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H. Sherman Burger III
Grand Master

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H. Sherman Burger III

M.:W.: Grand Master

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Masonic Biography – R. W. H. Sherman Burger, III M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Idaho

Harry Sherman Burger, III (Sherman) was born in Caldwell, Idaho to a Masonic Family. His Father and Grandfather, both named Harry Sherman Burger, were Masons belonging to Mt. Moriah #39 in Caldwell. His Great Uncle Fred J. Burger belonged to a Utah Lodge. At least one other member of the earlier generations of Sherman's family was also a Mason. He was born in 1828, and we believe that in 1851 he received his degrees in Adelphi Lodge #23 in New York. He died in 1904 in Iowa. Unfortunately, his last name was Jones, so not much was able to be confirmed about his membership. He most likely was either a Great-Great Grandfather or Uncle. Sherman did wear Br. Jones's Masonic apron while being installed as MWGM.

At their deaths, his Grandfather had been a Mason 69 years and his father had been a Mason 63 years. His Mother was a Past Matron of Hermosa Chapter #32 in Caldwell. His Paternal Grandmother was also a member of Hermosa. His three sisters and a daughter are also members.

Sherman has been married to his wife April for 26 years. They reside in Boise, ID. They have two daughters (Lenneal and Emily) and two grandchildren (Gabriel and Kathryn). Sherman and April were married on the first night of the annual El Korah Bus Trip to the Shrine East-West game in January 1997. Five busloads of Shriners and wives accompanied them on their honeymoon in San Francisco.

Sherman started his Masonic journey joining the Caldwell Chapter Order of DeMolay at age 13. He served one term as Master Councilor, and during his time in DeMolay he earned the RD, LCC, PMC-MSA awards and was awarded the Chevalier Degree. Last October he was awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He was initiated into Mt. Moriah Lodge #39 in Caldwell, Idaho over the Thanksgiving weekend in 1977 with his Father, Grandfather and Great-Uncle Fred present. His father conferred the degree. Sherman was raised a Master Mason in 1978. All his degrees were received while home on breaks during his freshman year at Idaho State University. Less than three years later his Grandfather was bragging that the three generations bearing the same name had 100 years of Masonry among them.

Sherman's first job after college took him to Nevada, but he returned to Idaho in 1982. In 1983 he was Sr. Deacon for Mt. Moriah. In 1984 he was Jr. Warden, Sr. Warden in 1985 (when he received his Worshipful Master's Certificate). He served Mt. Moriah as Worshipful Master in 1986, 1987, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. He was appointed as District Deputy Grand Master in September 2010 and 2011. He was appointed Worshipful Grand Pursuivant in September 2012. He has served a full term in every appointed Grand Lodge Line position and was installed as M. W. Grand Master on September 16, 2022.

In addition to the Blue Lodge, Sherman is a member of the Scottish Rite and El Korah Shrine. He served as President of the Caldwell Shrine Club several times and was Treasurer at El Korah from 1999 to 2002. He has been active with the Masonic youth groups, serving as Chairman of the Advisory Council for Caldwell Chapter Order of DeMolay in the early 1990's. He has held various positions on the Guardian Council of Bethel #8 Job's Daughters International of Caldwell over the past 15 years, serving as Associate Guardian multiple times. Sherman was elected Associate Grand Guardian of Idaho Job's Daughters in June 2019 and (thanks to COVID-19) served two years in that position.

Sherman was raised on a small family farm and started operating equipment for his father at age 12. His first summer's wages were \$50 which was spent on a 20-gauge shotgun which he still owns. Sherman graduated with honors from Idaho State with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting in May 1981. He passed the May 1981 uniform CPA examination and has been a licensed CPA in Idaho since January 1983.

Sherman's 42 year working career is far from over. He initially worked in Public Accounting, then spent a short time in the corporate accounting world. Most of his career he has been in Tax Audit positions, performing audits for the Idaho State Tax Commission (for 20 years) and the Internal Revenue Service since 2006. He wrote and presented several training classes for the Idaho State Tax Commission while working there. He is a member of the instructor cadre for the IRS and as a collateral duty has taught new-hire classes in Corporation, Partnership and S-Corporation taxation. He was a member of the Adjunct Faculty at Boise State University from 1995 through 1999.

Currently he is a Sr. Program Analyst for the IRS managing the depreciation and change in accounting method adjustment programs for the Small Business / Self-Employed division. In this position he serves as the technical expert and provides technical assistance to examiners on these topics. In addition, he writes or reviews training materials and helps to implement changes to the tax law involving these areas.

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

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

H. Sherman Burger, M.: W.: Grand Master

Steven L. Hall, R.: W.: Grand Secretary

Held in Boise, Idaho, September 21, 22, 23, 2023
A.D. 2023 -- A.L. 6023

at Red Lion Downtowner Hotel, Boise, Idaho

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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In Preparation for the 2023-2024 year the following training was performed.

Wednesday, September 20th, 2023

2023-2024 District Deputy Grand Master Training

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 am District Deputy Training
held at Boise Valley, Scottish Right Building, 1407 W Bannock St, Boise, ID

2023-2024 Grand Lodge Officers Lunch

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 pm 2023-2024 GL Officers Lunch
held at Boise Valley, Scottish Right Building, 1407 W Bannock St, Boise, ID

Held at the Red Lion Downtowner Hotel Boise, 1800 Fairview Ave, Boise, Idaho

Registration / Credentials Opens

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

Committee Meetings

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Committee Meetings Cedar/Aspen

Budget Meeting (Discuss 2024 Budget)

2:00 - 3:30p.m. Budget Meeting (Discuss 2024 Budget) Aspen
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 Bitterroot/Sawtooth

Vespers Service – (Public)

5:15 p.m. Vespers Service - Public Invited White Pine

Grand Masters Banquet (Invitation Only)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm No Host Social Hour Hallway/Teton
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm Grand Masters Banquet Teton/Selway
9:00 p.m.– 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open Hotel Bar

Thursday, September 21, 2023

(Formal Opening)

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 am	Registration / Credentials Open	Cascade
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	Hotel Bar
8:15 a.m.	Prelude	J. Sherwin Wilson.: Grand Organist
8:30 a.m.	Formal Opening (Tyled)	Caribou/Teton

Welcome to Formal Opening by Keith Brooks, Past Grand Master of Masons in Idaho

“Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Formal Opening of the 156th 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 H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“It is my pleasure to introduce Keith Brooks, Past Grand Master of Masons in Idaho. It was MWB Keith who started me on my path in the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

“Officers take your Stations.”

Formal Opening of Grand Lodge (Ritual)

Grand Lodge Officers

Opening Prayer

Brother Dan LaVine, W.: Grand Chaplain

“Great Architect of the Universe, Good and Gracious God,

Thank you for this opportunity you've provided us to gather together to do your good works. We seek to glorify you in all that we do.

Guide us in our hearts Lord, that during this year's Grand Lodge Session may it be that all that we do here should serve to spread your message of charity and compassion. In body, mind and spirit we dedicate ourselves to you, Lord. We give thanks for opportunities like today, that we may commit our hands and our hearts solely to serving you. It is our solemn petition that you would grace us with your presence as we prepare to conduct those labors entrusted to us to the furtherance and betterment of your Grand Design.

In your most holy and precious name we pray, Amen.”

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

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

Proclamation (Call to Order)

Eric W. Coryell, W.: Grand Marshal

“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim this Formal Session of the 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho open in ample form.”

Roll Call

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“Brother Grand Secretary, will you call the Roll.”

Roll call by

Steven L. Hall, R.:W.: Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge Officers 2022-2023

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Here?</u>
M.:W.: Grand Master	H. Sherman Burger III	Present
R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master	Gary A. S. LaBruyere	Present
R.:W.:Sr. Grand Warden	Rick Holloway	Present
R.:W.:Jr. Grand Warden	Randy King	Present
R.:W.: Grand Treasurer (Acting)	G. Arthur Shoemaker	Present
R.:W.: Grand Secretary (Acting)	Steven L. Hall	Present
R.:W.: Grand Lecturer	Daniel D. Siddall	Present
W.: Sr. Grand Deacon	Clifford R. Kramer	Present
W.: Jr. Grand Deacon	Daniel W. Drefs	Absent
W.: Grand Marshal	Eric Coryell	Present
W.: Sr. Grand Steward	Levi Billman	Present
W.: Jr. Grand Steward	Harold E. Bloom	Present
W.: Grand Sword Bearer	David Stonhill	Present
W.: Grand Pursuivant	Justin Boyer	Present
W.: Grand Chaplain	Danny R. LaVine	Present
W.: Grand Orator	Jeremy Vaughn	Present
W.: Grand Historian	James T. Hansen	Present
W.: Grand Organist	J. Sherwin Willson	Present
W.: Grand Tyler	Todd D. Millican	Present

District Deputy Grand Masters 2022-2023

First Masonic District	Walter L. Hamby	Present
Second Masonic District	William S. Young	Present
Third Masonic District	Darren W. Tabor	Absent
Fourth Masonic District	John Boyer	Present
Fifth Masonic District	Michael A. Kish	Present
Sixth Masonic District	Christopher A. Duke	Present
Seventh Masonic District	Daniel W. Jennings	Present
Eighth Masonic District	Randy L. Berg	Present
Ninth Masonic District	Charles K. Ford	Present
Tenth Masonic District	Nathaniel S. Bendel	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	Present
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	Present
Weiser Lodge	23	Present
Kootenai Lodge	24	Present
Shoshone Lodge	25	Present
Washoe Lodge	28	Present
Ashlar Lodge	29	Present
Elmore Lodge	30	Present
Salubria Lodge	31	Present
Grove City Lodge	33	Present
Cataldo Lodge	34	Present
Butte Lodge	37	Present
Mt. Moriah Lodge	39	Present
Rathdrum Lodge	41	Present
Lakeside Lodge	42	Present
Bonnars Ferry Lodge	43	Present
Twin Falls Lodge	45	Present
Meridian Lodge	47	Present
Malad Lodge	51	Absent
Kamiah Lodge	56	Present
Spirit Lake Lodge	57	Present
Lincoln Lodge	59	Present
Oriental Lodge	60	Present
St. Maries Lodge	63	Absent
Mt. McCaleb Lodge	64	Present
Paul Lodge	77	Present
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	41 present	4 absent

Steven L. Hall, 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

Flag Tribute Eric W. Coryell.: Grand Marshal

Presentation of the Flags Idaho Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar of Idaho

Pledge of Allegiance Lead by H. Sherman Burger, M.: W.: Grand Master

“Brothers, join with me in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country.”
"Star Spangled Banner."
"Idaho"

Post Lodge Banners In place around Lodge

Receptions:

Past Grand Masters

H. Sherman Burger III, 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 Randy King, R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
Gregory L. Winther	1995-1996
James V. Voyles	1997-1998
Gregory E. Johnson	1999-2000
Bradley A. Cannon	2001-2002
Joseph E. Alexander	2002-2003
Richard C. Broemeling	2003-2004
James C. Herndon.....	2005-2006

Michael A. Sutton	2006-2007
David C. Triplett	2009-2010
David “Skip” Owen.....	2010-2011
Jay A. Leonard	2011-2012
Keith C. Brooks.....	2012-2013
G. Arthur Shoemaker	2014-2015
John E. Warner	2015-2016
William K. Curtis Jr.	2017-2018
Steven L. Hall.....	2019-2020
Russ Smith.....	2022-2023

H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master

“Please join me and extend the Private Grand Honors and a Hearty Welcome. PGM Steve Zimmerman is unable to be here as he is in the hospital with an infection in his ankle. He is doing okay and wishes he could be here with us today.”

H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master Gary A.S. LaBruyere went to the floor to welcome the PGMs.

50 Year Masons

H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Introduced by Rick L. Holloway, R. : W. : Senior Grand Warden

Name	Years of Service
Johnny A. Willis.....	54
Bruce A. Wethered	51
Chris E. Wethered	51
Bradley Cannon	50
Jim Herndon	50
Greg Winther.....	50
N. Randall “Randy” King.....	50
Total years	352

H. Sherman Burger, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master Gary A.S. LaBruyere went to the floor to welcome the Fifty-Year Masons.

Lodge Secretaries

H. Sherman Burger, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Introduced by

Steven L. Hall, R. : W. : Grand Secretary

Name.....	Lodge	#
William K. Curtis Jr.	Idaho Lodge	1
Adam Altwies.....	Boise Lodge	2
James Grant.....	Placer Lodge	3
Wayne B. Weathers.....	Mt. Idaho Lodge	9
Bradley A. Cannon.....	Nez Perce Lodge	10
Nicko J. Demeter.....	Silver City Lodge	13
Timothy Helmke.....	Paradise Lodge	17
John E. Warner.....	Portneuf Lodge	18
Danny R. LaVine.....	Kootenai Lodge	24
Gregory Bosen.....	Shoshone Lodge	25
Bruce A. Wethered.....	Ashlar Lodge	29
Richard Bromeling.....	Elmore Lodge	30
Donnie Wunder.....	Butte City Lodge	37
Michael Gallina.....	Mt. Moriah Lodge	39
Richard L. Rowe.....	Twin Falls Lodge	45
Wayne Ross.....	Meridian Lodge	47
Robert J West.....	Kamiah Lodge	56
Daniel R. Gregg.....	Sprirt Lake Lodge	57
James T. Hansen.....	Oriental Lodge	60
Russ Smith.....	Mt. McCaleb Lodge	64
Edward E Irsik.....	Paul Lodge	77
John Boyer.....	Hagerman Lodge	78
Danny L. Davis.....	Ionic Lodge	82
Douglas J. Hammond.....	Challis Lodge	92
Justin Boyer.....	Capital City Lodge	93
Randy King.....	Initial Point Lodge	98

H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Worshipful Masters

H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Introduced by:

Gary A. S. LaBruyere, R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge #</u>
Levi Billman.....	Idaho Lodge 1
Jason Morales.....	Boise Lodge 2
James H. Ladd.....	Placer Lodge 3
Randy L. Berg.....	Mt. Idaho Lodge 9
Richard M. Worthington.....	Nez Perce Lodge 10
George Decker.....	Silver City Lodge 13
Russ Graves.....	Paradise Lodge 17
Dennis P. Skinner.....	Richfield Lodge 21
B. Calvin Saul.....	Kootenai Lodge 24
Gregory N. Bosen.....	Shoshone Lodge 25
Daniel W. Jennings.....	Washoe Lodge 28
Steven L. Hall.....	Elmore Lodge 30
David G.N. Stonhill.....	Grove City Lodge 33
Terry Phillips.....	Butte Lodge 37
Todd Millican.....	Mt. Moriah Lodge 39
Matthew Griffin.....	Rathdrum Lodge 41
Robert W. Swofford.....	Meridian Lodge 47
Gregory E. Johnson.....	Kamiah Lodge 56
Danny LaVine.....	Spirit Lake Lodge 57
Joshua Haskett.....	Oriental Lodge 60
Douglass Hammond.....	Mt. McCaleb Lodge 64
Edward E. Irisk.....	Paul Lodge 77
Ronald J. Wood.....	Hagerman Lodge 78
Steve Bate.....	Ionic Lodge 82
Walter Johnson.....	Challis Lodge 92
Adam Browning.....	Capital City Lodge 93
Eric W. Coryell.....	Initial Point 98
Steven L. Hall.....	Idaho City Historic Lodge 1863
Eric W. Coryell.....	Idaho Lodge of Research 1965

H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

District Deputy Grand Masters

H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master

"R.:W.:Deputy Grand Master, please take the East while I introduce the District Deputy Grand Masters."

Introduced by: H. Sherman Burger III, M.:W.:Grand Master

<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>
First Masonic District.....	Walter L. Hamby
Second Masonic District	William S. Young
Fourth Masonic District	John Boyer
Fifth Masonic District	Michael A. Kish
Sixth Masonic District.....	Christopher A. Duke
Seventh Masonic District	Daniel W. Jennings
Eighth Masonic District	Randy L. Berg
Ninth Masonic District	Charles K. Ford
Tenth Masonic District	Nathanial S. Bendel

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:

H. Sherman Burger III, 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 Clifford R. Kramer, W.:Sr. Grand Deacon
(Assisted by Grand Stewards)

Joseph E. Alexander
Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Idaho
Scottish Rite, Idaho

Chad Smith,
Executive Officer
International Order of DeMolay

Seth Van Wassenhove
Associate Grand Guardian
Jobs Daughter International

Russ Graves, Chief Rabban
Potentate

Representing Matt Plemons
Calam Shrine

Steven L. Hall
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho

William Cook
Most Illustrious Grand Master

Representing Clinton "Bud" Wethered
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Idaho

Bruce A. Wethered
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Idaho

H. Sherman Burger III, 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)

H. Sherman Burger III, 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:

Clifford Kramer, W.: Senior Grand Deacon
(Assisted by Grand Stewards)

Michael Lopez

R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden, Hawaii

Timothy Best

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master, Oregon

Marc Strong

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

Richard Varner

R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden, Oregon

Dick Southard

W.: Senior Grand Deacon, Oregon

Kenneth L. Briggs

Master Mason, Oregon

James C, Norton Jr.

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master, Washington

Ivan Lampert

Grand Chancellor, Paraguay

Patrick Miller

Deputy Grand Chancellor, Paraguay

Representing their Most Worshipful Grand Masters:

George R. Rusk

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master, Arizona

Representing M.:W.: Grand Master, Michael Dale

David Tingy

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master, Utah

Representing M.: W.: Grand Master, Travis M. McGuire

Most Worshipful Grand Masters:

Dustin Verity

Craig Sipp

Steve C. Martin

Thomas G. Neeham

M.: W.: Grand Master, Hawaii

M.:W.: Grand Master, Oregon

M.:W.: Grand Master, Washington

M.:W.: Grand Master, Wyoming

MWGM H. Sherman Burger III

GM told the story of the Hangman:

A man had been convicted of murder and was about to be hanged. Just before the sentence was executed, the hangman asked the man if he had any last words. "Yes" came his reply, "I hate Masons!" "Why do you hate Masons?" asked the hangman. "The man I killed was a Mason," explained the murderer, "the sheriff who hunted me down was a Mason, the Prosecutor who tried my case was a Mason, the Judge who presided at the trial was a Mason, and all of the men on the jury who found me guilty and said I should be hanged were Masons!" "Is that all?" asked the hangman, "Yes" replied the convicted murderer. "Then you will advance one step with your left foot."

Presentation:

Past Grand Master of DeMolay International

Daryl Sprague

A request was made by Brother Daryl Sprague PGM of DeMolay to make a presentation. PGMs Daryl Sprague, Greg Kimberly and Steven Crane then asked GM H. Sherman Burger and DGM Gary A. S. LaBruyere to meet west of the Alter. They were each presented with 50-year Certificates and Pins for their time as DeMolay and their continued involvement and support of DeMolay.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

"R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master will you please preside while I present my report."

Report of the Most Worshipful Grand Master

01, M.:W.: Grand Master

H. Sherman Burger III

Grand Master 2022-2023

Actions and Activities

Grand Master's Report:

Brothers, a few years back I thought that it would be a bit humorous to paraphrase some work from the second section of the third degree and open my report with "I'm weary and worn out. This is the result of Masonic companionship." I didn't know just how true that was to become. After a year of working two jobs, my "regular" job that pays the bills, and my "second job" as Grand Master, I have entered a level of tired that I didn't realize could exist. It reminds me of a story (boy, that didn't take long) my Granddad would tell claiming that he saw it on the Andy Williams show. Andy came on stage, sat on a stool, looked to the audience, and said "I'm Tired. T I R D Tired!". Well folks, I'm T I R D tired. Now you might realize that there is an "E" missing, but that is on purpose and part of the story. But am very glad to be so tired. This has been a year that I hope to remember to the end of my days. Thank you.

The year started out in Pocatello on the Friday night of Grand Lodge when the installing marshal declared all the new officers duly installed and I assumed the East. A little while later Grand Lodge was closed, and I was the Grand Master. For 45 years when someone said "Most Worshipful" that always meant someone else, now I had to start getting used to being addressed by that title. It took a little time to get used to that. The officers elected and appointed for the term and DDGMs are listed in last year's proceedings, so I won't repeat them here.

The committees weren't listed in last year's proceedings so I will list the appointments here. But first an explanation of the process of appointing committee members. In preparing for MWPGM Steve Hall's year as Grand Master, four of us, Steve Hall, Steve Zimmerman, Russ Smith, and I, had several meetings discussing committees, how to improve their operation and remove the feeling from the brethren that only Grand Lodge officers ran the committees. Our idea was that the Junior Grand Warden (the Sr. Grand Deacon in the case of Accounts and Finances) would make a recommendation for each of the committees and that person would be appointed annually by the incoming Grand Master until they served a three-year term and the third year, serve as chairman. Some Committees would require a Past Master, others would allow for any Master Mason. The three-year term would allow them to get acquainted with the committees' work and not leave them in the dark during their year as chairman. As always though, each appointment, each year, is up to the Grand Master. Grand Lodge officers, based on their office, were assigned as non-voting members to each committee to get an idea of how that committee works. The four of us agreed to keep this method going during our terms as Grand Master to see how it would work.

This method works great in theory. As a side benefit, as I was preparing for my year as Grand Master, it greatly reduced my work in making appointments. In practice though, I feel that too many of our committees are not working as intended. Some communicate with each other often and the members gain experience, others barely communicate within themselves at all and during the third year we are left with a chairman with little to no experience in how the committee is supposed to work.

Brothers, we are missing a very important piece in the operation of Grand Lodge by not having our committees work together properly. I had intended to have quarterly meetings with the committee chairmen, but time got away from me pretty quickly and the only interim reports that we had were at the planning meeting in March. I encourage the committees for the next year to work as designed. If the other members of the committees are not being contacted by their chairman, reach out and ask what needs to be done. Communication works both ways. Don't wait to be assigned a task, ask your chairman to let you know what needs to be done:

Committee Appointments:

- 1) Jurisprudence: Jim Herndon PGM Chairman, John Warner PGM, Michael Royce
- 2) Appeals & Grievances: Skip Owen PGM Chairman, Joe Alexander PGM, Dan Jennings
- 3) Accounts and Finances: Michael W. Bean Chairman, Robert Swofford, Justin Boyer. Note: Micheal Bean resigned during the year and Skip Owen PGM was appointed to replace him as Chairman.
- 4) Fraternal Relations: Josh Perez Chairman, David Grindle, Mike Keas
- 5) Masonic Research & Education: Barry Newell Chairman, Dustin Hatfield, Nico Demeter
- 6) Masonic Temple Preservation: Eric Coryell Chairman, Mike Keeton, James E Grant
- 7) Board of the Custodians of the Work: (this committee consists of seven brothers, one appointed each year for a 7-year term), I appointed Russ Smith PGM for a seven-year term.
- 8) Trustees of the Grand Lodge Relief Fund (a.k.a. Investment Committee); Art Shoemaker PGM, Greg Kimberling, John Irving.
- 9) Youth Committee: Brian Clayton, Jimmy Hansen, Chris Duke DDGM #6
- 10) Relief Committee: Mike Kish DDGM #5, William Votaw, Mike Gallina

District Meetings:

I held District Meetings in all 10 Idaho Masonic districts shortly after Grand Lodge. I enjoyed getting to renew friendships with brothers in the Districts and make new friends during the meetings. I was able to share a message of tolerance and civility during these meetings. District meetings were as follows:

- September 17 (my first full day as MWGM) District #1 in Mackay
- September 19 District #3 in Richfield. I accidentally left my gavel at this meeting and thank you to MWPGM Skip Owen and family for their help in getting it back to me.
- September 20 – District #7 in Weiser
- September 23 – District #8 in Lewiston where I was fortunate enough to present a 75-year membership certificate to Br. Don Lawrence of Paradise #17.
- September 24 – District #9 in Coeur d’ Alene. Also participated in the Degree on the Mountain held by Kootenai #24. Two meetings in one day.
- September 25 – District #10 in Sandpoint.
- September 27 – District #6 in Meridian
- September 28 – District #7 in Boise
- September 30 – District #2 in Blackfoot (timed to allow me to attend the 100th anniversary celebration at Caribou #84 the next day)
- October 7 – District #4 in Hagerman.

DGM Gary LaBruyere and JGW Randy King accompanied me on most if not all these visits. Other Grand Lodge officers attended if possible. I had had a medical procedure on September 21 which left me with a 10-pound lifting restriction. Randy drove his pickup for the northern Idaho meetings that followed the procedure by a couple of days and Gary rode with us. They both made sure that I didn’t touch a bag during that trip. Thank you.

Other Officer Appointments:

I went into the year knowing that it was likely that Grand Treasurer Bruce Weathered, Grand Secretary Monte Bollar and Grand Clerk Cyndie Bollar would resign at some point during the term. This happened towards the end of March, with all giving notice of their retirements at the end of May.

Openings were announced, applications were taken and evaluated by the elected Grand Lodge line officers. During a Zoom meeting with these elected officers the appointments were agreed upon. MWPGM Steve Hall was appointed as acting Grand Secretary; MWPGM Art Shoemaker was appointed as acting Grand Treasurer. Jason Morales, WM Boise #2 was also selected for the Grand Lodge Clerk's position.

I think that it is time to reevaluate the requirement in our Code that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary must have full Master's Certificates. This requirement limited the applicant pool significantly and does not seem to hold a purpose anymore especially when another section prevent Elected Grand Lodge Officers from being a Master or Warden in their own Lodges.

Travel:

As Grand Master there is the opportunity to travel to other Jurisdictions, meet with their officers and gather ideas on how to make Masonry better at home. This year I was fortunate to travel to the following Grand Lodges (in chronological order): Nevada, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Wyoming. I was accompanied on some of these visits by other Grand Lodge officers. I was also able to attend MWGM Mark Posler's and MWGM Craig Sipp's official visits to Acacia Lodge 118 in Ontario Oregon. Several Idaho Masons also belong to this Lodge helping to support it.

I was also able to attend an outdoor degree near Coeur d'Alene, the annual Exemplification in Pocatello, International "Day" in Creston B.C., and the annual homecoming meeting in Silver City. The Silver City meeting has great significance to me, as it was always part of one of our family's camping trips while growing up. What a pleasure to close Lodge in Silver City as Grand Master this year and Acting Grand Master last year.

I attended the Grand Amaranth's opening in Boise, both Scottish Rite Reunions in Boise, Northwest York Rite Department Conference in Boise, El Korah Shrine Installation, DeMolay Conclave in Boise, the Grand York Rite session in Idaho Falls, Daughters of the Nile Installation in Boise, the Job's Daughters Grand Bethel in Burley and the Washington/Idaho Rainbow Grand Assembly in Yakima WA. It was nice that this was one of a very few years where Rainbow and the Silver City Homecoming meeting were on different weekends. I was very pleased and proud to represent the Idaho Grand Lodge at each of these meetings.

Unfortunately, my travel schedule did not allow me to attend the Eastern Star Grand Chapter opening where the Grand Lodge was represented by DGM Gary LaBruyere or Arizona's Grand Lodge (which is at the same time as Oregon's) where SGW Rick Holloway represented the Grand Lodge. I also wanted to attend the Hawaii Grand Lodge where my friend (and fellow CPA) Dustin Verity was to be installed as MWGM. Unfortunately, a repair bill on my pickup which broke down in Salt Lake City used the personal funds I had allocated for that trip. So next year April, Emily, and I will vacation in Hawaii for a week, coincidentally at the same time as their Grand Lodge.

I was able to attend Lodge meetings in the Valley and as far north as Cascade as possible. With my workday starting at 6:30 a.m. there just wasn't enough time to attend meetings further away. I am sorry that I wasn't able to attend more Lodge meetings, hopefully those with a wish to talk to the Grand Master took advantage of the 10 district meetings held around the state. I was also able to attend some DeMolay and Job's Daughters meetings.

December is installation month, and I was able to attend the installations for: Silver City #13, Mt. Moriah #39, Capital City #93, Ionic #82, Elmore #30, Oriental #60, Twin Falls #45, Idaho #1, Initial

Point #98. I was the Installing Master for Silver City #13 and Mt. Moriah #39 and Installing Marshal for Initial Point #98.

Idaho Night in New York City:

Idaho Night in New York City is something Grand Masters for the last several decades have written about and I have looked forward to since starting on the Grand Lodge line. This is an annual event initially created by Fiat Lux Lodge #1071 and carried on by the merged James W. Husted – Fiat Lux Lodge #1068. April and our daughter Emily flew to New York City from Boise. Logistics made it easier (and cheaper) for me to fly roundtrip from Portland Oregon. This trip comes between the Oregon and Washington Grand Lodge sessions which are one week apart. April and Emily were in New York City before my “Red Eye” flight left from Portland. I attended the Oregon Grand Lodge session, leaving Friday afternoon after MWGM Craig Sipp, the DGM, SGW, and JGW (who was my host for the session) were installed. I then drove to Portland to catch my flight. When I got to the hotel in New York City (Saturday late morning), April and Emily were already out shopping.

I rested a bit, then April, Emily, and I met with MWPGM Steve Hall and his Lady Kathy for a three-hour tour of the New York City Lodge building led by Ron Sablosky. We were also joined by W. Leonard Berlin the WM of the Lodge and his wife. The building is a magnificent structure and well maintained by the New York Grand Lodge and the lodges meeting there. We were unable to see some of the rooms, as some meetings were going on. I was a bit taken back by the security inside the building, but I guess that is to be expected in a city as Large as New York. After the tour and history lesson, we met with some additional members of the Lodge for a nice evening dinner at a nearby Italian restaurant.

Sunday was a free day and Emily had a bucket list of places to see (or shop) in New York. We walked the city most of the day. As we walked by the Grand Lodge office which was a block and a half from the hotel, I was hailed by a Mason waiting outside the building for their Grand Master. While talking with him, the New York Grand Master Richard Kessler came outside and the five of us had a nice conversation. MWGM Kessler is quite a likeable guy and made sure to include all of us in the conversation. I have been to several other meetings where he was also present, and it is always an enjoyable encounter. We made it as far north as 34th street that day.

Monday we had the morning and early afternoon to continue knocking items off of Emily’s bucket list. She had been planning what we would do in New York City for months. We went as far North as 50th street and Rockefeller Plaza before working our way back to the hotel.

Monday evening was the Idaho Night meeting. It was well attended; the banquet room was filled and so was the Lodge room. Both MWPGM (and Grand Secretary) Steve Hall and I were received with Honors. Many of the Grand Lodge Officers from New York were also present. They wear white dinner jackets between Memorial Day and Labor Day, so it was easy to spot the Idaho guys who were in our Black Tuxedo Jackets. A great time was had by all. The Master of Ceremonies, Ron Sablosky shared the story of the origins of Idaho Night and how special it was to their Lodge that the Idaho Grand Lodge was the first Masonic organization to publicly condemn what Hitler was doing to the Jews and Masons in Europe at the time. Many members of the Lodge in the 1930’s had family in Europe that were suffering. The memories are still fresh, I met a Mason and his wife who had family that were lost during the Holocaust. Many members expressed gratitude for the Idaho Grand Lodge continuing to support their event.

Tuesday we were a bit braver and rode the subway south to the former World Trade Center site and viewed the memorial there before riding the Staten Island Ferry to Staten Island and back so that we could see the Statue of Liberty as we sailed on by. After that, it was back on the subway and North to

72nd street and then Central Park. We walked around that area for a bit, then returned to our hotel to eat our dinner and pack for Wednesday's flights to Boise and Portland. We had a bit of a Credit Card problem with the machines that put money on your subway card. It turned out that there is a limit of two charges per day per card. Luckily, I had enough cash to put the needed funds on the card to return to the hotel.

Other special events:

- On October 29, 2022, was awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor. My Grandson Gabe Kriek was part of the ritual team.
- On May 27, 2023, I was able to install my Grandson Gabe Kriek as Master Councilor of Snake River DeMolay. It was nice to be the installing officer for the first time since about 1977 or 1978, and to be able to do this as Grand Master was quite special.
- April 18, 2023 – presented 50-year certificate to Ed Hulme, member of Mt. Moriah #39. Ed and I were in the El Korah Motor Patrol for several years.
- May 1, 2023 – presented 50-year certificate to Daryl Porter, member of Mt. Moriah #39, at his home.
- July 7, 2023, I was informed by MWPGM Jim Voyles, and Personal Representative of SGIG Joe Alexander that I had been elected to receive the KCCH designation by the Scottish Rite. Investiture to come in October. This is an honor that I never expected to receive.

Numbers:

As you all know, I'm a numbers guy, so I kept track of some numbers that you might find interesting, they are current through August 29, 2023:

- 11 - the most consecutive number of nights away from home as I attended the Oregon Grand Lodge, then Idaho Night in New York, then the Washington Grand Lodge.
- 12 – the number of pages in a word document I used as a Grand Master's diary. (It's not as long as this report)
- 64 Nights away from home while traveling as your Grand Master
- 152 – days traveling or attending Masonic Events.
- 346 – leave hours taken
- 15,937 road miles. Mostly in my Pickup, but I did get a ride from Randy or Monte now and then.
- 21,640 commercial air miles. This year required four trips to the East Coast. The Conference of Grand Masters, Idaho Night, Shrine Imperial (thanks to the Shriners for paying that bill), and then for the Scottish Rite Biennial in Washington DC (thanks to the Scottish Rite for covering the hotel bill and banquets).

Emergent Communications:

- October 1, 2022, Soda Springs Idaho – rededication of Caribou Lodge #82 on its 100th anniversary.
- June 3, 2023, Cambridge Idaho – rededication of the Lodge Hall for Salubria Lodge #31 on the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Lodge Hall built to replace the building that had burned down. This meeting was conducted by DGM Gary LaBruyere as I was in New York City for Idaho Night.

Deaths:

We were fortunate this year that none of our Grand Lodge family was called to that Celestial Lodge during the year. I would like to take a minute though to remember Frederick Sorsabal, PGM

California who became an active member of Kootenai #24 after moving to Coeur d'Alene. I first met him in October 2019 during a Job's Daughters official visit to Bethel #7 in Coeur d'Alene. We became friends during that visit. I last saw him at the Conference of Grand Masters in Arlington, VA in February. I will miss seeing him around. He was a true example of a Gentleman and a Mason.

Decisions:

It didn't take long before as Grand Master I had to start making decisions. Here are the decisions issued for the year:

October 4, 2022 – after an inquiry raised before Grand Lodge was closed regarding the vote on the budget, I asked the Jurisprudence Committee to review the decision announced, and if I should announce a correction. The advice of the Jurisprudence Committee, was that the motion on the budget had passed on a vote of 68 for and 66 against. Following the precedent set in October 1980 by then Grand Master Larry Turner, on a similar mistaken result announced during Grand Lodge, and under authority of Section 3309, I declared that the budget had passed and the percapita amount for the Lodges would be \$80. While not a popular decision I still believe it to be the correct decision.

October 10, 2022 – Gave permission to Paul Lodge to sell the Burley Lodge Building for its appraised value.

November 4, 2022 – Advised the sitting WM of Twin Falls Lodge #45 that it was OK for him to be installed as WM of Paul Lodge #77 prior to the installation of officers for Twin Falls Lodge #45. He would be WM of both lodges for a short period of time, but in different Masonic Years for each Lodge.

December 2, 2022 – Advised a brother that a “Widows Sons” apron, the design which had been presented to me, was not appropriate for wearing during a tyled lodge meeting. This apron did not display any Masonic Symbols used in the 1st through 3rd degrees but displayed a Widows Son's patch.

December 4, 2022 – Regarding reinstatement of a brother dropped NPD by a Lodge which later merged with another Lodge. Advised that the surviving Lodge is the correct Lodge to petition for reinstatement.

March 3, 2023 – Approved waiver of residency requirements for a petitioner of Eagle Rock Lodge #18 for good and sufficient reasons presented. The petitioner's expected summer work schedule would interfere with degrees if the remaining two weeks of the six-month time period was enforced.

April 6, 2023 – advised the WM of a Lodge that although the investigation committee's report on a petitioner was unfavorable for membership a ballot still needed to be held. The unfavorable opinion of the committee provides a foreseeable dark ballot, however the report does not make the petitioner ineligible for membership as defined in Regulation 34, thus a ballot is required by Section 2005. A verbal dispensation was later issued to allow the Lodge to ballot on the petitioner at the next meeting.

April 22, 2023 – Approved a variation of the ceremony “Table Lodge with the Ladies” for use by Mt. McCaleb Lodge's “Table Lodge with the First Responders” prepared by MWPGM Russ Smith. There was no variation in the meaning of the ceremony, references to our Ladies were replaced with First Responders.

June 8, 2023 – The Grand Secretary received a request from an Idaho Mason stationed in Kuwait regarding the procedures to issue a dispensation for a Military Masonic Lodge composed of Military personnel in Kuwait. I advised the Grand Secretary to let the inquiring brother know that the Grand

Lodge of Idaho would not be issuing such a dispensation due to costs and potential invasion of territory. The inquiring brother was informed that if he wished, the Grand Secretary would research which Jurisdictions were already issuing dispensations in Kuwait.

June 25, 2023 – advised the WM of a Lodge that using a “Committee of 3 Master Masons” for proficiency while allowed for candidate proficiency (section 2019), is not allowed for Warden or Worshipful Master’s Certificates of Proficiency. That work has to be done in open Lodge (and recorded in the minutes), or before the DDGM. The WM was trying to get a brother proficient for a Warden’s Certificate. The issue was resolved by having the DDGM present when the work was performed.

By Law Changes Approved:

October 1, 2022 – Portneuf #18, increasing degree fees.

November 28, 2022 – Kamiah #56 – revising stated meeting dates and months when the Lodge would be dark.

November 28, 2022 – Idaho Lodge #1 – Moving meetings to the Westgate Masonic Center and revising the time of the stated meeting.

December 18, 2022 – Oriental Lodge #60 – make grammatical changes in several sections.

December 19, 2022 – Initial Point #98 – Increase degree fees to \$300.00

February 8, 2023 – Capital City #93 – Remove Lodge address, revise wording on election of trustees, revise meeting location (to align with the move to the Westgate building in Boise), fix various grammatical errors, revise section on dues.

February 27, 2023 – Malad #51 – Revise stated meeting to occur on 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Revise annual dues to \$100.00 per year.

April 11, 2023 – Lakeside Lodge #42 – Revise section on stated communication to provide that when a national holiday falls on the First Monday of the month (the regular stated communication), the stated meeting shall be on the Second Monday of the month.

July 12, 2023 – Elmore #30 – Revise degree fees, revise composition of and duties of the Finance Committee.

August 28, 2023 – Paul #77 – Remove provisions relating to surety bonds for Lodge Secretary and Treasurer (bonding hadn’t been enforced in several years), limit compensation to the Secretary and Treasurer to remission of dues, eliminate compensation for the Tyler, provide for reimbursement of expenses for attending Grand Lodge to those carrying Lodge votes. Approved all but the elimination of the surety bond. Discussed with the WM and advised that with the funds from selling the Burley Building the Secretary and Treasurer should be bonded.

Dispensations approved – brothers, I approved several dispensations the need for which could be handled by changes to Lodge by-laws. I encourage all Lodges to provide in their by-laws alternative stated meeting dates when a stated meeting is on a holiday, cancelled due to weather concerns, or being held annually at a location other than the Lodge. Changing the by-laws eliminates unnecessary work that will need to be performed by the Grand Master following the one that approves the by-law change.

The following dispensations were approved:

- 1) September 29, 2022 – Elmore #30 – move October stated meeting to Fidelity #80's hall due to plumbing problems in their Lodge. Approved per good of the craft. I was assured that the members had been notified.
- 2) November 28, 2022 – Silver City #13 – approve election of WM out of time, and during the December stated meeting, due to no one being elected WM in November. Another brother would have a WM Certificate by December and accept.
- 3) November 28, 2022 – Oriental #60 – move January and February meetings to the Scottish Rite building as the Westgate building is not ready. Approved provided that members receive adequate notice.
- 4) December 19, 2022 – Idaho #1 – permission to move meetings to the Scottish Rite Building in Boise until the Westgate building is ready for use. The members of all Boise Lodges were aware that the 10th Street building was not available for use after December 31 and the Scottish Rite building is the alternative location.
- 5) December 26, 2022 – Spirit Lake #57 – to hold election out of time during the December 27 meeting. The brother elected WM in November later decided (but before installation) that he could not serve and did not want to be installed due to health concerns. Dispensation also asked that the Lodge be allowed to install out of time on the same date as the December meeting scheduled for installation had been cancelled due to bad weather. The lodge had informally asked for a dispensation to hold elections in December instead of November as they did not think that they could elect a Master (although another brother would have a WM Certificate early in December). I advised that they had to try to have elections and if unsuccessful, I would grant dispensation to elect out of time.
- 6) December 27, 2022 – Grove City #33 – to hold installation by January 31, 2023. Four elected officers could not attend the December meeting due to illness. It was not possible to find a date before the deadline to hold an installation.
- 7) December 31, 2022 – Boise #2 – to hold meetings at the Scottish Rite building starting in January 2023 and continuing until the Westgate center is complete. Most if not all Boise area Masons that were attending meetings were aware that the 10th street building was no longer available for Masonic meetings after December 31, 2022.
- 8) January 8, 2023 – Cataldo #34 – hold called communication at Wallace Shoshone Lodge on January 10 for a 1st degree. This is due to the Cataldo building being winterized and not available for use. Dispensation was timely requested, however I was slow in written response. I had provided timely verbal approval prior to sending the written response. No dispensation was really needed provided that Cataldo was doing the work, but it appears that the brothers did not want to run afoul of the requirement that the 1st degree is not conferred by courtesy without a GM Dispensation.
- 9) February 7, 2023 – Idaho City Historic #1863. To elect and install officers out of time due to lack of activity and lack of quorum since the COVID restrictions of 2020 and 2021. Meeting to be held on February 13, 2023, at Idaho Lodge #1.
- 10) January 3, 2023 – Mt. Moriah #39 - to elect Treasurer at January meeting due to the Treasurer elected resigning prior to the December installation. There was not a quorum at the December stated meeting. I granted the dispensation, and the favor was returned by the Lodge electing me as Treasurer. No installation was necessary as I was the previous Treasurer and a

successor had not been installed. Dispensation is dated March 7, 2023, but had been granted verbally on January 3, 2023, the date approved on the dispensation. Problems with a printer at Mt. Moriah made it impossible for the paperwork to be completed timely.

11) February 15, 2023 – Oriental #60 – to hold April stated meeting at the Sottish Rite building due to the Westgate building not being completed.

12) March 6, 2023 – Eagle Rock #19 – to perform Idaho work at the Bannack Historic Lodge in Montana on June 24, 2023. Granted subject to the Lodge receiving a similar dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Montana. The Grand Lodge of Montana denied the dispensation as that date conflicted with their Grand Lodge Session.

13) April 5, 2023 – Oriental #60 – move April stated meeting from April 14 to 21st due to the Scottish Rite building being unavailable on the 14th. Granted provided that members are adequately notified.

14) March 20, 2023 – Hailey #16 – To cancel March stated communication due to weather concerns. The brothers are notified and plan to hold the stated communication on March 21. Verbal permission given on March 20 based on assurance that all members had been notified. A picture of a dispensation sent via text message did not include the complete form. Paper copy mailed later.

15) April 11, 2023 – Elmore #30 – Requests residency waiver for Mr. Dylan Nichols, a member of the U.S. Air Force. His assignment to MHAFB is only 3 years. A six-month delay takes significant time away from his ability to become a Master Mason. Granted upon the recommendation of several Past Grand Masters and a history of Grand Masters granting similar waivers in the past.

16) April 11, 2023 – Eagle Rock #18 – request to conduct 3rd degree at Bannack Historic Lodge on June 17, 2023. Granted provided that they obtain a similar dispensation from the Grand Master of Montana. The dispensation was also granted by the Grand Lodge of Montana.

17) May 9, 2023 – Oriental #60 – to use the Scottish Rite building as their home until the Westgate building was ready. Due to this being the last such dispensation that they will need, I happily granted it.

May 22, 2023 - Unnumbered – verbal dispensation to Ashlar #29 to reread the investigating committee report and ballot on a petitioner. I was present at that meeting. The WM had prevented the ballot during the preceding meeting due to a misunderstanding of “ineligible” in Section 2005. A miscommunication resulted in a written dispensation request not being presented for approval at the meeting.

18) May 30, 2023 – Ionic #82 – To move stated meeting for June from June 13 to June 24 to align with the annual “Lodge on the Lake” meeting. Approved provided that members get adequate notice. The Lodge has informed me that they will amend their bylaws to allow for this annual meeting to replace their June stated meeting.

19) May 30, 2023 – Twin Falls Lodge #45 – to move the June meeting to Paul #77’s building as construction outside the Jerome Lodge building has made access to the building unsafe. The sidewalk and road have been torn out. Approved provided that members get adequate notice.

20) June 30, 2023 - Twin Falls Lodge #45 – to move the July meeting to Paul #77’s building as construction outside the Jerome Lodge building has made access to the building unsafe. The sidewalk

and road have been torn out. Approved extending the approval for all stated meetings until the building is safe to access and provided that members get adequate notice.

21) July 19, 2023 – Ionic #82 – to hold a third degree at a “camp retreat” called Lodge on the Hill. The property is owned by a brother and will be adequately tyled. This meeting to be held on July 22 and will replace the regularly stated July meeting. Dispensation was requested on June 18th and verbally granted provided that the members get adequate notice. Again the Grand Master was a bit slow with the follow up paperwork. He was quite busy in June and July with Grand Lodge trips.

22) August 24, 2023 – Capital City #93 – to hold their September meeting at a Brother’s garage, for their annual “Lodge in the Garage” meeting. The members have been adequately notified. Granted, but it was requested that the Lodge change their bylaws to provide for this annual meeting.

23) June 6, 2023 – Mt. Moriah #39 – waiver of residency requirements for Mr. William Tolman, a Past State Master Councilor of Idaho DeMolay and member of Treasure Valley DeMolay although he lived all or most of his life in Vale Oregon. He expressed an interest in becoming an Idaho Mason and joining the Lodge where his Grandfather (MWPGM Steve Zimmerman) is a member. He is well known to the Boise valley Masons and a six-month residency requirement would require him to move to Idaho which right now isn’t possible due to his job. His entire “Masonic Life” has been in the Caldwell and Meridian Lodge buildings. Permission was requested and received from Oregon Grand Master Mark Posler prior to granting this request. This is listed as #23, although verbally issued in June due to the Grand Master’s travel schedule and the lack of meetings of Mt. Moriah in July and August the paperwork is not complete.

Recommendations:

- That we continue our membership in the Conference of Grand Masters of North America (COGMNA)
- That we continue our membership in the Grand Secretaries Conference associated with COGMNA.
- That we continue to reimburse all or a significant portion of the Grand Master’s, Deputy Grand Master’s, and Grand Secretary’s expenses relating to these conferences.
- That we continue our annual contribution to the Committee for Information on Recognition that is part of the COGMNA. We rely on this committee’s work to determine which requests for recognition to grant and it is not Masonic to use their information without helping to pay their expenses.
- That we continue our membership in the Masonic Service Association.
- That we continue our membership in the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference.
- That we continue to reimburse the five line officers (SGD through MWGM) and the Grand Secretary who are regularly expected to attend the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference all or a great portion of their expenses in attending this annual conference that we will host in 2025.
- That the annual payment (currently \$200) to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial to keep the prior proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Idaho on the internet continue to be made. These proceedings are of great use to those who cannot get to their Lodge or the Grand Lodge office to read the old proceedings.
- That we continue the \$1.00 per member annual contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.
- That we continue the financial support of our three youth organizations, however the budgeted amount should be treated as a reimbursement of expenses for the youth (such as leadership training and insurance) and not an annual unrestricted grant.
- I recommend that each District Deputy Grand Master review the Lodges in his district that do not have a DeMolay Chapter, Job’s Daughters Bethel, or Rainbow assembly and determine if it is possible to have one or more youth organizations in that city. If forming a Chapter, Bethel, or

Assembly is possible that he works with the Grand Lodge office and State Adult Leadership for the youth organization to get the youth group started. Recent information shows that our youth groups are more likely to thrive in the smaller communities and not the larger metropolitan areas.

- That we continue to publish the weekly newsletter and that the line officers continue to write articles for the newsletter. I have received numerous comments from Masons both within and without Idaho how they enjoy the newsletter and reading the articles written. This is our main source of communication with Idaho Masons and other groups.

State of the Craft:

Section 301(14) of our Code provides that among the items to include in the Grand Master's report is a statement on the general condition of Masonry in Idaho. This is usually contained in a section of the report titled "State of the Craft".

I am extremely optimistic regarding the state of the Craft. The great majority of my 45 years as a Mason have been filled with drastic predictions of the Craft dying off. Had this been true, we would not be here today. For a long time at the beginning of my Masonic journey I wondered if I would be the last Mason in Idaho. I worried that no one would be here to give my Tribute of Affection. Our recent resurgence has alleviated that worry. I also haven't heard "we are dying" very much lately, and for good reason. WE ARE NOT DYING.

There is a principle called "The Going Concern" principle that accountants use in preparing audited financial statements. The auditor makes calculations based on an assumption that the business is going to remain in business. If it is highly likely that the business is not going to be a going concern, that conclusion is documented in the financial statements. Documenting that the business is likely to fail is a self-fulfilling prophecy. Put that in the financial statements, and the business is almost guaranteed to fail. Why would we want to do that to ourselves? Why would a prospective member or new initiate want to commit the effort to become a Mason if he is continually told that we are dying? For those few continuing to repeat that mantra, it is time to stop!

The Plus 1 program started by MWPGM Zimmerman has demonstrated that there is growth within our Lodges. Membership inquiries coming through the Be a Freemason website continue to pour in. Our total membership losses are showing decline. We are poised for overall positive membership growth in the next few years.

I have not heard of very many incidents of dissention within the Lodges. This is also a positive sign. The brethren seem to be practicing the admonition in the moralization of the Trowel that states that we are a band of friends and brothers among whom no contention should exist except that noble contention or rather emulation of who best can work and best agree. As long as we remember and practice this admonition, Lodges will continue to grow, and those that are somewhat stagnant will be poised for growth as candidates knock on the door.

Keep a positive outlook and we will have positive results. We will probably never see the membership numbers of the 1960's, nor probably should we. Concentrate on what you can control, have a friendly and productive Lodge, project a positive image and future for Masonry and our future will be bright.

Thank You:

First, I would like to thank my wife April and Daughter Emily for putting up with so many of my Grand Lodge trips over the past 11 years. I think that our last family vacation that didn't involve a Masonic meeting or visit to family was in 2015 when we went to Disneyland. Hopefully we'll be able

to do some more camping and vacationing in the next few years. April has supported me fully in this journey and for that I will always be grateful. Thank you for your support.

Next, thank you to my Granddad and Dad, Harry S. Burger, Sr. & Harry S. Burger Jr. They introduced me to Masonry. My Granddad was a 50-year Mason when I joined the Lodge. My Dad became a 50-year Mason in 1995, just a few years after my Granddad's passing. If I am fortunate enough to live another 5 years, I'll be a third-generation 50-year member. I used H. Sherman Burger, III as my name instead of Sherman Burger, or Sherm in my official title and correspondence for the past 11 years to honor and carry them with me through this journey.

To MWPGM Skip Owen – thank you for appointing me as District Deputy 13 years ago and starting me on this journey which at the time I believed to be two years. Being District Deputy forced me out of my shell a bit as I started visiting other Lodges.

To MWPGM Jay Leonard – thank you for appointing me as District Deputy 12 years ago, continuing my journey.

To MWPGM Keith Brooks – thank you so much for appointing me as Grand Pursuivant 11 years ago. I was completely shocked and surprised when I got the call from you asking me if I would accept. I thought about it for a couple of days, then finally accepted. I am so glad that I did. I still remember where I was when I got your call, I was changing the oil in my lawnmower.

To RW Past Grand Secretary Monte Bollar, thank you for our many conversations and the advice you gave me during my trip up the line. I appreciated all your support and advice. Also, thank you for your 15+ years of service as Grand Secretary. Your experience is missed.

To Cyndie Bollar, thank you for putting up with all of us as Grand Clerk for the past 15 years. You were always ready to help when requested.

To MWPGM Steve Hall and MWPGM Art Shoemaker, thank you for volunteering to take over the Grand Lodge Office. Thank you to Jason Morales for working for us as our Grand Lodge clerk.

To all of the Grand Lodge officers that I have served with over the past 11 years, thank you for your friendship. I have really enjoyed it. To those still in the line, fasten your seatbelts, as MWPGM Skip Owen said "This train picks up speed quickly".

To this year's Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, and committee members. Thank you for accepting these positions and doing the work required.

To the Past Grand Masters that I have come to know during this journey. I always enjoy our discussions and friendship. I look forward to them continuing as I join the "Past Grand Master's Association".

To the Grand Lodge officers from other jurisdictions I have come to know over the past few years. Thank you for your friendship and the discussions that we have had. It is nice to know that I have friends all over the Western United States.

To the Idaho Masons, thank you for electing me as your Grand Master for this year. The 11-year journey was long, but worth every minute. It has been the experience of a lifetime and I will always be grateful that I was afforded this opportunity.

Conclusion:

I've been somewhat long winded (even for me) as I write this report. It's hard to summarize 53 weeks as Grand Master (yes, I was lucky enough to get the long term that comes every 5 or 6 years)

in a few pages. My heart is full of Masonic Love and I just cannot say Thank You enough for this experience and honor.

Fraternally,



H. Sherman Burger, III

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Idaho



RW Deputy Grand Master, Gary A.S. 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.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

"We will take a short ten-minute break. Return to your seats at 10:45"

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

"I would invite Dustin Verity, M.:W.: Grand Master of Hawaii to come up and speak at this time."

MWB Verity started by giving a short synopsis of the Aug 8th fire the destroyed the Ancient City of Lahaina, on the island of Maui. It was the Largest natural disaster in Hawaii's state history. Sometime around 1794 King Kamehameha the Great conquered Maui and later named Lahaina the capital of his kingdom. He then reported that two Brothers are missing, 30 without jobs, and three Brothers that lost everything in the fire. He then went on to explain that there was a Go-Fund-Me set up to assist the Masonic family and the people of Maui. He also reported the most of the Brothers affected were upbeat and felt those Masonic tennets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Gifts were exchanged between Grand Masters.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

"Are there any announcements to be made before we adjourn for lunch?"

Announcements:

Lodge of Research will be here at the Red Lion!! Not at the Meridian Lodge as in the program.

Hawaii will take donations by cash, credit card, electronically or through MSA.

Ink Nuts is set up and sells Masonic related items.

The lunch buffet is in the Hallway and seating can be found in breakfast area and bar area.

Registration will be opened during the lunch break.
Hospitality Room is the Bar, Remember TEMPERANCE
Ladies lounge area is to the Right of the entrance when entering the Lobby
The Lodge is at Silver City was sold and the new owner will no longer allow us to hold our annual meeting in the building.

Break for lunch Thursday

Call from Labor to Refreshment

(Ritual – Call off through the South)

Prayer for Lunch

Danny R. LaVine, W.: Grand Chaplain

“Heavenly Father,

Guide our hands Lord, that our labors shall ever stay true to your Grand Design. Guide also our hearts, that we should perceive our blessings as opportunities to share your gracious compassion with those around us.

During this respite from today's labors may our time be well spent in contemplation of the beauty and majesty of your creation and our humble place within it. Amen.”

Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)

Eric W. Coryell, W.: Grand Marshal

“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I Proclaim the 156th 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)

Selway

Thursday, September 21, 2023 (Afternoon Session)

12:50 p.m.

Prelude

J. Sherwin Wilson, W.: Grand Organist

Grand Lodge Officers in place

Welcome to Thursday Afternoon Session by

Todd Millican, Worshipful Master of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 39

“Gentlemen it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Thursday Afternoon Session of the 156th 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 H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho.”

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“It is my pleasure to introduce. Todd Millican, Worshipful Master of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 39. Todd is the Worshipful Master of my home Lodge”

Call from Refreshment to Labor (Ritual)

Thursday Afternoon Prayer by

Danny R. LaVine, W.: Grand Chaplain

“God of all Mercy and Compassion,

It is in you that we find our inner peace. Through prayer we seek to embrace your divine truth. Our supplications are appeals for your guidance lord.

As we return to our labors today we ask that you inspire in us the wisdom to govern our decisions based upon what is truly best for Idaho Freemasonry and what will best represent your divine presence and influence in our ancient and honorable fraternity.

In your name we pray Lord, Amen.”

Proclamation (Call to Order) by

Eric W. Coryell, W.: Grand Marshal

“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim the 156th Annual Communication called from Refreshment to Labor.”

Business:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“Brother Senior Deacon, you will introduce Most Worshipful Jim Voyles west of the Altar.

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

“Brother Grand Secretary will you explain the new voting and balloting system to be used this year”

R.:W.: Grand Secretary, Steven L. Hall

The new voting process was explained: There is no longer a color-coded system where you must cast all the votes you carry as all yea or all nay. You received a voting card for each position that you are authorized to represent. You can split your allotted votes in any manner you wish.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“Brother Grand Lecturer, you have an announcement?”

R.:W.: Grand Lecturer, Dan Siddall

“Thank you, Grand Master. Brethren as you know I have been lecturer since 2018, I am very honored to serve the Grand Lodge in this office. Historically the Grand Lecturer filled this office for an average of five years. I have reached that time and wish to let the brethren know that I am happy to continue but understand that it may be time for a change and that I would not feel slighted if someone would like to be elected as the Grand Lecturer.”

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“As we all know that Brother Monte has retired this year and Brother Steve has assumed his duties as acting Secretary. We will be voting on a new Secretary this session and I would like to make a couple

of stipulations. Unless the code is changed the Grand Secretary's office will be in Boise Idaho. Secondly, if Brother Hall is elected as Secretary, he will have to vacate the Office of Worshipful Master in Elmore Lodge #30. Lastly, we will vote on some resolutions today as they affect the budget, and others will be voted on in a block as they are dependent on the passing of just one of the resolutions.

Reading of the Resolutions

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“Jurisprudence, you will report on the resolutions to be brought before this 156th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.”

Jurisprudence Committee Member, John Warner

There were 11 resolutions submitted for consideration at the 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho. All were submitted in the required time and in the proper format. Resolution 1 was found to conflict with the Idaho Constitution and therefore rejected. Resolutions 2-11 were found not to conflict with any higher law within the Idaho Code and Digest.

“The committee moves that the reading of the Resolutions for the 156th Annual Communication be considered read as printed and distributed to the lodges and handed out to all members at this 156th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.”

Motion was seconded and carried.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“MWB John, please present Resolutions 2-8 to be voted on at this time as a block, Resolutions 2-5 relate to the same Article and are all related. Resolutions 6 and 7 are administrative requirements if Resolutions 2-5 pass and Resolution 8 depends on the Resolutions 2-7 passing.”

Jurisprudence

John Warner, PGM

Resolution #2 **Passed**, as Amended

Section 2904. Sentence. If the accused is convicted, a secret ballot shall immediately be taken upon the sentence. The sentence shall be expulsion, suspension or reprimand. A sentence of suspension or reprimand may include required action(s) and time limit(s) for the accused to complete as determined by a Trial Commission. (Revised Sept.2023)

Resolution #3 **Passed**

Section 2906. Suspension. If the accused is convicted and less than three (3) members of the Commission vote for expulsion, the ballot shall next be taken on suspension, and the concurrence of three (3) members of the Commission shall be required for suspension. If the sentence is suspension, the Commission shall, by a majority vote, fix the duration of the term of suspension. Any required action(s). imposed by a Trial Commission. for the accused to complete, shall include specific detail(s) of the required action Cs) and reasonable time limit(s).

Resolution #4 **Passed**

Section 2907. Reprimand. If the accused is convicted and less than three (3) members of the Commission vote for either expulsion or suspension, the sentence shall be reprimand. The Commission may, by a majority vote, recommend the nature of the reprimand. Any required action(s), imposed by a Trial Commission. for the accused to complete, shall include specific detail(s) of the required action(s) and reasonable time limit(s). (Revised Sept. 2023)

Resolution #5 **Passed**

Section 3003a. Failure to complete sentence required action(s). Anytime the required action(s), of a reprimand. are not fully completed in the specified time Limit(s) of that sentence. the sentence shall be automatically elevated to suspension. When a reprimand is elevated to suspension the duration of the term of the suspension shall be equal to the longest specified time limit of the required action(s) of the reprimand sentence. The reprimand required action(s) shall remain the same, except. the specified time limit(s) for completion of the required action(s) shall begin again on the date of the upgrade to suspension. Anytime sentence required action(s), of a suspension, are not fully completed in the specified time limit(s) of that sentence. the sentence shall be automatically elevated to expulsion. The Master of the Lodge. under which the charges were filed, shall update the Grand Lodge, in writing. of the status of any sentence required action(s) not later than thirty (30) days after the sentence required action(s) time limit(s). The convicted brother shall be notified, in writing, by the Grand Lodge of any upgrade, per this Section, to suspension or expulsion.

Resolution #6 **Passed**

Section 3102. Time Limit. If no appeal is filed prior to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, (as prescribed in Section 3104 and Section 3108) and the matter is not referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master at said Communication, the action of the trial Commission shall be final. (Revised Sept. 2023)

Resolution #7 **Passed**

Section 3104. Notice. Notice of appeal shall be prepared in triplicate and distributed simultaneously as follows: one copy to the Secretary of the Lodge, one copy to the Grand Secretary and one copy to the Grand Master; and shall be so filed in compliance with Section 3108 and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. (See Sec. 103.) (Revised Sept. 2023)

The Lodge Secretary and the Grand Secretary shall file such notice of appeal with their copies of the trial transcript, and each of them shall immediately inform the Master of the Lodge that an appeal has been received. The Lodge Secretary shall also notify the accused and the accuser of the appeal, and in case of original Grand Lodge jurisdiction the appeal may be filed with the Grand Secretary only, who shall notify the Lodge of which the defendant is or was a member.

Appeal having been filed in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the Master of the Lodge shall deliver, or cause to be delivered by a Master Mason acting as a representative of the Lodge, as soon as possible following the filing of the appeal, the complete trial transcript, exhibits, and appeal to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances; and the Grand Secretary shall likewise deliver his similar copies. When the case is finalized by Grand Lodge action, the trial transcripts, exhibits, and appeal shall be returned. (Revised Sept. 2023)

Resolution #8 **Passed**

For an appeal to any sentence with required action(s), the appeal should be made prior to the end of the time limit(s) for any required action(s). The adjustment in the appeals time limit, (Note: See Section 3104) in these instances, is for the purpose of prohibiting the use of an appeal to extend the time limit(s) of any required action(s) of a sentence after the time limit(s) have expired.

The time limit(s) for completion of the sentence required action(s), in the case of a proper appeal, would be suspended until the outcome of the appeal as determined at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. (Note: See Section 3 I 07.)

Jurisprudence Committee Member, John Warner

“For the purpose of bringing the block of Resolutions on the floor, I move Resolutions 2-8 be approved as block.” Motion seconded.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“You have heard the motion and a second to approve Resolutions to be approved as a block. I will allow speakers at this time: 3 speakers for and 3 speakers against, each speaker will receive 3 minutes to

present their position. Speakers for were Dan LaVine #24, Wayne Sprouse #17, Jeremy Vaughn #45: Speakers against Eric Coryell #98

Question called and motion passed.

Approval of the Printed Committee Reports

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Gary A. S. LaBruyere

“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.”

The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of the 155th Annual Communication Proceedings

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

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

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Steven L. Hall

“I move that the Proceedings of the 155th 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.: Deputy Grand Master, Gary A. S. LaBruyere

“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.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“R.:W.: Grand Treasurer are you ready to give your report?”

Grand Treasurers Report.

06, R.:W.: Grand Treasurer

G. Arthur Shoemaker, PGM

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

The Grand Treasurer's duties and responsibilities are outlined in Section 305 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest. Grand Treasurer Brother Bruce A. Wethered resigned effective May 26, 2023, and I was appointed acting Grand Treasurer for the remainder of the 2022-2023 GL year. While completing these tasks as acting Grand Treasurer, I have worked primarily with Brothers Bruce Wethered, Monte Bollar, and Steven Hall, acting Grand Secretary, and served on all the committees assigned to me as acting 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 frequent discussions concerning the finances of the Grand Lodge and have worked with Tarter & Associates in seeing the audit was completed.

The Grand Lodge checking and money market accounts are with D.L. Evans Bank.

The following reports are enclosed herewith:

Current Budget vs Actual, as of July 31, 2023

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 and pursuant to the scheduled timing.

Conclusion: I would like to thank the Grand Master for the trust and confidence shown in appointing me to the office of acting Grand Treasurer. I would also like to thank the Brothers Bruce Wethered and Monte Bollar and the acting Grand Secretary & Grand Clerk for all their assistance. 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 the Grand Lodge Officers. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as "Your" acting Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally Submitted,
G. Arthur Shoemaker

"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.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

"Brother Art, are you prepared to give a report on the Grand Lodge investments?"

Chairman of the Investment Committee, G. Arthur Shoemaker

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Investments Committee has been transferring approximately 30-70 thousand dollars yearly to the General Fund to operate the Grand Lodge. Our investments are in

good shape at around 1.38 million. We have operated under the guidance that we should not exceed more than 5% withdrawal. There is approximately \$423,000.00 in the Permanent Relief Fund which is never touched. A question was asked if there would be a time in the future in which the Assessment could be reduce given the present financial situation of the Grand Lodge investments. Answer: At present if we had a fund of 4 million dollars, we may be able to eliminate the assessment to the Lodges. At this time, we would need to add an additional 2.2 million dollars.

It was determined years ago that the Endowment Fund needed to be \$250,000.00 before we could withdrawal any money from that fund. Now that number would need to be \$300,000.00 before accessing those funds.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“Thank you, Brother Art., Brother Skip give a quick report on the reduction of the payroll of the Grand Lodge?”

Chairman of Accounts and Finance Committee, David “Skip” Owen

“Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,

The Committee was requested to try and reduce the budget to grow our investments and reduce Grand Lodge assessments. We decided on a 10 percent across the board reduction in the budget for travel, payroll and discretionary funds with the exception of the Youth charities.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“Brethren, “We are now going to discuss the wages of the Grand Lodge Office Staff. This needs to be decided before next year’s budget can be presented. Before that discussion Brother Secretary would you please give your impression of the workload and needs of the Grand Lodge office as a fresh set of eyes

R.:W.: Grand Secretary Steven L. Hall

Most Worshipful Grand Master and members of Grand Lodge,

This short time has been an eye opening for me on the massive amount of work and time required of the Grand Lodge Staff. Naturally, there is a steep learning curve in any new job but with the whole staff being new we have faced a much harder time as there is no one in the office to ask questions of. Thankfully Brother Monte and Cyndie were there for us whenever we needed to ask questions but that is not the ideal situation for us or for them. They did the very best job they could passing on information but unfortunately many things in the office are only accomplished once a year and therefore we are left performing many tasks for the first time without ever seeing the process. Monte and Cyndie had over 15 years of experience in the office and there is no way to impart that amount of information in a two-week turnover. Our computer systems are out of date and cannot be updated to the present operating systems and the Grand Secretary’s computer is out of memory. I have been putting in twelve or longer days trying to maintain a functional office. MWB Art and I have spent many more hours getting a handle on the finances of the Grand Lodge. He is in no way being adequately compensated for his time. Brother Jason has created many new processes that have been invaluable to preparing for the Annual Communication, running of the shotgun, and preparing the Newsletter. In short, we expect a lot from the Grand Lodge Office without having much of an idea of what it takes to make it all happen. It is like watching a Duck on top of the water. He looks like he is moving without any effort easily gliding across the water, but you don’t see his feet peddling at warp speed underneath the water.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“Brethren, we have heard the report of the Grand Treasurer and the impression of the Acting Secretary on the amount of work and time that the office staff undertake to run our Grand Lodge. We will now take a vote on whether the wages of the Treasurer, Secretary and Clerk should be reduced. This action is necessary to allow the Accounts and Finance Committee to finish the budget to be presented tomorrow.”

Motion made that the wages of the Treasurer, Secretary and Clerk is not reduced by the 10% budget cut, seconded, and passed.

Motion made to terminate the retirement pay of the Past Grand Secretaries.

Speaker for: reported that the money that was set aside to fund the retirement had been used and that there was no provision for a lifetime retirement.

Speaker against: Said that it was un-masonic to terminate the payments:

Question of clarification: Was there ever a contract, Answer None known.

Question called: then a motion was made to make the vote secret.

Motion made for secret vote and seconded, vote taken and failed,

Question called on original motion to terminate retirement, vote taken and failed.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

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

Grand Secretary Report.

07, R.: W.: Grand Secretary

Steven L. Hall, PGM

Report of the Acting Grand Secretary (June – September 2023)

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

I stand before you today as the Acting Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Idaho at the 156th Annual Communication, with deep gratitude for the opportunity to address this distinguished assembly. It is both an honor and a privilege to report on the recent developments and the collective efforts undertaken to ensure the smooth functioning of our Grand Lodge office.

As many of you are aware, in May 2023, RWB Monte Bollar, our dedicated Grand Secretary, and Cyndi Bollar, our diligent Grand Clerk, retired from active service after 15 years of unwavering commitment to the Grand Lodge of Idaho. Simultaneously, our Grand Treasurer also found it necessary to step down from office. This unfortunate turn of events left our Grand Lodge office completely unmanned.

Considering this challenging situation, I reluctantly undertook the responsibility of maintaining the office's operations until this 156th Communication, where the brethren of this Grand Lodge would have the opportunity to elect their new Grand Secretary. I am pleased to report that during this interim period, we have made commendable progress in some areas and only maintained in others.

MW Brother G Arthur Shoemaker stepped up to serve as the Grand Treasurer until the culmination of this Grand Session, ensuring financial stability during this transitional period. Additionally, we welcomed Worshipful Brother Jason Morales, who took on the role of Grand Clerk on a part-time basis. The dedication and commitment exhibited by both MWB Art and WB Jason have been instrumental in keeping our Grand Lodge functioning during this challenging time.

Transitioning into our roles, Monte and Cyndie, with their wealth of experience, diligently transferred essential knowledge and responsibilities to WB Jason and me. Their foresight and dedication to our Grand Lodge's well-being were evident, as they attempted to teach us the essentials of our duties and left us with written instructions to guide our actions. I am immensely appreciative of their efforts, and they have remained accessible to us, offering guidance and insights whenever needed.

I must emphasize the complexity of the tasks performed within the Grand Lodge office. Many of these tasks are unique, and some are only performed once a year. Mastery of these responsibilities often requires hands-on experience in the office. Our combined efforts, with the invaluable assistance of MWB Art and WB Jason, have allowed us to keep the Grand Lodge running and ensure that we reach this Grand Session with our duties fulfilled.

I wish to convey to you the sheer magnitude and diversity of the workload that this office handles. It truly is a 24/7 commitment. We are the central hub for all communications and inquiries from other Grand Jurisdictions, and we play an integral role in supporting the operational needs of both the Grand Lodge and our individual Lodges.

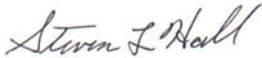
In my desire to ensure the success of this office, I have willingly put in long hours, often exceeding 12-hour workdays, and sacrificing weekends. There were days when prior commitments made before taking on the role of Grand Secretary prevented me from being in the office, but even during those times, I remained dedicated to fulfilling the obligations of the Grand Secretary's office remotely.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to those who have displayed patience when seeking assistance and those from whom I have sought guidance and support. MWB Art has been instrumental in his role as Grand Treasurer, going above and beyond to assist in this transitional period. WB Jason has admirably managed various responsibilities, from publishing our Newsletter to overseeing registration and managing the gun raffle. His creation of tracking spreadsheets has greatly facilitated our planning for this Grand Session.

In conclusion, I want to express my deep appreciation for the collective effort put forth by all involved in maintaining the continuity of our Grand Lodge office. As we convene for the 156th Annual Communication, let us reflect on the resilience and unity that define our fraternity. Together, we have overcome challenges and are poised to continue the legacy of our Grand Lodge, ensuring its vitality for generations to come.

Thank you, brethren, for your unwavering support and commitment to the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

Fraternally submitted,



MW Steven L. Hall
Acting RW Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Idaho

"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.

I move that RW Monte Bollar be elected to Grand Secretary Emeritus, Seconded, and passed.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

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

Idaho Masonic Foundation Association Greg Winther PGM

Annual Report of the Idaho Freemason Foundation

The Idaho Freemason Foundation is very pleased to have served a record 19 lodges this year with matching funds for a total giving of \$9,500. When that is added to the Lodge contributions, over \$20,000 has been given to programs benefiting Idaho's children. That is our largest donation to children in Idaho to date.

When speaking to a possible candidate, tell him about your charitable work, tell him about the Idaho Freemason Foundation and tell him about all of the positive things you are doing in the community. Use this information, it makes a difference.

We will soon be sending out this year's appeal for donations. Last year's annual appeal netted \$4,493.00 We owe these Brothers our gratitude for their generosity. Thank you so very much for your tax-deductible gift.

This may be a good time to mention that no funding comes to the Foundation from our Grand Lodge. The Foundation relies solely on donations for its charitable work. So my brothers, thank you again.

In closing, the Foundation asks the soon to be GM, Brother Gary La Bruyere to appoint a Grand Lodge officer to our Board. 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 growing movement to help kids in Idaho! (see full report in Section 605m Grand Lodge Charitable Fund)

Fraternally,

Greg Winther, Chairman, MWPGM

Mark Smith, Secretary, PM

Jason Morales, Treasurer, WM Boise #2

Ken Beaudreau, Director

Russ Graves, Director, PP

Dan LaVine, Director, G Chaplain, WM of Spirit Lake #57

John Ransdell, Director

Derek Sprague, Director, Past Grand Master of DeMolay

Mike Sutton, Director, MWPGM

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

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

Greetings from Arizona, This year the theme is "Leadership through Service". It's an honor to be here, even though it is hard to travel to all Grand Lodge Annual Communications I am glad I made the decision to come to yours. He told the story of his GM pin of the Playboy Bunny coming from the Squadron patch of the Death Jesters. "Can Do Easy" the Playboys of the Electronic Warfare EA-6B Squadron. Gifts were exchanged between Grand Masters

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

"Are there any reports that the presenter would like to present?" Brother Chad



Idaho DeMolay
1041 E Ionia Dr
Meridian, ID 83642

Most Worshipful Grand Master H. Sherman Burger, Elected Line, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

Thank you for having me and letting me speak.

Our goals for this year are similar to years past. Focusing squarely on membership, both recruitment and development, Marketing and being an active member of our communities. We are really pushing to get out of the lodge room more and get outside talking to people and promoting DeMolay to the next generation of members (and hopefully new masons in the future).

This year has been going well and we are growing. We need 6 new members to attain positive growth for the year. We feel confident that we will reach this goal.

On October 28th we will have our Honors Program at the New Masonic Temple here in Boise. Everyone is invited. (See Section 403 Special Committees)

Thank you for your Support Most Worshipful Grand Master

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.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

Brother Grindle, you would like to act on recommendations of the Fraternal Relations Committee?"

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Idaho AF&AM:

We, your committee on Fraternal Relations, begs to report the following:

The Fraternal Relations Committee for the 156th Annual Communication was passed five requests for recognition which have been evaluated and are now reported as follows:

1. Recognition has been requested by Le Muy Respetable Gran Logia Cuscatlán de El Salvador. This Grand Jurisdiction meets all of the requirements of our Grand Lodge for recognition 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. In addition, the Commission on Information on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America found that this Grand Jurisdiction met all of the requirements for recognition in 2022. Therefore, we recommend recognition. We moved that this request be adopted, seconded and passed.
2. Recognition has been requested by Muy Respetable Gran Logia del Estado de Puebla “Benemérito Ejército de Oriente” in Mexico. This Grand Jurisdiction meets all of the requirements of our Grand Lodge for recognition 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. In addition, the Commission on Information on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America found that this Grand Jurisdiction met all the requirements for recognition in 2004. Therefore, we recommend recognition. We moved that this request be adopted, seconded, and passed.
3. Recognition has been requested by the Grand Lodge of Georgia (Orient of Tbilisi) of the Republic of Georgia. This Grand Jurisdiction meets all of the requirements of our Grand Lodge for recognition 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. In addition, the Committee on Information on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America reaffirmed that this is a legitimate Grand Lodge in its 2023 report. Therefore, we recommend recognition. We move that this request be adopted, seconded, and passed.
4. Recognition has been requested by the Grand Lodge of Kazakhstan of the Republic of Kazakhstan. This Grand Jurisdiction meets all of the requirements of our Grand Lodge for recognition 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. In addition, the Committee on Information on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in its 2017 report affirmed that this Grand Lodge meets all the requirements for recognition. Therefore, we recommend recognition. We move that this request be adopted, seconded, and passed.
5. Recognition has been requested by the Muy Respetable Gran Logia del Estado de Mexico in Mexico. This Grand Jurisdiction meets all of the requirements of our Grand Lodge for recognition 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. In addition, the Committee on Information on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in its 2004 report affirmed that this Grand Lodge meets all the requirements for recognition. Therefore, we recommend recognition. We move that this request be adopted, seconded, and passed.

6. A request for recognition by the Gran Logia del Estado de Hidalgo has been received. This request appears to lack all the information required to investigate its regularity. Further information will be requested so that the request may be acted upon.

It was brought to the attention of this committee that there may be an error in the recognition listing on the George Washington National Masonic Memorial (GWNMM) Website. The Grand Lodge "Occidental Mexicana" is the Grand Lodge in question. Amity does not show that our Grand Lodge recognizes them, but Grandview does show recognition.

A little background is required here. Since there is no Annual publication of the List of Lodges, Amity has taken on the task of hosting an Electronic List of Lodges on the GWNMM Website. This list is manually updated from the Grand Lodge office. We also have a List of Lodges in Grandview that is also manually maintained. These two lists, currently, do not communicate with each other; so, it is likely that when one of the lists was checked and updated some of the updates didn't make it to the other. It has been suggested that Amity support has been in discussions with Grandview support to facilitate this communication.

The remedy is to login to the Amity List and correct the error. This will be done soon,

It has come to the attention of this committee that this Grand Lodge shows that it recognizes two (2) Grand Lodges in Paraguay. This is confusing and should not occur unless there is a Concordat in existence between the Grand Lodges that can jointly exist in the physical area. We will take this as an action item to resolve in the upcoming year and make a report at the 157th Annual Communication. In the meantime, any representative of one of these Grand Lodges should not be seated at our Annual Communication.

This committee also received copies of the Grand Lodge invitations to our Grand Master, season's greetings, and reports from their Annual Communication. A comprehensive review of these communications will not be provided. (See Section 401-4 Fraternal Relations)

Respectfully submitted,

Josue G. Perez (19), Chairman David A. Grindle (93) Michael E. Keas, (30)

Levi D. Billman (1), Non-voting Member
Harold E. Bloom (29), Non-voting Member
Justin L. Boyer (93), Non-voting Member

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

MWB Joe, you would like to give a report of the Idaho Scottish Rite?"

Report of Scottish Rite

SGIG Joe Alexander PGM

Thank you Most Worshipful,

The Scottish Rite is doing well and I thank you for attending our Reunions, it was meaningful all the members of the Scottish Rite. We have had the opportunity to help the following organizations this year:

\$50,000 goes to assist the kids

\$20,000 ISU pediatrics.

\$15,000 to Scholarships for Master's Degrees

\$5,000 To Speech and Pathology summer programs

\$15,000 To the Libraries in Idaho

\$10,000 To the Ready for Kindergarten Program

\$4,500 To the Masonic Youth Groups

We endeavor to help our community and especially the youth.

Thank you for this opportunity inform our Brethren of the work of the Idaho Scottish Rite

Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

"I would invite DGM David Tingy, R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master of Utah to come up and speak at this time."

RWB Tingy, brought greetings from Grand Master Travis M. McGuire of Utah. Reported that Utah was experiencing the same challenges as most jurisdictions. There has been a focus on encouraging the members to learn the work and thus learn and understand the meaning of our Brotherhood and that of becoming a better man. He thanked the Brothers for all the kindness that he was showed during his visit. Gifts were exchanged.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

"I would now like to invite our Brothers from Symbolic Grand Lodge of Paraguay Grand Chancellor Ivan Lampert and Patrick Miller Deputy Grand Chancellor to come up and speak at this time."

MWGM Thank you for making us feel at home in your Grand Lodge. It was a long trip, but we feel at home here. We do not have our gifts in the room with us but would like to have time tomorrow to present them to you. Again, thank you for your kindness.

Announcements:

MWB Steve Zimmerman still in Hospital but, in good spirits
Jesse Laduke – Hospitality Room is Hotel Bar right after PGM meeting.
PGM meeting in the Hospitality room after conclusion of this session.
all presiding GM and PGM to this PGM Meeting.
Idaho Lodge of Research will be at 04:00 pm tonight.
Secretaries' Meeting at 07:00 am tomorrow morning in the Executive Room.
Credentials will be closing at 05:00 pm today and reopen at 8:00 am tomorrow.

Thursday, September 21, 2023 (Close for Evening)

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

Prayer

Danny R. LaVine, W.: Grand Chaplain

“Good and Gracious God,

As our labors here today draw to a close, we prepare to go forth into the world as living examples of your boundless compassion. Keep our hearts true Lord, and may our minds be ever focused on you, that all who look upon us will behold a faith unwavering and pure. Faith manifested such that, in witnessing it, even the most obdurate of souls shall come to crave the hope of eternity in your kingdom.

May we, each of us, in loving you with all our hearts, evidence that love by our zealous devotion to the charity we afford to others. We pray for your guidance as we serve you Lord. Amen”

Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)

Eric W. Coryell, W.: Grand Marshal

“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I Proclaim the 156th 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 22, 2023 (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 22, 2023 (Public Memorial Service)

8:00 a.m.	Prelude	J. Sherwin Wilson, W.: Grand Organist
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Public Memorial Service:

Danny R. Lavine, W.: Grand Chaplain
(Assisted by the Grand Stewards)

Memorial Service

Dan R Lavine

156th 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.

Brothers All,

It is with a heavy heart and a burdened pen that I have this year logged the passing of sixty of our Idaho Brethren to that Celestial Lodge above. Though these great and goodly men now rest in the joy of our Lord, the memories of our fellowship with these Brothers will linger among us for generations to come and their good works of charity, both within and beyond our Lodge Rooms, will extend through the boundless realms of eternity.

Upon the call of the roll of the workmen, these Brothers were found to be missing:

Necrology Report

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

David Bruce Reay -	Placer #3
Denial G. Long -	Mt Idaho #9
Ronald F. Jones -	Nez Perce #10
Larry R. Stuck -	Nez Perce #10

W. Lane Woods -	Nez Perce #10
Kurt W. Wolbing -	Nez Perce #10
Robert N. Coons -	Nez Perce #10
John H. Hechtner -	Nez Perce #10
Clayton Keifer -	Nez Perce #10
David James Logan -	Lemhi #11
Samuel H. Smyser -	Silver City #13
Jerry A. Lynch -	Portneuf #18
Gilbert Gross -	Portneuf #18
James Lewis Lane -	Eagle Rock #19
Ralph M. David -	Eagle Rock #19
Corben Thomas Pond -	Eagle Rock #19
Peter Michael Swendsen -	Eagle Rock #19
Arthur F. Easley -	Richfield #21
Frederick Sorsabal, Past Grand Master, G.L.O.C.	Kootenai #24
Charlie Butler -	Kootenai #24
Dale L. Parsons -	Kootenai #24
Glen E. Crosby -	Washoe #28
William R. Smith -	Elmore #30
Dale W. Lambers -	Elmore #30
Harold C. Henderson -	Elmore #30
George A. Lucia -	Elmore #30
James McPherson Tagg -	Elmore #30
Floyd J. Richards -	Elmore #30
Harold D. Schmoldt -	Elmore #30
John A. Taylor -	Elmore #30
Lawrence J. Lage -	Elmore #30
Sidney A. Hagen -	Elmore #30
Earle S. Wolf -	Elmore #30
Frank M. Wadkins -	Elmore #30
Henry J. Redford -	Elmore #30
James B. Hoover -	Elmore #30
Leo L. Lange -	Elmore #30
Leonard T. Vesey -	Elmore #30
Ben L. Brooks -	Elmore #30
Donald L. Secrist -	Elmore #30
William R. Lee -	Elmore #30
William H. Shane -	Butte #37
Noel C. Steele -	Butte #37
Ellis Stanfield Reddick -	Twin Falls #45
William N. Watts -	Twin Falls #45

Johnny R.E. Lynch -	Malad #51
John L. Sitton SR. -	Spirit Lake #57
Emett S.Brown -	Spirit Lake #57
Fred Royal Reich -	Mt. McCaleb #64
Martin C. Minard -	Hagerman #78
Robert A. Mushlitz -	Hagerman #78
John M. Clark -	Fidelity #80
Everett Salisbury -	Ionic #82
Ronald M. Lowe, Past Grand Historian, G.L.O.I. -	Capital City #93
Claude A. Culver -	Capital City #93
David G. Smith -	Capital City #93
Larry O'Leary -	Capital City #93
Sam Camporeale -	Capital City #93
Ransul Cleve Barber SR -	Kaniksu #97

*Dwayne "Tiny" Walker - A Brother Mason

Many of these Brothers were active in their Lodges, and others were not, but with each passing we lose an integral piece of both our history and our future. These men underwent the same rigorous challenges each of us has withstood. They committed energy to learning their ritual, they committed resources to funding their Lodges and they committed time to fostering the philosophy, philanthropy, and activities that make Freemasonry what it is today.

In their passing of any Brother we are reminded of the fleeting nature of our time on this temporal plane. In their memory may we find renewed vigor for the Fraternity. We're given a scant few years with which to accomplish all that we have been called forth to do here on Earth. As Masons our duty and our joy is conclude our brief earthly career with the hope that those years were spent wisely and well.

Let us pray,

We pray that the souls of our dearly departed Brothers have returned to our Great Creator and have found their peace in His kingdom. May our Lodges honor their commitment to Freemasonry by continuing their good and charitable works and may the grace and peace of the Lord be with us all.

Amen

Ever laboring in His Service,

Dan LaVine
 Grand Chaplain
 Grand Lodge of Idaho, AF&AM

9:00 a.m.	Dismissal of all Non-Master Masons
9:00 a.m.	Credentials Closed

Friday, September 22, 2023 (Morning Session)

Grand Lodge Officers Started in place.

Welcome to Friday Morning Session by

Steve S. Bate, Worshipful Master of Ionic No. 82

“Gentlemen, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Friday Morning Session of the 156th 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 H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho.”

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“It is my pleasure to introduce Steve Bate, Worshipful Master of Ionic Lodge No. 82”

Call from Refreshment to Labor (Ritual)

Friday Morning Session Prayer

Danny R. LaVine, W.: Grand Chaplain

“Supreme Grand Master, God of all that is and ever shall be,
Thank you for this opportunity to gather together in your name. We're grateful for the working tools you've given us and we eagerly seek our opportunities to employ these tools to the betterment of your Grand Design.
Guide us in our hearts Lord, that in this meeting, as in all of our lives, we may only ever seek to better this amazing world in which you've placed us. Be with us now as we prepare to do your work.
Amen.”

Proclamation (Call to Order)

Eric W. Coryell, 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, H. Sherman Burger III

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

“None at this time.”

Roll Call

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“Brother Grand Secretary, will you call the Roll.”

Roll call by

Steven L. Hall, R.:W.: Grand Secretary

Most Worshipful the roll of the absent lodges was call and the following Lodges are still not represented: Couer D'Alene #20, Malad #51, Mt McCaleb #64, and Kaniksu #97.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“MWB Skip, would you present the Accounts and Finance committee Report”

Report of Accounts and Finance Committee

Skip Owen PGM

The following is the proposed budget from the accounts and finances:

Grand Lodge of Idaho Budget 2023 - 2024 Budget vs Actual

Year	2023		2024	
Members Year Ending		2454		2200
50 Year Members		566		500
Members for GL Assessment		1888		1700
GL Assessment		\$80.00		\$80.00
Total from GL Assessment		\$151,040.00		\$136,000.00
Amount from Investments		\$62,299.00		\$59,655.00
Surplus Carry Forward from Last Budget Year		\$0.00		\$0.00
Total		\$213,339.00		\$188,000.00

Grand Masters Budget				
Budgeted Income		Actual		Budgeted
1350 Per Capita Tax (Deposit to General Fund)		\$151,040.00		\$136,000.00
3100 Income Allocation from Investment Pool		\$62,299.00		\$59,655.00
Surplus Carry Forward from Last Year's Budget		\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Income		\$213,339.00		\$195,655.00
Surplus (Deficit) (Actual Income - Expenses)				\$17,684.00
Budgeted Expenses	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
10001 - Grand Master Budget				
1650 - Grand Master Travel Expense		\$13,000.00		\$11,700.00
1700 - Grand Master Conference Dues		\$400.00		\$660.00
1701 - Grand Master Registration Fees		\$300.00		\$300.00
1750 - Grand Master Conference Travel		\$2,000.00		\$1,800.00
1990 - Paid by Order of Grand Master		\$300.00		\$500.00
Total 10001 Grand Master Budget		\$16,000.00		\$14,960.00

10002 - Deputy Grand Masters Budget	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
1651 - Deputy Grand Master Expense		\$5,000.00		\$4,500.00
1660 - DGM (Grand Master Apron and Case		\$1,000.00		\$900.00
1670 - DGM (Grand Masters Picture)		\$400.00		\$360.00
1751 - DGM Conference Travel		\$2,000.00		\$1,800.00
Total 10002 Deputy Grand Masters Budget		\$8,400.00		\$7,560.00

10003 - Elected Grand Lodge Officers	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
1652 Senior Grand Warden Expense		\$2,000.00		\$1,800.00
1653 - Junior Grand Warden Expense		\$1,000.00		\$900.00
1654 - Senior Deacon Expense		\$1,000.00		\$900.00
1710 - District Deputy Grand Master (Travel/Expense)		\$1,000.00		\$900.00
1740 Grand Lecturer Expense		\$2,000.00		\$1,800.00
1770 - Grand Secretary (Travel/Expense)		\$2,000.00		\$1,800.00
1775 - Grand Treasurer (Travel/Expense)		\$1,000.00		\$300.00
3561 - Board of Relief Secretary Expense		\$200.00		\$180.00
Total 10003 Elected Grand Lodge Officers Budget		\$10,200.00		\$8,580.00

10004 - Committee Chairman Expense Budget	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
1570 - Fraternal Relation Committee		\$500.00		\$100.00
1655 - Chairman Fraternal Relations Expense		\$0.00		\$0.00
1920 - Public Relations Committee Expense		\$500.00		\$100.00
1922 - Research and Education Committee Expense		\$500.00		\$100.00
1940 - Information Technology Committee Expense		\$500.00		\$100.00
Total 10004 Committee Chairman Expense Budget		\$2,000.00		\$400.00

10005 - Conferences Budget	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
1720 - Grand Secretary Conference Dues		\$300.00		\$300.00
1760 -Grand Secretary Conference (Travel/Expense)		\$2,000.00		\$1,800.00
1780 Rocky Mountain Conference		\$2,500.00		\$2,250.00
Total 10006 Conferences Budget		\$4,800.00		\$4,350.00

10006 - Printing Budget	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
1501 - Printing Proceedings		\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00
1520 - Printing Masonic Directory		\$150.00		\$0.00
1530 - Purchase Pentograph (List of Lodges)		\$500.00		\$500.00
1540 - Printing Miscellaneous		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
1541 - Printing Monitors		\$0.00		\$0.00
1542 - Printer Equipment Lease		\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
1543 - Printer Repair & Maintenance Agreement		\$0.00		\$0.00
Total 10006 Printing Budget		\$10,450.00		\$10,300.00

10007 - Annual Communications Expenses etc.	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
1790 - New Officers Meeting (At Grand Lodge)		\$500.00		\$450.00
1800 - Host Lodge Entertainment Allowance (Grand Lodge)		\$1,000.00		\$900.00
1810 - Grand Lodge Registration (Income)		\$0.00		\$0.00
1811 - Grand Lodge Visitor Entertainment		\$1,000.00		\$900.00
1813 - Grand Master Banquest/Guest Registration (Income)		\$0.00		\$0.00
1814 - Mason of the Year/Awards/Lodge of Excellence		\$500.00		\$350.00
Total 10007 Annual Communication Expenses etc.		\$3,000.00		\$2,600.00

10008 - Salaries/Retirement/Taxes	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
1550 - Grand Secretary - Salary		\$45,320.00		\$45,320.00
1590 - Salary Grand Lodge Clerk		\$14,729.00		\$14,729.00
1600 - Payroll Tax Expense		\$6,850.00		\$6,850.00
1745 - Grand Treasurer Salary		\$3,000.00		\$2,700.00
1911 - GS Medical Supplemental Ins. Offset		\$600.00		\$600.00
Training for Grand Secretary Replacement (25% Time)		\$6,500.00		\$0.00
1610/3610 Retirement		\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
Total 10008 Salaries/Retirement/Taxes		\$91,999.00		\$85,199.00

10009 - Grand Lodge Office Budget	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
1190 - Furniture & Fixture Expense		\$250.00		\$200.00
1191 - Paraphernalia - Expense		\$500.00		\$200.00
1192 - Computer Software, Licenses, Maint, Web Fees		\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00
1193 - Membership Management System Annual Costs		\$3,000.00		\$2,700.00
1620 - Sales Tax		\$0.00		\$0.00
1630 - Professional Fees (Audit Gen. Fund & PPLM)		\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
1900 - Funeral and Floral		\$200.00		\$100.00
1910 - Insurance and Bonds		\$8,500.00		\$12,300.00
1930 - Postage		\$4,000.00		\$3,600.00
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		\$1,080.00
Total 10009 Grand Lodge Office Budget		\$36,950.00		\$39,480.00

10010 - Charitable Giving Budget	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
1730 - Masonic Library Expense		\$200.00		\$50.00
1731 - Masonic Renewal		\$0.00		\$0.00
1860 - Masonic Service Association Membership Dues		\$350.00		\$350.00
1870 - Masonic Relief Fund Association Dues		\$100.00		\$100.00
3220 - Masonic Service Association Contributions		\$250.00		\$250.00
3230 - George Washington Masonic Memorial		\$2,856.00		\$2,200.00
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		\$900.00
3584 - Masonic Donation for each Bethel/Chapter/		\$0.00		\$0.00
3586 - State Youth Leaders		\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00
Total 10010 Charitable Giving Budget		\$19,156.00		\$18,250.00

10011 - Misc.	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Deductions per Code & Digest				
Relief Fund \$0.50 per Member		\$944.00		\$850.00
Temple Relief Fund \$0.50 per Member		\$944.00		\$850.00
Endowment Fund \$1.00 per Member		\$1,888.00		\$1,700.00
Annual Communication Fund \$1.50 per Member		\$2,832.00		\$0.00
Grand Masters Project Fund \$2.00 per Member		\$3,776.00		\$0.00
Total 10011 Misc.		\$10,384.00		\$3,400.00

Total Expenses		\$213,339.00		\$195,079.00
Total Income		\$213,339.00		\$188,000.00
Difference (Budget)				-\$389.00

The committee recommends that a written process is developed for the future to be used for the budgeting process to make it more effective.

We move that the report be accepted, and the budget be adopted, motion seconded and passed.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

Call for Appeals & Grievances Report.

Report of the committee of Appeals and Grievances

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

As of this time there have been no appeals or grievances received.

If there are any to come forward at Grand Lodge, we will consider them and report for the delegates approval.

Fraternally submitted,

Skip Owen, Chairman

Dan Jennings

Joe Alexander

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, H. Sherman Burger III

"When Skip appointed me as DDGM, he made sure everyone knew I worked for the IRS. So, I will tell a little story about him:

So one day a few years ago Skip was driving down the road in the county, and driving a bit fast. Eventually he was pulled over by a State Trooper. The road, not being well traveled, hadn't given the Trooper much action that day. So as he was writing the ticket, he took advantage of all his spare time and decided to lecture Skip about the dangers of speeding.

As the lecture went on and a fly kept circling around the Trooper's face. The Trooper kept trying to swat the fly away, but it kept returning. Finally, Skip said "Are you having trouble with those Circle Flies?" The Trooper said, "Yes, if that is what you call them."

Skip said yes, they had them at the ranch. They keep hanging around the rear ends of the horses he had. The Trooper continued with his lecture and all of a sudden paused. "Did you just call me a horses rear?" Well, rear isn't the word the Trooper used, but I need to keep this story clean. Skip replied, "Oh no, I have way too much respect for law enforcement to call you that."

The Trooper returned to lecturing Skip and after a while Skip said, "It sure is hard to fool those flies though, isn't it?"

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

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

2023 Annual Communications Registration Report

Voter Registration Totals

Past Masters	84
Lodge Officer	63
Lodge Proxy	46
Total Votes Registered	193

2/3 votes equal 129

50% votes equal 97

Grand Lodge Officers / PGM Totals

Grand Lodge Officers	18
Past Grand Masters	16
DDGMs	9

Total Registered 43

Total Lodge Represented 41

Lodges Not Represented 4

Brother Jason Morales read the Credentials Report

"I move that this report be accepted."

The motion to accept this report was Seconded and Passed.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

"Brother Levi, do you have a report on donations from this morning's Memorial Service?"

Memorial Service Donations

Levi Billman

Memorial Services Donations

Total donations raised at the Memorial Service was \$3,16.00 with proceeds going to Endowment fund, Permanent Relief Fund, Charities and Prepaid life.

"I move that this report be received."

The motion to receive this report was Seconded and Passed.

Presentation:

Brothers Ivan Lampert, Grand Chancellor and Patrick Miller, Deputy Grand Chancellor

Welcome Brethren, yesterday we didn't have our gifts presentations with us and we would now like to present them. All the gifts are made by Artisans that are members of our Grand Lodge of Paraguay. A silver horn of a bull to drink a toast with our Brothers and friends and a jewel from our Grand Master to MWB Sherman. We also have gifts for the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary of dress shirts made by our artisans. Thank you for your kindness extend to us.

Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

I would invite Steve Martin M.:W.: Grand Master of Washington to come up and speak at this time."

Steve Martin, M.:W.: Grand Master, Washington

A woman who died found herself standing outside the Pearly Gates, being greeted by St. Peter. She asked him, "Oh, is this place what I really think it is? It's so beautiful. Did I really make it to Heaven?" To which St. Peter replied, "Yes, my dear, these are the Gates to Heaven. But you must do one more thing before you can enter."

The woman was very excited and asked of St. Peter what she must do to pass through the gates.

"Spell a word," St. Peter replied. "What word?" she asked.

"Any word," answered St. Peter. "It's your choice." The woman promptly replied, "Then the word I will spell is love. L-o-v-e."

St. Peter congratulated her on her good fortune to have made it to Heaven and asked her if she would mind taking his place at the gates for a few minutes while he went to the bathroom.

"I'd be honored," she said, "but what should I do if someone comes while you are gone?"

St. Peter reassured her and instructed the woman to simply have any newcomers to the Pearly Gates to spell a word as she had done.

So, the woman is left sitting in St. Peter's chair and watching the beautiful angels soaring around her when a man approaches the gates. She realizes it is her husband.

"What happened?" she cried, "Why are you here?"

Her husband stared at her for a moment, then said, "I was so drunk when I left your funeral, I was in an accident. And now I am here. Did I really make it to Heaven?"

To which the woman replied, "Not yet. You must spell a word first."

"What word?" he asked.

The woman responded, "Czechoslovakia."

We are now implementing certificates for the ritual work which we borrowed from your jurisdiction in hopes that it will improve our work and become part of our work. Thank you for your kindness extend to me. Gifts exchanged.

Results of the Resolutions of the 156th Annual Communications;

Refer to "Proposed Resolutions for 2023 handout.

Resolution #1 **Failed**, as Amended.

Resolution #1, Article XVI: Section 1603 be amended to read as follows:

Article XVI Section 1603.w"New paragraph #7: Alternate #2 Worshipful Master: An Alternate #2 Master must possess a Wardens certificate as described by #4 of Section 1603 plus conferred all three degrees in open Lodge or before the District Deputy Grand Master. Served one year as a warden prior to being elected Alternate #2 Worshipful Master of a Lodge. As Alternate #2 Worshipful Master. he would be entitled to one vote at Grand lodge, or his proxy delivered in the usual manner only while he serves as Alternate #2 Master or Warden. A Alternate #2 Master shall not be considered a Past Master nor a permanent voting member of Grand Lodge until obtaining Alternate Worshipful Master or Full Worshipful Master as described by 1603 #5 or #6.

Resolution #9 **Failed**

Section 401. Standing Committees. The Grand Master shall appoint the following standing committees. consisting of not less than three nor more than five members to serve during his term: (Revised Sept. 1999) 1. Jurisprudence. 2. Appeals and Grievances. 3. Accounts and Finances. 4. Fraternal Relations. 5. Masonic Research and Education. 6. Masonic Temple Preservation. (See Section 405), 7. Budget Committee

Resolution #10 **Failed**

Article III Powers and duties of Grand Officer. The Deputy Grand Master shall discharge such executive functions of the Grand Lodge as may be delegated to him by the Grand Master. He will serve as the chairman of the Budget committee and submit his requested budget at the annual communication for consideration.

Resolution #11 **Failed**

Article IV Committees. The Committees shall consider and report on all matters that may be referred to them or that pertain to subjects appropriately under their observation.

a. The budget Committee will consist of the DGM Chairman, elective Grand Lodge Officers, Accounts and Finance Committee, and the Investment Committee. They are to formulate a proposed budget and have it submitted to the Lodges with the proposed resolutions. After a quorum has been established at Grand Lodge. the DGM will propose his budget and accept recommendation from the voting delegates. Prior to the closing of Grand Lodge, he will submit his proposed budget with or without changes for a vote. A simple majority will be needed to accept the proposed budget and assessment.

b. The Accounts and Finances Committee will oversee the financial operations of the Grand Lodge. They will ensure that the spending as approved by the Brethren are accurate and appropriate • • They will insure that the required financial review and proper tax forms are submitted as required; They will assist the DGM in formulating a budget and establishing an appropriate assessment of the membership to meet its obligations. It will review and approve all resolutions requiring financial expenditures. They will appropriate emergency funding it deems necessary during the period the Grand Lodge is at recess. It will submit areport at grand Lodge concerning the financial Affairs at the annual communication.

Resolution #12 **Failed**

Section 801. Idaho Work. The ritual as set forth in the adopted work and the monitor is the standard work in this Jurisdiction and shall be known as the Idaho Work. _ Video lectures of the Idaho work can be presented for degrees and also used for educational purposes within a Lodge only. Video lectures shall be secure within a Lodge and approved by the Grand lodge board of custodians. Lodges shall practice only the Idaho Work, except by express authority from the Grand Lodge of the Grand Master.

Election of Grand Lodge Officers

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“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 your ballots in the ballot boxes on the table west of the alter being guarded by the Sword Bearer.”

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	Gary A. S. LaBruyere
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master	Rick L. Holloway
Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden	N. Randell “Randy” King
Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden	Clifford R. Kramer
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer	G. Arthur Shoemaker
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary	Steven L. Hall
Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer	Daniel D. Siddall

RWB Rick L. Holloway, by the vote of the Brothers here at the 156th Annual Communication you were elected Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master Elect and will be the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the year 2024-2025, Do you accept?

Brother Rick L. Holloway, I do accept.

The M.: W.: Grand Master H. Sherman Burger III asked each newly elected officer if they would serve.

Each accepted, so the new line of officers for 2023-2024 are:

Most Worshipful Grand Master	Gary A. S. LaBruyere
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master	Rick L. Holloway
Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden	N. Randell “Randy” King
Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden	Clifford R. Kramer
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer	G. Arthur Shoemaker
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary	Steven L. Hall
Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer	Daniel D. Siddall

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

Presentation:

Erin Neilson President Grand Chapter Widows Sons of Idaho and members

Presented MWGM Sherman as an Honorary member of the Widows Sons. He was given his vest with his name “**Slider**”

Election of Pre-Paid Life Executive Council

Requirements:

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.

The duties of the PPL Committee were explained that they work 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

Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

Call for Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions.

“I would invite Thomas G. Needham, R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master of Wyoming to come up and speak at this time.”

Thomas G. Needham M.: W.: Grand Master, Wyoming:

Greeting Brothers and thank you for the invitaion. I'm not a great orator. I have no stories, I'm just a por boy in the big city. All jurisdiction have most of the same problems. We have to draw from our expirences to solve our problems. My past expeirence is in aviation. We can share all tools that we have accumulated in our life with those around us but without showing them how to use those tools they are just carrying around a bunch of tools that can't be used. Masonry is a lot like this we give the tools of Masonry to our Brothers but without the Masonic education to use them they are lost. We must improve on continueing education. Gifts were exchanged.

Announcements:

It was announced that one of the vendors had several nice challenge coins. One special coin was available to newly raised Master Masons for free, this coin would have his personal Masonic info on the coin, it was also available for purchase by any Master Mason.

It was announced that MWB Steve Zimmerman was out of the Hospital.

Break for lunch Friday

Call from Labor to Refreshment

(Ritual – Call off through the South)

Prayer for Lunch

Danny R. LaVine, W.: Grand Chaplain

“Great Architect of the Universe,

God of all grace and providence, thank you for the progress we've made here today. Guide us Lord that during our midday meal our discussions about these proceedings should reflect our steadfast commitment to spreading your light and honoring your presence in our labors and in our lives.

In your Name we pray. Amen.”

Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)

Eric W. Coryell, W.: Grand Marshal

“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I Proclaim the 156th 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 22, 2023

(Afternoon Session)

Grand Lodge Officers will start in place.

Welcome to Friday Afternoon Session by

Russ L. Graves, Worshipful Master of Paradise No. 17

“Gentlemen, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Friday afternoon Session of the 156th 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 H. Sherman Burger III, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

“It is my pleasure to introduce Russ L. Graves, Worshipful Master of Paradise No. 17”

Call from Refreshment to Labor (Ritual)

Friday Afternoon Session Prayer

Danny R. LaVine, W.: Grand Chaplain

“Good and Gracious God,

Thank you for providing sustenance to strengthen us that we may return to our labors fortified and renewed with the will to do your good works. As we prepare to conclude the labors of our Grand Lodge this year we reverently invoke your blessing Lord that in these proceedings, as in all that we do, your presence would be our guiding light.

In Your most holy and precious Name, Amen.”

Proclamation (Call to Order)

Eric W. Coryell, W.: Grand Marshal

“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim the 156th Annual Communication called from Refreshment to Labor.”

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

So, one day a few years ago Skip was driving down the road in the county, and driving a bit fast. Eventually he was pulled over by a State Trooper. The road, not being well traveled, hadn't given the Trooper much action that day. So as he was writing the ticket, he took advantage of all his spare time and decided to lecture Skip about the dangers of speeding.

As the lecture went on and a fly kept circling around the Trooper's face. The Trooper kept trying to swat the fly away, but it kept returning. Finally, Skip said "Are you having trouble with those Circle Flies?" The Trooper said, "Yes, if that is what you call them."

Skip said yes, they had them at the ranch. They keep hanging around the rear ends of the horses he had. The Trooper continued with his lecture and all of a sudden paused. "Did you just call me a horses rear?" Well, rear isn't the word the Trooper used, but I need to keep this story clean. Skip replied, "Oh no, I have way too much respect for law enforcement to call you that."

The Trooper returned to lecturing Skip and after a while Skip said, "It sure is hard to fool those flies though, isn't it?"

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

Call for (final) Jurisprudence Report.

Report of Jurisprudence Committee

James Herndon, PGM

Jurisprudence Committee Report (Final)

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:

We approve the Report of the Grand Master, all his actions in regards to By-laws amendments, rededications, visitations, recommendations, and financial decisions.

We approve the reports of all Grand Lodge Officers and Committees printed in the preprinted reports.

We declare that the By-Laws Part One Pertaining to Grand Lodge, Article I General Provisions, Section 106. Votes in Grand Lodge, 2a,2b.2c. and 2d in conflict with the Constitution and to be deleted from the By-Laws. We report the there are many conflicts in the Idaho Code and Digest which require attention and recommend that a total review be conducted to clarify and resolve these conflicts.

We congratulate the Grand Master on a successful year of presiding over the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Idaho.

James Herndon – Chairman

John E. Warner member

Michael Royce member

“I move the Jurisprudence Committee Report be Adopted.”

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

Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

Call for Remarks from visiting Jurisdictions

“I would invite Craig Sipp, M.:W.: Grand Master of Oregon to come up and speak at this time.”

Craig Sipp, M.: W.: Grand Master, Oregon:

Thank you all. Thank you RWR Randy King for all the hospitality that you provide me as my host. Greater Idaho where I basically where I live. Masonry is not Dead and we should not by passing that rumor on. I will tell you that Masonry definitely is not dead in Oregon but is alive and Well. We do need to activate some of our less active members, and we should offer meetings to assist those members feel comfortable coming back by holding a refresher meeting to assist them in the work that they may not remember. There was a gift exchange.

Grand Oration:

Grand Orator

Jeremy C. Vaughn

Report to be given at Banquet.

Moved that the report be accepted and printed in 156th Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Idaho. Motion was Seconded and Passed. **(See Grand Lodge Officer Reports)**

Remarks from visiting Concordant and Appendant Bodies:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

Call for Remarks from our Shrine Brothers.

"I would invite Past Potentate Russ Graves to come up and speak at this time."

Russ Graves Past Potentate:

Thank you, I bring you greetings from Matt Plemons, Potentate of the Calam Shrine in Northern Idaho, (from the 45th parallel north) We meet among the community as we are without a building at the present. We are still able to remain active and relevant.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

Call for Remarks from the Grand York Rite Bodies

"I would invite Most Excellent High Priest Steven L. Hall to come up and speak at this time.":

Steven L. Hall:

York Rite Masonry is well and active throughout Idaho. The York Rite degrees are a natural continuation of the Blue Lodge degrees, and we invite all that are not members and wish to continue their masonic journey and education to consider petitioning for our degrees. Our philanthropic support goes to the Royal Arch Research Assistance which supports Central Auditory Processing Disorder or CAPD, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) which works in vascular biology and medicine for Ab. Aortic aneurysm, Cancer, Diabetes, Peripheral Artery Disease and Stroke and Knights Templar Eye Foundation which works to improve vision through research. Our support allows researchers to start their research which allows them to apply for major grants that makes the medical breakthroughs.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

Call for Remarks from the Job's Daughters"

"I would invite Seth Van Wassenhove Associate Grand Guardian to come up and speak at this time."

Seth Van Wassenhove, Associate Grand Guardian:

I will allow Jobies to tell you about Job's Daughters at the Banquet but I would like to say that we too are looking for more membership and adult leadership. Please get involved in the youth groups. Our youth are our future. Remember our belief in Faith, Hope and CHARITY. The giving of yourself and time is the greatest gift you can give.

Hospitality Room Report

Brother Jesse Laduke approached the podium.

The hospitality room has again been a success with the help of my Dad, and the support and help from Arlen Marshall. Thank you for the many donations that the hospitality room received. Thank you, Arlien Marshall, Thank you Dad. I was happy that Mike Keas was able to attend. Thank you PGM's for putting me int this position. Thank you, Sherman, for asking me to again be the Grand Libations Officer and manage your hospitality room. Lastly at 10:30 tonight we will Honor our Brother Andrew Evenson who is watching us from the House not made with hands, by toasting him with drink from the bottle that he donated last year.

Steven L. Hall, R.: W.: Grand Secretary:

*“Most Worshipful Grand Master, There have been two Constitutional Amendments placed upon my desk and in accordance with **Article I, Amendments, Section 1 of the Idaho Constitution**, must be received and read at this Annual Communication and sent to the constituent Lodges to be read, voted on and returned to the Most Worshipful Grand Master who will declare if the Constitutional Amendment passed or failed. With your permission I will receive and date the Amendments and read them to the Brethren.*

Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Sherman Burger III

*“Brother Secretary, please read the Amendments and Distribute per **Article I, Amendments, Section 1 of the Idaho Constitution.**”*

The following amendments were read:

Constitutional Amendment #1

Amendment:

Date Received by GS 22 Sep 2023

Be it resolved that Article III, Section #1 of the Constitution be amended to remove the requirement that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary hold a "full" Master's Certificate. The revised Section shall read (additional text underlined, there are no deletions) as follows:

Section 1. Any Permanent Member of Grand Lodge as defined in Article II Section 1. is eligible for election as Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer or Right Worshipful Grand Secretary. Only Past Masters who have been issued a Worshipful Master's Certificate of Proficiency as evidence of their proficiency in the entire Idaho Ritual, Lectures, and Ceremonies of the three degrees, who have qualified permanent members of this Grand Lodge, and who are in good standing in a recognized Lodge in this jurisdiction, are eligible for any other elective office or line office in this Grand Lodge. Any Mason in good-standing in an Idaho Lodge is eligible for appointment to the office of Worshipful Grand Organist, Worshipful Grand Chaplain, Worshipful Grand Orator, Worshipful Grand Historian, or Worshipful Grand Tyler. (Revised Sept. 1990)

Rationale:

The offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are administrative offices and have no responsibility regarding the ritual of the craft. As the membership numbers continue to decline, the number of those who meet the current eligibility requirements for these offices dwindle. What is needed in this position is someone with excellent administrative skills, regardless of their ritual proficiency.

The potential applicant pool for these highly important positions within the Grand Lodge is unnecessarily limited by the requirement to have a full Master's certificate of proficiency.

Submitted by:

H. Allen Brey III MWGM 2022-2023

Clifford R. Key

J. Vaugel

Constitutional Amendment #2



**GRAND LODGE OF IDAHO
FORMAT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

Please refer to Article XXXIV Amendments,
Section 3401 Paragraph 1, Preparation, Proofing and Filing.

Proposed resolutions must be filed with the Grand Secretary on or before February 15th. (Resolution submitted after February 15th shall be considered late for this Annual Communication)

Grand Secretary's Use Only
Date Received by GS 22 Sep 2023
Number: 2

Date approved by Jurisprudence for distribution: ___ / ___ / ___

1. Section to be changed: Section 3 Constitution Idaho Code & Digest Pg. 11

2. Article Number & Name

**ARTICLE II
REPRESENTATION & MEMBERSHIP**

3. Section Number & Name

Section 3

4. Current Wording

On every question which may come before the Grand Lodge for decision, each Lodge, by its representative or representatives present, shall be entitled to cast three votes, and each officer or member of the Grand Lodge present shall be entitled to cast one vote, but no one, in his own right, shall have more than one vote.

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

On every question which may come before the Grand Lodge for decision, each Lodge, by its representative or representatives present, shall be entitled to cast ~~three~~ its permitted votes, and each officer or member of the Grand Lodge present shall be entitled to cast one vote, but no one, in his own right, shall have more than one vote. (Revised Sept. 2024)

6. Rationale (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

This wording change would allow future By-Laws changes designed to increase the availability of Certified Worshipful Masters and Wardens in the Lodges suffering from a lack of qualified members by allowing the utilization of plural members. In the future this Constitutional change provides some flexibility. Currently, the By-Laws align with the Constitution which is the way it should be, they should support each other. To be "entitled to cast three votes" vs. "entitled to cast its permitted votes" does not change the intent to the current wording in the Constitution. It only removes the number element. Changes to the Constitution is a big step, but; the fact the Constitution authors created a process to make changes is a sign they expected that it may have to change with time, just not as often as the By-Laws. This is the first step necessary to create another option to assist those lodges that are having issues with personnel qualified to be Worshipful Masters.


7. **Printed: Names, Office and Lodge Number of submitting members:**
NOTE: Must be signed by no less than three (3) members of the Grand Lodge
(Or) by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of a chartered Lodge, attested under seal.

Russ Graves WM Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No.


Tim Helmke Sec Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No.

Wayne Sprause P.M. Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No.

8. **SIGNATURES:**

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Lodge Seal

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Friday, September 22, 2023 (Close for Evening)

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

Prayer

Danny R. LaVine, W.: Grand Chaplain

'God of all Creation,

It is in you Lord that we find our inner peace. Through prayer we seek to abandon all concern for our own presence and purpose, embracing instead the truth of your Divine Presence and Grace. Our supplication is a plea for understanding, that by surrendering unto you in its entirety our heart, our mind, and our body we may come to know ourselves as the tools with which you are ever crafting your works of mercy and compassion amongst us.

We beseech your guidance Lord that as we go forth into your kingdom we may, each of us, by the works of our hands, the words from our lips, and the passions in our hearts, only ever serve as the embodiment of your unending love for your children here on Earth.

In your most holy and precious Name we pray,

Amen.'

Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)

Eric W. Coryell, W.: Grand Marshal

"By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I Proclaim the 156th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho from Labor to Refreshment until 08:00 Friday Morning Memorial Ser

Public Installation for 2023-2024 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	Installing Secretary
Steven O. Zimmerman, PGM	Installing Chaplain
Royce. Arlen Marshall "Arlen"	Installing Musician

Presentation of 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Officers

Installing Secretary, James C. Herndon, PGM

Grand Lodge Officers for 2023-2024

Gary A. S. Labruyere	Grand Master
Rick L. Holloway	Deputy Grand Master
N. Randall King "Randy"	Senior Grand Warden
Clifford R. Kramer	Junior Grand Warden
G. Arthur Shoemaker	Grand Treasurer
Steven L. Hall	Grand Secretary
Daniel D. Siddall	Grand Lecturer
Daniel W. Drefs	Senior Grand Deacon
Eric W. Coryell	Junior Grand Deacon
Levi D. Billman	Grand Marshall
Harold E. Bloom "Howie"	Senior Grand Steward
David G. N. Stonhill	Junior Grand Steward
Justin L. Boyer	Grand Sword Bearer
Danny R. Lavine	Grand Pursuivant
J. Sherwin Wilson	Grand Organist
Rev Robert Perry	Grand Chaplain
Jeremy C. Vaughn	Grand Orator
Richard Rowe	Grand Historian
Charles Bowles	Grand Tyler

District Deputy Grand Masters

Walter L. Hamby	First District
Kary A. Peterson	Second District
Darren W. Taber	Third District
John Boyer	Fourth District
Michael A. Kish “Mike”	Fifth District
Christopher A. Duke “Chris”	Sixth District
Robert Middlebrook	Seventh District
David M. Savage	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 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Officers to be duly installed.”

Friday September 22, 2023 (General Membership Banquet),

General Membership Banquet

6:00 p.m.

No Host Social Hour

7:00 p.m.

Grand Lodge Banquet Selway

Introductions Heads of Concordant Appendant Bodies

Introductions by

Clifford R. Kramer, W.: Sr. Grand Deacon
(Assisted by Grand Stewards)

Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of Eastern Star

Worthy Grand Matron

Daveta Ulrich

Grand Court of Idaho, Order of Amaranth

Grand Royal Matron

Donita Head

Grand Royal Marshal

Darlene Neal

Daughters of the Nile

Queen Of Iras Temple #40

Debbie Deboer

Introduction of Adult Leaders of Youth Groups

Job's Daughters International, Grand Council of Idaho

Grand Guardian

Andrea Rayborn

Associate Grand Guardian

Seth Van Wassenhove

Grand Marshal

Brandi Jennings

Grand Inner Guard

Arlen Marshall

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

Bethany Hodges

Miss Idaho Job's Daughter

Natalia Golicova

Jr. Miss Idaho Jobs Daughter

Mya Hagen

International Order of DeMolay

State Board of Directors

State Board of Directors

William Tolman

Tim Serrett

International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Washington/Idaho

Jr Past Worthy Grand Advisor, Washington / Idaho

Jr Past Grand Confidential Observer, Washington / Idaho

Kate French

Mya Eskridge

Program

Youth Leaders Speeches

Rainbow, Grand Worthy Advisor

Grand Bethel Honored Queen

Miss Idaho Jobs Daughters

Jr. Miss Idaho Jobs Daughter

State Board of Directors

Kate French

Bethany Hodges

Natalia Golicova

Mya Hagen

William Tolman

Awards:

Randy King, R.:W.: Jr. Grand Warden

District Mason of the Year Awards

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

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

District 6

District 7

District 8

District 9

District 10

Kevin Dewall (18)

Bruce Berry (77)

Decar Scaff (30)

Robert Julian (60)

Monte Bollar (13, 98)

Jeffery A Atteberry (31)

Wayne M. Sprouse (17)

Phillip R. Morgan (24)

Danny R. LaVine (24, 41, 57)

Lodge of Excellence Awards

Lodges who received Lodge of Excellence are:

Lodge Name and Number

Nez Perce	10
Silver City	13
Paradise	17
Portneuf	18
Weiser	23
Kootenai	24
Washoe	28
Ashler	29
Elmore	30
Mt. Moriah	39
Rathdrum	41
Meridian	47
Spirit Lake	57
Oriental	60
Hagerman	78
Capital City	93
Initial Point	98

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 H. Sherman Burger III.

Masonic Service Association of North America

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

PRESENTED TO

Most Worshipful

H. Sherman Burger III

Grand Master of Idaho

2022 - 2023

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

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Dedication

West Gate Masonic Temple

1755 N. Westgate Dr.

Boise, Idaho, 83704

Building Dedication (Ritual)

Room cleared and Masons called back in to close the

156 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho

Saturday, September 23, 2023

(Morning Session)

Grand Lodge Officers Started in place.

Call from Refreshment to Labor (Ritual)

Opening Prayer

Danny LaVine, W.: Grand Chaplain

Creator of all that is wondrous and of all that is worthy, We thank you Lord for the blessings in our lives, and we also thank you for the burdens laid upon us. In each of those blessings we discover anew our faith in the goodness of your presence in this world, and by the weight of our burdens we are reminded of our commitment to you, that our lives are and ever shall be dedicated to enacting your good works here on earth. We pray that you would look upon us with favor and guide us in our labors Lord. Amen.

Proclamation (Call to Order)

Mike Kish, W.: Grand Marshal

“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim the 156th Annual Communication called from Refreshment to Labor.”

Closing Prayer**Rev Robert Perry, W.: Grand Chaplain**

Supreme Grand Master, Ruler of Heaven, and Earth! Now that we are about to separate and return to our respective places of abode, wilt Thou be pleased so to influence our hearts and minds that we may each one of us practice, out of the Lodge, those great moral duties which are inculcated in it, and with reverence study and obey the laws which Thou hast given us in thy Holy Word. Amen.

Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)**Mike Kish, (Acting) W.: Grand Marshal**

“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I Proclaim the 156th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho duly closed.”

Reports:03, R.: W.: Deputy Grand MasterGary A. S. LaBruyere**Report of the Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Idaho A.F.&A.M.**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master H. Sherman Burger III, grand lodge officers, and brethren.

It was a great year traveling around the state and neighboring jurisdictions. I was able to attend all fall district communications. The 1st District Communication was held in Mackay on 09/17/2022. This was followed by the 3rd District Communication in Richfield on 09/19/2023. On 09/20/2023 found most of us at the 7th District Communication in Weiser. This was followed by the 4th District Communication at Hagerman on 09/21/2022. I attended the Amaranth Public Opening in Boise on 09/22/2022.

JGW Randy King drove the MWGM and me to north Idaho. The 8th District Communication in Lewiston was held on 09/23/2022. This was followed by an outdoor 3rd Degree in Sagle Idaho with the 9th District Communication that evening in Hayden on 09/24/2022. The following Sunday on 09/25/2022 the 10th District Communication was held in Sandpoint. Randy got all of us home safe and sound on Monday 09/26/2023.

We next attended the 6th District Communication at Meridian on 09/27/2022. This was followed by 5th District Communication on 09/28/2022 in Boise. The 2nd District Communication was on Friday 09/30/2022. On Saturday 10/01/2022 attended the 100th celebration and rededication of Caribou Lodge in Soda Springs.

This was followed by York Rite Northwest in Boise Idaho on 10/14-15/2022. MWGM Sherm got to give five speeches. What an outstanding job. On 12/3/2022, I attended the Tri-Valley York Rite College and Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest meetings in Boise. The following Saturday 12/10/2022 attended the Eagle Rock Lodge Installation followed by St. Charles Red Cross of Constantine. When leaving the meeting that night I fell in the parking lot and broke my hip limiting my travels for the rest of 2022 and early 2023.

My first travel for 2023 was attending the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Alexandria Virginia the 02/18/2023. This was followed by Idaho Grand York Rite the 04/13-16/2023. MWGM was again asked to give five more great speeches. I attended Past Master night Eagle Rock #19 on 04/19/2023. This was followed by Idaho College SCRIF in Jerome Idaho on 05/06/2023.

I attended Oregon Grand Lodge Bend Oregon on 05/31/2023 to 06/01/2023 and beat feet to stay the night in Ontario Oregon. The following morning, I drove to Cambridge Idaho to open Grand Lodge for the Rededication of Salubria Lodge #17 due to Shem traveling to New York City for Idaho Night.

Due to the MWGM attending other duties I represented at the Order of Eastern Star in Burley Idaho on 06/11/2023. I then traveled to Helena Montana and attended the Grand Lodge of Montana June 22-25, 2023. Attended Silver City 3rd Degree on the mountain 07/08/2023. This was followed by the Rock Mountain Conference in Las Vegas Nevada on July 21-22-2023. Yes, it was hot. I then traveled to Providence Rhode Island and attended the York Rite Sovereign College of North America 07/28-29/2023.

Great fellowship and discussions were celebrated during these travels. The many meals were enjoyed by all in attendance. It has been a great honor to have fellowship with all of you.

Fraternally submitted,

Gary Alexander Sullivan LaBruyere
Deputy Grand Master

04, R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden

Rick L. Holloway

Report of the Senior Grand Warden

Rick L. Holloway

For the 2022-2023 Masonic Year

To: H. Sherman Burger III 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 155th Annual Communication where I was elected and subsequently installed as your Senior Grand Warden.

The Masonic year started in Pocatello, which is always a good time to visit my college town and see how much it has changed since I graduated from Idaho State in August 1988. Perhaps not too surprising is that it hasn't changed much through most of Old Town and the area around the ISU campus. I was able to spend some time working on the computer at the student union building at ISU before heading to Mackay for the first District meeting of the Masonic year.

I was able to attend several other District meetings last fall, and each gave me an opportunity to re-engage with our Brothers and renew friendships I have been fortunate to have across this state. With my wife being

involved as an elected officer in the Supreme Temple of Daughters of the Nile, some of my visits included meetings and events for that organization. I never passed up an opportunity to interact with Masons from all over the world who attended these events

The list of visits below does not include the many monthly visits I had as a member of the Board of Governors for the Portland Shrine Hospital, of which I am still a member. Of the 17 members of our Board, there are four Past Grand Masters and several current Grand Lodge officers of other states. While we work on the Board for the benefit of the hospital, the Board of Governors consists of members who are very much Blue Lodge Masons who practice the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth in all we do while overseeing hospital operations and strategic planning.

I also attended the football games in Baker City, Las Vegas, and Middleton. The 100 year celebration in November in Houston was especially rewarding with participation limited to only 1,000 people, all of whom were treated to touching stories of lives changed by the Shrine Hospital doctors and staff. The evening culminated in a private concert by Dierks Bentley, who really put on a show. The events I attended this year included:

9/16/22	Installation in Pocatello
9/17/22	District 1 meeting in Mackay
9/19/22	District 3 meeting in Richfield
9/27/22	District 6 meeting in Meridian
9/28/22	District 5 meeting in Boise
9/30/22	District 2 meeting in Blackfoot
10/1/22	Lodge Rededication-Caribou #84 in Soda Springs
10/7/22	District 4 meeting in Hagerman
10/15/22	Bethel 8 Caldwell Grand Guardian Visit
10/16/22	Bethel 6 Meridian Grand Guardian Visit
10/19/22	Initial Pointe #98 Second Degree- G lecture and charge
10/22/22	Iras Temple No. 40 DON Fun Run
10/29/22	Scottish Rite Reunion
11/5/22	Oriental #60 3rd degree Chaplain, Lecture
11/9/22	Initial Pointe-Marshal, Charge for 1st degree
11/12/22	Houston, TX-Shrine Hospital 100 Year Celebration
11/26/22	East-West Shrine Football Game-Middleton
12/10/22	Silver City installation
12/10/22	Bethel 6 installation
01/07/23	Installation of officers-El Korah Shrine
01/18/23	3rd degree lecture at Initial Pointe
01/21/23	Speaker at Iras Temple DON luncheon
02/02/23	East-West Shrine Football-Las Vegas
02/17/23	PNSA meeting-Boise
04/01/23	Iras Temple No. 40 Installation
04/18/23	6th District Meeting-Mr. Moriah
04/19/23	5th District Meeting-Boise
04/20/23	3rd District Meeting-Jerome
04/27/23	4th District Meeting-Glenns Ferry
04/29/23	Officiated Queen Linda Gray's funeral
5/10/23	Stated Meeting-Jerome
5/11/23	Oregon Grand Master's Visit-Acacia Lodge in Ontario
5/20/23	Scottish Rite Reunion

6/2-3/23 Grand Lodge of Arizona
6/4-18-23 Supreme Session Daughters of the Nile-Connecticut
6/18/23 Job's Daughters of Idaho Grand Session
07/08/23 Silver City-3rd degree lecture
7/20-22/23 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference
7/29/23 East-West Shrine Football-Baker City
8/10-12/23 Northwest Daze Daughters of the Nile-Seattle

I planned to fly to some of the meetings, but the weather seemed to have other plans, so I was not able to fly myself to any meeting. I've always been a careful pilot, and I simply will not take chances on the weather.

The District meetings are a terrific way to start the new Masonic year for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers. I thoroughly enjoyed each one and appreciated the immense hospitality we were shown at each visit.

The opportunity to give a lecture and/or charge is always something I appreciate. There is nothing quite like seeing a candidate receive the degrees. When we look back on the times when each of us took that first step into Masonry, there is no way we could have predicted where it would take us. I will never turn down an opportunity to participate in degrees if I am able to do so.

Being involved in Job's Daughters is another endeavor which I enjoy. We have many dedicated adults who devote a considerable amount of time and money to support this organization. Seeing young ladies grow from shy 10 year olds to refined, confident, moral young women is extremely gratifying. We still have Bethels without Associate Bethel Guardians, and I hope everyone will strongly consider being an adult supporter of this worthwhile organization.

Representing the Grand Master at the Arizona Grand Lodge once again allowed me to renew several friendships with the location of a "second Masonic home" for many Idaho Masons who spend their winters in Arizona. Thank you to MWGM Sherm for allowing me to represent him at this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all of the Idaho Masons for their continued efforts to support their Lodge, their Grand Lodge, and the concordant bodies of the Masonry locally, statewide, and nationally. If I can help you or your lodge in any way, please let me know. You are all part of the biggest and best family I could ever want or need.

Fraternally,

Rick L. Holloway
Senior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge of Idaho

Report of the Junior Grand Warden

Idaho Grand Lodge

I was presented with a great opportunity in early 2014 to become Assistant Grand Treasurer. Through the course of the year, I was appointed Acting Grand Treasurer and was subsequently elected as the RW Grand Treasurer in September 2014 to serve this Grand Jurisdiction. I was honored to serve in that position until November 2019 when I left to become Worshipful Master of a Lodge.

In July 2021, I was appointed as Junior Grand Deacon by GM Zimmerman, and in September appointed Senior Grand Deacon by GM Smith. In September 2022 I was elected by the brethren to the office of Junior Grand Warden. While serving this Grand Jurisdiction I have been fortunate enough to travel and meet the brethren through training sessions held by the Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary. I have been impressed with the dedication the brethren bring to the fraternity, to the community, and to each other. The brethren practice their Masonic obligation continually and live by the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

This year has been filled with meetings and events, some of which I have listed below. I have also been involved in putting together and conducting Masonic training sessions which have been well received. I plan to continue putting more of these on throughout the coming years.

One of the greatest pleasures I have had recently is being able to mentor and coach new members on their proficiencies and working with current members on their certificate proficiency requirements. It is a joy to watch their faces as they learn the work to be able to teach others and to master the work for their own self-satisfaction.

Some of the meetings and events I attended during the past year:

All the fall District meetings with MW Burger except for two.
 Several spring District Communication s conducted by the Grand Lecturer
 An outdoor Master Mason degree put on by Kootenai #24 in September
 NW York Rite Leadership training in Boise in October
 Mt. Moriah Lodge #39 MM degree in October
 Participated in and attended several Lodge Installations in December
 El Korah crab dinner fundraiser in January
 Grand Lodge Planning meeting in Pocatello in March
 Portneuf #28 Lodge Exemplification in March
 DeMolay Conclave in Boise in April
 Scottish Rite Ceremonial in Salt Lake City in April
 International Day with Bonners Ferry & Creston BC in May
 Wardens Training at Kootenai #24 in May
 Acacia Lodge #118 in Ontario official visit of GM Posler of Oregon in May
 Grand Lodge of Oregon annual communication in Bend – installation of GM Sipp in June
 Ionic Lodge #82 Lodge of the Lake in June as GM Burger representative
 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference in Las Vegas in July
 Silver City Lodge #13 Annual Homecoming in Silver City in July
 Robert Burns Lodge #97 MM cave degree in August

Acacia Lodge #118 in Ontario official visit of GM Sipp of Oregon in August
Secretary of Initial Point Lodge #98
Chaplain of Silver City Lodge #13
Visits to many Lodges in this Jurisdiction for stated meeting and degrees
Several Zoom meeting with GM Burger and other Grand Lodge officers
Masonic Family Alliance Zoom meetings
Quarterly Grand Lodge Investment Committee meeting

I would like to thank MWGM Sherm Burger for his friendship and leadership. I would also like to thank the Grand Lodge officers for their friendship and camaraderie throughout the year. We all travel many roads, but it is such a joy to be able sit down and visit when our paths cross. I have learned from each of you and look forward to joining you in promoting Masonry not only in Idaho but in all our travels.

Fraternally,
Randy King
Junior Grand Warden

08, R.: W.: Grand Lecturer

Daniel Siddall

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. I thank all of the district deputies for their efforts in securing a place for us to meet and arranging a meal for the ritual workshops. The attendance ranged from as low as 8 to more than 40 with the majority of the districts being in the range of 15 to 20 brothers.

The primary topic for this year's workshops was the second section of the third degree. Not specifically the floor work but the characters and the lessons they represent. There were many good discussions on what lessons the characters represent and how the performance of the ritual emphasized the lessons. Due to the secrecy of that portion of the ritual, the details of those discussions will not be recorded here.

With this being my sixth year, I also took a look at how long other Grand Lecturers have served.

9 served for one year	2 served for two years	3 served for three years
3 served for four years	1 served for five years	2 served for six years
3 served for seven years	1 served for nine years	

Eugene Pippitt served for twelve years in the 1970's

William Goodheart served for thirteen years in the 1900's

The longest serving Grand Lecturer was Frank Knox at eighteen years in the 1930's and 1940's

2018 edition of esoteric work still not turned in: 5 lodge versions and 5 grand lodge officer versions

2020 editions of the work: 24 in the possession of grand lodge officers, 33 in the possession of lodges

Lost copies of the work all versions: 3 grand lodge officer versions

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Siddall

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge and Brothers,

Thank you for putting your trust in me as your SGD. My year was not as progressive as I had planned, my biggest disappointment was not making it to the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference.

I am thankful that I was helpful in bringing back the International Day between us and our Masonic Brothers to the North. As many of you know and those that don't I would like to share with you that I am not only a member of the Bonners Ferry Lodge NO. 43 AF&AM of Idaho but also a member of the Creston Lodge NO. 54 of the grand jurisdiction of British Columbia and the Yukon. Our International Day this year was altered due to the border crossing constraints. We are hoping this will be back to normal as we plan for it again. I have attended a few of the lodge meetings up North this year and plan on continuing to do so.

I had the privilege of performing as King Solomon and giving the Lecture in the 3rd degree for a brother in our lodge that is also a good friend.

I am hoping to do more traveling this year.

Thanks again for all your support and friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford R. Kramer
SGD

Grand Chaplain's Report

Grand Chaplain's Report for the 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho

My Brothers, as you see in this year's Necrology Report, we lost quite a few Masons this last year. In the passing of any Brother we are reminded of the fleeting nature of our time on this temporal plane. In their memory may we find renewed vigor for the Fraternity. We're given a scant few years with which to accomplish all that we have been called forth to do here on Earth. As Masons our duty and our joy is conclude our brief earthly career with the hope that those years were spent wisely and well and in the service of our Great Creator.

With each of the Notices of Passing I've received I say a prayer for them: Lord, I pray that the memory of this man's life and actions betters this world just as your presence in his life bettered him. I pray for those that mourn him that they will find solace, and I pray that his soul finds its peace in your presence.

During this last year I had opportunities to represent our Grand Lodge's presence at events all across the state as well as in Canada and Washington State. I also had the pleasure of representing our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Sherman Burger, on a visitation to the state of Alabama to attend Valley Head Lodge #395 for the Master Mason Degree of a friend (and now Brother) whom I've known for many years.

The Grand Lodge of Alabama responded to the visitation with flags flying! The degree was attended by two Alabama Past Grand Masters, two sitting Alabama Grand Lodge officers, and a total of forty Masons from

fourteen Lodges all over the state, not including myself. I was presented with the honor of being the one to Raise my friend and it's a memory I'll forever cherish.

My Brothers, I hope this finds you in good health and excellent spirits. It has truly been an honor to serve as your Grand Chaplain this past year!

Ever laboring in His Service,

Dan LaVine
Grand Chaplain
Grand Lodge of Idaho, AF&AM

11, W. : Grand Orator

Jeremy C. Vaughn

Report given at Banquet

Grand Orator Report

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lady April, Distinguished Guests, Brothers, Ladies, and Friends all, welcome to Boise and the 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho. It's been a custom among the fraternity, at least in Idaho, that the Oration of the Grand Orator be delivered at the Friday night banquet. Sometimes I wonder about the wisdom of this custom, questioning whether our ladies want to hear any of this, and moreover, whether the best time to ask people to pay attention is after a rich, hearty banquet. I'll try to keep this engaging.

I had the privilege to deliver the Oration at the 143rd Annual Communication. Apparently, I didn't do too awful, as it only took a little over a decade for another Grand Master to have a lapse in judgment to permit me the chance to speak to you again. Some of you were there at that banquet, others were not.

In that earlier Oration, I described in detail the process I engaged to write my speech. I began by reading about 25 years' worth of prior Orations. I was amazed at the pedigree and history of many of those chosen to speak to our Grand Lodge: a district judge, a former governor of Idaho, leadership from every concern of our fraternity in Idaho. And then there's me. I wrestled for the year with a message to deliver. A lot of friends and mentors suggested topics when I talked to them and entertained my notions in exploring ideas. Ultimately, I resolved to write upon the theme of then-Grand Master David Triplett – to “tell your story”. And so, I did, and ultimately, I also offered my thoughts on our Fraternity and the work we need to do to keep it alive, vibrant, and relevant. I stand by those observations, but it is interesting how additional time in the fraternity has further developed some of those notions. Unfortunately, that Oration did not make it into the proceedings, but I can share a copy if you desire.

In accepting the appointment as Grand Orator and in preparing for this Oration, two things occurred to me. One was the words of Yogi Berra, “it's déjà vu all over again.” My prep work was very similar to that undertaken before. Second was that Grand Master Burger's theme spoke to me. “Who best can work and agree.” The moment I was handed one of our Grand Master's lapel pins, the message resonated, and I knew, in at least a rudimentary sense, what I wanted to talk about.

Masonic ritual varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, but the basic lessons of the three degrees of the lodge remain very similar in most jurisdictions with which I am familiar. One of the great joys about Masonic travel is the opportunity to experience the differences which exist from place to place, yet which reinforce the commitment to certain principles which permeates the Masonic ritual experience and our

emphasis on teaching similar lessons to our initiates. In my opinion, this very nearly universal retelling of certain messages and lessons, in countless variations throughout the cornucopia of rituals in both craft lodges and our various appendant and concordant bodies is an indication to me that a spark of the universal truth exists within our humble fraternity which is the result of divine inspiration. That doesn't mean that we are a religion by means, nor a substitute for. Rather, it is a belief that the Great Teacher inspired our Masonic forefathers to share a portion of His Wisdom with us.

Idaho Masons, and likely others, will instantly recall the origin of the theme. It's a paraphrase of an important line of ritual that is designed to impress upon the candidate one of the core themes of the fraternity. This lesson of working together, of cooperating with one another, and helping to build one another repeats itself through the three degrees time and time again. Obviously, the instant forum prevents us from deep exploration of that notion as it pertains to our ritual work. It lends itself to discussion back in the lodge room. That isn't to say that the ideas inculcated by those themes cannot be explored with our non-Mason friends and family, nor are they unique to the fraternity by any means. We simply have a unique way of teaching those lessons to each other as we advance in the initiatory process of our institution.

The unfortunate reality is, however, that this ideal is a lot easier to talk about than it is to practice. In Masonry, we teach the metaphor of taking crude, unfinished stones and working to make them smooth and ready for the workman to employ in the building and we relate this physical labor to a metaphysical or spiritual labor of working on our rude and imperfect nature as flawed people to make us better suited to build our spiritual temple, and by extension, a better world for all. Each of us, at some time, will fall short of the ideals for which we strive. It's simple reality.

And that's the reality of what inspired me in this Oration. I'd like to say that I was inspired to talk about how wonderful it is that each and every Mason has, and always shall, live up to the lofty lessons of our work. We all know that is categorically false. In fact, I was inspired by the exact opposite idea – it's a shame that we need to remind us of this purpose.

I often describe Freemasonry as a perfect institution made up of wholly imperfect men. We have lofty aspirations and values, and certainly espouse great virtues. Yet each and every Mason in this room, and I dare say, every person in this room, can instantly think of one or more Masons that they know that they believe must not have been listening when they were initiated. Many of us can recall actions that lacked brotherly love or affection, or even worse, which actually, and frequently intentionally, harmed another brother or his family, whether in their personal life or in their Masonic life. A quick review of Masonic media from the past decade or more will yield plenty of examples, even from our most honored leadership. Just within the past two years a past Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina was expelled from membership for his actions while he was in the Grand East and his behaviors towards his brothers. This, unfortunately, is but one example.

I don't intend to stand here and air the laundry of the fraternity. That would be grossly improper and bore the living daylight out of our guests. Instead, I wish to challenge us to listen to the message of this pin. By many measures, the world is not in a great place. Society is replete with the conflict between varying factions in all aspects of our life. People smarter than I are opining daily on the cause of the apparently increased hostility being shown all over the globe, and on why civil discourse seems to have no semblance of civility involved.

Even Masonry itself is under greater threats from outside the fraternity than it has known in a long time. Anti-Masonic sentiment is being spread through a lot of social media channels, very frequently attached to a lot of other conspiratorial or political diatribes. Attacks on Freemasons are on the rise, including violence. In the past couple of years, Masonic temples have been intentionally burned in Victoria, BC, El Paso, Tx, Florida, and others. Just this month, the Temple of one of my close Masonic friends was burned in Chattanooga, TN. And tragically, in July Brother, Robert Wise was murdered in McAllen, TX coming out of his lodge's installation by a man who wanted to kill Freemasons. The murder was

streamed live on social media as a call to action to others to do the same by the ruffian who killed our brother.

It is precisely because of these challenges in our society that Freemasonry has great opportunity in front of us. Rather than the doom and gloom of the preceding paragraphs, I submit that we are at a crossroads where Masonry can be a force for good and a force for change. How can this be? By internalizing and exhibiting the message in the Grand Master's message - Who best can work and agree.

We must take concrete actions to do this. First and foremost, each of us needs to continuously reflect on that message and what it means to us. As with all actions, it starts with the individual. Each of us must renew our commitment to smoothing our ashlar and ask ourselves what work we need to do on ourselves, and then do it. This is a lifelong commitment to improvement.

Since becoming a Freemason, as I have encountered challenges, particularly in witnessing the actions of some members of our fraternity, I have often stated my belief that there are few issues which could not be address by grabbing one of us by the ear, dragging us back to lodge, and causing us to repeat the Entered Apprentice Degree. And to pay attention this time. All the key lessons of our fraternity are in there, if one looks for them. The rest of the degrees and orders, each with a more impressive title than the last, only add sprinkles and frosting to the wonderful treat that is Freemasonry.

We must continue to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection. Each of us has disagreements with someone. Make the commitment to find common ground on where you can agree. Try to find common interests and common objectives. In my professional practice, I often find that if we can try to get past the emotions involved, parties are often not as far apart as they perceive. The same is true in society. Rather than dismissing the ideas of others that differ from you, whether on politics, economics, or whatever else is causing you to be at odds, stop and inquire critically for what parts on which you can agree. Where can you find common ground or goals. You may be closer than you think. If not, try to listen and observe to better understand their perspective. You don't have to agree on everything, but you can be agreeable to one another. Be the example.

We must do our best to be visible to the world at large. If we act as Masons claim to do, and do our best to live up to the ideals we espouse, and show this to the world at large, a number of things will occur. First, our own little corner of the world will be just a little brighter. A little kindness and caring goes a long way. Second, those that speak evil of us will find it harder to do so. It's much more difficult to turn against something or someone you see doing good works and living up to noble ideals. We talk in our ritual about showing the world that by becoming a Mason, we have become a better man. By doing just that, we will make a difference. By setting the example, perhaps we'll inspire another to act in a similar fashion. In other words, perhaps we'll remind others, and ourselves, to live by the golden rule.

There is so much more that could be said on this theme, but I'm no preacher and you didn't sign up to sit through a sermon. These are but the rambling thoughts of one Mason. I know that I have work to do to meet my own expectations, and that each day is a new opportunity to do the right thing. But I am convinced that if we all do the same, and if we all apply the lessons we learn in that lodge room to the world at large, things would be just a bit better for all. All this from a simple pin.

Fraternally Submitted,

Jeremy C. Vaughn (84, 45)
Grand Orator

Grand Lodge Historian Report:

"...We are no longer Operative Masons, but Speculative only..."

This line within our monitor expresses the fact that most Mason here in Idaho and throughout the world no longer build the Temples, Cathedrals, Castles, or structures in general; but implies that we only use the concepts of Masonry (IE: Masonry, architecture, etc.) to convey an idea to structure your lives. Of course, this is not 100% true, as we know there is still masonry within the world and thus those whom have careers within that field. I believe that there is a part in us all that are Operative Masons and hopefully I can convey that idea here with my historical report.

Throughout Masonic History, since time in memorial, we have been connected to a structure. From that of the tabernacle used to house the Holy of Holies, to the Temple of King Solomon. From the Taverns used during the Revolutionary War to the Skyscrapers of the Industrial Revolution. We have had those connections to the structures. And when we leave one for another we can lose a piece of the metaphoric structure within us.

Over the past 5 or so years the Boise valley has had to deal with that specific fact. For the past 100 years the Masonic Temple located at 215 N. 10th Street in Boise. Idaho has been that home for 1000s of Master Masons from Idaho #1; whom began their history with Oregon in 1863 and becoming the first chartered Lodge of Idaho in 1867, Boise #2; which similar beginnings to Idaho starting their history on April 26th, 1856 with Oregon (the date of the assassination of Pres.: A. Lincoln), Oriental #60; begin in 1910, and Capital City #93; in 1950. This month of September 2023 starts a new chapter for those Lodges, and York Rite Bodies, within their new home at the Boise Masonic Center located at 1755 N. Westgate Drive in Boise, Idaho. This change has been a struggle not only for the Lodges themselves but also for individual Masons because of their deep connections to the Masonic Temple itself. I, myself, being one of them. Within the Masonic Temple in 2013 during the installation of Officers for Oriental #60 I proposed to my now wife Lysney Hansen. I had my entire Family there with me as well as hers. It will be a moment that I will remember for all time. Unfortunately, I will never be able to be within the Blue Room of the Masonic Temple again, for even as I am writing this report that room is being converted into something else.



Background history: Idaho #1 was located in Idaho City, Idaho formally Bannock City since first chartered by Oregon Grand Lodge. Boise #2 was located in downtown Boise, Idaho at 616 Main Street on the second floor. Which with the growth of the city, Boise #2 realized that their current building would not keep up with the membership it was gaining. In 1904 they decide to purchase property off 10th Street between Idaho and Bannock. Between 1904 and 1907 the soon to be Masonic Temple would be going through its construction. During which Boise #2 would rent a space near 9th and Main as they had sold their building at 616 Main Street to the Salvation Army. Once finally in their new home they knew that they need more space so remodeling continued up through the 1920s with a dedication in 1922.

During this timeframe thirty two Master Mason from Boise #2 gathered together to form Oriental #60 in March of 1910, later receiving their charter on September 15th, 1910. This giving the new Masonic Temple had two

Lodges operating within it. Along with the York Rite Chapter Royal Arch Mason #3 of Boise (chartered: September 12th, 1871), the Knights Templar Commandery #1 (chartered: September 11th, 1882), and future Order of the Eastern Star Chapters, Amaranths, Jobs Daughter Bethels, and DeMolay Chapters.

By 1921 Idaho #1 moved its charter from Idaho City to the Masonic Temple in Boise due to the declining membership and economic hard times of Idaho City.

The membership of Idaho #1, Boise #2, and Oriental #60 grew in leaps and bounds having members from farmers to Governors as well as a great deal of Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Masters.

In the 1940s Oriental #60 had become the one of the larger Lodges within Boise to the point where it had become difficult to have Brother advance through the chairs and as such a group of members asked the Grand Lodge of a dispensation to form a new Lodge, Capital City #93. In 1950 Capital City #93 was chartered. It was shortly thereafter that the four Lodges, and York Rite Bodies, in mid 1950s, joined together to form the Masonic Temple Association as owner Bodies to the building and make sure to maintain and keep it. This of course included the new elevator in 1954 all the way to the recent selling of the Masonic Temple. Because of this history is where I believe we are a part of the Operative side of Masonry. In a way our blood, sweat, and tears are within its walls. Through our meetings, degrees, parties, and most of all our memories. A 100 plus year of memories.

This has effected all Masons within the Boise down to their core both for good and bad. The selling of the Boise Masonic Temple has been met with strife, heartache, anger, and pain. Almost unlike the loss of a loved one. Nevertheless, it has also brought about change, renewal, better connections, and hope for the future of Masonry in Boise. Both sides of a coin.



I write this only from my point of view, there will be others whom will have different stories; as well, they should because it leads back to the connection to the building. Where most of us within Boise made their foundations speculatively within a building made by operative Masons. It is my hope that we can move forward into this new home to continue the history and make new foundations within it.



Remember well we are all Brothers building those foundations for the next 100 years. Time to add our blood, sweat, and tears to the new building starting with the dedication for Boise Masonic Center to happen on September 23rd, 2023.

Fraternally Yours,

W. Grand Historian James "Jimmy" T Hansen:

Grand Historian Bio:

Bro. James T Hansen born in Boise, ID on June 21st, 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 6th, 2012, FC. March 23rd, 2012, and MM. June 1st, 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 4th, 2012, as well as being a past officer of the Knights of Saint Andrews. The following year joined the El Korah Shrine on November 15th, 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 DeMolay as a honorary member in 2021. As well as being the Secretary of the Masonic Temple Association from 2020 – current.

Prepaid Life Payouts to Lodges. (2022)

	As of Dec. 31, 2022	Lodge Number Count	PPL #s	2022 Beginning Balance Total Dollars	Dollars Collected from Lodges in 2022	Total Dollars	% of Total	Payout made in 2023 for 2022 year
		46	2516	\$ 1,347,854.79	\$ 18,876.00	\$ 1,366,730.79	100.000000%	\$ 48,034.50
		1	66	\$ 41,844.00	\$ -	\$ 41,844.00	3.0616124%	\$ 1,470.63
Prepaid Equity (1776)	\$ 817,473.64	2	127	\$ 58,948.00	\$ -	\$ 58,948.00	4.3130659%	\$ 2,071.76
Prepaid Fixed (6838)	\$ 361,800.38	3	30	\$ 33,440.00	\$ -	\$ 33,440.00	2.4467145%	\$ 1,175.27
Total:	\$ 1,179,274.02	9	100	\$ 31,305.00	\$ -	\$ 31,305.00	2.2905023%	\$ 1,100.23
		10	72	\$ 40,278.00	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 47,628.00	3.4848121%	\$ 1,673.91
Net earnings From Investments		11	19	\$ 12,600.00	\$ -	\$ 12,600.00	0.9219080%	\$ 442.83
		13	92	\$ 65,375.00	\$ -	\$ 65,375.00	4.7833122%	\$ 2,297.64
Payout from checking:	\$ 50,000.00	16	10	\$ 4,284.00	\$ -	\$ 4,284.00	0.3134487%	\$ 150.56
Expenses:		17	155	\$ 59,482.00	\$ -	\$ 59,482.00	4.3521373%	\$ 2,090.53
Quicbooks	\$ 430.50	18	21	\$ 12,310.00	\$ -	\$ 12,310.00	0.9006894%	\$ 432.64
Postage		19	105	\$ 69,753.00	\$ -	\$ 69,753.00	5.1036386%	\$ 2,451.51
Financial Review	\$ 1,535.00	20	8	\$ 1,499.00	\$ -	\$ 1,499.00	0.1096778%	\$ 52.68
Net Earnings for the Period	\$ 48,034.50	21	49	\$ 25,876.79	\$ 2,871.00	\$ 28,747.79	2.1033981%	\$ 1,010.36
		23	36	\$ 13,059.00	\$ -	\$ 13,059.00	0.9554918%	\$ 458.97
		24	59	\$ 41,405.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 42,405.00	3.1026593%	\$ 1,490.35
Committee Member:		25	53	\$ 19,110.00	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 20,580.00	1.5057830%	\$ 723.30
Bruce A. Wethered- GT	Chairman	28	55	\$ 15,974.00	\$ -	\$ 15,974.00	1.1687744%	\$ 561.41
Mark Smith		29	41	\$ 25,230.00	\$ -	\$ 25,230.00	1.8460109%	\$ 886.72
David A. Smith		30	54	\$ 43,292.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 46,442.00	3.3980357%	\$ 1,632.23
Randy L. Berg		31	19	\$ 5,122.00	\$ -	\$ 5,122.00	0.3747629%	\$ 180.02
Monte Bollar - GS		33	107	\$ 45,577.00	\$ -	\$ 45,577.00	3.3347460%	\$ 1,601.83
		34	38	\$ 12,516.00	\$ -	\$ 12,516.00	0.9157619%	\$ 439.88
		37	41	\$ 14,856.00	\$ -	\$ 14,856.00	1.0869734%	\$ 522.12
		39	42	\$ 21,740.00	\$ -	\$ 21,740.00	1.5906571%	\$ 764.06
		41	24	\$ 9,502.00	\$ -	\$ 9,502.00	0.6952357%	\$ 333.95
		42	23	\$ 10,878.00	\$ -	\$ 10,878.00	0.7959139%	\$ 382.31
		43	62	\$ 24,570.00	\$ -	\$ 24,570.00	1.7977205%	\$ 863.53
		45	113	\$ 47,453.00	\$ 2,835.00	\$ 50,288.00	3.6794371%	\$ 1,767.40
		47	41	\$ 21,574.00	\$ -	\$ 21,574.00	1.5785113%	\$ 758.23
		51	12	\$ 5,670.00	\$ -	\$ 5,670.00	0.4148586%	\$ 199.28
		56	12	\$ 3,465.00	\$ -	\$ 3,465.00	0.2535247%	\$ 121.78
		57	11	\$ 7,770.00	\$ -	\$ 7,770.00	0.5685099%	\$ 273.08
		59	24	\$ 12,288.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 12,488.00	0.9137132%	\$ 438.90
		60	140	\$ 140,039.00	\$ -	\$ 140,039.00	10.2462753%	\$ 4,921.75
		63	22	\$ 12,201.00	\$ -	\$ 12,201.00	0.8927142%	\$ 428.81
		64	39	\$ 11,357.00	\$ -	\$ 11,357.00	0.8309610%	\$ 399.15
		68	16	\$ 7,580.00	\$ -	\$ 7,580.00	0.5546081%	\$ 266.40
		77	51	\$ 16,244.00	\$ -	\$ 16,244.00	1.1885296%	\$ 570.90
		78	48	\$ 26,005.50	\$ -	\$ 26,005.50	1.9027522%	\$ 913.98
		80	30	\$ 23,462.50	\$ -	\$ 23,462.50	1.7166877%	\$ 824.60
		82	109	\$ 94,567.00	\$ -	\$ 94,567.00	6.9192119%	\$ 3,323.61
		84	85	\$ 25,434.00	\$ -	\$ 25,434.00	1.8609371%	\$ 893.89
		92	69	\$ 22,955.00	\$ -	\$ 22,955.00	1.6795553%	\$ 806.77
		93	41	\$ 38,261.00	\$ -	\$ 38,261.00	2.7994540%	\$ 1,344.70
		97	19	\$ 24,024.00	\$ -	\$ 24,024.00	1.7577712%	\$ 844.34
		1965	42	\$ 5,885.00	\$ -	\$ 5,885.00	0.4305896%	\$ 206.83
		GL	84	\$ 41,794.00	\$ -	\$ 41,794.00	3.0579541%	\$ 1,468.87
All members of the Pre-paid Life Membership Committee have approved this report.								
				Bruce A. Wethered				
				Chairman				

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January 13, 2023

To All Idaho Lodge Secretaries

Dear Brother Secretary:

At the 139th 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 2022 was an increase of 8.7%.

(For our purpose the amount of increase is rounded to the nearest dollar.)

Therefore, effective January 1, 2023, the minimum cost of a Pre-Paid Life Membership = \$1,034.00.

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
2023	\$1,034.00

Bruce A. Wethered
R.W. Grand Treasurer

Jurisprudence Committee Report (Preliminary)

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:

Appointments:

Dispensations:

Amendments to Bylaws:

Official Acts of the Grand Master:

Resignations and Appointments:

Special Communications:

Trials:

Informal Meetings:

Visitations:

Rulings:

Grand Secretary's Report:

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

1. Question: Is a simple majority or two-thirds majority needed to pass the Budget? If a decision is made in error can the Grand Master correct it?

Section 3401 of the Code and Digest deals with amendments to By-Laws and Regulations. It requires a Two-thirds of the majority vote for amendments to the by-laws and a majority vote regarding changes to regulations. It does not deal with motions on the floor or the acceptance of committee reports. It has absolutely nothing to do with the adoption of the budget. There is absolutely nothing in our code regarding the adoption of a budget other than section 701 which provides that no proposal for the appropriation or expenditure of funds can be put up for final passage until reviewed and reported upon by the Committee on Accounts and Finances and section 707 which deals with expenditure of funds not budgeted for. The only other place in our law that a two-thirds majority is required is for an amendment to the constitution which requires a two-thirds majority of the Lodges.

Nothing in our Code prescribes the margin needed to pass a budget. My recollection from the past Communications I have attended that a vote by hand was almost always used, and there were never any counts to confirm any sort of super majority. Counts (if any occurred) confirmed a simple majority, not a super majority. Since the budget was submitted as part of the Accounts and Finance report then it only required a simple majority.

Section 3309 of the Idaho Code provides guidance for the decisions of the Grand Master. Decisions are presumed correct until the next annual communication. Further the section continues that if approved, these decisions can either be treated as proper guidance and precedent or disregarded by succeeding Grand Masters. They do not in any instance become law without a separate resolution adopting the decision as law.

The Idaho Constitution – Grand Master’s Decisions: Grand Masters’s decision do not have the effect of written law. The Grand Master is an executive officer. He also has certain judicial authority; but has no legislative power. His decisions are made in the discharge of executive or judicial duties, and they are his interpretation of existing laws. They are binding in particular cases, and when approved by the Grand Lodge they are final as to those cases. They are precedents entitled to weight in determining future cases, but are not legal enactments, and may be disregarded by a future Grand Master if in his judgement it should be done. Based on this section the Grand Master can overturn the decision that the vote needed a two-thirds majority

2. The following is submitted regarding the recent inquiries.

1. How is a member who is NPD get reinstated when the Lodge that NPD’d him turned in its charter.

Section 1507: A member may be reinstated by payment or remission of all dues accrued at the time he was dropped and petitioning for reinstatement.

2. Section 1301 and 1404: When a lodge turns in its charter, or if the Lodge has not held a stated communication for six months, the Grand Secretary, on order of the Grand Master, shall issue a certificate of standing or a demit. These individuals then become non-Affiliates,

3. Section 1406: Non-Affiliates have the privilege of visiting a Lodge for a period of 6 months from the date of becoming a non-Affiliate but should petition some Lodge within 30 days thereof.

Discussion: Since the Grand Master becomes the ruling authority of Lodge members when the Charter is turned in and is authorized to issue demits and make the members non-Affiliates, it then also gives him the authority over its NPD, Suspended and Expelled members. Based on this the Grand Master may remit the dues of any member who has been dropped NPD, issue him a demit and establish him as a non-Affiliate, the member then has 6 months to join a Lodge.

Recommendation: Under the above information and in accordance with Section 301 sub 7 Grand Master’s Power and Authority, to grant such other dispensations for the good of the Craft, it is recommended that the Grand Master remit the dues, issue a demit, bringing the brother to good standing as a non-Affiliate.

2. Can a Lodge do an investigation for reinstatement by zoom.

Section 2012: Reinstatement, N.P.D. A petition of one who has been dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of dues shall be in writing, signed by the petitioner, giving his occupation and place of residence and shall be accompanied by the sum owed when he was dropped unless it has been remitted, It may be received unless three(3) members of the Lodge object, and it shall be referred, investigation made, and the ballot spread as in the case of a petition for the degrees, except that three(3) black balls shall be necessary to reject the applicant.

Section 2004: Petitions for Degrees, Reception and Reference.

When it is received the Master shall appoint an investigating committee. The investigating committee shall ascertain and report the following facts regarding the applicant as outlined in Section 2004.

Discussion: Since the outbreak of COVID I electronic modes of communication have been deemed acceptable by the Grand Lodge. Although not codified, the zoom platform has been used in many instances, it has been used for committee meetings, Lodge meetings, Idaho Masonic Family Alliance meetings and even Grand Lodge. It was instrumental in getting others involved, seeing them face to face and receiving pertinent input from members. It has not degraded the fraternity and in some cases has enhanced its performance and participation by members not able to attend.

The investigation into whether a member should be readmitted into a Lodge is a serious business and should not be taken lightly. In the past Lodges have relied on other Lodges to do a courtesy investigation of its members. However, with the advent of ZOOM it is now feasible for Lodge members to complete their own investigation no matter where a member is located,

Decision: The member in question resides in Florida. His desire is to re-instate and then transfer to Florida. The questions raised to the individual in Section 2004 do not in any way violate any secret or esoteric work and there is no reason that the Lodge should not be able to conduct their own investigation through zoom.

Recommendation” the Grand Master Authorize Eagle Rock Lodge to conduct their investigation through a zoom meeting.

3.Does the Grand Secretary have to be in Boise and work from his office

Governing Resolution: Section 102. Permanent Home. The permanent home of the Grand Lodge, including its archives and library, and the Grand Secretary’s office, shall be in the city of Boise.

Discussion: Research of the by-laws was made, the oldest copy reviewed was 1944. The wording in 1944 is the same as the current wording. Based on that the Jurisprudence Committee looked at what the intent of the by-law was. Since in 1944 there were no cell phones, zoom or other media; the process was that an organization/business etc., provided an office, hired an employee and that employee reported to the office to work. It is believed by this committee that was the expectation and what occurred in 1944 Since no change has been made changing the by-law the expectation is that Grand Secretary will work in the Grand Lodge Office. Therefore, it is the decision of the Committee that based on 102 the Grand Secretary must work in of the Grand Lodge Office.

Further discussion and recommendations:

There is no provision in the code for how many hours a Grand Secretary must work. With hours not being designated it is assumed that the Secretary is salaried, not hourly. He has set duties that he must accomplish as provided for but no set hours.

Recommendation # 1: The Grand Master is the executive officer and oversees The Grand Lodge. He is responsible for the Grand Lodge Office and its operations. It is recommended that he establishes hours the office should be open (Not required every day). The Grand Secretary will be present in the Grand Lodge Office during those hours. Since the Grand Secretary is also the Grand Librarian, the Grand Master should establish hours for the library. (Recommendation they be the same hours the Grand Secretary is in the office (again does not need to be open every day). The Grand Secretary should however make himself available to secretaries even on days he is not in the office.

The committee also notes that the Grand Secretary’s job is not limited to his office. He visits lodges and is working with Secretaries; he attends meetings and represents the Grand Lodge at other functions. In reality he is working all the time. Based on this he does not need to be in the office all the time.

Recommendation #2: It is recommended that the Grand Master and Executive Committee review the committees that Grand Secretary serves on. They may be adjusted to allow him more time to complete his tasks.

The Committee notes that changes in society have placed other burdens as well as providing better transportation to and from the Office. The committee does not believe that the Grand Secretary has to reside in the Boise area. It believes that the Grand Secretary can reside within a reasonable commuting distance. Currently individuals travel to Boise daily from Mountain Home, Payette, Emmet, Weiser, and Cascade to name a few. If the Grand Secretary agrees to be in the office at the designated time, we can find nothing in the Code to prevent him from residing anywhere he desires.

Finally, reaffirming our decision, the Grand Secretary must work in the Grand Lodge Office as designated by the Grand Master. If it is decided that the Grand Secretary will not work at all in the Grand Lodge Office, then a resolution change must be submitted.

4. Can certain resolutions be voted on as a group and if so which ones?

Discussion: The committee reviewed the resolutions and make the following recommendations.

1. Resolution # Two: Changes 2904 and provides that a sentence of Suspension or Reprimand may include required actions is new and establishes a new procedure, it must be submitted and voted on by its own.

2. It appears Resolution Three and Four are the same. It is adding the same wording to each and may be voted together, (note if resolution two fails then three and Four are moot since the original change was not passed)

3. Resolution Five and Six must be voted on separately. Five established actions in the Lodge after a trial and six establishes a time frame. Again, if resolution four fails establishing the right to impose a sanction, then five would appear to be a moot issue. You cannot establish a procedure to impose a penalty if a person fails to complete a sentence if you are not allowed to impose it in the first place. If four does pass, then it establishes a new procedure and must be voted separately. Six establishes the time frame to complete resolution Five, If Five fails then Six is withdrawn. If it passes, then this must be voted separately so the brethren can discuss what is an appropriate time limit.

Resolution eight must be voted on before resolution seven. Resolution eight establishes new procedures for appeals. Resolution seven makes changes that only go into effect if Resolution eight is passed. Each must be voted for separately. If resolution eight fails, then seven is moot.

James Herndon – Chairman

John E. Warner member

Michael Royce member

401-2 Appeals & Grievances

Skip Owen, PGM

Given in Grand Lodge

401-3 Accounts & Finances

Skip Owen, PGM

See “Proposed Budget for 2023” Attached.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren,

We, your Committee of Accounts and Finances, have met several times to prepare the budget for the 2024 year. The proposed budget has been on Grandview for a short period of time and hope the brothers have reviewed it.

Several challenges have been addressed, particularly the income stream deficits our fraternity faces.

We cut all budgeted categories 10%, (excluding the must pay and youth groups).

As of now we have several issues that will need to be clarified at Grand Lodge and the final budget will be presented for the delegates’ approval.

Fraternally submitted,

Skip Owen, Chairman
Robert Swofford
Dustin Hatfield
David Stonhill
Justin Boyer

401-4 Fraternal Relations Perez

Josue G.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Idaho AF&AM:

We, your committee on Fraternal Relations, begs to report the following:

At the 155th Annual Communication, the Fraternal Relations Committee reported on three requests for recognition. The requests were recommended to be approved; however, the report was only accepted. We would like to have these requests and the recommendations restated so that they can be adopted.

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. We move that this request be adopted.
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. We move that this request be adopted.
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. We move that this request be adopted.

This concludes the adoption of the requests in the 155th Annual Communication report.

The Fraternal Relations Committee for the 156th Annual Communication was passed five requests for recognition which have been evaluated and are now reported as follows:

1. Recognition has been requested by Le Muy Respetable Gran Logia Cuscatlán de El Salvador. This Grand Jurisdiction meets all of the requirements of our Grand Lodge for recognition 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. In addition, the Commission on Information on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America found that this Grand Jurisdiction met all of the requirements for recognition in 2022. Therefore, we recommend recognition. We moved that this request be adopted.
2. Recognition has been requested by Muy Respetable Gran Logia del Estado de Puebla “Benemérito Ejército de Oriente” in Mexico. This Grand Jurisdiction meets all of the requirements of our Grand Lodge for recognition 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. In addition, the Commission on Information on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America found that this Grand Jurisdiction met all of the requirements for recognition in 2004. Therefore, we recommend recognition. We moved that this request be adopted.

3. Recognition has been requested by the Grand Lodge of Georgia (Orient of Tbilisi) of the Republic of Georgia. This Grand Jurisdiction meets all of the requirements of our Grand Lodge for recognition 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. In addition, the Committee on Information on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America reaffirmed that this is a legitimate Grand Lodge in its 2023 report. Therefore, we recommend recognition. We move that this request be adopted.

4. Recognition has been requested by the Grand Lodge of Kazakhstan of the Republic of Kazakhstan. This Grand Jurisdiction meets all of the requirements of our Grand Lodge for recognition 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. In addition, the Committee on Information on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in its 2017 report affirmed that this Grand Lodge meets all the requirements for recognition. Therefore, we recommend recognition. We move that this request be adopted.

5. Recognition has been requested by the Muy Respetable Gran Logia del Estado de Mexico in Mexico. This Grand Jurisdiction meets all of the requirements of our Grand Lodge for recognition 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. In addition, the Committee on Information on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in its 2004 report affirmed that this Grand Lodge meets all the requirements for recognition. Therefore, we recommend recognition. We move that this request be adopted.

6. A request for recognition by the Gran Logia del Estado de Hidalgo has been received. This request appears to lack all of the information required to investigate its regularity. Further information will be requested so that the request may be acted upon.

It was brought to the attention of this committee that there may be an error in the recognition listing on the George Washington National Masonic Memorial (GWNMM) Website. The Grand Lodge "Occidental Mexicana" is the Grand Lodge in question. Amity does not show that our Grand Lodge recognizes them, but Grandview does show recognition.

A little background is required here. Since there is no Annual publication of the List of Lodges, Amity has taken on the task of hosting an Electronic List Of Lodges on the GWNMM Website. This list is manually updated from the Grand Lodge office. We also have a List of Lodges in Grandview that is also manually maintained. These two lists, currently, do not communicate with each other; so it is likely that when one of the lists was checked and updated some of the updates didn't make it to the other. It has been suggested that Amity support has been in discussions with Grandview support to facilitate this communication.

The remedy is to login to the Amity List and correct the error. This will be done soon,

It has come to the attention of this committee that this Grand Lodge shows that it recognizes two (2) Grand Lodges in Paraguay. This is confusing and should not occur unless there is a Concordat in existence between the Grand Lodges that can jointly exist in the physical area. We will take this as an action item to resolve in the upcoming year and make a report at the 157th Annual Communication. In the mean time, any representative of one of these Grand Lodges should not be seated at our Annual Communication.

This committee also received copies of the Grand Lodge invitations to our Grand Master, season's greetings, and reports from their Annual Communication. A comprehensive review of these communications will not be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Josue G. Perez (19), Chairman

Daivd A. Grindle (93)

Michael E. Keas, (30)

Levi D. Billman (1), Non-voting Member

Harold E. Bloom (29), Non-voting Member

Justin L. Boyer (93), Non-voting Member

2023 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.

Report of the Committee on Education and Masonic Research

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and members of the Grand Lodge:

We, your Committee on Masonic Research and Education, submit the following report. The committee has published a guide to Masonic concordant bodies that will be available to Lodges.

The Committee is also working on a publication to help Brothers interested in doing research and publications that should be available at the Annual Communication.

This Committee wants to thank Right Worshipful Brother Randy King, ex officio member of this committee, for his commitment to furthering education by leading seminars with officers around the state.

This Committee thanks the Most Worshipful Grand Master for appointing us and reposing in us such trust.

Fraternally submitted,

Barry E. Newell, Chairman

Dustin B. Hatfield

Nicholas J. Demeter

N. Randall King, ex officio

Clifford R. Kramer, ex officio

Eric W. Coryell, ex officio

MASONIC TEMPLE PRESERVATION REPORT

The Masonic Temple Preservation Committee received no requests for funding during the 2022-2023 year.

Fraternally Submitted,

Eric W Coryell, PM

Initial Point 98

Chairman

Section 402

Session Committees

402-1 Credentials

Jason Morales

Given in Grand Lodge

402-2 Distribution

Steven L. Hall

All reports turned into the Grand Secretary are on file and distributed to the proper disposition
Steven L. Hall Grand Secretary

402-3 Unfinished Business

N/A

None to present

402-4 Lodges under Dispensation

N/A

No Lodges under Dispensation – no report required.

402-5 Necrology – Memorial Service

Dan R Lavine

156th Grand Lodge Masonic Memorial Service
(Given in Grand Lodge)

402-6 Examination of Visitors

Rick Halloway

All visitors examined and found worthy.

402-7 Courtesy

James Hansen, Randy King

Part of the Conventions report.

402-8 Time and Place

Gary A. S. LaBruyere

Invitation to the 157th Annual Communication

Time and Place for the 157th Annual Communication:

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

September 19th, 20th, 21st , 2024

Red Lion Templin's on the River

414 E. First Street,
Post Falls, ID 83854
208-344-7691

Section 403

Special Committees

Convention Arrangements

James Hansen

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the 156th 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 H. Sherman Burger and the Grand Lodge Officers for allowing Oriental Lodge 60 in hosting the 156 Annual Communication here in Boise Idaho.

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

I want to thank all the brethren from Oriental Lodge and the other Brothers and Ladies for assisting in setting up and providing the equipment.

I would like to thank Staff 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.



Idaho DeMolay
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Most Worshipful Grand Master H. Sherman Burger, Elected Line, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

Since Grand Lodge 2022, Idaho DeMolay has continued to move our organization into the 21st century, by adjusting our way of thinking and how we represent our program to the communities of Idaho.

Starting in October 2022, we held our annual Honors program, to invest MWGM Burger with his Active Legion of Honor.

The winter months found

In March of 2023, Idaho DeMolay held its annual Conclave in the Boise area. We initiated new members and got the entire state together for some fun and friendship. The young men were able visit the State Capital, with a meet and greet from Senior DeMolay and current Governor Brad Little. Other Activities included a trip to the National Birds of Prey center and a trip to Wahooz for some fun. Let's not forget about the dodgeball tournament amongst the members to burn off some energy. It was a great weekend and fun was had all who attended.

At Conclave, William Tolman finished his term as State Master Councilor. Mr. Tolman did an incredible job as a State Officer over the past 4 years. If you get an opportunity, please thank him for his service to the organization.

In bringing DeMolay into the 21st century we are trying something new this year. In lieu of our traditional officers, we are now operating under a Board of Directors approach. While we are still working out some of the bugs, this approach allows Idaho DeMolay to be more agile and capable of pushing our agenda farther by not putting all of the planning and leadership on 1 individual to cover a state as large as ours. Brothers Timothy Sterrett, Mathew Brewster, and William Tolman are share the responsibilities and manage the State Corps as equals instead of focusing on the hierarchy of our traditional offices.

Our goals for this year are similar to years past. Focusing squarely on membership, both recruitment and development, Marketing and being an active member of our communities. We are really pushing to get out of the lodge room more and get outside talking to people and promoting DeMolay to the next generation of members (and hopefully new masons in the future).

The months of April, May and June were spent traveling to our neighbors of the Pacific North West's annual conventions to strengthen our relationship with Washington and Oregon. We also traveled to Burley twice to visit with the Order of Eastern Star and Job's Daughters of Idaho. In addition, we made a trip to Cincinnati for International Session in June.

In July, Tim, Mathew and myself traveled to Yakima with MWGM Sherman Burger 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.

Our next major event will be our Honors Program on October 28th in Boise. As of the writing of this report, Idaho DeMolay is again nearing positive growth for the year 2023. Idaho DeMolay only needs to initiate 12 new members by December 31st to achieve this. It is an attainable goal and something we are challenging everyone involved to help us meet this goal. All support that we can get from Mason's in this Grand Lodge would be greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Sherman Burger, 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

Lodge of Research

Eric Coryell

Report to Grand Lodge of Idaho Idaho Lodge of Research 1965

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Visitors, Delegates to the 156th communication, and Brethren all. After being allowed to stagnate for a number of years, the Idaho Lodge of Research (IDLOR) is on a path of revitalization as a result of renewed interest from the members. It is my sincere hope that this interest is sustained, as I believe that a lodge such as this could be a benefit to this jurisdiction, and act as a significant resource, both to the Grand Lodge and to the Constituent Lodges. However, as could be expected when resurrecting a Lodge, we face a couple of challenges.

A search for a reasonably current set of by-laws for the IDLOR has resulted only in a set dated nearly 40 years ago. While useful as a boiler plate these by-laws have proved too cumbersome to follow without modifications, particularly relating to the date and location of the annual meeting and election of officers. Making use of Regulation 70 of the Code and Digest (which exempts this lodge from the traditional requirements of lodge elections), it is my intention to implement bylaws which will allow us to hold the annual meeting during the Annual Grand Lodge Communication and hold elections at that time. I encourage all interested Masons to attend our annual meeting on Thursday, September 21, immediately after the Grand Lodge afternoon session. One of the challenges we have faced is the loss of all our digital records. As the specified purpose of the Lodge is to "study, accumulate and distribute materials on Masonic history" this is a devastating loss. To address this challenge, we have established a new digital repository, populated that repository with what material we could gather, and made it available to any Master Mason through Grandview. In order to support this effort, I intend to

reinstate a dues structure, and in future the brethren may decide to restrict access to some portion of this digital repository to members of the Lodge of Research only. We still need support from the brethren to upload material to the library, and to review existing material in order to judge it's appropriateness for inclusion in a Masonic Repository.

I remind the delegates of the purpose of the IDLOR, as stated in the Code and Digest. "Such a Lodge shall study, accumulate and distribute materials on Masonic history (including Idaho Masonic History), symbolism and philosophy, the personal responsibilities and duties of Master Masons, assume such projects as may be assigned to it by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, attempt to provide competent speakers when requested, assist the Grand Lecturer, and function for the general benefit of Freemasonry." The Masons of Idaho have demonstrated an interest in Masonic Research, and I believe that a jurisdiction such as ours could greatly benefit from a forum like this.

If I may, I would like to include several recommendations in this report. During my term, I have attempted to hold quarterly Zoom calls to encourage coordination of our efforts and communication among the brethren. Unfortunately my duties as Master of Initial Point Lodge has limited this interaction during the past year, but I encourage future Masters to implement this policy with more vigor. Additionally, as much as I dislike writing these reports, I also recommend a report to the Grand Lodge be made each year from the IDLOR, as we have no other manner to hold these officers to account. Finally, I strongly encourage each DDGM to appoint a Research Steward, to act as a line of communication between the constituent lodges and the Research Lodge. All districts should be represented lodge to function properly, and a District Steward would be an excellent conduit for information in both directions.

I would like to express my gratitude to the officers and members of the Lodge of Research for their much-needed assistance and valuable contributions over the last two years. A Lodge such as this truly consists of nothing more than the sum of your participation laid upon the legacy of earlier Masons.

Respectfully,
Eric Coryell
Worshipful Master
Idaho Lodge of Research

Low Twelve Fund Trustees

Randy King

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the 156th 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. 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.

The fund is solvent with account balances of \$50,000+. If all the members of the fund were to pass away on 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

2023 Youth Scholarship Committee Report for Grand Lodge.

The Youth Scholarship Committee received 27 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 picked 2 applicants to receive \$750.00 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

Brian Clayton
Jimmy Hansen
Chris Duke

Section 504 Trustees of Grand Lodge Relief Fund

G. Arthur Shoemaker

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF & AM of Idaho

Annual report of the Investment Committee 2022-2023

On behalf of the Investment Committee, I am pleased to submit the following annual report for the Grand Lodge's investments from July 1st, 2022, through July 31st, 2023.

The committee receives 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. 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 agreed that 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.

Money stays in the fund until needed and most years less than the full amount is expended. The fund is managed for growth at medium risk, and we continue this policy. The team has worked hard to manage your funds and strive to keep the money invested instead of sitting in the bank which does not offer a good return.

Thank you to all who work hard to insure there are funds to keep the Fraternity in good financial health.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

G. Arthur Shoemaker, MWPGM (60) Chairman
Gregory Kimberling, (17)
RW Grand Secretary, MWPGM Steven L. Hall (1, 30)

To the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers

There have been no applications for relief for 2022-2023.

Sincerely
Robert K. Perry
Board chairman

Given in Grand Lodge

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS REPORT 2023

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Idaho

Preliminary Report

Section 404 Duties of Committees: The Committee should consider and report on all matters that may be referred to them or that pertain to subjects appropriately under their observation.

Section 802 Custodians. There shall be a board of the Custodians of the Work, consisting of seven members who shall be the authority of the Idaho Work. The board may meet electronically for the preliminary report and hold a meeting at Grand Lodge to submit a final report.

The board of custodians has received three requests for consideration this year. Electronic communications between members have been conducted with a response from all members. This initial report is being submitted for inclusion in the written reports. A final report will be given at Grand Lodge if any further items or changes are needed.

Question One. Wearing of aprons in Lodge

Information: The question was sent to the board to determine what aprons may be worn in Lodge. This request was based on a member of the Widow Son's who was inquiring if an apron containing names, degree symbols etc. can be worn on an apron in Lodge.

Decision. An individual is presented with a pure white apron when he receives the degrees. He is told to wear it with pride to himself and honor to the fraternity, this is the recommended apron. However, the wearing of an apron in lodge does not fall under the purview of the board of custodians since it is not esoteric work. The board's decision is that lodges should control what is allowed as appropriate apparel for their lodges. If further restrictions are to apply, then a resolution should be submitted establishing a clothing requirement for lodges.

Question Two: Which point of the compass should be depressed in the Fellowcraft Degree.

Information: There are several arguments for the North or South Point being depressed.

Decision: Our ritual states that one point will be depressed. In the work it states you now observe one point. It does not differentiate North or South. Therefore, either point may be depressed.

Question Three: Approval of another table Lodge for Responders.

Information: A request was made to modify An Evening at the table with the ladies to fit holding such an event for a first responder.

An Evening at the table with ladies has been approved. However, this is not a table lodge since it is not tiled and is open to the public. The format of the ritual, however, is great and widely used.

Decision: Since the purpose of the ceremony is to honor the ladies, it seems appropriate that it could also be used to honor first responders, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, or any other organization. The format should be followed with the following changes. The title should be changed to fit the appropriate ceremony such as An Evening at the table with First Responders or Public recognition ceremony for (whomever is being honored). The Holy Bible and Flag should be present. Any other props that would be particular to the group or person you are honoring can be present. The toast should consist of the following: To the Country, to the Flag, to Honor guest (First Responder, Ladies, etc.) Memory of departed brethren and members of honored group, To the Grand Master, to the ladies and to freemasons and (first responders,) etc. wheresoever dispersed around the Globe. Lodges can adjust the program to fit the needs of the special event without further approval of the board. This does not authorize changes to the approved table lodges that are tiled and for Masons only. The approved table lodge program will be used in these cases without changes. (Attached is a sample of the program with changes for the first responder. This can be adjusted to meet the needs of the particular group you are honoring.)

John Warner PGM, Chairman

William Curtis PGM

James Herndon PGM

Steve Hall PGM

James Voyles PGM

Steve Zimmerman PGM

Russ Smith PGM

Committees Chairmen appointments:

(1) - Jurisprudence

Chairman (1-year)	John Warner
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(2) – Appeals and Grievances

Chairman (1 year)	Joe Alexander
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(3) – Accounts and Finances

Chairman (1-year)	Robert Swofford
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(4) – Fraternal Relations

Chairman (1-year)	Dave Grindle
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(5) – Masonic Research and Education

Chairman (1-year)	Dustin Hatfield
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(6) – Masonic Temple Preservation

Chairman (1 year)	Mike Keeton
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Board of Custodians of the Work

1 Year Term	Jim Voyles
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Section 504 Trustees of the Grand Lodge Relief Fund (Investment Committee)

Chairman (1 year)	Greg Kimberling
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Youth Committee

Chairman (1 year)	Jimmy Hansen
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Relief Committee

Chairman (1 year)	William Votaw
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Proposed Budget
for 2024
for consideration at the

156th
Annual
Communication
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.
of Idaho
Sept. 2023

Proposed Budget for 2024

*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
156th Annual Communication
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho
at
Boise, Idaho
on
September 21, 22, 23, 2023*

Tentative Schedule for the 156th Annual communication

Each Lodge is urged to study the Proposed Budget carefully, and if further information is required, please contact:

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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		
Total	196,238.00	213,339.00	
Grand Masters Budget	Smith	Burger	
Budget Versus Actual 2017	2022	2023	
Budgeted_Income	Total_Budget	Total_Budget	
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		
Total Income	196,238.00	213,339.00	
Surplus (Deficit) (Actual Income -Expenses)	-	-	
Budgeted Expenses	196,238.00	213,339.00	
10001 Grand Master Budget	Budget	Budget	
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	
Total 10001 Grand Master Budget	15,400.00	16,000.00	
10002 Deputy Grand Masters Budget	Budget	Budget	
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
Total 10002 Deputy Grand Masters Budget	7,400.00	8,400.00	
10003 Elected Grand Lodge Officers	Budget	Budget	
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	
Total 10003 Elected Grand Lodge Officers Budget	10,500.00	10,200.00	
10004 Committee Chairman Expense Budget	Budget	Budget	
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	
Total 10004 Committee Chairman Expense Budget	2,000.00	2,000.00	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

10005 Conferences Budgets	Budget	Budget	
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	
Total 10005 Conferences Budgets	4,650.00	4,800.00	
10006 Printing Budget	Budget	Budget	
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	-	-	
Total 10006 Printing Budget	9,800.00	10,450.00	
10007 Annual Communication Expenses etc.	Budget	Budget	
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	
Total 10007 Annual Communication Expenses etc.	3,000.00	3,000.00	
10008 Salaries/Retirement/Taxes	Budget	Budget	
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	
Total 10008 Salaries/Retirement/Taxes	83,500.00	91,999.00	
10009 Grand Lodge Office Budget	Budget	Budget	
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	
Total 10009 Grand Lodge Office Budget	36,950.00	36,950.00	

Grand Lodge of Idaho Budget
2019-2021 Budget vs Actual - 2022 Approved Budget - 2023 Budget Scenarios

	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	
Deductions per code & digest			
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

156th
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Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.
of Idaho

Sept. 2023

Proposed Resolutions

*Received from members of the Grand Lodge
of this Grand Jurisdiction
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156th Annual Communication
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Idaho
at
Boise, Idaho
on
September 21,22,23, 2023*

As required by Section 3401, Paragraph 1. Preparation, Proofing and Filing.

- A.** Filed with the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th Day of February next proceeding the Annual Communication.
- B.** May be submitted by mail or electronic means to Grand Secretary.
- C.** Forwarded to Committee on Jurisprudence on or before February 22nd.
- D.** On or before April 30th, 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.

*Office of the
Grand Secretary*

Copies are mailed to:

- Each Lodge Secretary
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- Each District Deputy Grand Master
- Each Past Grand Master

March 25, 2023

Jurisprudence Report for Initial Review of Resolutions

Brother Grand Secretary,

The Jurisprudence committee reviewed the 12 resolutions laid before them and have the following to report.

We found resolutions all 12 to be in form and have no conflicts with existing code.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Herndon PGM, Chairman

John E. Warner PGM, Member

Michael L. Royce, Member

Clifford R. Kramer, Grand Lodge Officer Non-Voting

Rick L. Holloway, Grand Lodge Officer Non-Voting

Resolution Index 2023

Resolution				Pass	Fail	
001	Page Number	81	By-Laws, Part two			
	Article Number	XVI	Article Name	Officers, Elections, Installation		
	Section	1603	Section Name	Eligibility of Officers		
	Paragraph	New 7,	Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	<p>5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest: Article XVI Section 1603.w"New paragraph #7: Alternate #2 Worshipful Master: An Alternate #2 Master must possess a Wardens certificate as described by #4 of Section 1603 plus conferred all three degrees in open Lodge or before the District Deputy Grand Master. Served one year as a warden prior to being elected Alternate #2 Worshipful Master of a Lodge. As Alternate #2 Worshipful Master. he would be entitled to one vote at Grand lodge, or his proxy delivered in the usual manner only while he serves as Alternate #2 Master or Warden. A Alternate #2 Master shall not be considered a Past Master nor a permanent voting member of Grand Lodge until obtaining Alternate Worshipful Master or Full Worshipful Master as described by 1603 #5 or #6.</p>					
<p>Rational: A lot of Lodges are in jeopardy of closing or have already closed or merged. This resolution addresses a key issue that's imperative to Lodges throughout the State. That being, "Past Masters being elected several times", Ionic's master will be serving his 10th year 2022/23. This results in burn out and stagnation! Lodges are running out of qualified masters while possible good leaders sit on the sidelines. If a brother can open and Close, confer, he actually meets some standards already stated in Section 1004 of Article X. We are requesting a new billet point, #7, to Section 1603. This will help eliminate stagnation and bring new Ideas, leadership, and incentivize Alternate #2's in obtaining proficiency for a brother to become a past Master. An Alternate #2 master may want a vote at Grand Lodge after his term. The only way is to gain proficiency as described in Sections 5 and 6 of 1603 ! With the addition of #7 Alternate #2 Master, the brother is only a few steps from achieving Alternate past Master. Grand Lodge at some point will have to consider a reduction in Member requirements as well, we're running out of Full Past Masters for sure as well as Alternate Past Masters. This Idea has been discussed by many lodges before, now is the time to make it happen.</p>						

Resolution					Pass	Fail
002	Page Number	115	By-Laws, Part Three			
	Article Number	XXIX	Article Name	Deliberation, Judgement, Right of Appeal and Sentence		
	Section	2904	Section Name	Sentence		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	Section 2904. Sentence. Add: A sentence of Suspension or reprimand may include required actions(s) for the accused to complete and determined by a Trial Commission. (Revised Sept 2023)					
	Rational: Past sentences, imposed by Trial Commissions, have included recommended or required actions even though the Code & Digest did not support it. A simple sentence of Reprimand or Suspension does not address the issue when apology, restitution, repair, replacement, etc. may be a valid element of a sentence. The additional wording to this section gives a Trial Commission the authority to include "required action(s)" and time limit(s) in a sentence.					

Resolution					Pass	Fail
003	Page Number	115	By-Laws, Part Three			
	Article Number	XXIX	Article Name	Deliberation, Judgement, Right of Appeal and Sentence		
	Section	2906	Section Name	Suspension		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	Section 2906. Suspension. Add: Any required action(s), imposed by a Trial Commission. for the accused to complete. Shall include specific detail(s) of the required action(s) and reasonable time limit(s). (Revised Sept. 2023)					
	Rational: Specific details are required for the proper execution of a sentence when time limit(s) and required action(s) are included in a trial sentence. This is also essential if a follow up action is required.					

Resolution					Pass	Fail
004	Page Number	115	By-Laws, Part Three			
	Article Number	XXIX	Article Name	Deliberation, Judgement, Right of Appeal and Sentence		
	Section	2907	Section Name	Reprimand		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	Section 2907. Reprimand Add: Any required action (s). imposed by a Trial Commission. for the accused to complete. shall include specific detail(s) of the required action(s) and reasonable time limit(s). (Revised Sept. 2023)					

	Rational: Specific details are required for the proper execution of a sentence when time limit(s) and required action(s) are included in a trial sentence. This is also essential if a follow up action is required.					
Resolution				Pass	Fail	
005	Page Number	117	By-Laws, Part Three			
	Article Number	XXX	Article Name	Action in Lodge after Trial		
	Section	3003A	Section Name	Failure to complete sentence required action(s)		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	<p>New Section 3003a Section 3003a. Failure to complete sentence required action(s). Anytime the required action(s), of a reprimand, are not fully completed in the specified time Limit (s) of that sentence. the sentence shall be automatically elevated to suspension. When a reprimand is elevated to suspension the duration of the term of the suspension shall be equal to the longest specified time limit of the required action(s) of the reprimand sentence. The reprimand required action(s) shall remain the same, except. the specified time limit(s) for completion of the required action(s) shall begin again on the date of the upgrade to suspension. Anytime sentence required action(s), of a suspension, are not fully completed in the specified time limit(s) of that sentence. the sentence shall be automatically elevated to expulsion. The Master of the Lodge, under which the charges were filed, shall update the Grand Lodge, in writing, of the status of any sentence required action(s) not later than thirty (30) days after the sentence required action(s) time limit(s). The convicted brother shall be notified, in writing, by the Grand Lodge of any upgrade, per this Section, to suspension or expulsion.</p> <p>Rational: This new section creates a process to administratively address non-compliance to sentence required action(s) and is similar to a probation or withheld judgement. Non-compliance to a sentence should have consequences. A consequence that elevates a sentence from reprimand to suspension or from suspension to expulsion for non-compliance to required action(s) of a sentence is appropriate. It would be possible to go from reprimand to suspension to expulsion for repeated failures to comply with the sentence required action(s). This is in effect three strikes and you're out.</p> <p>Failure to complete any required action(s) of a Masonic sentence are not addressed in the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest. Currently, the only option is to have another Masonic trial to address the issue as another Masonic offense. This causes undue hardship upon the Grand Lodge, Lodge and the brothers involved. The trial has been concluded, the accused convicted, and a sentence implemented according to Masonic law.</p> <p>When a sentence is elevated from reprimand to suspension, the duration of the term of suspension must be fixed. (Note: See Section 2906.) The fixed term of suspension being equal to the longest required action(s) time limit creates a consistency of time frames.</p>					

Resolution				Pass	Fail	
006	Page Number	118	By-Laws, Part Three			
	Article Number	XXXI	Article Name	Appeal		
	Section	3102	Section Name	Time Limit		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	<p>Section 3102. Time Limit Adds: (as prescribed in Section 3104 and Section 3108)</p>					

	And (Revised Sept. 2023)		
	Rational: This addition is necessary to administratively align this Section with the new Section 3108.		

Resolution				Pass	Fail	
007	Page Number	118-119	By-Laws, Part Three			
	Article Number	XXXI	Article Name	Appeal		
	Section	3104	Section Name	Notice		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	Section 3104. Notice					
	Adds: and shall be so filed <u>in compliance with Section 3108</u> and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. (See Sec. 103.) (Revised Sept. 2023)					
Rational: This addition is necessary to administratively align this Section with the new Section 3108.						

Resolution				Pass	Fail	
008	Page Number	120	By-Laws, Part Three			
	Article Number	XXXI	Article Name	Appeal		
	Section	3108	Section Name	Appeal of sentence with required action(s)		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	ADDS New Section:					
	Section 3108. Appeal of sentence with required action(s) An appeal to any sentence with required action(s) shall be submitted prior to the end of the sentence required action(s) time limit(s) and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. (See Section 3102) When properly appealed, sentence required action(s) and time limit(s) of that sentence shall be suspended pending the outcome of the appeal. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the required action(s) and time limit(s) to be completed shall start at the end of that Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.					
Rational: For an appeal to any sentence with required action(s), the appeal should be made prior to the end of the time limit(s) for any required action(s). The adjustment in the appeals time limit, (Note: See Section 3104) in these instances, is for the purpose of prohibiting the use of an appeal to extend the time limit(s) of any required action(s) of a sentence after the time limit(s) have expired. The time limit (s) for completion of the sentence required action(s), in the case of a proper appeal, would be suspended until the outcome of the appeal as determined at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. (Note: See Section 3107.)						

Resolution				Pass	Fail	
009	Page Number	29	By-Laws, Part One			
	Article Number	IV	Article Name	Committees		
	Section	401	Section Name	Standing Committees		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	ADDS New Committee: 7. Budget Committee					
	Rational: The Finance Committee is to review the financial status of Grand Lodge. They are to oversee that the expenditures are within the guidelines presented by the brethren and to allocate emergency funds when deemed appropriate. They are to present a report to the voting delegates on the financial status of Grand Lodge. Currently the budget has been completed by the Accounts and Finance Committee and included in their report. On voting to approve the Finance report, it automatically approves the budget. These should be separated as they are two separate actions. The Finance committee should be instrumental in helping the DGM formulate the budget but it should be presented by the Deputy Grand Master and voted on Separately					

Resolution				Pass	Fail	
010	Page Number	25	By-Laws, Part One			
	Article Number	III	Article Name	Powers and Duties of Grand Officers		
	Section	303	Section Name	Deputy Grand Master		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	ADDS New He will serve as the chairman of the Budget committee and submit his requested budget at the annual communication for consideration					
	Rational: Currently there is no provision on how the budget should be formulated, proposed and voted on. Since the Deputy Grand Master is the Grand Master Elect and will be the one overseeing the operation of Grand Lodge during his year, along with the programs he desires to pursue, it is proper for him to oversee its formulation and the setting of the assessment to the Lodge ..					

Resolution				Pass	Fail	
011	Page Number	29	By-Laws, Part One			
	Article Number	IV	Article Name	Committees		
	Section	404	Section Name	Duties of Committees		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	<p>ADDS</p> <p>a. The budget Committee will consist of the DGM Chairman, elective Grand Lodge Officers, Accounts and Finance Committee, and the Investment Committee. They are to formulate a proposed budget and have it submitted to the Lodges with the proposed resolutions. After a quorum has been established at Grand Lodge. the DGM will propose his budget and accept recommendation from the voting delegates. Prior to the closing of Grand Lodge, he will submit his proposed budget with or without changes for a vote. A simple majority will be needed to accept the proposed budget and assessment.</p> <p>b. Accounts and Finances Committee will oversee the financial operations of the Grand Lodge. They will ensure that the spending as approved by the Brethren are accurate and appropriate. They will ensure that the required financial review and proper tax forms are submitted as required, They will assist the DGM in formulating a budget and establishing an appropriate assessment of the membership to meet its obligations. It will review and approve all resolutions requiring financial expenditures. They will appropriate emergency funding it deems necessary during the period the Grand Lodge is at recess. It will submit a report at grand Lodge concerning the financial Affairs at the annual communication.</p>					
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012	Page Number	42	By-Laws, Part One			
	Article Number	VIII	Article Name	Work and Lectures		
	Section	801	Section Name	Idaho Work		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	Section 801. Idaho Work					
	Adds: Video "lectures" of the Idaho work can be presented for degrees and also used for educational purposes within a Lodge only. Video lectures shall be secure within a Lodge and approved by the Grand lodge board of custodians.					
Rational: A large number of Lodges throughout the State require assistance for degrees, especially lectures, and too few have qualified lecturers to do a degree. A quality video lecture can provide the same lesson and every Lodge could have these lectures as an alternative. We are running out of Full Past Masters and too few are learning the Alternate Past Master qualifications. We enjoy multiple lodges coming together for degrees, that goes without saying! However, those who assist other lodges can be few and far between! These videos would also serve as another learning tool for those who wish to be a past master but can't quite seem to learn through brother to brother. Brothers, our lodges struggle, especially the small-town lodges. We live in a very different, busy world. We must look to different ideas rather than ignoring the problems facing us. We can change and teach the lessons exactly as they are meant to be. It's even possible in the future to have 30 presentations. That would be most impressive to a new Candidate. This progressive action would show all grand lodges Idaho is a head of the curve, thinking out of the box!!						



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1. Sections to be changed: By laws part two, Section 1603
2. Article Number & Name article XVI, Section 1603
3. Section Number & Name Certificate of Proficiency and Eligibility of Officers
4. Current Wording: With ADDITIONS: (*Additions to be underlined*)

And DELETIONS: (*Deletions to be lined-out*)

Article XVI: Section 1603, will remain as is with the addition of Alternate #2 Worshipful Master (#7.) All other billets in 1603 remain the same.

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

Article XVI Section 1603, "New paragraph #7: Alternate #2 Worshipful Master: An Alternate #2 Master must possess a Warden certificate as described by #4 of Section 1603 plus conferred all three degrees in open Lodge or before the District Deputy Grand Master. Served one year as a warden prior to being elected Alternate #2 Worshipful Master of a Lodge. As Alternate #2 Worshipful Master, he would be entitled to one vote at Grand Lodge, or his proxy delivered in the usual manner only while he serves as Alternate #2 Master or Warden. A Alternate #2 Master shall not be considered a Past Master nor a permanent voting member of Grand Lodge until obtaining Alternate Worshipful Master or Full Worshipful Master as described by 1603 #5 or #6.

6. Rationale (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

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Name	Office	Lodge	No.
<u>Dan Davis</u>	Secretary	Ionic	82
Name	Office	Lodge	No.
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Name	Office	Lodge	No.



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1. Section to be changed: 2904 By-Laws, Section 2904; Idaho Code & Digest Page 115

2. Article Number & Name

**ARTICLE XXIX
DELIBERATION, JUDGMENT,
RIGHT OF APPEAL AND SENTENCE**

3. Section Number & Name

Section 2904. Sentence

4. Current Wording

Section 2904. Sentence. If the accused is convicted, a secret ballot shall immediately be taken upon the sentence. The sentence shall be expulsion, suspension or reprimand.

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

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Name Office Lodge No.

8. **SIGNATURES:**

Wayne M. Slocum _____ Lodge Seal
James S. Lajoie _____
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1. Section to be changed: 2906 By-Laws: Section 2906. Idaho Code & Digest Page 115

2. Article Number & Name

**ARTICLE XXIX
DELIBERATION, JUDGMENT,
RIGHT OF APPEAL AND SENTENCE**

3. Section Number & Name

Section 2906. Suspension.

4. Current Wording

Section 2906. **Suspension.** If the accused is convicted and less than three (3) members of the Commission vote for expulsion, the ballot shall next be taken on suspension, and the concurrence of three (3) members of the Commission shall be required for suspension. If the sentence is suspension, the Commission shall, by a majority vote, fix the duration of the term of suspension.

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

Section 2906. **Suspension.** If the accused is convicted and less than three (3) members of the Commission vote for expulsion, the ballot shall next be taken on suspension, and the concurrence of three (3) members of the Commission shall be required for suspension. If the sentence is suspension, the Commission shall, by a majority vote, fix the duration of the term of suspension. Any required action(s), imposed by a Trial Commission, for the accused to complete, shall include specific detail(s) of the required action(s) and reasonable time limit(s). (Revised Sept. 2023)

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1. Section to be changed: 2907 **By-Laws:** Section 2907. **Idaho Code & Digest** Page 115

2. Article Number & Name

**ARTICLE XXIX
DELIBERATION, JUDGEMENT,
RIGHT OF APPEAL AND SENTENCE**

3. Section Number & Name

Section 2907. **Reprimand.**

4. Current Wording

Section 2907. **Reprimand.** If the accused is convicted and less than three (3) members of the Commission vote for either expulsion or suspension, the sentence shall be reprimand. The Commission may, by a majority vote, recommend the nature of the reprimand.

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

Section 2907. **Reprimand.** If the accused is convicted and less than three (3) members of the Commission vote for either expulsion or suspension, the sentence shall be reprimand. The Commission may, by a majority vote, recommend the nature of the reprimand. Any required action(s) imposed by a Trial Commission, for the accused, to complete, shall include specific detail(s) of the required action(s) and reasonable time limit(s). (Revised Sept. 2023)

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1. Section to be changed: Add new Section _____ By-Laws: _____ Idaho Code & Digest Page 117 _____

2. Article Number & Name

ARTICLE XXX
ACTION IN LODGE AFTER TRIAL

3. Section Number & Name

Section 3003a Failure to complete sentence required action(s).

4. Current Wording

NONE

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

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reprimand, are not fully completed in the specified time limit(s) of that sentence, the sentence shall be automatically
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Name Office Lodge No.

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James S. Logan _____
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1. Section to be changed: 3102 By-Laws, Section 3102: Idaho Code & Digest Page 118

2. Article Number & Name

ARTICLE XXXI
APPEAL

3. Section Number & Name

Section 3102. Time Limit

4. Current Wording

Section 3102. **Time Limit.** If no appeal is filed prior to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, (as prescribed in Section 3104) and the matter is not referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master at said Communication, the action of the trial Commission shall be final.

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

Section 3102. **Time Limit.** If no appeal is filed prior to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, (as prescribed in Section 3104 and Section 3108) and the matter is not referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master at said Communication, the action of the trial Commission shall be final.
(Revised Sept, 2023)

6. Rationale (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

This addition is necessary to administratively align this Section with the new Section 3108.

7. **Printed: Names, Office and Lodge Number of submitting members:**
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Wayne M. Spruce P.M. Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No.

James S. Logan Jun Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No.

Russ Lambert W.M. Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No.

8. **SIGNATURES:**

Wayne M. Spruce _____ Lodge Seal

James S. Logan _____

Russ Lambert _____



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1. Section to be changed: 3104 By-Laws, Section 3104: Idaho Code & Digest Page 118, 119

2. Article Number & Name

ARTICLE XXXI
APPEAL

3. Section Number & Name

Section 3104. Notice.

4. Current Wording

Section 3104. Notice. Notice of appeal shall be prepared in triplicate and distributed simultaneously as follows: one copy to the Secretary of the Lodge, one copy to the Grand Secretary and one copy to the Grand Master; and shall be so filed not later than thirty (30) days prior in the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. (See Sec. 103.) (Revised Sept. 2015)

The Lodge Secretary and the Grand Secretary shall file such notice of appeal with their copies of the trial transcript, and each of them shall immediately inform the Master of the Lodge that an appeal has been received. The Lodge Secretary shall also notify the accused and the accuser of the appeal, and in case of original Grand Lodge jurisdiction the appeal may be filed with the Grand Secretary only, who shall notify the Lodge of which the defendant is or was a member.

Appeal having been filed in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the Master of the Lodge shall deliver, or cause to be delivered by a Master Mason acting as a representative of the Lodge, as soon as possible following the filing of the appeal, the complete trial transcript, exhibits, and appeal to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances; and the Grand Secretary shall likewise deliver his similar copies. When the case is finalized by Grand Lodge action, the trial transcripts, exhibits, and appeal shall be returned. (Revised Sept. 2015)

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

Section 3104. Notice. Notice of appeal shall be prepared in triplicate and distributed simultaneously as follows: one copy to the Secretary of the Lodge, one copy to the Grand Secretary and one copy to the Grand Master; and shall be so filed in compliance with Section 3108 and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. (See Sec. 103.) (Revised Sept. 2023)

The Lodge Secretary and the Grand Secretary shall file such notice of appeal with their copies of the trial transcript, and each of them shall immediately inform the Master of the Lodge that an appeal has been received. The Lodge Secretary shall also notify the accused and the accuser of the appeal, and in case of original Grand Lodge jurisdiction the appeal may be filed with the Grand Secretary only, who shall notify the Lodge of which the defendant is or was a member.

Appeal having been filed in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the Master of the Lodge shall deliver, or cause to be delivered by a Master Mason acting as a representative of the Lodge, as soon as possible following the filing of the appeal, the complete trial transcript, exhibits, and appeal to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and

Grievances; and the Grand Secretary shall likewise deliver his similar copies. When the case is finalized by Grand Lodge action, the trial transcripts, exhibits, and appeal shall be returned. (Revised Sept. 2015)

6. Rationale (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

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Wayne M. Sprouse P.M. PARADISE 17
Name Office Lodge No

James S. Logan JW Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No

Bob Smith W.M. Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No

8. **SIGNATURES:**

Wayne M. Sprouse Lodge Seal

James S. Logan

Bob Smith



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1. Section to be changed: Add new Section _____ By-Laws: _____ Idaho Code & Digest Page 120

2. Article Number & Name

ARTICLE XXXI
APPEAL

3. Section Number & Name

Section 3108. Appeal of sentence with required action(s)

4. Current Wording

NONE

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

Section 3108. Appeal of sentence with required action(s). An appeal to any sentence with required action(s) shall be submitted prior to the end of the sentence required action(s) time limit(s) and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. (See Section 3102) When properly appealed, sentence required action(s) and time limit(s) of that sentence shall be suspended pending the outcome of the appeal. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the required action(s) and time limit(s) to be completed shall start at the end of that Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

6. Rationale (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

For an appeal to any sentence with required action(s), the appeal should be made prior to the end of the time limit(s) for any required action(s). The adjustment in the appeals time limit, (Note: See Section 3104) in these instances, is for the purpose of prohibiting the use of an appeal to extend the time limit(s) of any required action(s) of a sentence after the time limit(s) have expired.

The time limit(s) for completion of the sentence required action(s), in the case of a proper appeal, would be suspended until the outcome of the appeal as determined at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. (Note: See Section 3107.)

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Wayne M. Sprouse PM Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No.

James S. Logan JW Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No.

Bob Baker WM Paradise 17
Name Office Lodge No.

8. **SIGNATURES:**

Wayne M. Sprouse Lodge Seal

James S. Logan

Bob Baker



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1. Section to be changed: (Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, etc.): Bylaws

2. Article Number & Name Article IV Committees

3. Section Number & Name 461 Standing Committees

4. Current Wording With ADDITIONS: (Additions to be underlined)
And DELETIONS: (Deletions to be lined-out)

Section 401, Standing Committees. The Grand Master shall appoint the following standing committees consisting of not less than three nor more than five members to serve during his term: (Revised Sept. 1999) 1. Jurisprudence. 2. Appeals and Grievances. 3. Accounts and Finances. 4. Fraternal Relations. 5. Masonic Research and Education. 6. Masonic Temple Preservation. (See Section 405)

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

Section 401. Standing Committees. The Grand Master shall appoint the following standing committees consisting of not less than three nor more than five members to serve during his term: (Revised Sept. 1999) 1. Jurisprudence. 2. Appeals and Grievances. 3. Accounts and Finances. 4. Fraternal Relations. 5. Masonic Research and Education. 6. Masonic Temple Preservation. (See Section 405), **7. Budget Committee**

6. Rationale (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

The Finance Committee is to review the financial status of Grand Lodge. They are to oversee that the expenditures are within the guidelines presented by the brethren and to allocate emergency funds when deemed appropriate. They are to present a report to the voting delegates on the financial status of Grand Lodge. Currently the budget has been completed by the Accounts and Finance Committee and included in their report. On voting to approve the Finance report, it automatically approves the budget. These should be separated as they are two separate actions. The Finance committee should be instrumental in helping the DGM formulate the budget but it should be presented by the Deputy Grand Master and voted on Separately

7. Printed: Names, Office and Lodge Number of submitting members:

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<u>William Skeranc</u>	<u>Worshipful</u>	<u>Portneuf</u>	<u>18</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>
<u>William Scott Young</u>	<u>Junior Warden</u>	<u>Portneuf</u>	<u>18</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>
<u>Jerry Lynch</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Portneuf</u>	<u>18</u>

Name

Office

Address

No

8. SIGNATURES:

R. J. ...
...
...

Lodge Seal



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1. Section to be changed: (Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, etc.); Bylaws

2. Article Number & Name Article 10 Powers and duties of Grand Officers

3. Section Number & Name 303 Deputy Grand Master

4. Current Wording With ADDITIONS: (Additions to be underlined)
And DELETIONS: (Deletions to be lined-out)

The Deputy Grand Master shall discharge such executive functions of the Grand Lodge as may be delegated to him by the Grand Master.

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

The Deputy Grand Master shall discharge such executive functions of the Grand Lodge as may be delegated to him by the Grand Master. He will serve as the chairman of the Budget committee and submit his requested budget at the annual communication for consideration.

6. Rationale (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):
Currently there is no provision on how the budget should be formulated, proposed and voted on. Since the Deputy Grand Master is the Grand Master Elect and will be the one overseeing the operation of Grand Lodge during his year, along with the programs he desires to pursue, it is proper for him to oversee its formulation and the setting of the assessment to the Lodge.

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<u>William Skarjanc</u> Name	<u>Worshipful</u> Office	<u>Portneuf</u> Lodge	<u>18</u> No.
<u>William Scott Young</u> Name	<u>Junior Warden</u> Office	<u>Portneuf</u> Lodge	<u>18</u> No.
<u>Jerry Lynch</u> Name	<u>Treasurer</u> Office	<u>Portneuf</u> Lodge	<u>18</u> No.

Name

Office

Order

No

B.

SIGNATURES:

B. D. J.
John J. [unclear]
John J. [unclear]

Lodge Sec. I



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1. Section to be changed; (Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, etc.): Bylaws

2. Article Number & Name Article IV Committees

3. Section Number & Name 404 Duties of Committees

4. Current Wording With ADDITIONS: (Additions to be underlined)
And DELETIONS: (Deletions to be lined out)

The Committees shall consider and report on all matters that may be referred to them or that pertain to subjects
appropriately under their observation.

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

The Committees shall consider and report on all matters that may be referred to them or that pertain to subjects
appropriately under their observation.

- a. The budget Committee will consist of the DGM Chairman, elective Grand Lodge Officers, Accounts and Finance Committee, and the Investment Committee. They are to formulate a proposed budget and have it submitted to the Lodges with the proposed resolutions. After a quorum has been established at Grand Lodge, the DGM will propose his budget and accept recommendation from the voting delegates. Prior to the closing of Grand Lodge, he will submit his proposed budget with or without changes for a vote. A simple majority will be needed to accept the proposed budget and assessment.
- b.
- c. Accounts and Finance Committee will oversee the financial operations of the Grand Lodge. They will ensure that the spending as approved by the Brethren are accurate and appropriate. They will insure that the required financial review and proper tax forms are submitted as required. They will assist the DGM in formulating a budget and establishing an appropriate assessment of the membership to meet its obligations. It will review and approve all resolutions requiring financial expenditures. They will appropriate emergency funding it deems necessary during the period the Grand Lodge is at recess. It will submit a report at grand Lodge concerning the financial Affairs at the annual communication/

6. Rationale (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

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<u>William Skerjanc</u>	<u>Worshipful</u>	<u>Portneuf</u>	<u>18</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>
<u>William Scott Young</u>	<u>Junior Warden</u>	<u>Portneuf</u>	<u>18</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>
<u>Jerry Lynch</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Portneuf</u>	<u>18</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Office</small>	<small>Lodge</small>	<small>No.</small>

8. SIGNATURES:

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Bruce
Walt
John

Lodge Seal



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1. Section to be changed: By Laws Part one, pertaining to Lodges

2. Article Number & Name VIII work and lectures

3. Section Number & Name Sec. 801

4. Current Wording With ADDITIONS: (Additions to be underlined)
And DELETIONS: (Deletions to be lined-out)

Section 801. Idaho Work. The ritual as set forth in the adopted work and the monitor is the standard work in this Jurisdiction and shall be known as the Idaho Work. Video "lectures" of the Idaho work can be presented for degrees and also used for educational purposes within a Lodge only. Video lectures shall be secure with in a Lodge and approved by the Grand lodge board of custodians. Lodges shall practice only the Idaho Work, except by express authority from the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest: Section 801. Idaho Work. The ritual as set forth in the adopted work and the monitor is the standard work in this Jurisdiction and shall be known as the Idaho Work. Video lectures of the Idaho work can be presented for degrees and also used for educational purposes within a Lodge only. Video lectures shall be secure with in a Lodge and approved by the Grand lodge board of custodians. Lodges shall practice only the Idaho Work, except by express authority from the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

6. Rationale (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

A large number of Lodges throughout the State require assistance for degrees, especially lectures, and too few have qualified lecturers to do a degree. A quality video lecture can provide the same lesson and every Lodge could have these lectures as an alternative. We are running out of Full Past Masters and too few are learning the Alternate Past Master qualifications. We enjoy multiple lodges coming together for degrees, that goes without saying. However, those who assist other lodges can be few and far between! These videos would also serve as another learning tool for those who wish to be a past master but can't quite seem to learn through brother to brother.

Brothers, our lodges struggle, especially the small-town lodges. We live in a very different, busy world. We must look to different ideas rather than ignoring the problems facing us. We can change and teach the lessons exactly as they are meant to be. It's even possible in the future to have 3D presentations. That would be most impressive to a new Candidate. This progressive action would show all grand lodges Idaho is a head of the curve, thinking out of the box!

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<u>Steven Bate</u>	Worshipful Master	Ionic	82
Name	Office	Lodge	No.
<u>Dan Davis</u>	Secretary	Ionic	82
Name	Office	Lodge	No.
<u>Greg Winkler</u>	PGM of Idaho	Silver City	13

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	† Fimis C. Gordon	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Frank E. Beal
1899	* John C. Muerman (17)	† James Criswell	† Fimis 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	* Jeremian W. Robinson (Jere)	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1903	* Joshua M. Cowan (30)	* Albert W. Gordon	* Jeremian W. Robinson (Jere)	§ Theron S. Ward	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart
1904	* Albert W. Gordon (36)	* Jeremian 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 Herndon (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	Merged with Paul No.77	
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>FIRST DISTRICT <i>Three Lodges</i> Lemhi No. 11 Mt McCaleb No. 64 Challis No. 92</p>	<p>SECOND DISTRICT <i>Five Lodges</i> Portneuf No. 18 Eagle Rock No. 19 Grove City No. 33 Malad No. 51 Caribou No. 84</p>	<p>THIRD DISTRICT <i>Five Lodges</i> Hailey No. 16 Richfield No. 21 Twin Falls No. 45 Burley No. 68 Paul No. 77</p>
<p>FOURTH DISTRICT <i>Four Lodges</i> Elmore No. 30 Lincoln No. 59 Hagerman No. 78 Fidelity No. 80</p>	<p>FIFTH DISTRICT <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>SIXTH DISTRICT <i>Five Lodges</i> Silver City No. 13 Ashlar No. 29 Mt. Moriah No. 39 Meridian No. 47 Initial Point No. 98.</p>
<p>SEVENTH DISTRICT <i>Four Lodges</i> Weiser No. 23 Washoe No. 28 Salubria No. 31 Butte No. 37</p>	<p>EIGHTH DISTRICT Mount Idaho No.9 Nez Perce No. 10 Paradise No. 17 Kamiah No. 56</p>	<p>NINTH DISTRICT <i>Five Lodges</i> Coeur d'Alene No. 20 Kootenai No. 24 Shoshone No. 25 Cataldo No. 34 St. Maries No. 63</p>
<p>TENTH DISTRICT <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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September 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2024

