of the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Idaho*

*Brother Marshal, you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master*

*It is our pleasure to introduce Brother Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho.”*

## Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith

*“It is my pleasure to introduce Johnny Willis, Past Master of Richfield No. 21”*

Announced that today was Johnny Willis 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday and asked the body to sing Johnny Happy Birthday.

## Call from Refreshment to Labor (Ritual)

### Friday Morning Session Prayer

**Rev. Edgar R. Simmons, W.: Grand Chaplain**

“Great Architect of the Universe, as we continue the work of the Grand Lodge, we are grateful for both sleep and refreshment. We ask for your continued guidance in the deliberations of this communication. May our actions be acceptable in thy sight. Amen”

### Proclamation (Call to Order)

**Daniel W. Drefs, W.: Grand Marshal**

*“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim the 155th Annual Communication called from Refreshment to Labor.”*

## Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith

“Are there any Distinguished Guests (Not previously introduced)?”

“None at this time.”

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

"I now call on the Credentials Committee for the Final report of Credentials."

402-1 Credentials

N. Randall" Randy" King

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**2022 Annual Communications Registration Report**

**Voter Registration Totals**

Past Masters	65
Lodge Officer	42
Lodge Proxy	54
Total Votes Registered	61

**2/3 votes equal** 108

**50% votes equal** 81

**Grand Lodge Officers / PGM Totals**

Grand Lodge Officers	16
Past Grand Masters	13
DDGMs	8

**Total Registered** 37

**Total Lodge Represented** 35

**Lodges Not Represented** 10

Complete Report can be found in the Report Section 402 Session Committee/ 401 Credentials Report

Brother Randy King read the Credentials Report

*"I move that this report be accepted."*

*The motion to accept this report was Seconded and Passed.*

**Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions:**

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*"I would invite Jason Allred, M.:W.: Grand Master of Utah to come up and speak at this time."*

**Jason Allred, M.:W.: Grand Master, Utah**

The Grand Lodge of Utah have been focussed on 150 years of Masonry in Utah. and Festive Boards. It seems that we have missing the Human Connection between Brothers. We are working to use tools like Venmo to allow the lodge to pay PerCapita electronically.

Thank you for inviting us to come to your communication and thank you for your courtesy extended to us.

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

Call for Masonic Temple Preservation Report.

401-6 Masonic Temple Preservation (see Section 405) James Edward Grant

**MASONIC TEMPLE PRESERVATION REPORT**

The Masonic Temple Preservation Committee received no requests for funding during the 2021-2022 year.

Fraternally Submitted,

James Grant, PM  
Placer Lodge #3  
Chairman

*"I move that this report be received."*

*The motion to receive this report was Seconded and Passed.*

Memorial Service Donations

Eric Coryell

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

Call for Memorial Fund Report.

**Memorial Services Donations**

Total donations raised at the Memorial Service was \$3,697.00 with proceeds going to Endowment fund, Charities and Prepaid life's.

*"I move that this report be received."*

*The motion to receive this report was Seconded and Passed.*

Grandview system updates coming

Monte Bollar

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Monte Bollar talked about the Grand View system will start releasing new functionality each quarter. The one coming up is Grand view has a package to do background checks on new petitioners. The main focus will be that when a petitioner is entered into the system, the petitioner will receive a letter that explains what he must do before the lodge receives his petition.

This process will be explained in more detail as information comes out. One thing to remember is that this process is charged to the petitioner not the lodge and the lodge received summary information as to the results of the background check.

I want to get a feeling of the Grand Lodge to see if we should continue with this project.

(Discussion, Questions and Answers for several minutes.)

*I move that the Grand Lodge moves forward with this enhancement (Background Checks). Motion was seconded and passed.*

Thank you, brothers. We will proceed and when the time comes to release this enhancement, we will be doing training on it.

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

Call for Board of Custodians of the Work Report.

Section 802 Board of Custodians of the Work      G. Arthur Shoemaker, PGM

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS REPORT 2022

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Idaho

MWGM Brother Russ

Question 1.: MWGM Brother Russ Smith requested clarification on the following: Is the "Word" in the 3rd Degree Opening/Closing passed as the whole word or given in syllables between the Brothers?

Answer: The Board of Custodians rules that the "Word" in the 3rd Degree Opening/Closing, as per our obligation, is to be given with the three syllables alternating between the Brothers.

Question 2. RW Brother Dan Siddal requested Board of Custodians approval for a Soliloquy from Capital City Lodge #93 for use at the grave in the 2nd Section of the 3rd Degree. Per previous B of C rulings the use of any Soliloquy requires approval of the Board of Custodians.

Previous Board of Custodians Rulings regarding the use of a Soliloquy:

“Soliloquy:

a. On September 16, 1937 the Board of Custodians of the Work provided for the use of the so-called Soliloquy, and the delegates at that Grand Lodge session adopted the Ruling.(1971) The Present Board of Custodians concurred with that Ruling, and the delegates adopted the following clarification: A Soliloquy in the 2nd Section of the MM<sup>o</sup> is NOT required, nor does any Soliloquy become a part of the adopted Idaho Work, but it is permissible if given from memory as required for the rest of the Ritual; provided however, that each proposed Soliloquy shall be once presented to the Board of Custodians of the Work, and approval received, prior to its use in any Lodge.

b. When a Soliloquy is used by a Lodge; the Floor Work of Diagram No. 2 may be deviated as required. (1973) “

Answer: The Board of Custodians approves the use of this Soliloquy, and the Secretary of Capital City #93 is requested to provide an electronic copy of the Capital Soliloquy to the RW Grand Secretary.

Fraternally Submitted  
G. Arthur Shoemaker, PGM  
Chairman

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

Call for Appeals & Grievances Report.

401-2 Appeals & Grievances

Gregory E. Johnson, PGM

### **Report of the committee of Appeals and Grievances**

Presented by Joseph Alexander

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho

On March 26, 2022, Nez Perce 10 in Lewiston, Idaho conducted a Masonic Trial on Brother James Patton on 4 charges, as a result of the trial commission the findings were as follows:

With regard to charge #1; misuse of funds from the York Rite Bodies for personal use, the commission found you Not Guilty. With regard to Charge #2; That the practice continued from mid-year 2019 thru early part of 2021, The commission found you Not Guilty. With regard to charge #3; that you were derelict in your duties as secretary, the commission found you Guilty. With regard to charge #4; That you violated your masonic obligation, the commission found you guilty.

The commission then handed down a sentence of Reprimand. The reprimand is in two parts. Part one; removal from office, which has already been accomplished, Part two of this reprimand would be to require Brother Patton to make a public admission of the dereliction and person error that led to this, and also a discussion of lessons learned before both the Blue Lodge and York Rite bodies, with a special emphasis on Prudence. In a letter sent to Brother Patton a completion date was given as June 14, 2022, a date set by Nez Perce 10, not the trial commission.

On July 10, 2022, the Most Worshipful Grand Master received an Appeal from Brother John Zeller Sr. PM appealing the ruling of the Tribunal for Brother James Patton failure to respond to the Lodge or York Rite and asking that he be expelled. He then asked that his request be sent to the appeals and grievance committee for review.

My Brethren, this is the preliminary report of the committee of Appeals and Grievances, a final report will be presented prior to the closing of this Grand Lodge Communication for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted:

Gregory E. Johnson, PGM, Chairman



**Final Report of Appeals and Grievances Committee:**

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances met regarding the appeal of the Trial Commission findings of the trial of James Patton, a member of Nez Perce #10 A.F.&A.M. of Idaho. The result of the trial was a Reprimand and that Brother Patton apologize to both Nez Perce 10 and York Rite Bodies in Moscow. Brother Patton apologized to both Masonic bodies, his final apology was Tuesday September 13, 2022, at Nez Perce 10.

The Appeals and Grievance committee confirms the action of the Trial Commission with the following remarks:

The handling of the funds of our Lodge and other Masonic bodies must have strict oversight and not be entrusted to a member without the guidance of an experienced member of our Fraternity. We also would discourage the use of Debit Cards for the paying of the Lodge bills as it is hard to have a paper trail using such cards.

As a Trial Commission we must not look for the “easy way out” but must live up to our Obligation and Masonic teachings. When deliberating the final decision of the Commission we must ask ourselves, do we want to have this Brother as a member of our Lodge.

We feel that since the sentence was a Reprimand, we must follow our Code and Digest and confirm the finding, we ask that future Trial Commissions treat offenses with due diligence as to not weaken the principals of our great Fraternity.

We also feel that the appeal of the decision has been addressed and we are not recommending a new trial and that with the approval of this report the matter would be considered closed.

Respectfully submitted:

Greg Johnson 17,56 PGM, Chairman



Joseph Alexander, 19, PGM

/S/

David E. Owen, 21,30,80 PGM

/S/

Non-voting members of the committee: Clifford Kramer, Junior Grand Deacon, Daniel Drefs, Grand Marshal, Harold Bloom, Grand Sword Bearer

*“I move the Appeals & Grievance Committee report be Adopted.”*

The motion to adopt the Appeals & Grievance Committee report was Seconded and Passed.



## Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith

Call for Jurisprudence Report.

### 401-1 Jurisprudence Report

Joseph E. Alexander, PGM

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#### Jurisprudence Committee Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and Voting Delegates of the Grand Lodge of Idaho,

The committee on Jurisprudence respectfully offers the following report for your consideration:

#### **Grand Master's Report:**

**Recommendations:** We concur with the Grand Masters Recommendations.

**Appointments:** We concur with the appointment of all Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Representatives, and Committees.

**Dispensations:** We concur with all the dispensations that were approved or denied by the Grand Master.

There are approved dispensations that changed some portion of the Lodge's bylaws. No comment is made since these actions were satisfactorily justified by the Grand Master to be warranted under Code and Digest Section 301-7, for the Good of the Craft.

**Amendments to Bylaws:** We concur with all the amendments to bylaws that were approved or denied by the Grand Master.

**Official Acts of the Grand Master:** We concur with all the official acts of the Grand Master.

**Resignations and Appointments:** The Committee concurs with the appointments made to fill vacancies that occurred due to death.

**Special Communications:** We commend the Grand Master on the Challis Fire Building dedication held on 5-21-22. This type of public event is encouraged since it gets the Grand Lodge out in public promoting the Fraternity.

**Informal Meetings:** We concur with all informal meetings held by the Grand Master.

**Visitations:** We congratulate the Grand Master on his commitment to promoting Idaho Masonry during his term.

**Rulings:** No rulings were reported by the Grand Master.

#### **Grand Secretary's Report:**

The following comments are made in relation to this report.

#### **Comment #1 Monthly Reports**

The following statement is made about the monthly reports.

I know this is a new process for the Lodge Secretaries, but not all the secretaries are completing this process.

Again, the lodge secretaries need to do this for each month even if they do not meet for the month.

This replaces the written Monthly Reports.

From the first sentence it appears that not all lodges are completing their monthly reports. This is a requirement for lodges. The Grand Lodge needs to know whether these delinquent lodges have caught up their monthly reports or not. For those that have not submitted all monthly reports the Grand Lodge needs to know what is being done to get them caught up.

The Committee recommends that this report be modified to reflect how many lodges are delinquent and what is being done to catch up.

### **Comment #2 Annual Report**

The last paragraph of Section 1104 Subsection 2. outlines an assessment of \$2.50 per day for each day the Annual Return is delinquent. In the Grand Secretary's report it states that 4 lodges submitted late reports. These lodges need to be identified and a late assessment charged. Clarification needs to be provided on which lodges have not remitted their annual assessment checks and when these checks were received. As pointed out in the report this constitutes a late report. It also states that 2 lodges have not paid their assessment checks as of 8-15-2022. The time lapse of days for these 2 lodges is 212 days. Applying the \$2.50 per day late assessment that comes to \$530 owed the Grand Lodge.

The Committee recommends that the Grand Secretary update his report to include all the lodges that need to be assessed for a late Annual Return.

### **Questions brought before the Committee by the Grand Master during this Masonic year:**

Question #1:

Answer to the question asked of the Jurisprudence Committee by the Grand Master. Question: Can I use a dispensation to change the meeting location of a Lodge? This applies to a Boise Lodge wanting to change their meeting location from the old Masonic Lodge building to the Scottish Rite Center in downtown Boise.

Sorry I didn't get this to you earlier, but time just seemed to get away from me. Below is the Section of the Code that I was referring to in allowing a Lodge to change their meeting place. Unfortunately, the title throws Grand Masters off when trying to change a meeting place. As you can see it allows for a change of meeting place by the Grand Master.

It is my suggestion that you could write a dispensation that would cover the Boise Lodges that wanted to use the Scottish Rite Center as their meeting place. I suggest that it include a sunset date that will cover them until they move into their new meeting place. The Lodges should also begin to revise their bylaws to prepare for the move to Westgate Plaza. Then when the dispensation sunsets they will be ready to go. Until then the dispensation would cover each Lodge to meet at the Scottish Rite Center.

A dispensation should be written for each Lodge that might want to meet away from the 10<sup>th</sup> Street building. The Lodges that receive a dispensation should understand that during the performance period stated in the dispensation they do not have the option to meet back at the old building. Their meeting time would stay the same as stated in the bylaws for stated communications.

Hope this helps with your decision. It was great to spend time with you during Grand Session this last week. Take care and I look forward to being with you down the road.

Section 919. Removal of Lodges. A Lodge shall not change its place of meeting without consent of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; and a permanent change of meeting place to another community shall require approval of the Grand Lodge.

## Resolutions:

Jurisprudence Report for Initial Review of Resolutions dated March 25, 2022,

Brother Grand Secretary,

The Jurisprudence committee reviewed the 5 resolutions laid before them and have the following to report.

We found resolutions 1, 3, 4, and 5 to be in form and have no conflicts with the existing code.

Resolution 2 however was found to have a conflict and the submitters have chosen to withdraw it from consideration for this year and will resubmit next year.

### **Summary of Resolutions Received:**

#1 Section 401 Section Name: **Standing Committees** (Adds) For the committees on Jurisprudence, Appeals and Grievances, and Accounts and Finances the three principal members of the committee shall be Past Grand Masters (PGM) of Idaho. One PGM shall serve as chairman each year. (Revised Sept. 2022)”

#2 Withdrawn

#3 Regulation 38 Written Esoteric Work (Remove) “ and any Past Grand Master requesting a copy.”

#4 Section 1411 Section Name Plural Membership, Assessment (Adds and Deletes) Makes it so a plural member’s Grand Lodge Per Capita is only paid by his home Lodge.

#5 Section 1104 Section Name Returns, Monthly and Annual (Adds and Deletes) Changes the Annual Returns report range from Jan 1 – 15 to Jan. 1 – 31.

The committee commends Grand Master Russ on a successful year and his commitment to the Craft.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Alexander, PGM, Chairman /s/  
2022 Jurisprudence Committee

Members:

MWPGM John E. Warner /s/

MWPGM Mike Sutton /s/

MWPGM James C. Herndon /s/

DDGM Don Jay Miller /s/

Non-voting Members: RWSGW Gary A. S. Labruyere and WSGD N. Randall King

*“I move the Jurisprudence Committee Report be Adopted.”*

The motion to adopt the Jurisprudence Committee Report was Seconded and Passed.

## Presentations:

### Certificate of Appreciation from the Masonic Service Association

RW Rick Holloway came to the podium and presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Masonic Service Association to MWGM Russ W. Smith.

Masonic Service Association of North America  
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

PRESENTED TO  
Most Worshipful  
RUSS W. SMITH  
Grand Master of Idaho  
2021 - 2022

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to work  
together in Unity.

Given in sincere appreciation for your abiding interest in and strong  
support to the Programs of The Masonic Service Association, giving time  
to our National Hospital Visitation Program, and for encouraging the  
M.S.A. Representatives, Deputies, and Volunteers of Idaho.

With the certificate go our Best Wishes for continued success and  
service to Our Gentle Craft

Clayton J. Borne, III, PGM  
Executive Commissioner

Craig L. Davis  
Administrator, M.S.A

## Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions:

### **Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

Called for Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions.

### **Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*"I would invite Michael Giles, M.:W.: Grand Master of Nevada to come up and speak at this time."*

### Michael Giles, M.:W.: Grand Master, Nevada

In Nevada we are working on getting back to basics. Helping brothers get thru the degrees. Working on our mentoring manual. We are doing Officer Training Courses. Thanks for the hospitality shown us.

## Hospitality Room Report

Brother Jesse Laduke approached the podium.

The hospitality room has been a success with the help on the Most Masterful Mixologist Mike Keas and the support and help from Alice Keas, Arlen Marshall and Terry Laduke.

## Election of Grand Lodge Officers

### Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith

*“It is time for elections. The ballot is open for the Elections of the Elected Officers of Grand Lodge.”*

*“The Ballot for the Elected Grand Lodge Officers is open”* at 11:00 am

*“Please place you ballot in the ballot box by the Sword Bearer’s chair.”*

Ballot Closed at 11:10 after all entitled to vote, voted.

Results of the Election from the Tellers Committee were as follows:

For:

Most Worshipful Grand Master	H. Sherman Burger, III
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master	Gary A. S. LaBruyere
Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden	Rick Holloway
Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden	N. Randell “Randy” King
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer	Bruce A. Wethered
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary	Monte B. Bollar
Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer	Daniel D. Siddall

Brother Gary A. S. LaBruyere, by the vote of the Brothers here at the 155th Annual Communication you were elected Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master Elect and will be the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the year 2023-2024, Do you accept?

**Brother Gary A. S. LaBruyere, I do accept.**

The M.: W.: Grand Master Russ W. Smith asked each newly elected officer if they would serve.

Each accepted, so the new line of officers for 2022-2023 are:

Most Worshipful Grand Master	H. Sherman Burger, III
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master	Gary A. S. LaBruyere
Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden	Rick Holloway
Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden	N. Randell “Randy” King
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer	Bruce A. Wethered
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary	Monte B. Bollar

*A motion was made to destroy to ballots, Seconded and passed.  
The ballots were given to the Grand Secretary Monte Bollar to be destroyed.*

## Election of Pre-Paid Life Executive Council

### Requirements:

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*Three Master Masons who hold a Prepaid Life Membership in a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be nominated and elected by the delegates at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.*

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Bruce Wethered, Monte Bollar, explain duties of the Committee. Works with Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the Investment Committee to review investments and payouts of PPL dollars.

Nominations from the floor were: Randy L. Berg, Mark H. Smith, David A. Smith.

The vote was cast, and the following were elected to serve on the Executive Council Board.

All accepted the position.

Randy L. Berg, Ionic Lodge #82

Mark H. Smith, Meridian Lodge #47

David A. Smith, Placer Lodge #3

## Lodge Status update

### Status of Cataldo Lodge No. 34 by B. Calvin Soul

Calvin Soul gave an update on the lodges in District 9 and the circumstances behind the late Annual Report for Cataldo Lodge No. 34. The brothers in District 9 are working with Cataldo Lodge No. 34 to bring the lodge back up to working status. Due to Covid and membership issues they are working to get Cataldo 34 active again.

Calvin Soul made a motion to Waive the Late Fee's on Cataldo Lodge No. 34 Annual Report given the reasons stated.

Motion was seconded and passed. – "Cataldo Lodge No. 34 Late Fee's will be Waived for the 2021 Annual Report."

### Lakeside Lodge No. 42 late check by Monte Bollar

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Monte B. Bollar gave the explanation why Lakeside Lodge No. 42 did not get the Annual Assessment in on time. It appears that the check was written on time but was misplaced. Once the check was found the Grand Secretary was notified and the check was received and deposited

shortly thereafter. By order of the Grand Master Russ w. Smith no late fees were charged Lake Side Lodge No. 42.

## Presentations:

### Ritualist pin.

R.:W.: Grand Lecture Dan Siddall, Presented a Pete Cargill Ritualist pin to Justin Boyer and had his father pin it on Justin.

### Announcements

District meeting Cancelled

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Soda Springs for Caribou Lodge No. 84, Grand Lodge Officers will be doing a rededication ceremony.

Pictures will be a 3:00 p.m.

Installation of the 2022-2023 officers will be at 4:00 p.m.

## Break for lunch Friday

### Call from Labor to Refreshment

(Ritual – Call off through the South)

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#### Prayer for Lunch

Rev. Edgar R. Simmons, W.: Grand Chaplain

*“Supreme Grand Master, we thank you for the meal we are about to enjoy. May it strengthen us for the work we strive to do. Amen”*

#### Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)

Daniel W. Drefs, W.: Grand Marshal

*“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I Proclaim the 155th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho from Labor to Refreshment for the period of one Hour or until the sound of the Gavel in the East or (1:00p.m.)”.*

Friday, September 16, 2022 (Afternoon Session)

**Grand Lodge Officers will start in place.**

**Welcome to Friday Afternoon Session by**

David G.N. Stonhill, Worshipful Master of Grove City No. 33

*“Gentlemen, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Friday afternoon Session of the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho*

*Brother Marshal, you will present the Most Worshipful Grand Master.*

*It is our pleasure to introduce Brother Russ W. Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho.*

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*“It is my pleasure to introduce David G.N. Stonhill, Worshipful Master of Grove City No. 33”*

**Call from Refreshment to Labor (Ritual)**

**Friday Afternoon Session Prayer**

**Rev. Edgar R. Simmons, W.: Grand Chaplain**

*“Great Architect of the Universe, we would reverently invoke thy blessing at this time. Wilt thou be pleased to grant that this meeting, thus begun in order, may be concluded in peace and closed in harmony. Amen”*

**Proclamation (Call to Order)**

**Daniel W. Drefs, W.: Grand Marshal**

*“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim the 155th Annual Communication called from Refreshment to Labor.”*

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*“Are there any Distinguished Guests (Not previously introduced)?”*



## Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions:

### Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith

*"I would invite Thomas G. Needham, representing , M.:W.: Grand Master Mathew J. Ramey, of Wyoming to come up and speak at this time."*

### Thomas G. Needham, representing, Mathew J. Ramey, M.:W.: Grand Master of Wyoming

We bring you Fraternal Greetings from Wyoming. I want to Echo everything that the others have been saying. We are continuing to Leverage information, encourage to talk freely about freemasonry and recreate and identify information, and stressing Quality not Quantity. Thank you for all the courtesy extended to us.

## Results of the Resolutions of the 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Communications;

#1 **Section 401** Section Name: **Standing Committees** (Adds) For the committees on Jurisprudence, Appeals and Grievances, and Accounts and Finances the three principal members of the committee shall be Past Grand Masters (PGM) of Idaho. One PGM shall serve as chairman each year. (Revised Sept. 2022)"

#1 **Failed**

#2 **Withdrawn**

#3 **Regulation 38** Written Esoteric Work (Remove) " and any Past Grand Master requesting a copy."

#3 **Failed.**

#4 **Section 1411** Section Name Plural Membership, Assessment (Adds and Deletes) Makes it so a plural member's Grand Lodge Per Capita is only paid by his home Lodge.

#4 **Failed**

#5 **Section 1104** Section Name Returns, Monthly and Annual (Adds and Deletes) Changes the Annual Returns report range from Jan 1 – 15 to Jan. 1 – 31.

#5 **Passed.**

### Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith

"Brother Randy King, would you present the Low Twelve Fund Report."

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Idaho

**Re: Low 12 Fund Report**

The records have been gone through and an accounting spreadsheet has been created electronically for each member. At the start of this Grand Lodge there were 75 members accounted for. The membership roster has been compared against the Necrology Report presented by the Worshipful Grand Chaplain. It has been determined that four members have been reported deceased during the past year, leaving 71 active members. Payments will be distributed to the designated beneficiary of those members reported as deceased.

Statements will be updated and sent to each of the active members detailing their account balances and accounting for this assessment to be made. Members should expect to receive them about the end of September.

The fund is solvent with account balances of \$50,000+. If all the members of the fund were to pass away this date the disbursement would be \$37,500.

One of the items to be undertaken is to verify the membership roster against Grandview for current addresses and status of members.

Respectfully submitted, Randy King, Secretary

*"I move this report be accepted."*

*Motion was seconded and Passed.*

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*"Brother Randy King while you are up here would you give the report about selling the Grand Lodge Office at 219 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Boise, Idaho."*

GRAND LODGE OF IDAHO  
219 N 17<sup>th</sup> St, Boise Building Sale Report  
March 5, 2022

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master Russ Smith & RW Monte Bollar, Grand Secretary

The committee consists of Randy King, a banker; Jeremy Vaughn, an attorney; and Will Votaw, an appraiser.

We, your committee appointed to consider the possible sale of the current Grand Lodge of Idaho office located at 219 N 17th Street, Boise, ID and the possible relocation to the Westgate Masonic Center located at 1755 Westgate Drive, Boise, ID file the following report.

We hired Laurie Reynoldson & Grayson Stone with TOK Commercial to provide us with a BPO (Brokers Price Opinion). After evaluating the property and the market they determined the value to be \$877,000 for the 3,471 sq ft building and land. They did note using market data the potential range of values was \$765,000 to \$950,000.

They also provided us with a survey of possible lease rates in the area. The avg size comparison is similar to the size we are estimating for the Grand Lodge use. The average lease rate is \$15.98 sq ft with a low of \$13.00 and a high of \$18.00.

The committee sent the MTA a letter of discussion points in mid-February. With this information in hand, we had an in-person/zoom meeting with the Masonic Temple Association Board to ask and answer questions to make a recommendation.

We requested the MTA board have the head of each of the owner bodies respond back to my email (privacy concerns) if they wanted to have the Grand Lodge office in the building. They indicated yes in person, but none responded in the affirmative or negative privately by email.

We asked questions related to if we were an owner body and made the required investment in the MTA. If we do so, and later decide to leave the building, we do not get our investment back. Prior to the meeting there was discussion of a \$400,000 buy-in. At the meeting that was again brought up however, some of them thought the amount should be based upon a current appraisal at the time of buy-in and not based upon the initial purchase price. No concessions were being made on their part.

As an owner if there were assessments for unforeseen expenses or extra utility bills, we would be obligated to pay them. This would essentially mean that every member of the Grand Lodge would be assessed for the expense.

We asked what the lease rate would be as a tenant and were told they may be able to reduce it about \$0.50 sq ft to \$14.50 to start but it would be adjusted periodically. Again, no real concession. When questioned it was noted it would include utilities, but we could be assessed at year-end if there was a large usage. We would not be on our own meter or possibly have our own thermostat controls. We asked about who would pay for the tenant improvements necessary to remodel the space prior to occupancy. They indicated there would be some allowance considered but the final lease rate would be dependent upon the remodel expense they paid.

We asked about space size as they were initially saying we would be in the Lodge area, and they were allocating about 1,200 sq ft. We informed them we would need 2,500-2,700 sq ft of space and required that it not be in the traffic way. We wanted to have a separate space and not necessarily be the host for the building space. After discussing this they did acknowledge they could make the space available but at this time it was leased to someone else.

There was a discussion about when space could be available should we desire to move forward. At this time, they have not hired an architect to draft the plans, have not gone to the City for the permits and have not hired a contractor to do the work. It sounded as though the earliest the owner bodies could occupy space would be the fall of 2022, but it may be later than that. It is known some of the bodies are finding they can no longer use the old building on 10th & Bannock and are being allowed to use the Scottish Rite Building for their ceremonies and meetings. I believe it was stated that the owner bodies could use the old building for 2 years at no cost. This does not appear to be the case.

Recommendations:

Based upon the conversations had it is our recommendation that the Grand Lodge keep its' office as is at the 219 N 17th Street location for several reasons:

1. Our expenses for operating the office are known.
2. There will be hidden expenses downsizing the office and moving which could amount to several thousands of dollars.
3. There is no apparent special consideration by the MTA to have Grand Lodge office there. They want a masonic center but appear to be more concerned about rental incomes than about creating a center.
4. Investing in the Center as an owner body would create several issues, the least of which is we could never get our investment back and there is no guarantee the Center would ever turn a profit to pay a dividend. Right now they have a large debt to be repaid.
5. There does not seem to be any concern on the part of the MTA to get the building remodel completed and the bodies moved out there.
6. We do not foresee at this time that there will be a significant drop in real estate values in the vicinity of the current office. Based upon the development in the area of the office we do not anticipate that real estate values will diminish over time.
7. Purchasing a building somewhere else is out of the question. While we could expect a good price selling there are no bargains to be had in purchasing. We have a good idea of the condition of the current building and purchasing a different one becomes an unknown.

We also recommend consideration be given to completing some work on the current building, such as carpet replacement and painting, interior and exterior. I am not aware of anything being done to the interior for at least 15+ years. This would certainly freshen the appearance of the building.

Randy King  
Jeremy Vaughn  
Will Votaw

*"I move this report be accepted."*

Motion was seconded and Passed.

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*“Any further reports?”*

Brother John Warner approached the podium

Convention Arrangements

John Warner

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To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Idaho

This is the report of the Arrangement Committee.

First, I want to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Russ Smith and the Grand Lodge Officers for allowing Portneuf Lodge 18 in hosting the 155 annual Communication here in Smoky Pocatello Idaho.

We have enjoyed everyone’s company but have a request that when you head home take some smoke with you.

I want to thank all the ladies who shared their husbands with us for the weekend.

I want to thank all the brethren from Portneuf Lodge and the Pocatello Scottish Rite bodies for assisting in setting up and providing the equipment.

I would like to thank Chalane Whitmer and Brooke Bowser from the Red Lion for their excellent assistance and being there to help whenever something was needed,

During our stay, the following is reported:

- Room Nights 178
- Grand Master Banquet 95
- Thursday joint men’s and Ladies Lunch 89
- Friday Men’s and ladies’ lunch 70
- Friday Ladies Lunch 36
- Friday all masonic Banquet 156.

“I move that the arrangement committee report be received.”

Motion was seconded and passed

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ W. Smith**

*“Are there any outstanding report?”*

Brother Harold E. Bloom approached the podium and gave the Fraternal Relations report.

**Fraternal Relations 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication**

1. Recognition was requested of Centenary Grand Lodge of F&AM of Nuevo Leon. This Grand Jurisdiction has met all the requirements required by this Grand jurisdiction and is recognized by other known bodies of good repute and recognized by this Grand jurisdiction. Your committee has investigated the background, Masonic history, and practices. We recommend recognition.
2. Recognition was requested of the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria. This Grand Jurisdiction has met all the requirements required by this Grand jurisdiction and is recognized by other known bodies of good repute and recognized by this Grand jurisdiction. Your committee has investigated the background, Masonic history, and practices. We recommend recognition.
3. Recognition was requested from Grand Lodge AF&AM in Bulgaria. This Grand Jurisdiction has met all the requirements required by this Grand jurisdiction and is recognized by other known bodies of good repute and recognized by this Grand jurisdiction. Your committee has investigated the background, Masonic history, and practices. As relations, jurisdictional lines and the three Grand Lodges of Bulgaria have come to mutual recognition agreement, we recommend recognition.

**Foreign Correspondence**

To the Grand Officers, General Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Idaho and the York Rite Bodies of Idaho:

“One dramatic and overwhelming important event of recent date commands the attention of the Masonic world to the exclusion of almost every other subject, and that is, the fate of all Grand Lodges and Masons in those unfortunate countries which have been overcome by wicked, barbarous and cruel force. Peaceable nations, guilty of no offense, have been wantonly attacked, their farms and cities ravaged, their governments destroyed, and their institutions crushed out of existence, their helpless men, women and children mercilessly machine-gunned while fleeing from destruction; all to gratify the malevolent hate and wicked ambition of a cruel and conscienceless dictator. Language fails to express the horror of decent people for such barbarous acts. The dictators, self-styled leaders, who are responsible for these atrocities, will merit and receive the condemnation of present generations and posterity. Amongst this havoc, destruction and deification of the most diabolical passions of the human soul, Freemasonry was among the first of the good and desirable things to suffer complete suppression at the hands of the dictators; Masonic property and the property of Masons were confiscated; Masons were exiled, and many were executed for no offense except that they were Masons. These atrocities combined constitute the unparalleled crime, not of this century alone, but of all the centuries of modern times.” (Past Grand Master, Elmer E. Beach, Correspondent of Illinois, 1941 Idaho Grand Lodge Proceedings, page 110)

Companions, this was published in the 1941 Idaho Grand Lodge Proceedings. Does any of this sound familiar? This is exactly, what is happening in the Ukraine. However, I have not heard of Masons being singled out. Under the ruthless dictatorship of Putin, the Russian military are conducting a scorched earth campaign in the Ukraine. They are mercilessly targeting civilians, women and children. Launching missile attacks on hospitals, schools and crowded railway stations. Moving from house to house, they are executing all men under 50. This is the worst humanitarian crisis of my

lifetime. Putin is now threatening Finland and Sweden if they join NATO. Under the Grand Lodge of Ukraine, there are 18 Lodges with 349 members. Where are they now?

An ongoing refugee crisis began in Europe in late February 2022 after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Nearly 4.7 million refugees have since left Ukraine, while an estimated 7.1 million people have been displaced within the country. In total, more than ten million people – approximately one-quarter of the country's total population – had left their homes in Ukraine by 20 March. 90% of Ukrainian refugees are women and children. (Wikipedia)

I offer this simple prayer: Lord, I pray for an end to Russia's aggression, please watch over the people of Ukraine and protect them from harm. Protect us from the dark forces of evil that are attempting to overthrow democracy around the world and in the United States. Amen.

Bruce A Wethered  
Most Illustrious Grand Master

Presented by Howie Bloom  
*"I move this report be accepted."*

Motion was seconded and passed.

Brother Justin L. Boyer approached the podium and gave the Masonic Research & Education report.

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[Justin L. Boyer](#)

### **2022 Masonic Research and Education Committee Report**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF & AM of Idaho

Brethren:

We, your committee on Masonic Research & Education, submit the following report of activities for 2022.

The following topics were shared in the Grand Lodge Newsletter over the course of the past 12 months. We are listing these here for those who might have missed seeing them in the Newsletter. If you have not seen these, take a moment to go back and read through them. There is a wealth of topics at the links shared for you to use in your Lodges for education discussions.

- Landmarks of Freemasonry shared by R.: W.: Brother Sherm Burger
- 2021 Security Briefing was held via Zoom. This was an educational session regarding how to protect yourself, your family and your lodge personal information and how to avoid being a victim of data theft.
- Using [gwmemorial.org](http://gwmemorial.org) and the "Learn" link to locate and review historical Grand Lodge Proceedings from Idaho and other Grand Jurisdictions - shared by R.: W.: Brother Sherm Burger
- Jachin and Boaz Revisited shared by R.: W.: Brother Gary La Bruyere

- The Masonic Family Civility Project and tools available at [www.masoniccivility.org](http://www.masoniccivility.org) that can be used to help restore civility in our government, communities, workplace, schools and Masonic Lodges. - shared by R.: W.: Brother Gary La Bruyere.
- Our “Secret” Society by R.: W.: Brother Rick Holloway
- The Masonic Slipper shared by M.: W.: Brother Russ Smith
- Information about the Masonic Renewal Committee and the resources available for Education Topics that can be found at <https://www.masonicrenewal.org/engage-conference/>.
- Strategic Planning shared by R.: W.: Brother Gary La Bruyere
- R.: W.: Brother Gary La Bruyere shared the following list of topics discussed at the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference. The presentations, included media, will be available on the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference website [www.rmmc-afam.org](http://www.rmmc-afam.org).
  - New Mexico – New Membership is not the Problem.
  - Colorado – The Culture of your lodge.
  - Arizona – The Power of Fraternal Bonds.
  - Idaho – How Leadership Can Make or Break a Lodge.
  - Wyoming – The Three M’s of Masonry.
  - Montana - Public Schools and Freemasonry

We continue to promote and encourage Brothers to become involved with the Idaho Lodge of Research. If you have a member who loves history and researching Masonic topics, the Idaho Lodge of Research is a place for them to put those skills to use.

Worshipful Brother Justin Boyer held a Deacons Training course in the early Spring with mixed interest. From this session, it was identified that there are jobs that the Deacons do that are not documented or spelled out. The overall outcome is that there are “Lodge Traditions” in what the Deacons do, and we encourage the Lodges to spend some time preparing and training them on those prior to installing newer Brothers into those roles.

The Committee moves that this report be received and placed in the proceedings of this Annual Communication.

Respectfully submitted:

Justin Boyer, Chairman  
 Terry Adsitt, Member  
 Dustin Hatfield, Member  
 Barry Newell, Member

*“I move this report be accepted.”*

Motion was seconded and passed.

RW Grand Senior Warden Gary A.S. LaBruyere gave the Examination of Visitors Report.



*“All members present are entitled to seats in this meeting.”*

**Invitation to the 156th Annual Communication**

Time and Place for the 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication:

**Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho**

September 21, 22, 23, 2023

**Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtowner**

1800 Fairview Ave,

Boise, ID 83702

208-344-7691

Brother N. Randall “Randy” King approached the podium and presented the proposed budget for 2023.

**“Proposed Budget for 2023” Attached.**

This budget has been prepared and reviewed by the Grand Lodge Officers, Accounts and Finance Committee, the Investment Committee and now presented to the Brethren for Adoption or Rejection (Yes or No) at the 155th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Idaho at Pocatello, Idaho

It was Sent to the lodges for review on April 25 to be in the hands of the lodges by the May meeting.

There was a meeting set up at this Annual Communication on Wed. Sept 14 at 2:00 pm to Discuss 2023 Budget in Syringa room. The Syringa Room was opened for the Brothers to come in and ask questions about the proposed 2023 Budget. The Accounts and Finance Committee was there to answer any questions, only 1 or 2 brothers came to discuss the budget. Attached is the letter from Sherman Burger about the proposed budget to remind you of what was in the Proposed Budget packet sent out.

Brethren, enclosed with this mailing from the Grand Lodge office is the proposed budget for calendar year 2023. Unfortunately it is time to raise the per-capita amount on which the Grand Lodge assessment of the Idaho Lodges is based. An increase was indicated last year in order to balance the budget, however due to the effects on our Lodges of COVID-19, a carryover of unspent budgeted funds from the prior year was used to balance the budget and the per-capita amount was not raised. I would like to offer the following explanation for the increase proposed this year.

I’ll start with an explanation of how the Grand Lodge assessment works. The Grand Lodge is provided the authority to assess its constituent Lodges for funds needed for its operations in Article V of the Grand Lodge Constitution. Article V also grants the authority for the Grand Lodge to assess individual members residing in Idaho for the purpose of charity. I cannot recall the last time an assessment was made on the membership for charity. Historically the Grand Lodge has only used its authority to assess Lodges, although there are funds expended for charity in the annual budget.

Article VI of the By-Laws provide the finance and revenue provisions for the Grand Lodge. Section 601 paragraph 2 provides that the levies on the Lodges (also known as the annual assessment) will be equal and uniform among the Lodges **based on their membership**. Section 1402 excludes 50-year members from this count. Section 601 requires the calculation of a per-capita amount to compute the levy on each Idaho Lodge. **This is not an assessment on the individual members, it is how the assessment on the Lodge is computed.** Amendments proposed to change the formula have been presented in past years and have been rejected by the brethren. Each Lodge has to determine how it will raise the funds to pay the assessment. Most use dues, however, some have investments, fund raisers, or rely on donations from their membership to pay the assessment.

In 2010 the membership count for determining the per-capita amount was 3,298 and the per-capita amount was \$35. During the 2010 session, the brethren increased in the per-capita amount to \$45, where it stayed until the 2016 session. By then the membership count for assessment had dropped to 1,943 and the brethren raised the per-capita amount to \$60 where it has been until this year’s proposal. The large increases have been to keep us from having to increase the per-capita amount each year. At the Grand Lodge planning meeting in Pocatello this March, the officers, DDGM’s and Committee members present agreed that we should continue this approach. For the 2023 budget the membership count for the per-capita amount will be 1,888 and the per-capita amount is proposed to be \$80.

In addition to the assessment, income from investments also fund Grand Lodge operations. While it is hoped that in the next decade our investments will increase to the point that the income will completely fund Grand Lodge, if we take too much from investments today, it delays the achievement of that goal. Coupled with a market forecast of reduced profits this year, we have reduced the amount that we are requesting from investment income for 2023 by almost \$6.75 per member.

We try hard to spend only what needs to be spent. Unfortunately costs keep rising. The costs of operating the Grand Lodge are not driven by the number of members. As an accountant I could spend several paragraphs describing what the “cost drivers” are for the Grand Lodge, but most likely only the Accountants in your Lodges would be interested in such a discussion, so I will omit it.

Included in this year’s budget are four items of note. The first is a 3% increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary and clerk. We have all taken an obligation to treat our brothers fairly, and it is not fair to expect someone to serve as Grand Secretary without paying a fair salary. **If there is a brother who meets the requirements in our laws to be Grand Secretary, who would be willing to serve for free or at a substantially reduced salary, please make yourself known.** Otherwise we must continue to pay a Grand Secretary.

The current economy has put significant pressure on wages in the state and particularly the Boise valley. A high school student going to work for McDonalds now earns \$14 or more per hour. Based on a strict 40 hour work week, what we propose to pay our Grand Secretary is approximately 50% more than what a “burger flipper” makes. Our Grand Secretary often works nights and weekends to provide support for zoom meetings or attend other meetings. He easily works more than 40 hours many weeks.

The second increase is for the training of a replacement Grand Secretary. Brother Monte has expressed a desire to retire sometime in the next couple of years, although he has not determined an exact date at which this will happen. Once this date is determined, it will be necessary to train a replacement. We will not spend this money until Br. Monte has determined when he will retire. Again, it is not fair to a brother, or within our obligations, to require someone to train for this job without compensating him for his time, unless someone wants to volunteer to do it for free. If you are such a volunteer, please make yourself known to the Grand Secretary. These two items result in a per-capita increase of \$4.50.

The third increase is a line item to fund the Grand Lodge Session. Currently the sessions are funded by means of a registration fee, meaning that only those who attend pay the bill for the annual session where our business is conducted. Moving this expense to the Grand Lodge Budget shifts the expense of the annual communication (other than meals and lodging) to the Lodges and takes it off of the back of those attending Grand Lodge. The purpose is to remove the Grand Lodge registration fee starting with the 2023 communication. This amount is budgeted at \$1.50 per member.

Lastly there is a line item for the Grand Master’s program. The actual amount spent each year would depend on the wishes of the Grand Master, but presently any costs for programs like the “Plus One” program started by PGM Zimmerman must be funded by other line items in the budget, or out of the Grand Master’s pocket. This amount is budgeted at \$2.00 per member.

Money not spent out of the budget will remain in the investment accounts to help provide for the future of the Grand Lodge. While we recognize that this increase hurts, declining membership, and increasing costs have caused this result. Hopefully this will be the last or second to last increase until investments fund the majority of Grand Lodge operations.

Fraternaly,  
H. Sherman Burger, III  
Deputy Grand Master

Randy King, I move this budget be adopted.

Motion was seconded. The vote was taken, and the results were 68 in favor and 66 opposed.

M.:W.: Grand Master questioned the chairman of Jurisprudence. Does this require a simple majority or a 2 thirds Majority. Brother Joe Alexander replied a 2 thirds majority.

M.:W.: Grand Master Russ W. Smith declared the budget "Failed"

Multiple brothers disputed that the Budget only had to pass by a simple majority. RW Deputy Grand Master H. Sherman Burger III sent this to the complete Jurisprudence Committee for resolution. The results of the committee were as follows:

## Question to Jurisprudence Committee to review the vote on the Proposed 2023 Budget.

September 28, 2022  
Sherman Burger  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Idaho

Dear Grand Master Sherm:

You asked your Jurisprudence Committee to review the vote on the 2022-2023 Budget.

The question asked: Is the 2022-2023 Budget considered a "proposal" requiring 2/3 majority vote to pass or is a simple majority vote sufficient to pass? Although sometimes in the past a 2/3 majority vote has been required, the 2022-2023 Budget required only a simple majority to pass.

Code Section 701 discusses proposals and resolutions appropriating or expenditure of Grand Lodge funds, and states that the proposal or resolution cannot be put up for final passage until reviewed and approved by the Accounts and Finances Committee. There are no sections that describe the budgeting and appropriation process for Grand Lodge. There is a section that talks about A&F approving non-budgeted expenses, but that is it.

Code Section 3401 provides that there is needed a 2/3 majority for amending by-laws and resolutions, and a simple majority needed for amending regulations. The motion to approve the budget was not a motion to amend a by-law section or a regulation. Thus Section 3401 does not apply to the adoption of the 2022-2023 Budget.

All committee reports are approved, received, or adopted by a majority vote of Grand Lodge either by custom or Roberts Rules of Order. The proposed budget was voted upon as a motion to approve the report of the Accounts and Finances Committee.

The 2022-2023 Budget came to the floor as a motion and passed 68 for with 66 against. Passing the budget does not change a by-law or a regulation. It is simply a motion to approve or disapprove, and it only requires a simple majority.

Fraternally,

James C Herndon – Chairman Jurisprudence Committee

John Warner – Member Jurisprudence Committee

Michael Royce – Member Jurisprudence Committee

Thus M.:W.: Grand Master H. Sherman Burger III declared the Budget **passed and the percapita amount is \$80.00**. The Brother of this Jurisdiction was sent a notification thru the Grand Secretary's office

### Comment by now PGM Russ W. Smith.

*I support this action. If we would have had the correct information at the time, I would have declared the budget as being passed, even though it was close, the Brothers, by majority, voted to pass the budget. Grand Master Sherm informed me of this information from the Jurisprudence committee and that he was going to declare the budget as being passed. I appreciated him giving me the heads up, but if the budget passed, it passed, and I support him and appreciate him correcting my uniformed mistake. Thanks Sherm.*

## Friday, September 16, 2022 (Close 155th Annual Communication)

Close Grand Lodge

(Ritual)

### Closing Prayer

Rev. Edgar R. Simmons, W.: Grand Chaplain

*“Supreme Grand Master, as we prepare for the installation of the new Grand Lodge Officers, we pray a special blessing on those who will lead the Grand Lodge this next year. May they look to you for guidance and wisdom. Amen”*

### Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)

Daniel W. Drefs, W.: Grand Marshal

*“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I Proclaim the 155th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho duly closed.”*

## Public Installation for 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers

The following installing officers proceeded to conduct the Open Installation of the Grand Lodge Officers.

### Installing Officers

Keith C. Brooks, PGM

Installing Grand Master

David E. “Skip” Owen Jr., PGM

Installing Marshal

Jay A. Leonard, PGM

Asst. Installing Marshal

James C. "Jim" Herndon, PGM  
Steven O. Zimmerman, PGM  
Royce. Arlen Marshall "Arlen"

Installing Secretary  
Installing Chaplain  
Installing Musician

### **Presentation of 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers**

Installing Secretary,

James C. Herndon, PGM

### **Grand Lodge Officers for 2022-2023**

H. Sherman Burger III	Grand Master
Gary A. S. Labruyere	Deputy Grand Master
Rick L. Holloway	Senior Grand Warden
N. Randall King "Randy"	Junior Grand Warden
Bruce A. Wethered	Grand Treasurer
Monte B. Bollar	Grand Secretary
Daniel D. Siddall	Grand Lecturer
Clifford R. Kramer	Senior Grand Deacon
Daniel W. Drefs	Junior Grand Deacon
Eric W. Coryell	Grand Marshall
Levi D. Billman	Senior Grand Steward
Harold E. Bloom "Howie"	Junior Grand Steward
David Stonhill	Grand Sword Bearer
Justin L. Boyer	Grand Pursuivant
J. Sherwin Wilson	Grand Organist
Danny R. Lavine	Grand Chaplain
Jeremy C. Vaughn	Grand Orator
James T. Hansen "Jimmy"	Grand Historian
Todd Millican	Grand Tyler

### **Installation**

2022-2023 District Deputy Grand Masters

### **District Deputy Grand Masters**

Walter L. Hamby	First District
William Scott Young "Scott"	Second District
Darren W. Taber	Third District
John Boyer	Fourth District
Michael A. Kish "Mike"	Fifth District

Christopher A. Duke “Chris”	Sixth District
Daniel W. Jennings “Dan”	Seventh District
Randy L. Berg	Eighth District
Charles K. Ford “Charlie”	Ninth District
Nathaniel S. Bendel “Nathan”	Tenth District

**Introductions of Family and Visitors**

Grand Lodge Officers

**Remarks**

Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

**Closing Remarks**

Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

**Proclamation of Installation:**

Installing Grand Marshal

Skip Owen PGM

*“I Proclaim the 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers to be duly installed.”*

## Friday September 16, 2022 (General Membership Banquet),

### General Membership Banquet

6:00 p.m.

No Host Social Hour  
Indoor Patio

7:00 p.m.

Grand Lodge Banquet  
Bannock/Bonneville

## Introductions Heads of Concordant Appendant Bodies

Introductions by Randy King, W.: Sr. Grand Deacon  
(Assisted by Grand Stewards)

### **Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of Eastern Star**

*Worthy Grand Matron*

Robbie Lemarr

### **Grand Court of Idaho, Order of Amaranth**

*Grand Royal Matron*

Stafanie Kazyaka

*Grand Royal Patron*

Bill Cook

## Introduction of Adult Leaders of Youth Groups

### **Job's Daughters International, Grand Council of Idaho**

*Grand Guardian*

*Eve Knudtsen*

*Associate Grand Guardian*

*Russ W. Smith*

### **International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Washington/Idaho**

*Grand Deputy, Snake River*

*Anna Votaw*

### **International Order of DeMolay**

*Executive Officer*

*Chad Smith*

## Introduction of Youth Leaders

### **Job's Daughters International, Grand Bethel of Idaho**

*Grand Bethel Honored Queen*

*Tayley Jennings*

*Miss Idaho Job's Daughter*

*Cali Iacolucci*

*Jr. Miss Idaho Jobs Daughter*

*Bryley Jennings*

### **International Order of DeMolay**

*Idaho State Master Councilor*

*William Tolman*

### **International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Washington/Idaho**

*Worthy Grand Advisor, Washington / Idaho*

*Kate French*

## Program

### Youth Leaders Speeches

Rainbow, Grand Worthy Advisor

Kate French

Grand Bethel Honored Queen

Tayley Jennings

Miss Idaho Jobs Daughters

Cali Iacolucci

Jr. Miss Idaho Jobs Daughter

Bryley Jennings

Idaho State Master Councilor

William Tolman

## Miss Idaho Jobs Daughters Cali Iacolucci Speech



Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sherm; Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, Russ; distinguished guests; Masonic family; and friends. It is always an honor to attend a grand lodge. My name is Cali Iacolucci, and it is my great pleasure to represent Job's Daughters this evening.

Some of you may remember me from a few years ago where I said that I've always wanted to be a mason. That statement still rings true today, but in a slightly different way. I am so grateful to have met all of the masons I have had in my life. This room is filled with masons, masons that embody the idea of brotherhood inside the lodge and out. You are fathers, teachers, role models, brothers, and friends to all; and all of those to me. For that, I will always look up to you. When I say that I want to be a mason, I am referring to the amazing people you are. I strive every day to be as kind, tolerant, patient, and selfless as all of you.

I owe much of my life to masons. Without you, Ethel T. Wead Mick would not have founded Job's Daughters in 1920, and I wouldn't be involved in one of the best parts of my life today. I wouldn't have amazing relationships with people all over the world, or a huge bonding experience with my family, or the amazing opportunity to travel across the state to see you today. Summed up perfectly by Dean Winchester in the show Supernatural: "There ain't no me if there ain't no you." I hope that all of you love your organization with all your heart, just as I love mine.

Youth today need positive mentors. Today I see several of your brothers, and my dear friends, who are largely involved with Idaho Masonic youth organizations, and they can vouch for how much our youth groups appreciate them, their time, and their dedication to our organizations.

I encourage those of you who have not attended a meeting of your local bethel, chapter, or assembly to please do so. You can change the lives of others, and I can guarantee we will change yours.

I am so very excited for all of those who have been installed this weekend, and I wish you a fantastic term.

## Grand Orator Oration    Danny R LaVine, W. : Grand Orator

Good Evening,

Thank you all very much for giving me a few moments of your time tonight and thank you Grand Master Russ for the incredible honor of being the Grand Orator for your year in the East!

You accomplished an awful lot this year in Idaho Freemasonry and in your travels near and far, and especially in reinforcing our connection to the Masonic youth programs through your wooden nickel campaign. Among the many things done, you generously presented me with the opportunity to write the dedication speech for the new Fire Station in Challis. It was a ceremony celebrating the growth of a beautiful little hamlet up in the hills of Central Idaho, one confirming Challis' earnest commitment to the safety and betterment of everyone in the community. That was an honor I'll get to cherish forever. Thank you, Grand Master Russ!

Wow, what a year we just had! In the twelve months since Grand Lodge last year we've definitely seen some changes in the way we all do things. We've seen the world slowly unfurling from the Covid 19 lockdown. We've seen masks come off and restaurants reopened. We've seen policies and procedures change, from the local level all the way up to a global one; and we've seen a return to Lodge and social activities many of us have been very much missing for a couple years.

Mostly though, what we've seen over the last two years is a lot of little adjustments; Small modifications in the way we go about our lives. ...Like, we all recognize the value of hand sanitizer now.

Back in 2019 I couldn't have given you a definition for the term "Social Distancing". Here we are three years later, and we still see the remnants of circles and arrows on the floors in the checkout lines, there to remind us all of a time when we all took the concept of distance very seriously.

We've all spent the last couple of years hunkering down, weathering this storm together. Though we've been able to keep most of our Masonic organizations intact, now that we have the potential to get back into the full swing of our Masonic activities, it'll be in those small changes in the world that we as Masons really get to show our stuff.

Minor adjustments are probably something we'll see for years to come. We seem to be back to a pretty good place now, but that can always change very quickly, and in any direction. There could be big developments coming, like the day we all looked around and saw clear plastic barriers everywhere separating us from the retail workers. There may just be little modifications like when we stopped passing the offering plate through the pews at church. But it's very likely in the course of these changes that we'll find ourselves in unfamiliar situations at some point. Scenarios where we may not always have a stock answer or a solution at the ready. This is where we default to kindness.

With businesses and restaurants reopening themselves to the public we're seeing people return to their in-person jobs with two years' worth of dust sitting atop their good customer service skills. We're seeing checkout lines 7 people deep because there's only one very plainly grumpy and overworked cashier available. We're seeing drivers back to their commute after two years of working from home; drivers whose common courtesy on the road may be a wee bit rusty.

As with anything we set our hands to as a Masonic Family, it's in those little changes we'll find the opportunities to shine the light of Masonry in the world around us. To lend our hands to God's Good Works as we've always done; to truly represent the Masonic tenet of Charity.

That Charity can come in the form of patience with the very young fast food worker who doesn't seem to understand their job function or how to count change back. Charity in the form of forgiveness for the impatient driver who cuts us off in traffic. Charity in the form kindness shown to someone struggling with a task most of us take for granted. That Charity represented in our willingness to simply endure a moment of discomfort as we weather those changes, knowing that those around us may see our fortitude in that moment and be bolstered by it.

...but the thing is, these changes that we're seeing aren't really new. They seem new to us now because we're comfortable with how things have been, but that's how change has always worked. Little changes here and there add up to whole new ways of life over time.

A hundred years ago we celebrated change in the form of the Suffrage Movement's success in putting women in the voting booths. That year we also endured the Prohibition of alcohol. Fifty years previous to that we experienced change in the form of the Reconstruction of the United States, and fifty years before that, back in the 1820's, writers of the world wildly rejoiced the invention of the typewriter, while the fountain pen makers at the time probably had a very different opinion about it. All of these were the result of little changes.

Throughout any changes we've been focusing upon, the little and the large, the recent and the ancient, it's the small kindnesses we show to those around us that truly capture the timeless nature of Masonic

Charity. Freemasonry itself existed before all of the changes that brought us to where we are today, and Masonry has endured through them all without changing itself much. I believe this is a testament to the goodness of what we're doing here.

Though the world around us will continue to change as it always has, Brotherly Love will not. Star love won't. Filial love and Jobie love won't. Masonic love won't. These commitments to kindness are beyond the scope of the here and now.

In embracing Freemasonry we've chosen a path of laboring toward the betterment of the world around us. The benchmark Freemasonry leaves on the pages of history is this, that through our charity and brotherly love we've endured all of it; and as we continue along this path, the kindness we show to others is now, and will always be, the way we as a Masonic Family will change the world as it evolves.

Again, thank you all very much for giving me a moment of your evening and thank you again Most Worshipful Grand Master Russ for the opportunity to give the Grand Oration this year. It was truly an honor!

Awards: Rick L. Holloway, R.:W.: Jr. Grand Warden

## District Mason of the Year Awards

Brothers who received the Mason of the District award this year are:

1	Doug Hammond
2	Bart Grover (33)
3	Red Donovan (21)
4	James Jourdan (30)
6	Trevor Thueson (47)
7	Brent Leatherman (37)
8	Dave Savage (17)
9	Greg Bosen (25)
10	Dan Parkin (42)

## Lodge of Excellence Awards

Lodges who received Lodge of Excellence are:

Lodge Name and Number	District
Mt McCaleb #64	1
Eagle Rock #19	2
Portneuf # 18	3
Caribou #84	3
Burley #68	4
Idaho #1	7
Boise #2	7
Placer #3	7
Oriental #60	7

Ionic #82	7
Capital City #93	7
Silver City #13	8
Ashlar #29	8
Mt Moriah #39	8
Meridian #47	8
Initial Point #98	8
Weiser #23	9
Washoe #28	9
Nez Perce #10	11
Paradise #17	11
Rathdrum #41	13
Lakeside #42	13

## Reports

### Grand Lodge Officers Reports

03, R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master

H. Sherman Burger, III

#### **Deputy Grand Master's Report**

At installation last September, Kaylyn Smith, the Grand Master's Wife, provided a Nerf pistol which I was supposed to use to keep MWGM Russ's speeches within a reasonable time frame. I put the pistol to good use and quickly. I attended the District Meetings the week after Grand Lodge, attending District 5 in Boise on September 20, 2021; District 4 / Fidelity Lodge 100 year celebration, September 21, District 6 in Meridian on September 23, and District 7 in Emmett on September 24. Russ's first speech was lengthy, but I didn't want to set a precedent of having Deputy Grand Masters providing incentive to keep a Grand Master's talk short, so the pistol wasn't used that night.

After that meeting though, it was time to start helping MWGM Russ and his speech. I'd cock the pistol at the nineteen minute mark and fire the projectile at the 20 minute mark. At the 21 minute mark, I'd reload and start again. Kaylyn was right, the pistol would work, and by the last district meeting I attended which was at Lemhi 11 in Salmon on October 13, the pistol was no longer needed. MWGM Russ's "roll over minutes" were no longer being used.

The next morning after the Lemhi 11 meeting, I visited Roy Jackson at his hat shop to get measured for a hat I planned on wearing in 11 months. It was an enjoyable morning visiting with Roy and learning that my hat size was a little larger than I thought. I am not going to attribute the increase in size to my years on the Grand Lodge line, I think the real reason was that I was wearing my hats too high on my head. Many thanks to Roy and Lemhi 11 for this tradition that I am glad is continuing.

I attended the Grand Court of Amaranth installation on October 2, with MWGM Russ. I also took the Worshipful Masters part for the funeral service for Mervin Sattler on October 16. Brother Merv was a 60 year past master of my Lodge, Mt. Moriah #39, having served as Master in 1961. He was a friend of my Dad's, my

Granddad's, as well as mine. He served in the Lodge officer line around the same time as my Dad, Merv's time on the line was ending about the time my Dad's started.

About this time COVID had started postponing events again. A foot surgery I had hoped to have near the end of September had already been postponed. The DeMolay honors night scheduled for October 23 was postponed, but I was able to attend my Grandson Gabe Kriek's initiation into DeMolay that day. He was part of a class that also included several local Masons who were initiated as Honorary DeMolay.

I attended the installation of officers for Treasure Valley DeMolay on October 31 and ended up being the Installing Senior Deacon. Nevada Grand Lodge was next on the schedule, being scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in Reno. My surgery was rescheduled for November 12, and not wanting to risk catching COVID and pushing the surgery further, I decided not to attend Nevada's Grand Lodge. I was sorry that I wasn't able to attend as the Grand Officers I know in Nevada are very cordial and I know that it would have been a good time.

On November 12, I had four toes on my left foot straightened, having suffered from "claw toe", or "hammer toe" most of my life. It was bad enough that I couldn't find a comfortable pair of dress shoes and my left foot would be quite painful in a couple of hours. My doctor told me that it would be a several month recovery and he was right. I was supposed to get out of the walking boot in six weeks. At the six week checkup, x-rays showed that I had broken one screw in my foot, and I ended up in the boot and on a scooter three more weeks. Finally I was able to get rid of the boot and go back to wearing regular shoes.

I attended PGM Harry Black's funeral services on November 20, 2021. Harry was quite the guy and a truly devoted Mason. He has been missed. On December 12 I installed the officers of Mt. Moriah Lodge #39; and RWGS Monte Bollar installed me as Treasurer of the Lodge at that time. On January 8, I attended the installation of officers for Snake River DeMolay, where my Grandson Gabe was installed into office and received the DeMolay of the Term award. There was one proud Grandpa in attendance.

Grand Lodge of Utah was February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, Utah and I was glad to be able to attend. MWGM Dan Lawes had attended our Grand Lodge in Coeur d'Alene. April and I were hosts for Dan and his wife. I was glad to finally be able to attend another out of state Grand Lodge, however there was one embarrassing moment. I had packed for the trip but didn't try on my dress shoes to see if they would fit before making the trip. As I went to put them on Friday morning, I found that my left foot was still too swollen from the surgery in November to wear the left shoe. So I was introduced on the floor of the Utah Grand Lodge wearing a pair of Merrill MOAB low hikers with my suit. I was not pleased with my available shoe choice, and at the first opportunity purchased a pair of dress shoes that would fit. I no longer need them, but they are saved for a year or so from now when I have the same problem with my right foot (which isn't quite as bad) fixed.

On February 19, 2022, I flew to Milwaukee Wisconsin for the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. It was a very good meeting (the one the year prior was held over Zoom), and I was glad to get to visit with the Grand Lodge officers of many other jurisdictions. The presentations and breakout sessions were also very informative. MWGM Russ, RWSGW Gary, and RWGS Monte were there along with Dave Grindle. RWGS Monte was installed as President of the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America at that meeting. I look forward to the events in Alexandria Virginia this coming February. Hopefully it will be a little warmer than Milwaukee was.

March 5, 2022, was the annual Exemplification at Portneuf Lodge and I was able to attend. I think that I have only missed two of these meetings since starting on the Grand Lodge Line. We had a Grand Lodge Officer's planning meeting that morning, then the degree in the afternoon. It was a great day for us all, and the Utah Grand Lodge Officers and other members that were able to attend.

March 17 through 20, 2022 I was in Albuquerque New Mexico for their Grand Lodge. PGM Steve Zimmerman represented MWGM Russ Smith for the Grand Lodge Meeting, and I represented MWGM Russ at the installation of MWGM Bill Pogue on that Saturday. MWGM Bill is a great guy, we sat at the same banquet table

at the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference meeting the year before and got to know each other. I told him the story of Idaho's Bill Pogue who MWGM Bill says is no relation. While in Albuquerque I was able to spend Saturday afternoon and evening with my niece Harley Westhart, her husband Thomas, and their baby daughter, Alana. Harley belongs to the Eastern Star in Albuquerque and Thomas belongs to a Lodge there as well. I was able to meet some of the brothers who coached Thomas through his work a few years ago, and they spoke quite highly of him.

On March 26, I represented MWGM Russ at the Daughters of the Nile installation in Boise. On March 31, it was back to Pocatello for DeMolay Conclave, where Jacob Marshall, (who had recently joined Capital City 93 and I was able to attend his installation) ended his term as State Master Councilor. William Tolman (grandson of PGM Steve Zimmerman) was installed as State Master Councilor. William's sister Samantha was also there as Grand Bethel Honored Queen. Had COVID not hit, Will, Samantha, and PGM Steve would have been in the east of their respective organizations at the same time.

February and March were busy months for me. I was away from home every other weekend for those two months. It was good training for the year to come. April 22 and 23 I represented MWGM Russ at the Idaho Grand York Rite in Boise. I greatly enjoyed the hospitality of our hard working York Rite Brothers. I had expected to speak at the Public Opening only. I was a bit surprised when I realized that I'd be speaking a total of five times over the two days. Luckily, I had enough stories that I could make each talk a little different.

April and May brought sad news to the Idaho Masonic family with the unexpected deaths of Vance Mason, Vice Associate Grand Guardian of Jobs Daughters in Idaho and Andrew Evenson, W. Sr. Grand Steward. I attended Vance's funeral on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Twin Falls. Vance and I served on the Grand Line for Job's Daughters at the same time. I also attended Andrew Evenson's funeral in Rathdrum on May 6. PGM Steve Zimmerman and SGD Randy King rode with me to the funeral making what would have been an otherwise sad drive much more enjoyable. It was nice to see almost every Grand Lodge officer at Andrew's funeral.

May 21, I attended the building dedication for the North Custer Rural Fire District in Challis. Grand Sword Bearer Howie Bloom and his soon to be Fiancée Maria accompanied me on the day long drive. June 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup> found me in Salem Oregon attending the Oregon Grand Lodge. I had met several of the Oregon Grand Officers last year at the Malheur Cave Meeting, and again at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. They are a great bunch, and the hospitality in Oregon was great.

I had hoped to attend the Washington Grand Lodge on June 10 – 12, but my vacation time was running short, and with moving day coming up, I had to skip another trip and get as much of the house packed as possible. Since I wasn't busy enough with Grand Lodge functions, my wife and I decided to buy a house in Boise and move. Moving day was June 17, but it was more like "moving month". I borrowed a 30' trailer from WM Mike Gallina of Mt. Moriah and hauled four loads to the new house, starting on June 16, and continuing through the next week. The 17<sup>th</sup> was the big day as the moving truck came and moved the "big stuff", their truck was packed full, and it took them a full 8 hours. Todd Millican, Past Master of Mt. Moriah and current SW also helped on the 17<sup>th</sup>, hauling a load in his trailer as well. Someday we'll be unpacked, and I'll be able to park in a garage again. That will happen just as soon as I figure out what stuff that got moved, that won't fit in the house, that I don't want to keep anymore.

I was able to attend Montana's Grand Lodge June 23 – 25 in Lewistown representing MWGM Russ (more on that later). Three weeks later, July 14 -16 we were back in Montana, Helena this time for Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference. Idaho was represented by our MWGM, RW DGM, RW SGW, RW GS, and W SGD. Randy King, W SGD made Idaho's presentation. This is a good conference where several ideas are discussed during the day and a half meeting. I was fortunate enough to ride with W SGD Randy King and RW GS Monte Bollar for this second Montana trip. Each way was about a 10 or 11 hour drive, so I'm not sure just how crazy I would have been with 40 hours of solo driving in a three week span. I was sure glad that Randy and Monte's schedule changed, and we were traveling on the same days.

MWGM Russ, also not being busy enough, accepted the office of Associate Grand Guardian of Idaho Job's Daughters in June, taking the place of Vance Mason who would have been elected. The requirements to be elected as Associate Grand Guardian made it necessary for a "Past Grand" to step in Vance's spot. Outgoing AGG Joe Alexander was not allowed by the by-laws to succeed himself, and with the CAV rules as they are, there were just a few Masons who could step into that spot. Russ volunteered. Job's Daughters Grand Session was the same time as the Montana Grand Lodge, and as great as Russ is, he has been unable to figure out how to be in two places at the same time and I was pleased to have represented him.

Between the two Montana Trips, on July 9, was the annual Silver City Homecoming, it is also the same weekend as Rainbow Grand Assembly in Yakima Washington. Russ had already decided to represent the Idaho Grand Lodge at Rainbow, and now he was there representing Job's Daughters as well. I represented MWGM Russ at the meeting in the historical Silver City Lodge Hall, and raised the candidate, and closed the Lodge as Acting Grand Master (since MWGM Russ was out of state, our code made me Acting Grand Master).

It was a great afternoon, I was accompanied on the trip by MW PGM Steve Zimmerman, W SGW Gary LaBruyere, and Glenn Heins from Mt. Moriah. The Silver City meeting is quite special to me as it was always one of our summer camping trips when I was in school. Dad and Granddad would attend the meeting, my brother and I would ride every motorcycle trail we could find. That meeting is always a special meeting for me. My Dad died at his home on the early morning of that meeting in 2008. I am comforted by the thought that he attended one last meeting in Silver City before entering that Celestial Lodge.

As I write this report, August finds me settling into our new house, and scheduling the Popcorn Crew for Bethel & Caldwell's rodeo concession stand and the booth crew for football games. The week after Rodeo, Mt. Moriah will start selling popcorn, kettle corn, and corn dogs at College of Idaho football games, the first game being August 27, the same day as the Malheur Cave meeting. I won't be able to make the Cave meeting as I did last year, but as I write this report, I hope to make the Challis Steak Fry on August 28. Hopefully Grand Lodge will find me only owning one house, and ready for a year of travel. I thank the Brethren for their confidence they showed in me by electing me Deputy Grand Master / Grand Master Elect. I hope that I am able to show that their confidence has not been misplaced.

Fraternally

H. Sherman Burger, III  
Deputy Grand Master.

### Report of the Senior Grand Warden

Gary Alexander Sullivan La Bruyere

For the 2021-2022 Masonic Year

To: Russ Smith Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Idaho, Officers, and Brethren; it was my privilege and honor to serve you this past year. Starting at the Grand Lodge 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication where I was elected and subsequently installed as your Senior Grand Warden.

I enjoyed working with the Brothers on the following committees this year; Accounts and Finance, Jurisprudence, and Trustees of Grand Lodge Relief Fund (Investment.) It has been a great opportunity to work with and learn so much from all the Brothers over the years working on the various Grand Lodge Committees. As Brother Sherm has communicated to all the Brethren, this is your Grand Lodge and your service on the various committees is very important and valued. Please consider accepting a request to serve your Grand Lodge when asked by one of the Grand Lodge Officers in the future. Brethren you are the future of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

The Fall District and Spring Communications were well attended and there was great fellowship had by all. The discussions and meals provided great joy and introspective thoughts. The travels, many Zoom meetings, and visitations exposes all to shared goals, hopes, vision, and concerns. Thank you, Brothers.

We hope you have enjoyed the articles that have be submitted by your Grand Lodge Officers. It is sometimes difficult to find inspiration, thought, or idea when it's your time to present one. We have received feedback that you are enjoying the articles and as the Great Architect permits, we will continue to strive to present these articles for your enjoyment.

Many exchanges of issues and solutions important to both the Local and Grand Lodges has occurred during and after our travels and visits. We are working to listen, learn, incorporate, and implement programs and solutions to problems we all encounter in our Fraternity and Lodges.

Membership, Education, preservation of buildings, and costs are prevailing concerns both in and without the jurisdiction of Idaho and present challenges to our Fraternity. I have learned so much from you Brothers. The greatest tool presented is that there is no silver bullet. Each Lodge and its community are unique. The great tool is to do something, that doing nothing will result in in no change or in the worst-case decline.

Planning, both short term and long range is needed to ensure we are still here a century from now. We are taught that the continued education in the liberal arts and sciences is necessary for the continued building of our temporal and spiritual temporal temple. Fiscal planning, budget, control, and prudent expenditures are necessary in business. Yes, we are a fraternal non-profit business, and we need to implement our budget and fiscal planning and strategy as such.

I will not list all attendance at Masonic Events but will provide a summary of my travels.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
09/15-17/2021	154th Grand Lodge
9/20/2021	Boise ID District 7
9/21/2021	Glens Ferry District 6
9/27/2021	Pocatello District 2&3
9/28/2021	Hailey District 5



9/29/2021	Twin Falls (Jerome) District 4
10/13/2021	Salmon District 1
10/15-16/2021	YRNW Boise Idaho
10/23/2021	Idaho DeMolay Boise ID
02/03-04/2022	Grand Lodge of Utah
02/19-23/2022	Conference of GMs Milwaukee/MN
02/24-26/2022	HRAKTP Louisville/KY
3/5/2022	Grand Lodge Planning/Portneuf Exemplification
03/31-04/02/2022	DeMolay Conclave Pocatello
4/5/2022	2nd District Spring Communication
04/21-23/2022	Grand York Rite Boise/ID
5/21/2022	Challis Fire District Building Dedication
6/9-11/2022	Grand Lodge of Washington
6/12/2022	OES Grand Chapter Moscow/ID
6/18/2022	HRAKTP Boise/ID
06/23-25/2022	Grand Lodge of Montana
7/9/2022	Grand Lodge Planning and Silver City Homecoming
07/14-17/2022	Rocky Mountain Conference Helena/MT
08/07-09/2022	Grand Lodge of Wyoming

I have enjoyed representing you this past year. I am humbled and honored for this courtesy.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted:

Gary Alexander Sullivan La Bruyere  
SGW Grand Lodge of Idaho A.F. & A.M. 2021-2022

05, R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden

Rick L. Holloway

### Report of the Junior Grand Warden

Idaho Grand Lodge  
September 2022

When I was appointed as Grand Pursuivant by MW John Warner in 2015, the ascent through the offices to Junior Grand Warden seemed so far into the future. Before I knew it, I was elected and installed as Junior Grand Warden in September 2021 after missing only part of a year during my journey through the offices by being advanced from Grand Marshal to Junior Grand Deacon in the same Masonic year. Each year in the line has brought me closer to the Brothers in this Grand jurisdiction and has grown my appreciation for the incredible dedication each Brother shows to this fraternity, each other, and his community.

The year was filled with several meetings and events, some of which are listed below. This list does not include all of the meetings I attended or the help I gave some lodges doing degree work, usually a lecture, for new members of our Fraternity or those advancing in the degrees. I will never tire of giving lectures and helping out Lodges in their degree work. I only hope the candidate enjoys the lecture and ritual work as much as we all like doing it for him.

Two significant events happened this year which substantially impacted the Idaho Grand Lodge and me personally. The first was the injury sustained by MWPGM Harry Black while getting ready to attend

the October 9 meeting of Silver City #13. Following a brief hospital stay, Br. Harry was admitted to Life Care of Boise for rehabilitation. I tried to get him admitted to the Idaho State Veterans Home, but we were in a severe COVID outbreak at the time and it was not safe for him to move. Visitation at Life Care was also restricted, but I was able to see Harry on October 28. He was in remarkably good spirits, and we laughed and reminisced about all the lectures we "tag-teamed" over the years. A short two weeks later, however, Br. Harry took a turn for the worse and I visited him for the last time on Saturday, November 13. He looked at me with tears in his eyes and said, "I'm sorry, Rick, for not being able to be there for you on your way to Grand Master." He laid down his working tools 12 hours later. Other than being installed as Worshipful Master of Oriental #60 in December 1997 (installed by Ron Scott), Br. Harry was Installing Master for my years as Master of Silver City in 2001, 2002, and 2014-2018. Every lecture I gave, or will give, from that point forward will ever be dedicated to the memory of this truly distinguished Mason.

The second was the abrupt loss of our friend and Brother, Andrew Evenson on April 25, 2022. Br. Andrew was a man who always had a smile on his face and a kind word on his lips. He lived and breathed Freemasonry in all he did and his ascension to the celestial lodge above left a gaping hole in the fabric of our Fraternity in north Idaho. His services on Friday, May 6 were very well attended by over 100 of his Brothers.

I had the distinct pleasure of representing MWGM Russ Smith at Arizona's Grand Lodge on June 2-4. On my arrival, I was informed that the Grand Lodge had upgraded my room to a very nice suite. It was a terrific opportunity to visit with our Brothers in the "Southern Branch, Idaho Grand Lodge" as I quipped to the Brethren there considering the many Idaho masons who call Arizona home for the winter months. I plan to return next year if RW Sherm is okay with that.

Fulfilling the request of MWGM Russ, I attended many meetings of the Job's Daughters during the year, most of which were meetings of Bethel 8 in Caldwell where I served as Associate Bethel Guardian. Each year, Bethel 8 has a booth at the Caldwell Night Rodeo, which is by far the biggest fundraiser for the Bethel. I make the hand dipped corn dogs sold at the rodeo each year, and this past summer was no exception.

Some of the meetings and events I attended during the year:

District meeting in Boise 9/20/21  
District meeting in Meridian 9/23/21  
District meeting in Payette 8/24/21  
District meeting in Hailey 9/28/21  
District meeting in Jerome 9/29/21  
Initial Pointe 3<sup>rd</sup> degree lecture and charge 10/21/21  
Scottish Rite Honors 10/23/21  
El Korah Shrine Ceremonial 11/6/21  
MWPGM Harry Black funeral services 11/20/21  
All Masonic Christmas Party-El Korah 12/5/21  
Silver City 13 installation of officers 12/11/21  
Installing Master for Meridian 47 12/18/21  
East-West Shrine Football-Las Vegas 2/4/22  
Honolulu Shrine Hospital visit (met with Hawaii Grand Master) 2/15/22  
Grand Lodge Planning Meeting-Pocatello 3/5/22  
Portneuf Lodge Exemplification-King Solomon 3/5/22  
Iras Temple No. 40 Daughters of the Nile installation 3/26/22  
Bethel 8 Official Visit 4/16/22  
Masonic Information Night-El Korah 4/19/22

Rathdrum Lodge-Andrew Evenson funeral services 5/6/22  
Building Dedication-Challis 5/21/22  
Grand Lodge of Arizona (met Arizona Grand Lodge, Utah Grand Master) 6/2-4/22  
Bethel 64 Official Visit 6/6/22  
Daughters of the Nile Supreme Session in Dallas (met Texas Grand Master) 6/8-17/22  
Idaho Job's Daughters Grand Session-cook for HIKE picnic 6/22/22  
Imperial Session-Shriners International-Minneapolis (met 14 of the 35 Grand Masters in attendance)  
7/3-6/22  
Silver City-Annual Homecoming-cook and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree lecture/charge 7/9/22  
Meridian 47-3<sup>rd</sup> degree lecture 8/2/22

I would like to thank MWGM Russ for his friendship and leadership of the Idaho Grand Lodge this past year. It truly has been a pleasure working with you and all of the Grand Lodge officers as we promote Masonry in Idaho.

Fraternally,

Rick L. Holloway  
Junior Grand Warden

# 2022 Budget vs. Actuals as of July 31, 2022

Notes:

## 2022 Budget VS Actuals

Budgeted Income		Actual	Total Budget	Remaining	Received
1350 Per Capita Tax (Deposit to General Fund)		\$ 112,895.36	\$ 116,460.00	\$3,564.64	96.94%
Taken from Investments		\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$75,000.00	0.00%
Total Income		\$ 112,895.36	\$ 191,460.00	\$78,564.64	58.97%
Budgeted Expenses			\$ 196,238.00	\$4,778.00	Difference
10001 Grand Master Budget		Actual	Budget	Remaining	Spent
1650 Grand Master Travel Expense		\$ 7,825.54	\$ 13,000.00	\$5,174.46	
1700 Grand Master Conference dues		\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$400.00	
1701 Grand Master Registration Fees		\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$300.00	
1750 Grand Master's Conference Travel		\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$0.00	
1990 Paid by Order of Grand Master		\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	(\$200.00)	
Total 10001 Grand Master Budget		\$ 9,725.54	\$ 15,400.00	\$5,674.46	63.15%
10002 Deputy Grand Masters Budget		Actual	Budget	Remaining	Spent
1651 Deputy Grand Master Expense		\$ 3,336.34	\$ 5,000.00	\$1,663.66	
1660 Deputy Grand Masters (Grand Master Apron and Case)		\$ 608.30	\$ 1,000.00	\$391.70	
1670 Deputy Grand Masters (Grand Masters Picture)		\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$400.00	
1751 Deputy Grand Master Conference Travel		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$0.00	
Total 10002 Deputy Grand Masters Budget		\$ 4,944.64	\$ 7,400.00	\$2,455.36	66.82%
10003 Elected Grand Lodge Officers Budget		Actual	Budget	Remaining	Spent
1652 Senior Grand Warden Expense		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
1653 Junior Grand Warden Expense		\$ 679.70	\$ 1,000.00	\$320.30	
1654 Senior Grand Deacon Expense		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
1710 District Deputy Grand Master (Travel/Expense)		\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	\$1,300.00	
1740 Grand Lecture Expense		\$ 1,246.12	\$ 2,000.00	\$753.88	
1770 Grand Secretary Travel/Expense		\$ 890.10	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,109.90	
1775 Grand Treasurer Travel/Expense		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
3561 Board of Relief Secretary Expense		\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$200.00	
Total 10003 Elected Grand Lodge Officers Budget		\$ 2,815.92	\$ 10,500.00	\$7,684.08	26.82%
10004 Committee Chairman Expense Budget		Actual	Budget	Remaining	Spent
1922 Research and Education Committee Expense		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Total 10004 Committee Chairman Expense Budget		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
10005 Conferences Budgets		Actual	Budget	Remaining	Spent
1720 Grand Secretary Conference Dues		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	
1760 Grand Secretary Conference Travel/Expense		\$ 1,373.98	\$ 2,000.00	\$626.02	
1780 Rocky Mountain Conference		\$ 1,601.40	\$ 2,500.00	\$898.60	
Total 10005 Conferences Budgets		\$ 2,975.38	\$ 4,650.00	\$1,674.62	63.99%
10006 Printing Budget		Actual	Budget	Remaining	Spent
1501 Printing Proceedings		\$ 2,077.60	\$ 1,800.00	(\$277.60)	
1520 Printing Masonic Directory		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	
1530 Purchase Pantograph (List of Lodges)		\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$1,250.00	
1540 Printing Miscellaneous		\$ 267.61	\$ 1,000.00	\$732.39	
1542 Printer Equipment Lease		\$ 3,903.84	\$ 5,600.00	\$1,696.16	
Total 10006 Printing Budget		\$ 6,249.05	\$ 9,800.00	\$3,550.95	63.77%
10007 Annual Communication Expenses etc.		Actual	Budget	Remaining	Spent
1790 New Officers Meeting (At Grand Lodge)		\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	
1800 Host Lodge reimbursement for Grand Lodge session		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
1810 Grand Lodge Registration (income)		\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	
1811 Grand Lodge Visitors Entertainment		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
1813 Grand Master Banquest/Guest Registration (Income)		\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	
1814 Mason of the Year/Awards/Lodge of Excellence		\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	

Total 10007 Annual Communication Expenses etc.		\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
<b>10008 Salaries/Retirement/Taxes</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Spent</b>
1550 Grand Secretary - Salary		\$ 25,666.62	\$ 44,000.00	\$18,333.38	
1590 Salary - Grand Lodge Clerk		\$ 8,341.62	\$ 14,300.00	\$5,958.38	
1600 Payroll Tax Expense		\$ 3,391.33	\$ 6,600.00	\$3,208.67	
1745 Grand Treasurer Salary		\$ 1,750.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$1,250.00	
1911 Grand Secretary Medical Supplemental Ins. Offset		\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$600.00	
3610 Retirement		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$7,500.00	
Total 10008 Salaries/Retirement/Taxes		\$ 46,649.57	\$ 83,500.00	\$36,850.43	55.87%
<b>10009 Grand Lodge Office Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Spent</b>
1190 Furniture & Fixture Expense		\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$250.00	
1191 Paraphernalia - Expense		\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	
1192 Computer Software, Licenses, Maint, Web Fees		\$ 2,099.20	\$ 4,000.00	\$1,900.80	
1193 Membership Management System Annual Cost		\$ 2,322.75	\$ 3,000.00	\$677.25	
1620 Sales Tax		\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	
1630 Professional Fees(Audit Gen. Fund & PPLM)		\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
1900 Funeral and Floral		\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$200.00	
1	1910 Insurance and Bonds	\$ 3,545.50	\$ 8,500.00	\$4,954.50	
1930 Postage		\$ 862.37	\$ 4,000.00	\$3,137.63	
1950 Telephone		\$ 1,648.34	\$ 2,800.00	\$1,151.66	
1951 Building Occupancy Expense		\$ 2,937.08	\$ 6,000.00	\$3,062.92	
5	1952 Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 517.00	\$ 500.00	(\$17.00)	
1980 Misc. Office Expenses		\$ 822.97	\$ 1,200.00	\$377.03	
Total 10009 Grand Lodge Office Budget		\$ 14,755.21	\$ 36,950.00	\$22,194.79	39.93%
<b>10010 Charitable Giving Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Spent</b>
1730 Masonic Library Expense		\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$200.00	
1860 Masonic Service Association Membership Dues		\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$0.00	
1870 Masonic Relief Association Dues		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$100.00	
3220 Masonic Service Association Contributions		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$0.00	
3	3230 George Washington Masonic Memorial	\$ 2,445.00	\$ 2,856.00	\$411.00	
3240 Masonic Information Center		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$0.00	
3500 Demolay Leadership (Idaho)		\$ -	\$ 3,750.00	\$3,750.00	
3501 Job's Daughters Leadership (National)		\$ -	\$ 3,750.00	\$3,750.00	
3502 Idaho Rainbow Leadership (National)		\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$0.00	
3525 Youth Scholarship		\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
3580 Masonic Service Association - Disaster Fund		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$0.00	
3586 State Youth Leaders		\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$1,400.00	
Total 10010 Charitable Giving Budget		\$ 8,045.00	\$ 19,156.00	\$11,111.00	42.00%
<b>10011 Misc</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Spent</b>
1351 \$.50 per member Permanent Relief Fund		\$ -	\$ 970.50	\$970.50	
1352 \$.50 Per Member Masonic Temple Preservation Fund		\$ -	\$ 970.50	\$970.50	
1353 \$1.00 Per Member Endowment Fund		\$ -	\$ 1,941.00	\$1,941.00	
3585 Relief Payments		\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	
Total 10011 Misc. (Not Budgeted)		\$ -	\$ 3,882.00	\$3,882.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 96,160.31</b>	<b>\$ 196,238.00</b>	<b>\$100,077.69</b>	<b>49.00%</b>
1	Rebate on Overpayment of Unemployment tax - After Audit.				
2	Payment to TOK assessment of Grand Lodge Office (\$500.00)				
3	1 dollar per member (2,445 members from Grandview)				
4	Price on printing Proceedings went up again this year.				
5	Cost for Air Condition start up - went up.				



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Independent Accountant's Review Report

To the Board of Trustees of  
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho  
Boise, Idaho

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2021, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Accountant's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

**Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Supplementary Information**

The supplementary information included in Schedules I, II, and III is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.



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March 1, 2022

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Independent Accountant's Review Report

To the Board of Trustees of  
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho  
Prepaid Life Membership Fund  
Boise, Idaho

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho Prepaid Life Membership Fund (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets – cash basis as of December 31, 2021, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and other changes in net assets – cash basis and cash flows – cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Accountant's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho Prepaid Life Membership Fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

**Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.



**Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.



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March 1, 2022

**Grand Lecturer's Report**

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,

It has been my honor to serve as Grand Lecturer again this year. I truly enjoy traveling to the districts, experiencing different Lodges, visiting with the brethren and helping with the ritual work.

The ritual workshops focused mainly on opening and closing in the first-degree including floor work. The first degree was chosen due to having entered apprentices at most of the meetings. Some of the specific topics were around when and why the master stands at certain points, when to sign and which way to turn during the movements of the deacons. We also spent some time in open discussion on how the working tools can be used in our daily lives. The most common were the 24 in gauge, to remind us to keep work and life in balance, and the compasses to keep our passions within due bounds, especially when driving. I also emphasized that we should spend time in each lodge meeting talking about how to use the lessons of Freemasonry to improve ourselves.

The trip to northern Idaho was supposed to be a fun trip. Brother Andrew Evenson had me rearrange the initial schedule so that we could attend Spirit Lake lodge and do a first-degree lecture together. I was looking forward to it since I had not visited Spirit Lake lodge before, and I have not had the pleasure of doing a lecture with Brother Andrew. To my complete disbelief, I got a call the day before the degree from Nathan Bendel, the master of Rathdrum lodge, that Brother Andrew had unexpectedly passed away. When I asked if the lodge was going to continue with the degree, the answer was "Of course, Andrew would have wanted us to do the degree". Dan LaVine graciously offered to take me to the degree since I had not been there before. About 10 minutes before the degree was supposed to start, the lodge lost power. No one even suggested postponing the degree, "Andrew would not let a little thing like no power stop a degree". They found candles and we proceeded to confer the first degree on the candidate. The work was well done by the brothers of Spirit Lake. It was interesting doing the degree by candlelight, it reminded me that this is the way degrees were done before electricity. We lost a dedicated brother and a huge force for good when Brother Andrew passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel Siddall*

**Grand Chaplain's Report**

As Grand Chaplain I found 92 deaths on Grandview. I want to again express my sincere thanks to those secretaries who were so prompt in sending me reports of deaths from their lodges!!! They are Jim Grant (3), Bradley Cannon (10), Nicko Demeter (13), John Warner (18), John Gentry (19), David Jennings (28), Donnie Wunder (37), Richard Rowe, (45), Mark Smith (47), Nick Ferris (63), Edward Irsik (77), Fred Marmie (78), W. Scott MacKenzie (84), Doug Hammond (92), Justin Boyer (93), and Michael Provost (97). I sent letters to 42

family members including widows, sons, and grandsons. My wife, Jane, once again volunteered to make plastic canvas crosses to go with each letter. Thank you, Jane.

Deaths were reported by 37 lodges with four lodges having the most with six deaths each: Mt. Idaho 9, Kootenai 24, Ionic 82 and Caribou 84. Nine lodges reported no deaths: Hailey 16, Richfield 21, Grove City 33, Cataldo 34, Malad 51, Kamiah 56, Spirit Lake 57, Mt. McCaleb 64 and Burley 68.

This year we lost two Past Grand Masters, Harry C. Black who was Grand Master in 2004 and James Hensley who was Grand Master in 2017. We also lost Andrew Evenson who was Senior Grand Steward at the time of his death. The Grand Bethel of Jobs Daughters lost their Vice Associate Grand Guardian, Vance Mason. Our Grand Master, Russ Smith, is taking his place.

And now I will tell about my travels. Before Grand Lodge convened, I was asked to serve as Grand Chaplain at the rededication of Paul 77's lodge building on August 14th. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

I was unable to attend the installation of the Idaho Grand Lodge Officers because I needed to be in Colorado to be installed as Association Patron of Excelsior 66 Eastern Star in Lafayette. I want to thank Dan Drefs for bringing my travel apron home with him.

Colorado Grand Chapter of Eastern Star began on the following Wednesday and another Grand Chaplain was installed in the family. Our son, Allen, was installed Grand Chaplain of the "A Musical Journey" Grand Family. Jane and I are his escorts and had an exciting year traveling around Colorado attending most of the Official Visits. We also attended Grand Chapters in New Mexico (October 13-16), Kansas April 21-23, and Wyoming (August 4-6) as well as the Four Corners event in Prescott, Arizona (April 28-30.). I was able to attend the Grand Chapter of Montana (July 14-16) since I had just been appointed Grand Representative of Montana in Colorado.

Unfortunately because of my commitments in Colorado I missed quite a few Masonic and Eastern Star meetings in Idaho. As a wise Past Grand Matron of Eastern Star once said, "Even as big as I am I can't be in two places at once." I was able to attend Scottish Rite and Shrine meetings in Colorado as well as Broomfield DeMolay. I did make it to the Feast of Tishri (12-9) and Renewal and Remembrance (4-14) for Idaho Scottish Rite. I was Wise Master of Rose Croix. I also watched the virtual Christmas Observance for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of Idaho (12-11.)

The week after Grand Chapter I accompanied Jane to Tennessee for the Supreme Session of the Social Order of the Beauceant. We were happy to see Hazel Sutton, wife of Past Grand Master, Mike Sutton, be installed as Supreme Standard Bearer. Jane belongs to Denver 1, so I was able to attend their installation (1-14) and Official Visit (3-29).

On October 9<sup>th</sup> Paul Revere Lodge of Westminster, Colorado hosted a performance of the Native American Degree team. It was a very interesting experience!!

I was proud to attend the investiture of Allen with his red cap (KCCH) in Scottish Rite on October 23rd. Earlier that year at Grand York Rite (April 15) he had been invested with the KYCH. I think this must be a unique occurrence, receiving both honors in one year.

For the most part Jobs Daughters was closed because of Covid. We were able to participate in a virtual installation of officers for Bethel 59 on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Bethel 59 was able to hold their Grand Guardian's Visit in person on May 28th and we were able to attend. Jackie Holloway, Grand Guardian and wife of our Junior Grand Warden, had to attend by Zoom as she had Covid. Associate Grand Guardian, Joe Alexander, Past Grand Master was able to be there.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> I was part of the Rose Croix funeral team for James Birdwell, a Past Grand Tyler of Grand Lodge.

I was back in Idaho for the dedication of the Fire Station at Challis on May 21st. I was glad to be able to participate. I want to thank Doug Hammond for getting my car started.

It was an honor to be introduced with our Most Worshipful Grand Master at Idaho Grand Chapter of Eastern Star in June.

I want to sincerely thank Worshipful Grand Master, Russ Smith, for appointing me Grand Chaplain for 2021-2022. It has been a most rewarding experience. It has been an honor to serve the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Idaho for the fourth time.

Fraternally submitted,

Reverend Edgar R. Simmons (19)

Worshipful Grand Chaplain

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## 11, W.: Grand Orator

Danny R. LaVine

Good Evening,

Thank you all very much for giving me a few moments of your time tonight and thank you Grand Master Russ for the incredible honor of being the Grand Orator for your year in the East!

You accomplished an awful lot this year in Idaho Freemasonry and in your travels near and far, and especially in reinforcing our connection to the Masonic youth programs through your wooden nickel campaign. Among the many things done, you generously presented me with the opportunity to write the dedication speech for the new Fire Station in Challis. It was a ceremony celebrating the growth of a beautiful little hamlet up in the hills of Central Idaho, one confirming Challis' earnest commitment to the safety and betterment of everyone in the community. That was an honor I'll get to cherish forever. Thank you, Grand Master Russ!

Wow, what a year we just had! In the twelve months since Grand Lodge last year we've definitely seen some changes in the way we all do things. We've seen the world slowly unfurling from the Covid 19 lockdown. We've seen masks come off and restaurants reopened. We've seen policies and procedures change, from the local level all the way up to a global one; and we've seen a return to Lodge and social activities many of us have been very much missing for a couple years.

Mostly though, what we've seen over the last two years is a lot of little adjustments; Small modifications in the way we go about our lives. ...Like, we all recognize the value of hand sanitizer now.

Back in 2019 I couldn't have given you a definition for the term "Social Distancing". Here we are three years later, and we still see the remnants of circles and arrows on the floors in the checkout lines, there to remind us all of a time when we all took the concept of distance very seriously.

We've all spent the last couple of years hunkering down, weathering this storm together. Though we've been able to keep most of our Masonic organizations intact, now that we have the potential to get back into the full swing of our Masonic activities, it'll be in those small changes in the world that we as Masons really get to show our stuff.

Minor adjustments are probably something we'll see for years to come. We seem to be back to a pretty good place now, but that can always change very quickly, and in any direction. There could be big developments coming, like the day we all looked around and saw clear plastic barriers everywhere separating us from the retail workers. There may just be little modifications like when we stopped passing the offering plate through

the pews at church. But it's very likely in the course of these changes that we'll find ourselves in unfamiliar situations at some point. Scenarios where we may not always have a stock answer or a solution at the ready. This is where we default to kindness.

With businesses and restaurants reopening themselves to the public we're seeing people return to their in-person jobs with two years' worth of dust sitting atop their good customer service skills. We're seeing checkout lines 7 people deep because there's only one very plainly grumpy and overworked cashier available. We're seeing drivers back to their commute after two years of working from home; drivers whose common courtesy on the road may be a wee bit rusty.

As with anything we set our hands to as a Masonic Family, it's in those little changes we'll find the opportunities to shine the light of Masonry in the world around us. To lend our hands to God's Good Works as we've always done; to truly represent the Masonic tenet of Charity.

That Charity can come in the form of patience with the very young fast food worker who doesn't seem to understand their job function or how to count change back. Charity in the form of forgiveness for the impatient driver who cuts us off in traffic. Charity in the form kindness shown to someone struggling with a task most of us take for granted. That Charity represented in our willingness to simply endure a moment of discomfort as we weather those changes, knowing that those around us may see our fortitude in that moment and be bolstered by it.

...but the thing is, these changes that we're seeing aren't really new. They seem new to us now because we're comfortable with how things have been, but that's how change has always worked. Little changes here and there add up to whole new ways of life over time.

A hundred years ago we celebrated change in the form of the Suffrage Movement's success in putting women in the voting booths. That year we also endured the Prohibition of alcohol. Fifty years previous to that we experienced change in the form of the Reconstruction of the United States, and fifty years before that, back in the 1820's, writers of the world wildly rejoiced the invention of the typewriter, while the fountain pen makers at the time probably had a very different opinion about it. All of these were the result of little changes.

Throughout any changes we've focusing upon, the little and the large, the recent and the ancient, it's the small kindnesses we show to those around us that truly capture the timeless nature of Masonic Charity. Freemasonry itself existed before all of the changes that brought us to where we are today, and Masonry has endured through them all without changing itself much. I believe this is a testament to the goodness of what we're doing here.

Though the world around us will continue to change as it always has, Brotherly Love will not. Star love won't. Filial love and Jobie love won't. Masonic love won't. These commitments to kindness are beyond the scope of the here and now.

In embracing Freemasonry we've chosen a path of laboring toward the betterment of the world around us. The benchmark Freemasonry leaves on the pages of history is this, that through our charity and brotherly love we've endured all of it; and as we continue along this path, the kindness we show to others is now, and will always be, the way we as a Masonic Family will change the world as it evolves.

Again, thank you all very much for giving me a moment of your evening and thank you again Most Worshipful Grand Master Russ for the opportunity to give the Grand Oration this year. It was truly an honor!

## 402-1 Credentials

N. Randall” Randy” King

**2022 Annual Communications Registration Report****Vote Registration Totals**

Past Masters	65
Lodge Officer	42
Lodge Proxy	54
<b>Total Votes Registered</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>2/3</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>50%</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Grand Lodge Officers / PGM Totals</b>	
Grand Lodge Officers	16
Past Grand Masters	13
DDGMs	8
<b>Total Registered</b>	<b>37</b>

**35 - Lodges Represented (77.78%)**

<b>Lodge</b>	<b>WM</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>JW</b>	<b>Votes</b>
1 - Idaho Lodge	William K. Curtis, Jr.	Levi D. Billman	William K. Curtis, Jr.	3
2 - Boise	Chad JoDell Brown	Adam Taylor Altwies	Jason Christopher Morales	3
3 - Placer Lodge	James Edward Grant		James Edward Grant	2
9 - Mt. Idaho Lodge	Randy L. Berg	Randy L. Berg	Randy L. Berg	3
10 - Nez Perce Lodge	Richard Mark Worthington	Richard Mark Worthington	Richard Mark Worthington	3
13 - Silver City Lodge	N. Randall King	N. Randall King	N. Randall King	3
16 - Hailey Lodge	Nyal A. Pedersen	Nyal A. Pedersen	Nyal A. Pedersen	3
17 - Paradise Lodge	Wayne Marshall Sprouse	Wayne Marshall Sprouse	Wayne Marshall Sprouse	3
18 - Portneuf Lodge	Michael Andrus Sutton	William Joseph Skerjanc	Kevin G DeWall	3
19 - Eagle Rock Lodge	Craig Dean Bowles	Joshua Bryan Schultz	Joseph E. Alexander	3
23 - Weiser Lodge	Raymond William McGoldrick	Raymond William McGoldrick	Raymond William McGoldrick	3
24 - Kootenai Lodge	B Calvin Saul	B Calvin Saul	B Calvin Saul	3
28 - Washoe Lodge	Daniel William Jennings	J. Sherwin Wilson	Daniel William Jennings	3
29 - Ashlar Lodge	Harold E. Bloom	Harold E. Bloom	Harold E. Bloom	3
30 - Elmore Lodge	Michael E. Keas	Michael E. Keas	Michael E. Keas	3
33 - Grove City Lodge	David G. N. Stonhill	Kevin Field Heiner		2
37 - Butte Lodge	Robert Middlebrook	Robert Middlebrook	Brent Patrick Leatherman	3
39 - Mt. Moriah Lodge	Todd Daniel Millican	Todd Daniel Millican	Christopher A. Duke	3
41 - Rathdrum Lodge	Nathaniel Scott Bendel	Nathaniel Scott Bendel	Nathaniel Scott Bendel	3
45 - Twin Falls Lodge	Richard L. Rowe	Richard L. Rowe	Danny L. Harkins	3
47 - Meridian Lodge	Robert William Swofford	Robert William Swofford	Robert William Swofford	3
51 - Malad Lodge			Gilbert L. Gross	1
57 - Spirit Lake Lodge	Danny R LaVine	Danny R LaVine	Danny R LaVine	3
59 - Lincoln Lodge	Johnny A. Willis	Johnny A. Willis	Johnny A. Willis	3
60 - Oriental Lodge	James Thomas Hansen	James Thomas Hansen	James Thomas Hansen	3
63 - St. Maries Lodge	John Bert Johnson	John Bert Johnson	John Bert Johnson	3
64 - Mt. McCaleb Lodge	Walter Harry Johnson	W Scott Record		2
77 - Paul Lodge	John Todd Bonnett	John Todd Bonnett	John Todd Bonnett	3
78 - Hagerman Lodge	Ronald J. Wood	Michael F Glanders		2
80 - Fidelity Lodge	Jay A. Leonard	Jay A. Leonard		3
82 - Ionic Lodge	Steven O. Zimmerman	Steven O. Zimmerman	Steven O. Zimmerman	3
84 - Caribou Lodge	Max L. Hemmert	Gary M. Lemarr		2
92 - Challis Lodge	Douglas J. Hammond	Douglas J. Hammond	Douglas J. Hammond	3
93 - Capital City Lodge	Michael Allen Kish	David J. Larson, II		2
98 - Initial Point Lodge	Earl Eugene Ammerman, II	Eric W. Coryell		2

**10 - Lodges Not Represented (22.22%)**

Lodge	Votes
11 - Lemhi Lodge	0
20 - Coeur D'Alene Lodge	0
21 - Richfield Lodge	0
25 - Shoshone Lodge	0
31 - Salubria Lodge	0
34 - Cataldo Lodge	0
42 - Lakeside Lodge	0
43 - Bonners Ferry Lodge	0
56 - Kamiah Lodge	0
97 - Kaniksu Lodge	0

## 402-2 Distribution

Monte Bollar, Grand Secretary

All reports turned in to the Grand Secretary are on file and distributed to the proper disposition.

Monte Bollar Grand Secretary.

## 402-3 Unfinished Business

N/A

None to be presented.

## 402-4 Lodges under Dispensation

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No Lodges under Dispensation – no report required.

## 402-7 Courtesy

John Warner

Part of the Convention Arrangements Report.

# Section 403

# Special Committees

## Section 508 Board of Relief

Robert K. Perry

To the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers

There have been no applications for relief for 2021-2022.

Sincerely  
Robert K. Perry  
Board chairman



Prepaid Life Payouts to Lodges. (2022)

PPL Grand Lodge of Idaho

As of Dec. 31, 2021		Lodge Number	2021 Beginning Balance Total	Dollars	Dollars Collected from Lodges in 2021	Total Dollars	% of Total	Payout made in 2022 for 2021 year
		Count	PPL #s	Dollars				
		46	2500	\$ 1,315,039.79	\$ 13,939.00	\$ 1,328,978.79	100.000000%	\$ 71,335.50
Prepaid Equity (1776)	\$ 1,050,031.00	1	66	\$ 41,844.00	\$ -	\$ 41,844.00	3.1485830%	\$ 2,246.06
Prepaid Fixed (6838)	\$ 414,938.00	2	127	\$ 58,948.00	\$ -	\$ 58,948.00	4.4355862%	\$ 3,164.15
Total:	\$ 1,464,969.00	3	28	\$ 21,800.00	\$ -	\$ 21,800.00	1.6403573%	\$ 1,170.16
		9	100	\$ 31,305.00	\$ -	\$ 31,305.00	2.3555681%	\$ 1,680.36
		10	65	\$ 32,928.00	\$ -	\$ 32,928.00	2.4776919%	\$ 1,767.47
<b>Net earnings From Investments</b>		11	19	\$ 12,600.00	\$ -	\$ 12,600.00	0.9480964%	\$ 676.33
Percent Payout	5.00%	13	92	\$ 65,375.00	\$ -	\$ 65,375.00	4.9191906%	\$ 3,509.13
Payout value:	\$ 73,248.00	16	10	\$ 4,284.00	\$ -	\$ 4,284.00	0.3223528%	\$ 229.95
Expenses:		17	155	\$ 59,482.00	\$ -	\$ 59,482.00	4.4757674%	\$ 3,192.81
Quickbooks	\$ 377.50	18	21	\$ 12,310.00	\$ -	\$ 12,310.00	0.9262751%	\$ 660.76
Postage		19	105	\$ 69,753.00	\$ -	\$ 69,753.00	5.2486165%	\$ 3,744.13
Financial Review	\$ 1,535.00	20	8	\$ 1,499.00	\$ -	\$ 1,499.00	0.1127934%	\$ 80.46
Net Earnings for the Period	\$ 71,335.50	21	46	\$ 20,311.79	\$ 2,694.00	\$ 23,005.79	1.7310878%	\$ 1,234.88
		23	36	\$ 12,534.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 13,059.00	0.9826342%	\$ 700.97
		24	58	\$ 39,905.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 40,405.00	3.0403044%	\$ 2,168.82
<b>Committee Member:</b>		25	52	\$ 17,640.00	\$ -	\$ 17,640.00	1.3273350%	\$ 946.86
Bruce A. Wethered- GT	Chairman	28	55	\$ 15,974.00	\$ -	\$ 15,974.00	1.2019755%	\$ 857.44
David M. Savage		29	41	\$ 25,230.00	\$ -	\$ 25,230.00	1.8984502%	\$ 1,354.27
Wayne Foster (13)		30	53	\$ 40,142.00	\$ -	\$ 40,142.00	3.0205147%	\$ 2,154.70
Randy L. Berg		31	19	\$ 5,122.00	\$ -	\$ 5,122.00	0.3854087%	\$ 274.93
Monte Bollar - GS		33	107	\$ 45,577.00	\$ -	\$ 45,577.00	3.4294753%	\$ 2,446.43
		34	38	\$ 12,516.00	\$ -	\$ 12,516.00	0.9417758%	\$ 671.82
		37	41	\$ 14,856.00	\$ -	\$ 14,856.00	1.1178508%	\$ 797.42
		39	42	\$ 21,740.00	\$ -	\$ 21,740.00	1.6358425%	\$ 1,166.94
		41	24	\$ 9,502.00	\$ -	\$ 9,502.00	0.7149851%	\$ 510.04
		42	23	\$ 10,878.00	\$ -	\$ 10,878.00	0.8185232%	\$ 583.90
		43	62	\$ 24,570.00	\$ -	\$ 24,570.00	1.8487880%	\$ 1,318.84
		45	112	\$ 44,618.00	\$ -	\$ 44,618.00	3.3573147%	\$ 2,394.96
		47	41	\$ 21,574.00	\$ -	\$ 21,574.00	1.6233517%	\$ 1,158.03
		51	12	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 5,670.00	0.4266434%	\$ 304.35
		56	12	\$ 3,465.00	\$ -	\$ 3,465.00	0.2607265%	\$ 185.99
		57	11	\$ 7,770.00	\$ -	\$ 7,770.00	0.5846594%	\$ 417.07
		59	24	\$ 12,088.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 12,288.00	0.9246197%	\$ 659.58
		60	140	\$ 150,699.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 151,479.00	11.3981503%	\$ 8,130.93
		63	22	\$ 12,201.00	\$ -	\$ 12,201.00	0.9180733%	\$ 654.91
		64	39	\$ 11,357.00	\$ -	\$ 11,357.00	0.8545659%	\$ 609.61
		68	16	\$ 7,580.00	\$ -	\$ 7,580.00	0.5703628%	\$ 406.87
		77	51	\$ 16,244.00	\$ -	\$ 16,244.00	1.2222919%	\$ 871.93
		78	48	\$ 26,005.50	\$ -	\$ 26,005.50	1.9568032%	\$ 1,395.90
		80	30	\$ 23,462.50	\$ -	\$ 23,462.50	1.7654533%	\$ 1,259.39
		82	109	\$ 94,567.00	\$ -	\$ 94,567.00	7.1157644%	\$ 5,076.07
		84	85	\$ 25,434.00	\$ -	\$ 25,434.00	1.9138003%	\$ 1,365.22
		92	69	\$ 22,955.00	\$ -	\$ 22,955.00	1.7272661%	\$ 1,232.15
		93	41	\$ 29,441.00	\$ 8,820.00	\$ 38,261.00	2.8789775%	\$ 2,053.73
		97	19	\$ 24,024.00	\$ -	\$ 24,024.00	1.8077038%	\$ 1,289.53
		1965	42	\$ 5,885.00	\$ -	\$ 5,885.00	0.4428212%	\$ 315.89
		GL	84	\$ 41,794.00	\$ -	\$ 41,794.00	3.1448207%	\$ 2,243.37

Annual Report for Prepaid Life Membership  
 For the year 2021 we wish to report that the account earned over 10%  
 Therefore we are paying to the Lodges 5% of the principal as of December 31, 2021  
 or \$73,248.00 less annual expenses of \$1,5912.50 for a net of \$71,335.50  
 Per Code and Digest Section 1417-6, page 75. (September 2007)  
 All members of the Pre-paid Life Membership Committee have approved this report.

Bruce A. Wethered  
Chairman



# Cola Adjustment Letter to Lodges (2022)



**Bruce A Wethered**  
R W Grand Treasurer

## GRAND LODGE OF IDAHO ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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January 7, 2022

To All Idaho Lodge Secretaries

Dear Brother Secretary:

At the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, Resolution 10 was adopted. This change pertained to Section 1416 of our Code and Digest. 'Voluntary Prepaid Life Membership'.

2. (Price) The single-payment purchase price for a Pre-Paid Life Membership shall be at twenty-one (21) years annual dues that are in effect on the date of purchase, but not less than \$700. This amount to be adjusted annually in the spring based on the preceding year's inflation.

The cost of living for 2021 was an increase of 5.9%.  
(For our purpose the amount of increase is rounded to the nearest dollar.)

Therefore, effective January 1, 2022, the minimum cost of a Pre-Paid Life Membership = \$951.00.

History:

Year:	Amount:
2008	\$722.00
2009	\$750.00
2010	\$777.00
2011	\$774.00
2012	\$786.00
2013	\$810.00
2014	\$822.00
2015	\$836.00
2016	\$836.00
2017	\$839.00
2018	\$842.00
2019	\$859.00
2020	\$884.00
2021	\$898.00
2022	\$951.00

Bruce A. Wethered  
R.W. Grand Treasurer

**2022 Youth Scholarship Committee Report for Grand Lodge.**

The Youth Scholarship Committee received 22 scholarship applications this year. I believe this number went up because of the simplified application form. We had \$1500.00 to donate and had a great group of applicants. The committee after some discussion and a \$500.00 donation from Oriental #60 picked 2 applicants to receive \$1000.00 each.

In the upcoming years I recommend we request matching funds from the Idaho freemason foundation and put a call out to all the lodges for additional funds for the scholarship committee. I believe a matching funds request to Idaho freemason foundation needs to be placed by January.

Fraternally Bro Craig McDonald

## Appendix

Proposed Budget/Resolutions

Sent to the Lodges

Proposed Budget for 2023

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Proposed Budget  
for 2023  
for consideration at the  
  
155th  
Annual  
Communication  
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.  
of Idaho  
Sept. 2022

# **Proposed Budget for 2023**

*This budget has been prepared and reviewed by  
the Grand Lodge Officers,  
Accounts and Finance Committee,  
the Investment Committee  
and now presented to the Brethren  
for Adoption or Rejection (Yes or No)  
at the  
155th Annual Communication  
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho  
at  
Pocatello, Idaho  
on  
September 15, 16, 17, 2022*

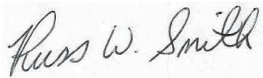
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**Each Lodge is urged to study the Proposed Budget carefully,**

If there are questions or changes the Brothers want, they need to make those known to the Chairman of Accounts and Finance committee as soon as possible (**Before the 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Communications.**)  
Chairman of Accounts and Finances is Randy King. ( [kingrandy1228@gmail.com](mailto:kingrandy1228@gmail.com) cellphone (208) 867-5110)

Remember at Grand Lodge, we are going to vote to either accept or reject the budget. If the brothers reject the budget, the Code says we operate on the previous year's budget, so it will be a "yes" or "no" vote on accepting the budget.

MWGM Russ W. Smith



*Copies mailed to:*

Each Lodge Secretary  
Each Grand Lodge Officer  
Each District Deputy Grand Master  
Each Past Grand Master

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Brethren, enclosed with this mailing from the Grand Lodge office is the proposed budget for calendar year 2023. Unfortunately it is time to raise the per-capita amount on which the Grand Lodge assessment of the Idaho Lodges is based. An increase was indicated last year in order to balance the budget, however due to the effects on our Lodges of COVID-19, a carryover of unspent budgeted funds from the prior year was used to balance the budget and the per-capita amount was not raised. I would like to offer the following explanation for the increase proposed this year.

I'll start with an explanation of how the Grand Lodge assessment works. The Grand Lodge is provided the authority to assess its constituent Lodges for funds needed for its operations in Article V of the Grand Lodge Constitution. Article V also grants the authority for the Grand Lodge to assess individual members residing in Idaho for the purpose of charity. I cannot recall the last time an assessment was made on the membership for charity. Historically the Grand Lodge has only used its authority to assess Lodges, although there are funds expended for charity in the annual budget.

Article VI of the By-Laws provide the finance and revenue provisions for the Grand Lodge. Section 601 paragraph 2 provides that the levies on the Lodges (also known as the annual assessment) will be equal and uniform among the Lodges **based on their membership**. Section 1402 excludes 50-year members from this count. Section 601 requires the calculation of a per-capita amount to compute the levy on each Idaho Lodge. **This is not an assessment on the individual members, it is how the assessment on the Lodge is computed.** Amendments proposed to change the formula have been presented in past years and have been rejected by the brethren. Each Lodge has to determine how it will raise the funds to pay the assessment. Most use dues, however, some have investments, fund raisers, or rely on donations from their membership to pay the assessment.

In 2010 the membership count for determining the per-capita amount was 3,298 and the per-capita amount was \$35. During the 2010 session, the brethren increased in the per-capita amount to \$45, where it stayed until the 2016 session. By then the membership count for assessment had dropped to 1,943 and the brethren raised the per-capita amount to \$60 where it has been until this year's proposal. The large increases have been to keep from having to increase the per-capita amount each year. At the Grand Lodge planning meeting in Pocatello this March, the officers, DDGM's and Committee members present agreed that we should continue this approach. For the 2023 budget the membership count for the per-capita amount will be 1,888 and the per-capita amount is proposed to be \$80.

In addition to the assessment, income from investments also fund Grand Lodge operations. While it is hoped that in the next decade our investments will increase to the point that the income will completely fund Grand Lodge, if we take too much from investments today, it delays the achievement of that goal. Coupled with a market forecast of reduced profits this year, we have reduced the amount that we are requesting from investment income for 2023 by almost \$6.75 per member.

We try hard to spend only what needs to be spent. Unfortunately costs keep rising. The costs of operating the Grand Lodge are not driven by the number of members. As an accountant I could spend several paragraphs describing what the "cost drivers" are for the Grand Lodge, but most likely only the Accountants in your Lodges would be interested in such a discussion, so I will omit it.

Included in this year's budget are four items of note. The first is a 3% increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary and clerk. We have all taken an obligation to treat our brothers fairly, and it is not fair to expect someone to serve as Grand Secretary without paying a fair salary. **If there is a brother who meets the requirements in our laws to be Grand Secretary, who would be willing to serve for free or at a substantially reduced salary, please make yourself known.** Otherwise we must continue to pay a Grand Secretary.

The current economy has put significant pressure on wages in the state and particularly the Boise valley. A high school student going to work for McDonalds now earns \$14 or more per hour. Based on a strict 40 hour work week, what we propose to pay our Grand Secretary is approximately 50% more than what a "burger flipper" makes. Our Grand Secretary often works nights and weekends to provide support for zoom meetings or attend other meetings. He easily works more than 40 hours many weeks.

The second increase is for the training of a replacement Grand Secretary. Brother Monte has expressed a desire to retire sometime in the next couple of years, although he has not determined an exact date at which this will happen. Once this date is determined, it will be necessary to train a replacement. We will not spend this money until Br. Monte has determined when he will retire. Again, it is not fair to a brother, or within our obligations, to require someone to train for this job without compensating him for his time, unless someone wants to volunteer to do it for free. If you are such a volunteer, please make yourself known to the Grand Secretary. These two items result in a per-capita increase of \$4.50.

The third increase is a line item to fund the Grand Lodge Session. Currently the sessions are funded by means of a registration fee, meaning that only those who attend pay the bill for the annual session where our business is conducted. Moving this expense to the Grand Lodge Budget shifts the expense of the annual communication (other than meals and lodging) to the Lodges and takes it off of the back of those attending Grand Lodge. The purpose is to remove the Grand Lodge registration fee starting with the 2023 communication. This amount is budgeted at \$1.50 per member.

Lastly there is a line item for the Grand Master's program. The actual amount spent each year would depend on the wishes of the Grand Master, but presently any costs for programs like the "Plus One" program started by PGM Zimmerman must be funded by other line items in the budget, or out of the Grand Master's pocket. This amount is budgeted at \$2.00 per member.

Money not spent out of the budget will remain in the investment accounts to help provide for the future of the Grand Lodge. While we recognize that this increase hurts, declining membership, and increasing costs have caused this result. Hopefully this will be the last or second to last increase until investments fund the majority of Grand Lodge operations.

Faternally,

H. Sherman Burger, III  
Deputy Grand Master



Grand Lodge of Idaho Budget  
2019-2021 Budget vs Actual - 2022 Approved Budget - 2023 Budget Scenarios

	2022	2023	
Members year ending	2329	2454	
50 year members	570	566	
Members for GL Assessment	1941	1888	What are actual #'s for assessment vs budgeted?
GL Assessment	60.00	80.00	
Total from GL Assessment	116,460.00	151,040.00	
Amount from Investments	75,000.00	62,299.00	
Surplus Carry forward from 2021 Budget Year	4,778.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>196,238.00</b>	<b>213,339.00</b>	
<b>Grand Masters Budget</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>Burger</b>	
<b>Budget Versus Actual 2017</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	
<b>Budgeted_Income</b>	<b>Total_Budget</b>	<b>Total_Budget</b>	
1350 Per Capita Tax (Deposit to General Fund)	116,460.00	151,040.00	
3100 Income allocation from investment pool	75,000.00	62,299.00	
Surplus Carry forward from 2021 Budget Year	4,778.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>196,238.00</b>	<b>213,339.00</b>	
<b>Surplus (Deficit) (Actual Income -Expenses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>196,238.00</b>	<b>213,339.00</b>	
<b>10001 Grand Master Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
1650 Grand Master Travel Expense	13,000.00	13,000.00	
1700 Grand Master Conference dues	400.00	400.00	
1701 Grand Master Registration Fees	300.00	300.00	
1750 Grand Master's Conference Travel	1,400.00	2,000.00	x
1990 Paid by Order of Grand Master	300.00	300.00	
<b>Total 10001 Grand Master Budget</b>	<b>15,400.00</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>	
<b>10002 Deputy Grand Masters Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
1651 Deputy Grand Master Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00	
1660 DGM (Grand Master Apron and Case	1,000.00	1,000.00	
1670 DGM (Grand Masters Picture)	400.00	400.00	
1751 DGM Conference Travel	1,000.00	2,000.00	x
<b>Total 10002 Deputy Grand Masters Budget</b>	<b>7,400.00</b>	<b>8,400.00</b>	
<b>10003 Elected Grand Lodge Officers</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
1652 Senior Grand Warden Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	
1653 Junior Grand Warden Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	
1654 Senior Grand Deacon Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	
1710 District Deputy Grand Master (Travel/Expense)	1,300.00	1,000.00	x
1740 Grand Lecturer Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	
1770 Grand Secretary Travel/Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	
1775 Grand Treasurer Travel/Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	x
3561 Board of Relief Secretary Expense	200.00	200.00	
<b>Total 10003 Elected Grand Lodge Officers Budget</b>	<b>10,500.00</b>	<b>10,200.00</b>	
<b>10004 Committee Chairman Expense Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
1570 Fraternal Relation Committee	-	500.00	
1655 Chairman Fraternal Relations Expenses	-	-	
1920 Public Relations Committee Expense	-	500.00	
1922 Research and Education Committee Expense	2,000.00	500.00	
1940 Information Technology Committee Expense	-	500.00	
<b>Total 10004 Committee Chairman Expense Budget</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	Total for the 4 listed committees in aggregate - Approval required before usage

Grand Lodge of Idaho Budget  
2019-2021 Budget vs Actual - 2022 Approved Budget - 2023 Budget Scenarios

<b>10005 Conferences Budgets</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
1720 Grand Secretary Conference Dues	150.00	300.00	
1760 Grand Secretary Conference Travel/Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	
1780 Rocky Mountain Conference	2,500.00	2,500.00	
<b>Total 10005 Conferences Budgets</b>	<b>4,650.00</b>	<b>4,800.00</b>	
<b>10006 Printing Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
1501 Printing Proceedings	1,800.00	1,800.00	
1520 Printing Masonic Directory	150.00	150.00	
1530 Purchase Pantograph (List of Lodges)	1,250.00	500.00	x
1540 Printing Miscellaneous	1,000.00	2,000.00	
1541 Printing Monitors	-	-	
1542 Printer Equipment Lease	5,600.00	6,000.00	
1543 Printer Repair & Maintenance Agreement	-	-	
<b>Total 10006 Printing Budget</b>	<b>9,800.00</b>	<b>10,450.00</b>	
<b>10007 Annual Communication Expenses etc.</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
1790 New Officers Meeting (At Grand Lodge)	500.00	500.00	
1800 Host Lodge Entertainment Allowance (Grand Lodge)	1,000.00	1,000.00	
1810 Grand Lodge Registration (income)			
1811 Grand Lodge Visitors Entertainment	1,000.00	1,000.00	
1813 Grand Master Banquet/Guest Registration (Income)			
1814 Mason of the Year/Awards/Lodge of Excellence	500.00	500.00	
<b>Total 10007 Annual Communication Expenses etc.</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	
<b>10008 Salaries/Retirement/Taxes</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
1550 Grand Secretary - Salary	44,000.00	45,320.00	3% incr 2023
1590 Salary - Grand Lodge Clerk	14,300.00	14,729.00	3% incr 2023
1600 Payroll Tax Expense	6,600.00	6,850.00	
1745 Grand Treasurer Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	
1911 GS Medical Supplemental Ins. Offset	600.00	600.00	
Training for the Grand Secretary replacement (25% time)		6,500.00	New 1/2 year 2023
1610 Retirement	15,000.00	15,000.00	
<b>Total 10008 Salaries/Retirement/Taxes</b>	<b>83,500.00</b>	<b>91,999.00</b>	
<b>10009 Grand Lodge Office Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
1190 Furniture & Fixture Expense	250.00	250.00	
1191 Paraphernalia - Expense	500.00	500.00	
1192 Computer Software, Licenses, Maint, Web Fees	4,000.00	4,000.00	
1193 Membership Management System Annual Cost	3,000.00	3,000.00	
1620 Sales Tax			
1630 Professional Fees(Audit Gen. Fund & PPLM)	6,000.00	6,000.00	
1900 Funeral and Floral	200.00	200.00	
1910 Insurance and Bonds	8,500.00	8,500.00	
1930 Postage	4,000.00	4,000.00	
1950 Telephone	2,800.00	2,800.00	
1951 Building Occupancy Expense	6,000.00	6,000.00	
1952 Building Maintenance & Repairs	500.00	500.00	
1980 Misc. Office Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	
<b>Total 10009 Grand Lodge Office Budget</b>	<b>36,950.00</b>	<b>36,950.00</b>	



Grand Lodge of Idaho Budget  
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	Budget	Budget	
10010 Charitable Giving Budget			
1730 Masonic Library Expense	200.00	200.00	
1731 Masonic Renewal	-	-	
1860 Masonic Service Association Membership Dues	350.00	350.00	
1870 Masonic Relief Association Dues	100.00	100.00	
3220 Masonic Service Association Contributions	250.00	250.00	
3230 George Washington Masonic Memorial	2,856.00	2,856.00	
3240 Masonic Information Center	250.00	250.00	
3500 DeMolay Leadership	3,750.00	3,750.00	
3501 Job's Daughters Leadership (National)	3,750.00	3,750.00	
35?? Idaho Rainbow Leadership	3,750.00	3,750.00	
3525 Youth Scholarship	1,500.00	1,500.00	
3580 Masonic Service Association - Disaster Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	
3584 Masonic Youth Donation For Each Bethel, Chapter an	-	-	
3586 State Youth Leaders	1,400.00	1,400.00	
Total 10010 Charitable Giving Budget	19,156.00	19,156.00	
10011 Misc			
	Budget	Budget	
<b>Deductions per code &amp; digest</b>			
Relief Fund \$0.50 per member	970.50	944.00	
Temple Relief Fund \$0.50 per member	970.50	944.00	
Endowment Fund \$1.00 per member	1,941.00	1,888.00	
Annual Communication Fund \$1.50 per member		2,832.00	New 2023 (replaces delegate registration fee @ GL)
Grand Masters Project Fund \$2.00 per member		3,776.00	New 2023 - establish fund for GM programs
Total 10011 Misc.	3,882.00	10,384.00	
Total Expenses	196,238.00	213,339.00	
total income	196,238.00	213,339.00	
Difference (Budget)	-	-	

Proposed Resolutions  
for consideration at the  
  
155th  
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Sept. 2022

# **Proposed Resolutions**

*Received from members of the Grand Lodge  
of this Grand Jurisdiction  
for  
Adoption or Rejection  
at the  
155th Annual Communication  
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Idaho  
at  
Pocatello, Idaho  
on  
September 15, 16, 17 2022*

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**As required by Section 3401, Paragraph 1. Preparation, Proofing and Filing.**

A. Filed with the Grand Secretary on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of February next preceding the Annual Communication.

B. Forwarded to Committee on Jurisprudence on or before February 22<sup>nd</sup> .

C. On or before April 30<sup>th</sup> , the Committee on Jurisprudence shall return all resolutions to the Grand Secretary which the committee has determined are not in conflict for forwarding to the constituent lodges.

**As required by of Section 3401, Paragraph 2 Notification to Lodges.**

When filed as required, the Grand Secretary shall cause a copy of each legislative proposal to be sent to each Constituent Lodge on or before the first day of May next preceding the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

**Each Lodge is urged to study the Proposed Resolutions carefully.**

Copies will be distributed at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication for the convenience of the delegates in attendance.

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Each District Deputy Grand Master  
Each Past Grand Master

March 25, 2022

Jurisprudence Report for Initial Review of Resolutions

Brother Grand Secretary,

The Jurisprudence committee reviewed the 5 resolutions laid before them and have the following to report.

We found resolutions 1, 3, 4, and 5 to be in form and have no conflicts with existing code.

Resolution 2 however was found to have a conflict and the submitters have chosen to withdraw it from consideration for this year and will resubmit next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Alexander PGM, Chairman

James C. Herndon PGM, Member

Don Jay Miller, Member

Michael Andrus Sutton PGM, Member

John E. Warner PGM, Member

Gary A. S. Labruyere, Grand Lodge Officer Non-Voting

N. Randall King, Grand Lodge Officer Non-Voting

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Resolution					Pass	Fail
001	Page Number	29	<b>By-Laws, Part One</b>			
	Article Number	IV	Article Name	<b>Committees</b>		
	Section	401	Section Name	<b>Standing Committees</b>		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	<p><b>Add:</b> "Committee membership shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members to serve during his term. (Revised Sept. 1999) For the committees on Jurisprudence, Appeals and Grievances, and Accounts and Finances the three principal members of the committee shall be Past Grand Masters (PGM) of Idaho. One PGM shall serve as chairman each year. (Revised Sept. 2022)"</p> <p><b>Rational:</b> These committees need experienced people on them. Past Grand Masters have the most experience of the Master Masons in Idaho and should be principal members on these committees.</p>					
Resolution					Pass	Fail
002	<b>Has been pulled by Authors.</b>					
Resolution					Pass	Fail
003	Page Number	141	<b>Regulations</b>			
	Regulation	38	<b>Written Esoteric Work</b>			
	<b>Remove:</b> " and any Past Grand Master requesting a copy."					
	<p><b>Rational:</b> There is a large risk of losing the copy in the event of a Grand Master passing. There have been three Past Grand Masters that have passed where the work has not been recovered. The initial reason for having Past Grand Masters was to assist in helping brothers learn the work. The lodges now have the ability to request a copy of the written esoteric work and the Past Grand Masters can use the lodge copy if needed.</p>					
Resolution					Pass	Fail
004	Page Number	63, 64	<b>By-Laws, Part Two</b>			
	Article Number	XIV	Article Name	<b>Membership</b>		
	Section	1411	Section Name	<b>Plural Membership,Assessment</b>		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	<p><b>Delete:</b> "Each" <b>Add:</b> "Only the Home"  <b>Delete:</b> "as on each other regular member of the lodge."</p> <p><b>Rational:</b> Some Lodges in some areas have problems with attendance at Stated Meetings and having enough qualified members to fill the elected and appointed positions. To assist and keep these lodges open some thoughtful brothers have plural membership in one or more lodges to keep them going. In rural areas the loss of a local lodge might be enough reason for some local lodge members to drop their membership altogether with no local lodge to attend resulting in a loss of membership statewide. Plural members are willing to pay lodge dues to help out local lodges and be able to vote as a member and count as a one of the required quorum home members. The requirement to pay additional Grand Lodge Assessments makes it cost prohibitive to be a member of multiple lodges to help keep them open and keep Freemasonry in the smaller communities. A plural member can only be an elected officer of one lodge, and only represent one lodge at Grand Lodge, therefore they should only be assessed one Grand Lodge assessment. If they are required to pay multiple Grand Lodge assessments, then the argument</p>					

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<b>Resolution</b>				<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>	
<b>005</b>	Page Number	<b>52</b>	<b>By-Laws Pertaining to the Lodges</b>			
	Article Number	<b>XI</b>	Article Name	<b>Chartered Lodges</b>		
	Section	<b>1104</b>	Section Name	<b>Returns, Monthly and Annual</b>		
	Paragraph	<b>2</b>	Paragraph Name	<b>Annual Returns</b>		
	Sub Paragraphs					
	<b>Delete: "15<sup>th</sup>" Adds: "31<sup>st</sup>"</b>					
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**1. Section to be changed: (Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, etc.): Bylaws, Part One**

**2. Article Number & Name Article IV, Committees**

**3. Section Number & Name Section 401. Standing Committees.**

**4. Current Wording**      **With ADDITIONS: (Additions to be underlined)**  
**And DELETIONS: (Deletions to be ~~Lined-out~~)**

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<i>Robert Maloney</i> Name	<i>W/M</i> Office	<i>Eagle Rock</i> Lodge	<i>19</i> No.
<i>John Gentry</i> Name	<i>Secretary</i> Office	<i>Eagle Rock</i> Lodge	<i>19</i> No.
_____ Name	_____ Office	_____ Lodge	_____ No.

**8. SIGNATURES:**

*[Signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*John Gentry*  
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**1. Section to be changed: (Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, etc.):** Regulation

**2. Article Number & Name** 38 Written Esoteric Work

**3. Section Number & Name** 38 Written Esoteric Work

**4. Current Wording** **With ADDITIONS: (Additions to be underlined)**  
**And DELETIONS: (Deletions to be lined out)**

A written copy of the Esoteric Work shall be in the possession of the R.W. Grand Lecturer and a copy shall be kept in the vault of the Grand Lodge office. Additional copies of the written work shall be issued to the M.W. Grand Master, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, every District Deputy Grand Master, each Lodge requesting ~~and any Past Grand Master requesting a copy~~. The written work shall be used for educational & proficiency purposes only and shall be in the possession of these brethren and Lodges only. Violation of this provision may be deemed sufficient cause for removal from office by the Grand Master. The current Grand Lecturer will inventory all written esoteric work at the Grand Lodge communication at the beginning of his term. Lodge Copies will be verified By the District Deputy's lodge annual inspection, noted on the Questionnaire on Condition of Lodges Form. If a District Deputy is unable to attend Grand Lodge the necessary documentation will be signed during the Fall District Communication.

**5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:**

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DAN SIDBALL	GRAND LECTURER	93	CAPITAL CITY
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>
DAVID C TRIPLETT	PGM	Capital City	93
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>
JUSTIN BOYER	DDGM#7	Capital City	93
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>

8. **SIGNATURES:** \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge Seal



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David C Triplett

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Justin Boyer

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**1. Section to be changed: (Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, etc.):** By Laws, Part two-Pertaining to Lodges

**2. Article Number & Name** Article 14 (XIV) Membership

**3. Section Number & Name** 1411 Plural Membership, Assessment

**4. Current Wording** With ADDITIONS: (*Additions to be underlined*)  
And DELETIONS: (*Deletions to be Lined-out*)

Each ~~Only~~ the Home Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to which a Plural Member belongs, shall pay to the Grand Lodge such assessment, or contributions on such Plural Member, ~~as on each other regular member of the lodge.~~

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<u>WALTER H. JOHNSON</u>	<u>MASTER</u>	<u>MT McCaleb</u>	<u>64</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>
<u>WALTER L. HAMBY</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>MT McCaleb</u>	<u>64</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>
<u>Vernon T. Lee</u>	<u>Past Master</u>	<u>Challis</u>	<u>92</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>

8. **SIGNATURES:**

Vernon T. Lee \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge Seal

Walter Hamby \_\_\_\_\_

Walter H. Johnson \_\_\_\_\_





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**1. Section to be changed: (Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, etc.):** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Article Number & Name** Article XI Chartered Lodges \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Section Number & Name** Section 1104, Returns, Monthly and Annual Paragraph 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Current Wording** Annual Returns- Each Chartered Lodge shall file in the office of the Grand Secretary between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January each year, on forms furnished by him, its returns for the preceding Grand Lodge fiscal year from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, both dates inclusive. Annual Returns shall contain a list of the officers of the Lodge, and such other information as required on the form, and shall be signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary.

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Randy L. Berg, \_Master Mt. Idaho # 9

Jack Roy Past Master, Junior Warden Mt. Idaho #9

Skip Brandt Senior Steward Mt. Idaho #9

**8. SIGNATURES:**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Randy L. Berg* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Jack Roy PM* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Skip Brandt* \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Seal

# Grand Lodge Officers of Idaho (Elective from 1867 to Present)

Grand Lodge Officers (Elective) of Idaho 1867 to Present							
Year	GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY GRANDMASTER	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN	TREASURER	SECRETARY	LECTURER
1867	* George H. Coe (1)	* George W. Paul	* Augustine Haas	* George T. Young	* S.B. Connelly	* P.E. Edmondson	
1868	* George H. Coe (1)	* George W. Paul	* Jonas W. Brown	* George T. Young	* S.B. Connelly	* P.E. Edmondson	
1869	* Jonas W. Brown (2)	* Sam P. Connelly	* L.P. Mikkelsen	* Augustine Haas	* G.A. Hamlin	* P.E. Edmondson	
1870	* Sam P. Connelly (3)	† Charles Hilton	* Salathiel Ridge	* Stephen M. Sisk	* James W. Griffin	* H.E. Prickett	
1871	* Jonas W. Brown (2)	* Richard T. Miller	* G.W. Richards	* James H. Bush	* James W. Griffin	* Lafayette Cartee	
1872	* John Kemaly (1)	* Alexander Rossi	* E.A. Stevenson	* L.P. Mikkelsen	* James W. Griffin	* Lafayette Cartee	
1873	* John Kemaly (1)	* L.P. Mikkelsen	* Benjamin M. Davis	* Alexander Rossi	* James W. Griffin	* Joseph Pinkham	
1874	* Lars P. Mikkelson (5-1)	* E.A. Stevenson	* Charles Himrod	* Thomas E. Logan	* James W. Griffin	* Oliver H. Purdy	
1875	* James W. Griffin (2)	§ L.J. Hall	* Joseph Pinkham	* Frank R. Coffin	* Thomas E. Logan	* Charles Himrod	
1876	* Edward A. Stevenson (2)	* George W. Paul	* Oliver H. Purdy	* A.L. Richardson	* Thomas E. Logan	* Charles Himrod	
1877	* Edward A. Stevenson (2)	* Joseph Pinkham	* Thomas C. Maupin	* Wm. W. Gidden	* Thomas E. Logan	* Charles Himrod	
1878	* Edward A. Stevenson (2)	* Sylvanus C. Hall	* H.E. Prickett	* George W. Paul	* Thomas E. Logan	* Charles Himrod	
1879	* Charles Himrod (2)	* H.E. Prickett	* George M. Parsons	* Alex Orchard	* Thomas E. Logan	* Lafayette Cartee	
1880	* Henry E. Prickett (2-7)	* John Hallanbeck	* F. Campbell	* Richard S. Haws	* Thomas E. Logan	* Lafayette Cartee	
1881	* Francis E. Ensign (2-7)	* Lafayette Cartee	* Theo W. Randall	* Joseph C. Gross	* Thomas E. Logan	* J.H. Wickersham	
1882	* Lafayette Cartee (2)	* C.P. Coburn	* F. Campbell	* Wol. S. Anderson	* John Huntton	* J.H. Wickersham	
1883	* Chester P. Coburn (10)	* John A. Post	* A.G. Redway	* Benjamin F. Morris	* John Huntton	* Jonas Brown	
1884	* John A. Post (2-6)	* Benjamin F. Morris	* Peter Soma	* G.W. Richards	* John Huntton	* Jonas Brown	
1885	* George H. Davis (2)	* G.W. Richards	* Hazen Squier	* Alex Orchard	* John Huntton	* J.H. Wickersham	
1886	* George H. Davis (2)	* Hazen Squier	* John H. Myer	* Charles W. Case	* John Huntton	* J.H. Wickersham	
1887	* Edward A. Stevenson (2)	* I.C. Hattabaugh	* John Hunter	* Stephen Dempsey	* John Huntton	* J.H. Wickersham	
1888	* John Hunter (18)	* Charles W. Case	* Stephen Dempsey	* Richard S. Haws	* John Huntton	* J.H. Wickersham	
1889	* George L. Shoup (11)	* George Ainslie	* Istidore S. Weiler	* Edwin A. Jordan	* Charles Himrod	* J.H. Wickersham	
1890	* George Ainslie (1)	* John H. Myer	* Edwin A. Jordan	* George D. Golden	* Charles Himrod	* J.H. Wickersham	
1891	* John H. Myer (3)	* A.O. Ingalls	* George D. Golden	* James A. Pinney	* Charles Himrod	* J.H. Wickersham	
1892	* Isaac A. Hattabaugh (17)	* James A. Pinney	* Isidor S. Weiler	* G.M. Waterhouse	* Charles Himrod	* J.H. Wickersham	
1893	* James A. Pinney (2)	§ Jess Coulter	* A.B. Clark	* Alfred Moyes	* Charles Himrod	* J.H. Wickersham	
1894	* Adelbert B. Clark (30)	* Isidor S. Weiler	* G.M. Waterhouse	* Charles S. Doan	* Charles Himrod	* Jonas W. Brown	
1895	* Isidor S. Weiler (2)	* G.M. Waterhouse	* A.W. Talkington	* L.P. Anderson	* Charles Himrod	* C.C. Stevenson	
1896	* Fred G. Mock (29)	* John C. Muerman	* James Criswell	* George H. Storer	* Charles Himrod	* C.C. Stevenson	
1897	* Geo. M. Waterhouse (23)	* George Garbutt	* George H. Storer	* A.J. McNab	* Charles Himrod	* C.C. Stevenson	
1898	† George H. Storer	* John C. Muerman	* James Criswell	† Fmns C. Gordon	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Frank E. Beal
1899	* John C. Muerman (17)	† James Criswell	† Fmns C. Gordon	* George F. Wall	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Jere W. Robinson
1900	George D. Golden (12)	* A.W. Talkington	* David C. Chase	* W.B. Goodheart	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Frank T. Wyman
1901	* David C. Chase (28)	* David F. Mason	* Joshua M. Cowan	* W.B. Goodheart	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Frank T. Wyman
1902	* David F. Mason (24)	* Joshua M. Cowan	* Albert W. Gordon	* Jeremiah W. Robinson (Jere)	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1903	* Joshua M. Cowan (30)	* Albert W. Gordon	* Jeremiah W. Robinson (Jere)	§ Theron S. Ward	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1904	* Albert W. Gordon (36)	* Jeremiah W. Robinson (Jere)	* William F. Smith	* Wm. C. Whitwell	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart

1905	* Jeremiah W. Robinson (1ere) (2)	* William F. Smith	* Wm. C. Whitwell	* Wm. R. Hamilton	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1906	* William F. Smith (30)	* Wm. C. Whitwell	§ J.C. White	* George F. Gagon	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1907	* Wm. C. Whitwell (11)	* Wm. R. Hamilton	§ J.C. White	* George F. Gagon	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1908	* Wm. R. Hamilton (13)	* George F. Gagon	* Byron F. Defenbach	† F.C. Bowman	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1909	* George F. Gagon (33)	* Byron F. Defenbach	† F.C. Bowman	§ Oliver E. Barr	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	§ D.T.A. McIntosh
1910	* Byron F. Defenbach (10)	† F.C. Bowman	* Ezrea A. Burrell	* N.D. Brookhart	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1911	† Frank C. Bowman (19)	* Ezrea A. Burrell	* Curtis F. Pike	* A. Christenson	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1912	* Ezrea A. Burrell (27)	* Curtis F. Pike	* A. Christenson	* Francis Jenkins	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* George E. Knepper
1913	* Curtis F. Pike (2)	* A. Christenson	* Francis Jenkins	* J.D. Bloomfield	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1914	* Andrew. Christenson (42)	* Francis Jenkins	* J.D. Bloomfield	* William C. Smith	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1915	* Francis Jenkins (17)	* J.D. Bloomfield	* Sherman M. Coffin	* Fletcher A. Jeter	* Charles Himrod	* George E. Knepper	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1916	* J.D. Bloomfield (29)	* Sherman M. Coffin	* A. Lounsbury	* Fletcher A. Jeter	* Charles Himrod	* George E. Knepper	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1917	* Sherman M. Coffin (39)	* A. Lounsbury	* Fletcher A. Jeter	* Arch Cunningham	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper	* Albert White
1918	* Andrew. Lounsbury (14)	* Arch Cunningham	* I. Edgar Meek	† Gary C. Burke	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper	† John A. Brown
1919	* Arch Cunningham (2)	* I. Edgar Meek	* Fletcher A. Jeter	* George M. Scott	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper	§ Wilbert H. Tyler
1920	* I. Edgar Meek (29)	* Fletcher A. Jeter	* George M. Scott	* Victor Peterson	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper	§ Wilbert H. Tyler
1921	* Fletcher A. Jeter (24)	* George M. Scott	* Victor Peterson	* Frank Knox	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper	§ Wilbert H. Tyler
1922	* George M. Scott (19)	* Victor Peterson	* Frank Knox	* Will H. Gibson	* Arch Cunningham	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper
1923	* Victor Peterson (9)	* Frank Knox	* Will H. Gibson	* Jay R. Mason	* C.S. Crawford	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper
1924	* Frank Knox (37)	* Will H. Gibson	* H.P. Glindeman	* Richard F. Curtis	* Arch Cunningham	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper
1925	* Will H. Gibson	* H.P. Glindeman	* Richard F. Curtis	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Arch Cunningham	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper
1926	* Henry P. Glindeman (24)	* Richard F. Curtis	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Frank Mumford	* Arch Cunningham	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper
1927	* Richard F. Curtis (42)	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Frank Mumford	* Jay G. Eldridge	* Arch Cunningham	* Curtis F. Pike	* George E. Knepper
1928	* Roy N. Gilbert (29)	* Frank Mumford	* Jay G. Eldridge	* Percy Jones	* Arch Cunningham	* Curtis F. Pike	* John T. Wood
1929	* Frank Mumford (39)	* Jay G. Eldridge	* Percy Jones	† Albert R. Manock	* Arch Cunningham	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1930	* Jay Glover Eldridge (17)	* Percy Jones	† Albert R. Manock	* S. Irven Roberson	* Arch Cunningham	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1931	* Percy Jones (33)	† Albert R. Manock	* S. Irven Roberson	* John T. Wood	* Arch Cunningham	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1932	† Albert R. Manock (62)	* S. Irven Roberson	* John T. Wood	* Louis R. Scott	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1933	* S. Irven Roberson (61)	* John T. Wood	* Louis R. Scott	* Wm. H. Thompson	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1934	* John T. Wood (24)	* Louis R. Scott	* Wm. H. Thompson	* Everett W. Rising	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1935	* Louis R. Scott (17)	* Wm. H. Thompson	* Everett W. Rising	* Clyde I. Rush	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1936	* Wm. H. Thompson	* Everett W. Rising	* Clyde I. Rush	* W. Wade Wilson	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1937	* Everett W. Rising	* Clyde I. Rush	* W. Wade Wilson	* Asa A. Vealey	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1938	* Clyde I. Rush (31)	* W. Wade Wilson	* Asa A. Vealey	* Wm. D. Farnham	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1939	* W. Wade Wilson (56)	* Asa A. Vealey	* Wm. D. Farnham	* Lee Carlock	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Curtis F. Pike	* Frank Knox
1940	* Asa A. Vealey (27)	* Wm. D. Farnham	* Lee Carlock	* Albert W. Stone	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Frank Knox
1941	* Wm. D. Farnham	* Lee Carlock	* George E. Bacheller	* Gilford H. Mayes	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Frank Knox
1942	* Lee Carlock (63)	* George E. Bacheller	* Gilford H. Mayes	* Marcus J. Ware	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Frank Knox
1943	* George E. Bacheller (60)	* Gilford H. Mayes	* Marcus J. Ware	* Ray K.D. Sluyter	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Frank Knox
1944	* Gilford H. Mayes (34)	* Marcus J. Ware	* Ray K.D. Sluyter	* Howard I. Monks	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Frank Knox

1945	* Marcus J. Ware (10-96)	* Ray K.D. Slyuter	* Howard I. Monks	* A. Edward Prince	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Frank Knox
1946	* Ray K.D. Slyuter (45)	* Howard I. Monks	* A. Edward Prince	* Jay A. Redfield	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Frank Knox
1947	* Howard I. Monks (54)	* A. Edward Prince	* Jay A. Redfield	* Summer G. Davis	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Wm. D. Farnham
1948	* A. Edward Prince (1)	* Jay A. Redfield	* Summer G. Davis	* Ray F. Brookhart	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Wm. D. Farnham
1949	* A. Edward Prince (9)	* Summer G. Davis	* Ray F. Brookhart	* Noel M. Leavitt	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* A. Edward Prince
1950	* Summer G. Davis (61)	* Ray F. Brookhart	* Noel M. Leavitt	* Angus Y. Bethune	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Clyde I. Rush	* A. Edward Prince
1951	* Ray F. Brookhart (95)	* Noel M. Leavitt	* Angus Y. Bethune	* Larry W. Brainard	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Clyde I. Rush	* A. Edward Prince
1952	* Noel M. Leavitt (32)	* Angus Y. Bethune	* Larry W. Brainard	* Claude M. Gorden	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Clyde I. Rush	* A. Edward Prince
1953	* Angus Y. Bethune (34)	* Larry W. Brainard	* Claude M. Gorden	* Elbert S. Rawls	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Clyde I. Rush	* A. Edward Prince
1954	* Larry W. Brainard (28-18)	* Claude M. Gorden	* Elbert S. Rawls	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Clyde I. Rush	* A. Edward Prince
1955	* Claude M. Gorden (45)	* Elbert S. Rawls	* Herbert H. Eberle	* R. Gail Train	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Clyde I. Rush	* Ray K.D. Slyuter
1956	* Elbert S. Rawls	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Glen W. Royse	* Elmer E. Nelson	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Clyde I. Rush	* Claude M. Gorden
1957	* Herbert H. Eberle (60-93)	* Glen W. Royse	* Elmer E. Nelson	* Charles Herndon	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Clyde I. Rush	* Claude M. Gorden
1958	* Glen W. Royse (19)	* Elmer E. Nelson	* Charles Herndon	* Charles W. Simmons	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Claude M. Gorden
1959	* Elmer E. Nelson (17)	* Charles Herndon	* Charles W. Simmons	* Charles F. Gill	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Claude M. Gorden
1960	* Charles W. Simmons (11)	* Charles W. Simmons	* Charles F. Gill	* Iver J. Longeteig	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Claude M. Gorden
1961	* Charles W. Simmons (34)	* Charles F. Gill	* Iver J. Longeteig	* John P. Halliwell, Jr.	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Claude M. Gorden
1962	* Charles F. Gill (23)	* Iver J. Longeteig	* John P. Halliwell, Jr.	* A. Warren Cate	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Claude M. Gorden
1963	* Iver J. Longeteig (62)	* John P. Halliwell, Jr.	* A. Warren Cate	* Arthur Dingler	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Elbert S. Rawls
1964	* John P. Halliwell, Jr. (18)	* A. Warren Cate	* Arthur Dingler	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Alton T. Kauffman
1965	* A. Warren Cate (1)	* Arthur Dingler	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Alton T. Kauffman
1966	* Arthur Dingler (24)	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Russell C. Walker	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Alton T. Kauffman
1967	* Gifford R. Shaffer (28)	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Russell C. Walker	* Harold E. McBeth	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Herbert H. Eberle	* Alton T. Kauffman
1968	* Adrian W. Bomert (93)	* Russell C. Walker	* Harold E. McBeth	* Walter G. Pyrah, Jr.	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Alton T. Kauffman
1969	* Russell C. Walker (48)	* Bowman Vertrees	* George W. Knoff	* Stephen A. Mahaffey	* Gayle L. McAtee	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Alton T. Kauffman
1970	* Bowman Vertrees (39)	* George W. Knoff	* Stephen A. Mahaffey	* Lowell C. Jensen	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Alton T. Kauffman
1971	* George W. Knoff (18)	* Stephen A. Mahaffey	* Lowell C. Jensen	* Wayne S. Miller	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Alton T. Kauffman
1972	* Stephen A. Mahaffey (11)	* Lowell C. Jensen	* Wayne S. Miller	* Wayne W. Woodward	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Alton T. Kauffman
1973	* Lowell C. Jensen (52)	* Wayne S. Miller	* Wayne W. Woodward	* Eugene D. Pippitt	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Charles M. Rogers
1974	* Wayne S. Miller (24)	* Wayne W. Woodward	* Eugene D. Pippitt	* O'Deen K. Redman	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Charles M. Rogers
1975	* Wayne W. Woodward (37)	* Eugene D. Pippitt	* Alton T. Kauffman	* Robert E. Vaughan	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Charles M. Rogers
1976	* Eugene D. Pippitt (45)	* Alton T. Kauffman	* Robert E. Vaughan	* Wayne K. Feely	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Charles M. Rogers
1977	* Alton T. Kauffman (10-60)	* Robert E. Vaughan	* Wayne K. Feely	* Larry R. Turner	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Eugene D. Pippitt
1978	* Robert E. Vaughan (2)	* Wayne K. Feely	* Larry R. Turner	* Lynn E. Cannon	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Eugene D. Pippitt
1979	* Wayne K. Feely (24)	* Larry R. Turner	* Lynn E. Cannon	* Theodore Fujiki	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Eugene D. Pippitt
1980	* Larry R. Turner (47-60)	* Lynn E. Cannon	* Theodore Fujiki	* Wiley F. Smith	* Adrian W. Bomert	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Eugene D. Pippitt
1981	* Lynn E. Cannon (10)	* Theodore Fujiki	* Wiley F. Smith	* Gordon L. Buck	* Robert E. Gaddis	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Eugene D. Pippitt
1982	* Theodore Fujiki (77)	* Wiley F. Smith	* Gordon L. Buck	* Wallace S. Johnson	* Robert E. Gaddis	* Gifford R. Shaffer	* Eugene D. Pippitt
1983	* Wiley F. Smith (64)	* Gordon L. Buck	* Wallace S. Johnson	* Burrell G. Lirgg	* Robert E. Gaddis	* Larry R. Turner	* Eugene D. Pippitt
1984	* Gordon L. Buck (39)	* Wallace S. Johnson	* Burrell G. Lirgg	* Fred D. Decker	* Robert E. Gaddis	* Larry R. Turner	* Eugene D. Pippitt



1985	*Wallace S. Johnson (73)	*Burrell G. Lings	Fred D. Decker	Raymond S. Burstedt	*Robert E. Gaddis	*Larry R. Turner	*Eugene D. Pippitt
1986	*Burrell G. Lings (93)	Fred D. Decker	Raymond S. Burstedt	*Gerald L. Riggs	*Robert E. Gaddis	*Larry R. Turner	*Eugene D. Pippitt
1987	Fred D. Decker (55)	Raymond S. Burstedt	*Gerald L. Riggs	C. Philip Drew	*Robert E. Gaddis	*Larry R. Turner	*Eugene D. Pippitt
1988	Raymond S. Burstedt (92)	*Gerald L. Riggs	C. Philip Drew	*Harry L. Fry	*Donald H. Miller	*Larry R. Turner	*Eugene D. Pippitt
1989	*Gerald L. Riggs (20-24)	C. Philip Drew	*Harry L. Fry	*Robert E. Gaddis	*Frank K. Ilett	*Larry R. Turner	*Wallace S. Johnson
1990	C. Philip Drew (13-29)	*Harry L. Fry	*Robert E. Gaddis	*James A. Davidson	*Stanley E. Barker	*Larry R. Turner	*Wallace S. Johnson
1991	*Harry L. Fry (10)	R. Dix Hoffman	*James A. Davidson	*John P. Hurst	*Stanley E. Barker	*Larry R. Turner	*Wallace S. Johnson
1992	*R. Dix Hoffman (19)	*James A. Davidson	*John P. Hurst	Gregory L. Winther	*Stanley E. Barker	*Larry R. Turner	*Wallace S. Johnson
1993	*James A. Davidson (28)	*John P. Hurst	Gregory L. Winther	*David A. Olehy	*Stanley E. Barker	Joseph F. Hanig	*Wallace S. Johnson
1994	*John P. Hurst (51-95)	Gregory L. Winther	*David A. Olehy	James V. Voyles	*Stanley E. Barker	Joseph F. Hanig	Merle S. Hill
1995	Gregory L. Winther (29)	*David A. Olehy	James V. Voyles	John M. Kucera	*Stanley E. Barker	Joseph F. Hanig	Merle S. Hill
1996	*David A. Olehy (52)	James V. Voyles	John M. Kucera	Gregory E. Johnson	*Stanley E. Barker	Joseph F. Hanig	Merle S. Hill
1997	James V. Voyles (60)	John M. Kucera	Gregory E. Johnson	John W. Sharp	*Stanley E. Barker	Joseph F. Hanig	*Harold W. Holm
1998	John M. Kucera (20-24)	Gregory E. Johnson	John W. Sharp	Bradley A. Cannon	*Stanley E. Barker	Joseph F. Hanig	*Harold W. Holm
1999	Gregory E. Johnson (56)	John W. Sharp	Bradley A. Cannon	Joseph E. Alexander	*Stanley E. Barker	Joseph F. Hanig	*Harold W. Holm
2000	John W. Sharp (52)	Bradley A. Cannon	Joseph E. Alexander	Richard C. Broemeling	*Stanley E. Barker	Joseph F. Hanig	*Harold W. Holm
2001	Bradley A. Cannon (10)	Joseph E. Alexander	Richard C. Broemeling	*Harry C. Black (13-60)	*Stanley E. Barker	Joseph F. Hanig	R. Dix Hoffman
2002	Joseph E. Alexander (19)	Richard C. Broemeling	*Harry C. Black (13-60)	*H. Kingsley Andrae	*Stanley E. Barker	Joseph F. Hanig	James V. Voyles
2003	Richard C. Broemeling (30)	*Harry C. Black (13-60)	James C. Herndon	Michael A. Sutton	*Stanley E. Barker	Vernon E. Patrick	James V. Voyles
2004	*Harry C. Black (13-60)	James C. Herndon	Michael A. Sutton	*Robert B. Cargill	*Stanley E. Barker	Vernon E. Patrick	James V. Voyles
2005	James C. Herndon (11-33)	Michael A. Sutton	*Robert B. Cargill	Richard E. Kaiser	*Stanley E. Barker	Vernon E. Patrick	*Paul E. Alexander
2006	Michael A. Sutton (18, 42)	*Robert B. Cargill	Richard E. Kaiser	David C. Tripplett	*Stanley E. Barker	Vernon E. Patrick	*Paul E. Alexander
2007	*Robert B. Cargill (10)	Richard E. Kaiser	David C. Tripplett	David E. "Skip" Owen, Jr	*Stanley E. Barker	Vernon E. Patrick	*Paul E. Alexander
2008	Richard E. Kaiser (19, 33)	David C. Tripplett	David E. "Skip" Owen, Jr	Jay A. Leonard	*Stanley E. Barker	Monte B. Bollar	*Paul E. Alexander
2009	David C. Tripplett (93)	David E. "Skip" Owen, Jr	Jay A. Leonard	Keith C. Brooks	*Stanley E. Barker	Monte B. Bollar	D. Douglas Lindley
2010	David E. "Skip" Owen, Jr (21,30,80)	Jay A. Leonard	Keith C. Brooks	*Daniel B. Heberling	*Stanley E. Barker	Monte B. Bollar	Thomas Gough
2011	Jay A. Leonard (30-80)	Keith Brooks	*Daniel B. Heberling	G. Arthur Shoemaker	*Stanley E. Barker	Monte B. Bollar	Thomas Gough
2012	Keith C. Brooks (45,68)	*Daniel B. Heberling	G. Arthur Shoemaker	John E. Warner	*Stanley E. Barker	Monte B. Bollar	Thomas Gough
2013	*Daniel B. Heberling (62-63-24)	G. Arthur Shoemaker	John E. Warner	*James A. Hensley	*Stanley E. Barker	Monte B. Bollar	Thomas Gough
2014	G. Arthur Shoemaker (60)	John E. Warner	*James A. Hensley	William K. Curtis	N. Randall King	Monte B. Bollar	Thomas Gough
2015	John E. Warner (18)	*James A. Hensley	William K. Curtis	*Kent R. McCandless	N. Randall King	Monte B. Bollar	Thomas Gough
2016	*James A. Hensley	William K. Curtis	*Kent R. McCandless	Steven L. Hall	N. Randall King	Monte B. Bollar	Thomas Gough
2017	William K. Curtis	*Kent R. McCandless	Steven L. Hall	Steven O. Zimmerman	N. Randall King	Monte B. Bollar	Daniel D. Siddall
2018	*Kent R. McCandless	Steven L. Hall	Steven O. Zimmerman	Russ W. Smith	N. Randall King	Monte B. Bollar	Daniel D. Siddall
2019	Steven L. Hall	Steven O. Zimmerman	Russ W. Smith	H. Herman Burger III	Bruce A Wethered	Monte B. Bollar	Daniel D. Siddall
2020	Steven O. Zimmerman	Russ W. Smith	H. Herman Burger III	Gary A.S. LaBruyere	Bruce A Wethered	Monte B. Bollar	Daniel D. Siddall
2021	Russ W. Smith	H. Sherman Burger III	Gary A.S. LaBruyere	Rick L. Holloway	Bruce A Wethered	Monte B. Bollar	Daniel D. Siddall
2022	H. Sherman Burger III	Gary A.S. LaBruyere	Rick L. Holloway	N. Randall King	Bruce A Wethered	Monte B. Bollar	Daniel D. Siddall

## List of Regular Lodges in Idaho.

		LIST OF ALL REGULAR LODGES IN IDAHO					
NO.		NAME	TOWN	COUNTY	DATE OF CHARTER	DATE OF MEETING	District
1		Idaho	Boise	Ada	June 23, 1868	First Monday 7:30 p.m.	5
2		Boise	Boise	Ada	June 23, 1868	First Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	5
3		Placer	Placerville	Boise	June 23, 1868	First Saturday, 6:00p.m.	5
4	*	Pioneer	Pioneerville	Boise	June 23, 1868	Arrested 1878	
5	*	Owyhee	Silver City	Owyhee	June 23, 1868	Consolidated in 1881 to form Silver City No. 13	
6	*	War Eagle	Silver City	Owyhee	June 23, 1868	Consolidated in 1881 to form Silver City No. 13	
7	*	Shoshone	Boise	Ada	October, 1869	Consolidated w/Boise Lodge No. 2, Nov. 1889	
8	*	Coe	Centerville	Boise	October, 1869	Surrendered January, 1874	
9		Mt. Idaho	Grangeville	Idaho	December 1873	Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	8
10		Nez Perce	Lewiston	Nez Perce	December 1874	Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	8
11		Lemhi	Salmon	Lemhi	December, 1874	Second Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	1
12	*	Alturas	Rocky Bar	Elmore	December, 1875	Surrendered June, 1905	
13		Silver City	Homedale	Owyhee	September, 1881	Second Saturday, 1:00 p.m.	6
14	*	Cassia	Albion	Cassia	September, 1883	Arrested August, 1999	
15	*	St. Johns	Bellevue	Blaine	September, 1883	Arrested December, 1904	
16		Hailey	Hailey	Blaine	September 1885	Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	3
17		Paradise	Moscow	Latah	September 1885	Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	8
18		Portneuf	Pocatello	Bannock	September, 1886	First Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	2
19		Eagle Rock	Idaho Falls	Bonneville	September, 1886	First and Third Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.	2
20		Coeur d'Alene	Murray	Shoshone	September, 1886	Second Monday, 7:30 p.m.	9
21	*	Bethany	Shoshone	Lincoln	September, 1887	Consolidated in 2006 to form Richfield 21	
21		Richfield	Richfield	Lincoln	September, 1887	(renumbered when consolidated) First Thursday 8:00 p.m.	3
22	*	Essene	Caldwell	Canyon	September, 1888	Surrendered 1900	
23		Weiser	Weiser	Washington	September, 1888	First Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.	7
24		Kootenai	Coeur d'Alene	Kootenai	September, 1891	First Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	9
25		Shoshone	Wallace	Shoshone	September, 1891	Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	9
26	*	Kendrick	Kendrick	Latah	September, 1892	Merged with Deary No. 72, Feb. 1987	
27	*	King Solomon	Montpelier	Bear Lake	September, 1892	Merged with Caribou No.84 Dec. 2001	
28		Washoe	Payette	Payette	September, 1892	Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	7
29		Ashlar	Nampa	Canyon	December, 1988	First Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	6
29	*	Nampa	Nampa	Canyon	September, 1892	Consolidated with Ashlar 90 - Dec. 1988	
30		Elmore	Mountain Home	Elmore	September 1892	First Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	4
31		Salubria	Cambridge	Washington	September, 1893	First Monday 8:00 p.m.	7
32	*	Unity	Genesee	Latah	September, 1893	Merged with Paradise #17 6/23/2017	
33		Grove City	Blackfoot	Bingham	September, 1869	Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.	2
34		Cataldo	Kellogg	Shoshone	September, 1896	First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.	9
35	*	Harrison	Harrison	Kootenai	September, 1900	Charter Revoked Sept. 19, 1986	
36	*	Hiram	Nez Perce	Lewis	September, 1902	Merged with Prairie No. 62 - Mar. 1990	
37		Butte	Emmett	Gem	September, 1902	Third Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	7
38	*	Benevolent	St. Anthony	Fremont	September, 1902	Merged with Ashton No. 73 October 4, 1996	
39		Mt. Moriah	Caldwell	Canyon	September 1902	First Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	6
40	*	Pend o'Oreille	Laclede	Kootenai	September, 1903	Surrendered December, 1908	
41		Rathdrum	Rathdrum	Kootenai	September, 1904	First Saturday, 10:00a.m.	10
42		Lakeside	Sandpoint	Bonner	September, 1904	First Monday, 7:00 p.m.	10

43		Bonnors Ferry	Bonnors Ferry	Boundary	September, 1904	Second Wednesday, 7:00 p..m.	10
44	*	Crown Point	Pearl	Boise	September, 1905	Recalled September, 1913	
45		Twin Falls	Twin Falls	Twin Falls	September, 1906	First Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	3
46	*	Heyburn	Heyburn	Minidoka	September, 1906	Merged with Paul No. 77 - March 1992	
47		Meridian	Meridian	Ada	September, 1906	Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	6
48	*	Arco	Arco	Butte	September, 1906	Merged with Mt. McCalab No. 64, in 2021	
49	*	Parma	Parma	Canyon	September, 1907	Consolidated with Silver City No. 13, Dec. 1998	
50	*	Mullan	Mullan	Shoshone	September, 1908	Merged with Shoshone No.25 2004	
51		Malad	Malad	Oneida	September, 1908	Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.	2
52	*	St. Johns	Shelley	Bingham	September, 1909	Merged with Eagle Rock 10/30/2012	
53	*	Buhl	Buhl	Twin Falls	September, 1910	Merged with Hagerman Lodge 78 - 2016	
54	*	Wendell	Wendell	Gooding	September, 1910	Merged with Lincoln #59, 2009	
55	*	Filer/Hollister	Filer	Twin Falls	September, 1910	Merged with Twin Falls #45 January 2007	
56		Kamiah	Kamiah	Lewis	September, 1910	First Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	8
57		Spirit Lake	Spirit Lake	Kootenai	September, 1910	Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m.	10
58	*	American Falls	American Falls	Power	September, 1910	Merged with Caribou No.84 January 2017	
59		Lincoln	Gooding	Gooding	September, 1910	Second Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	4
60		Oriental	Boise	Ada	September, 1910	Second Friday, 7:30 p.m.	5
61	*	Jerome	Jerome	Jerome	September, 1910	Merged with Twin Falls #45	
62	*	Prairie	Craigmont	Lewis	June, 1943	Merged with Mt. Idaho #9 Nov. 2013	
62	*	Acacia	Gifford	Nez Perce	September, 1911	Cons. With Prairie No. 75, June, 1943	
63		St. Maries	St. Maries	Benewah	September, 1911	First Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	9
64		Mt. McCaleb	Mackay	Custer	September, 1911	Second Saturday 10:30 a.m.	1
65	*	Rupert	Rupert	Minidoka	September, 1911	Merged with Paul No.77 March 2004	
66	*	Potlatch	Potlatch	Latah	September, 1911	Merged with Paradise #17 June 2008	
67	*	Winchester	Winchester	Lewis	September, 1912	Merged with Mt. Idaho No.9 Aug. 2003	
68	*	Burley	Burley	Cassia	September, 1912	Second Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	
69	*	Orofino	Orofino	Clearwater	September, 1913	Merged with Kamiah No. 56 - Feb. 1992	
70	*	Richfield	Richfield	Lincoln	September, 1913	Consolidated w/Bethany 21 May 4, 2006	
71	*	Hollister	Filer	Twin Falls	September, 1914	Consolidated with Filer No. 55, May 1998	
72	*	Bovill	Bovill	Latah	September, 1914	Consolidated with Elk River Feb. 12, 1948	
72	*	Bovill	Deary	Latah	January 31, 1985	Change Name from Bovill to Deary	
72	*	Deary	Deary	Latah	February, 1948	Merged with Unity No. 32, Dec. 2001	
73	*	Ashton	Ashton	Freemont	September, 1914	Merged with St. Johns No. 52, July 3, 2002	
74	*	Eden	Eden	Jerome	September, 1918	Merged with Jerome No. 61 - Nov. 1987	
75	*	Prairie	Craigmont	Lewis	September, 1918	Cons. with Acacia No. 62, June, 1943	
76	*	Fortitude	Dubois	Clark	September, 1920	Merged with St. Johns No. 52 - Dec. 1993	
77		Paul	Paul	Minidoka	September, 1920	First Thursday, 8:00 p.m.	3
78		Hagerman	Hagerman	Gooding	September, 1921	Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	4
79	*	Kuna	Kuna	Ada	September, 1921	Cons. with Meridian No. 47, Dec., 1969	
80		Fidelity	Glenns Ferry	Elmore	September, 1921	Third Tuesday (First in Dec.), 7:00 p.m.	4
81	*	Keystone	Pocatello	Bannock	September, 1921	Surrendered Charter Dec. 2013	
82		Ionic	Cascade	Valley	September, 1922	Second Tuesday , 7:00 p.m.	5
83	*	Wilder	Wilder	Canyon	September, 1922	Cons. with Silver City No. 13, Mar., 1985	
84		Caribou	Soda Springs	Caribou	September, 1922	Second Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.	2
85	*	Kaniksu	Priest River	Bonner	September, 1922	Merged with Lakeside No. 42, Jan., 1987	
86	*	Worley	Worley	Kootenai	September, 1924	Merged with Rathdrum No. 41, Feb 1998	
87	*	Kooskia	Kooskia	Idaho	September, 1924	Merged with Mt. Idaho #9 Dec. 2018	
88	*	Elk River	Elk River	Clearwater	September, 1926	Cons. with Bovill No. 72, Feb., 1948	
89	*	Rose Lake	Cataldo	Kootenai	September, 1927	Cons. With Wardner No. 34 , April 2005	
90	*	Ashlar	Nampa	Canyon	September, 1928	Cons. with Nampa No. 29, Dec., 1988	
91	*	Payette Lake	McCall	Valley	September, 1931	Merged with Ionic No. 82, June 2005	

92		Challis	Challis	Custer	September, 1949	Second Thursday, 7:00 p.m.	1
93		Capital City	Boise	Ada	September, 1950	First Monday, 7:00 p.m.	5
94	*	Kayler	Twin Falls	Twin Falls	September, 1950	Merged with Twin Falls No. 45, Nov. 1999	
95	*	Mount Kinport	Pocatello	Bannock	September, 1952	Charter Surrendered 12/31/2020	
96	*	Robert Newell	Lewiston	Nez Perce	September, 1956	Merged with Nez Perce No. 10 - Jan., 1992	
97		Kaniksu	Priest River	Bonner	September, 1995	First Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	10
98		Initial Point	Kuna	Ada	September, 2019	Meets 4 Wed. of the Month	6
1965		Lodge of Research	Boise	Ada	September, 1965	At Annual Communication in Sept.	0
1883		Idaho Historical Lodge	Idaho City	Boise	September, 2010	First Saturday, after Grand Lodge	0
1886	*	Murray Historical	Murray	Shoshone	September, 2012	Charter pulled by Grand Lodge 2016	





## District Organizations

<p><b>FIRST DISTRICT</b>  <i>Three Lodges</i>            Lemhi No. 11            Mt McCaleb No. 64            Challis No. 92</p>	<p><b>SECOND DISTRICT</b>  <i>Five Lodges</i>            Portneuf No. 18            Eagle Rock No. 19            Grove City No. 33            Malad No. 51            Caribou No. 84</p>	<p><b>THIRD DISTRICT</b>  <i>Five Lodges</i>            Hailey No. 16            Richfield No. 21            Twin Falls No. 45            Burley No. 68            Paul No. 77</p>
<p><b>FOURTH DISTRICT</b>  <i>Four Lodges</i>            Elmore No. 30            Lincoln No. 59            Hagerman No. 78            Fidelity No. 80</p>	<p><b>FIFTH DISTRICT</b>  <i>Six Lodges</i>            Idaho No. 1            Boise No. 2            Placer No. 3            Oriental No. 60            Ionic No. 82            Capital City No. 93</p>	<p><b>SIXTH DISTRICT</b>  <i>Five Lodges</i>            Silver City No. 13            Ashlar No. 29            Mt. Moriah No. 39            Meridian No. 47            Initial Point No. 98.</p>
<p><b>SEVENTH DISTRICT</b>  <i>Four Lodges</i>            Weiser No. 23            Washoe No. 28            Salubria No. 31            Butte No. 37</p>	<p><b>EIGHTH DISTRICT</b>            Mount Idaho No.9            Nez Perce No. 10            Paradise No. 17            Kamiah No. 56</p>	<p><b>NINTH DISTRICT</b>  <i>Five Lodges</i>            Coeur d'Alene No. 20            Kootenai No. 24            Shoshone No. 25            Cataldo No. 34            St. Maries No. 63</p>
<p><b>TENTH DISTRICT</b>  <i>Five Lodges</i>            Rathdrum No. 41            Lakeside No. 42            Bonners Ferry No. 43            Spirit Lake No. 57            Kaniksu No. 97</p>		

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Place of Meeting 2023  
The 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication  
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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho  
Will be held at Boise, Idaho  
September 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

