

The Grand Lodge

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

of Idaho



157th Annual Communication Proceedings

Gary A. S. LaBruyere
Grand Master

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Gary A.S. LaBruyere

M.:W.: Grand Master

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

2023-2024

Gary A. S. LaBruyere – Biography

Most Worshipful Grand Master 2023-2024

Gary Alexander Sullivan La Bruyere was born August 31, 1958 Anna, Illinois to Bill and Sue La Bruyere of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He attended school in Cape Girardeau and Chaffee, Missouri and graduated high school from Chaffee High School in 1976. Served in the United States Navy, as a Machinist Mate/Nuclear Propulsion Plant Operator/Engineering Laboratory Technician, onboard the submarines USS Ulysses S. Grant SSBN-631 and USS Parche SSN-683. Attended the University of Idaho and graduated with Bachelor of Industrial Technology degree. Worked at the Idaho National Laboratory 1990 to present in the fields of Radiological Engineering, Calibration, Quality Assurance, and ASME NQA-1 Lead Auditor. Gary married Stephanie Ann Fassett of Twin Falls, Idaho in 2004.

Gary was raised a Master Mason in 1998 in Eagle Rock Lodge #19. He is a Senior DeMolay and Past Master Councilor of Cape Girardeau Chapter Order of DeMolay, Member of Eagle Rock Lodge #19, Past Master 2003, Idaho Falls Chapter #10 Past High Priest and Past Grand High Priest 2017-2018, Jeremiah Council #9 Past Illustrious Master and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master 2017-2018, Idaho Falls Commandery #6 Past Commander and Past Grand Commander 2022-2023, member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Pocatello KCCH, El Korah Shrine, St. Charles Conclave Red Cross of Constantine Past Sovereign, Fidelity Council #277 Allied Masonic Degrees Past Sovereign Master, Tri-Valley York Rite College #178 Past Governor and Grand Governor, Idaho Priory #13 Knight of the York Cross of Honor Past Prior, Past Preceptor Redemption Tabernacle No. XL Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Past Preceptor Idaho Chapter Order of Knights Preceptor and member of Wyoming College Societas Rosicruciana in Cibitatibus Foederatis, and Past Executive Officer Idaho DeMolay.

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

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

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, M.:W.: Grand Master

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

Held in Post Falls, Idaho, September 19, 20, 21
A.D. 2024 -- A.L. 6024

at Red Lion Hotel, Post Falls, 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. 49 Sept. 2015)

Address of the Grand Secretary:
Steven L. Hall
219 North Seventeenth Street
Boise, Idaho 83702-5145

In Preparation for the 2024-2025 year the following training was performed

Wednesday, September 18th, 2024

2024-2025 District Deputy Grand Master Training

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 am District Deputy Training

Held at Rathdrum Masonic Temple, 15190 N McCartney St, Rathdrum, ID

2024-2025 Grand Lodge Officers Lunch

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 pm 2024-2025 GL Officers Lunch

Held at Rathdrum Masonic Temple, 15190 N McCartney St, Rathdrum, ID

Held at the Red Lion Hotel Post Falls, 414 E 1st Ave, Post Falls, Idaho

Registration / Credentials Opens

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration / Credentials

Founder Center

Registration information and credentials packets were ready to be picked up.

Committee Meetings

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

Founder Center

Budget Meeting (Discuss 2025 Budget)

2:00 - 3:30p.m. Budget Meeting (Discuss 2025 Budget)

Teal Room

The Teal Room was opened for the brethren to come in and ask questions about the proposed 2025 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

Merganser Room

Vespers Service – (Public)

5:15 p.m.

Vespers Service - Public Invited

Solstice Room

Vespers An Order of Worship for the Evening

Opening Song: Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee (found on insert)

All Stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14 16

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation — the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:5 6

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. Psalm 139:10 11

The Officiant then says the Prayer for Light, first saying:

Let us Pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vespers light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God Almighty, as you have taught us to call the evening, the morning, and the noonday one day; and have made the sun to know its going down: Dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by your brightness we may know you to be the true God and eternal light, living and reigning for ever and ever. Amen. Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A candle or candles at the Altar are now lighted.

Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Psalm: Psalm 133

1. How very good and pleasant it is *

when kindred live together in unity!

2. It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,*
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

3. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion,*
For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Bible Reading: Psalm 23

Song: *Seek ye first* (found on insert)

Homily: Understanding the 23rd Psalm

Dismissal Prayers:

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. Amen.

Almighty, everlasting God, let our prayer in your sight be as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Give us grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments, and to recognize you in the lives of those around us. Stir up in us the flame of that love which burned in the heart of your Son as he bore his passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Onward Christian Soldiers*

Grand Masters Banquet (Invitation Only)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm

No Host Social Hour

Lobby outside Blue Heron

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm

Grand Masters Banquet

Osprey, Blue Heron Rooms

9:00 p.m.– 11:00 pm

Hospitality Room Open

Solstice Room

Formal Opening of Grand Lodge

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 am	Registration / Credentials Open	Fredrick Post Room
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open	Hotel Room TBD
8:45 a.m.	Prelude	J. Sherwin Wilson, W.: Grand Organist
9:00 a.m.	Formal Opening (Tyled)	Merganser/Pintail Rooms

Thursday, September 19, 2024

(Formal Opening)

Welcome to Formal Opening by Joseph Alexander, PGM, Eagle Rock Lodge No. 19

"Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Formal Opening of the 157th 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 Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"It is my pleasure to introduce Joseph Alexander, PGM, member of Eagle Rock Lodge No. 19

"Officers take your Stations"

Formal Opening of Grand Lodge (Ritual)

Grand Lodge Officers

Opening Prayer

Rev. Robert K. Perry, W.: Grand Chaplain

"Supreme Architect of the Universe, as we assemble here today with our visiting Brethren and Concordant and Appendant Bodies, we ask your blessing on this 157th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho. As we begin our labors, please be with us and give us the guidance necessary to complete our given task. Also, be with us as we rekindle old friendships and start new ones. This we ask in your Holy Name. Amen "

Prayer offered for our Thursday noon meal. "Dear Lord, we thank you for this morning, be with us as we go into our noon day lunch. We ask for your blessing for our food and a blessing on those who prepared it. As always, give us grateful hearts for all our blessing and make us ever mindful the needs of others. We Humbly Pray. Amen"

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

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

Proclamation (Call to Order)

Levi D. Billman, W.: Grand Marshal

"By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim this Formal Session of the 157th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho open in ample form."

Roll Call

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

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

Roll call by

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

Grand Lodge Officers 2023-2024

Office	Name	Here?
M.: W.: Grand Master	Gary A.S. LaBruyere	Present
R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master	Rick L. Holloway	Present
R.: W.: Sr. Grand Warden	N. Randall King	Present
R.: W.: Jr. Grand Warden	Clifford R. Kramer	Present
R.: W.: Grand Treasurer	G. Aurthur Shoemaker, PGM	Present
R.: W.: Grand Secretary	Steven L. Hall, PGM	Present
R.: W.: Grand Lecturer	Daniel D. Siddall	Present
W.: Sr. Grand Deacon	Daniel W. Drefs	Present
W.: Jr. Grand Deacon	Eric W. Coryell	Present
W.: Grand Marshal	Levi D. Billman	Present
W.: Sr. Grand Steward	Justin L. Boyer	Excused
W.: Jr. Grand Steward	Harold E. Bloom	Present
W.: Grand Sword Bearer	Dave G. N. Stonhill	Present
W.: Grand Pursuivant	Danny R LaVine	Present
W.: Grand Chaplain	Rev. Robert K. Perry	Present
W.: Grand Orator	Jeremy C. Vaughn	Present
W.: Grand Historian	Richard L. Rowe	Present
W.: Grand Organist	J. Sherwin Wilson	Present
W.: Grand Tyler (Acting)	Craig D. Bowles	Excused

District Deputy Grand Masters 2023-2024

First Masonic District	Walter L. Hamby	Absent
Second Masonic District	Kary A. Peterson	Absent
Third Masonic District	Darren W. Taber	Absent
Fourth Masonic District	John Boyer	Present
Fifth Masonic District	Mike A. Kish	Present
Sixth Masonic District	Chris A. Duke	Absent
Seventh Masonic District	Robert Middlebrook	Present
Eighth Masonic District	David M. Savage	Present
Ninth Masonic District	Charles K. Ford	Present
Tenth Masonic District	Darryl W. Chitwood	Absent

Lodges

Lodge Name	Lodge Number	Here?
Idaho Lodge	1	Present
Boise Lodge	2	Present
Placer Lodge	3	Present
Mt. Idaho Lodge	9	Absent
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	Present
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	Absent
Grove City Lodge	33	Present
Cataldo Lodge	34	Absent
Butte Lodge	37	Present
Mt. Moriah Lodge	39	Present
Rathdrum Lodge	41	Present
Lakeside Lodge	42	Present
Bonniers 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	Absent
Lincoln Lodge	59	Present
Oriental Lodge	60	Present
St. Maries Lodge	63	Present
Mt. McCaleb Lodge	64	Present
Burley Lodge	68	Present
Paul Lodge	77	Present
Hagerman Lodge	78	Present
Fidelity Lodge	80	Present
Ionic Lodge	82	Present
Caribou Lodge	84	Absent
Challis Lodge	92	Present
Capital City Lodge	93	Present
Kaniksu Lodge	97	Present
Initial Point Lodge	98	Present
46 Lodges total	40 present	5 absen

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

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

Flag Tribute

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Levi D. Billman, W.: Grand Marshal

Presentation of the Flags

Commandery of Knights Templar of Idaho

Pledge of Allegiance Lead by

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, M.: W.: Grand Master

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

Receptions:

Past Grand Masters

Gary A. S. Labruyere, 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

Clifford R. Kramer, R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
Gregory L. Winther	1995-1996
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
David C. Triplett	2009-2010
David "Skip" Owen.....	2010-2011
Jay A. Lenard	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
Steven O. Zimmerman	2020-2021
Russ W. Smith.....	2021-2022
H. Sherman Burger.....	2022-2023

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master, went to the floor to welcome the PGMs.

50 Year Masons

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Introduced by

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

Name	Years of Service
Greg E. Johnson	50
Brad A. Cannon.....	51
Johnny A. Willis.....	55
Mark H. Smith.....	51
Jim C. Herndon.....	60
Greg L. Winther	51
David C. Triplett.....	50
N. Randall "Randy" King.....	52
Tom Needham, PGM WY.....	
Total years	420

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master, went to the floor to welcome the Fifty-Year Masons.

Lodge Secretaries

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Introduced by

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

Name.....	Lodge	#
Bradley A. Cannon.....	Nez Perce Lodge	10
John E. Warner	Portneuf Lodge	18
Danny R. LaVine.....	Kootenai Lodge	24
Gregory N. Bosen.....	Shoshone Lodge	25
Harold "Howie" Bloom.....	Mt. Moriah Lodge	29

Richard C. Broemeling.....	Elmore Lodge	30
Richard L. Rowe.....	Twin Falls Lodge	45
Kevvin J. Henderson	Meridian Lodge	47
Wayne M. Sprouse	Kamiah Lodge	56
Russ W. Smith.....	Mt. McCaleb Lodge	64
John Boyer	Hagerman Lodge	78
Douglas J. Hammond	Challis Lodge	92
Levi D. Billman.....	Initial Point Lodge	98

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Worshipful Masters

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Introduced by:

Rick Holloway, R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge #</u>
William K. Curtis Jr	Idaho Lodge 1
Seth J. VanWassenhove	Boise Lodge 2
Jamie G. Ashbrook.....	Placer Lodge 3
Richard M. Worthington	Nez Perce Lodge 10
George E. Decker	Silver City Lodge 13
Kevin G. DeWall.....	Portneuf Lodge 18
B. Calvin Saul.....	Kootenai Lodge 24
Daniel W. Jennings.....	Washoe Lodge 28
John F. Lawicki	Elmore Lodge 30
David G.N. Stonhill.....	Grove City Lodge 33
Robert Middlebrook	Butte Lodge 37
Harold E. Bloom (Howie)	Mt Moriah Lodge 39
Danny R. LaVine.....	Rathdrum Lodge 41
Daniel L. Parkin	Lakeside Lodge 42
Robert Middlebrook	Butte Lodge 37
David L. Brannan	Meridian Lodge 47
Johnny Willis.....	Lincoln Lodge 59
Greg Johnson	Kamiah Lodge 56
Doug J. Hammond.....	Mt. McCaleb Lodge 64
Keith A. Wilson.....	Ionic Lodge 82
David E. Main	Kaniksu Lodge 97
Monte B. Bollar.....	Initial Point Lodge 98

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

District Deputy Grand Masters

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

Introduced by: Gary A.S. LaBruyere, M.: W.: Grand Master

<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>
Fourth Masonic District	John Boyer
Fifth Masonic District	Michael A. Kish
Seventh Masonic District	Robert Middlebrook
Eighth Masonic District	Davd M. Savage
Ninth Masonic District	Charles K. Ford

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:

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, 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 Dan Drefs, W.:Sr. Grand Deacon

<u>Organization / Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
Scottish Rite, of Idaho	
Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Idaho	Joseph E. Alexander
International Order of DeMolay	
Executive Officer	Chad Smith
Past Grand Master International Order of DeMolay	Steven Crane
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho	
Most Excellent Grand High Priest	Clinton "Bud" Wethered

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Idaho

Most Illustrious Grand Master

Represented by

William "Bill" Cook

Michael Keas

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Idaho

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Barry Newell

Grand Chapter of Idaho Order of Eastern Star

Grand Worthy Patron

William Vowtaw

El Korah Shrine

Potentate

Ric Bobier

Ric Bobier

Most Worshipful could you please allow me to present you with your Grand Master's Fez.

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

"Thank you very much for my Grand Masters Fez, you didn't have to do that." "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

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, 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:

Dan Drefs, W.: Senior Grand Deacon

Appointed Officers from Other Jurisdictions

Jim Bungard

W.: Senior Grand Deacon, New Mexico

John Heston

W.: Senior Grand Deacon, Montana

Eric Young

W.: Senior Grand Deacon, Oregon

Kenneth L. Briggs

W.: Junior Grand Steward, Oregon

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

"Brethren join with me in giving our visiting Appointed Grand Officers, a hearty welcome. Thank you for travelling to our Grand Lodge."

Elected Officers from Other Jurisdictions

Robin Justice

R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, New Mexico

Davied Bechtel

R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden, Nevada

Mark Strong

R.: W.: Deputy Gand Master, Oregon

Richard Varner	R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden, Oregon
Craig Sipp	M.: W.: Past Grand Master, Oregon
Roger B. Nelson Jr.	R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master, Washington
Chris Haynes	R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden, Washington
William Hubbard	R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden, Washington
Clinton Brown	R.: W.: Grand Secretary, Washington

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

"Brethren join with me in giving our visiting Elected Grand Officers, Public Grand Honorsand a hearty welcome. Thank you for the supporting our Grand Lodge Communication"

Representing their Most Worshipful Grand Masters:

Thomas G. Needham	M.:W.: Past Grand Master, Wyoming
Representing M.: W.: Grand Master, Scott Kitchner	

Most Worshipful Grand Masters:

Douglass Studer	M.: W.: Grand Master, Alaska
Machael Dale	M.:W.: Grand Master, Arizona
Mark Forester	M.: W.: Grand Master, British Columbia & Yukon
Sam Whitehead	M.:W.: Grand Master, Montana
John Ferguson	M.:W.: Grand Master, Nebraska
Steve A. Almager	M.:W.: Grand Master, New Mexico
Timothy Best	M.:W.: Grand Master, Oregon
David B. Tingey	M.:W.: Grand Master, Utah
James C. Norton Jr	M.:W.: Grand Master, Washington

Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master

"Brethren join with me in giving our Most Worshipful Grand Masters or their Representatives, Private Grand Honorsand a hearty welcome. My Brothers it has been a privilege to have travelled with yon and thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to attend our Annual Communication. You each will get a chance to speak later in the program to enlighten our Brethren." "Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master take charge of the Craft while I give my report"

Grand Master 2023-2024

Actions and Activities

2023-2024 Report of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary Alexander Sullivan La Bruyere Printed Report of the Grand Master

To the Offices and Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho and to all our visiting Brothers.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 157th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. I am humbled and honored to have served as your Grand Master during the 147th year of our Grand Lodge. This was truly a year of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Acknowledgements:

I have so many acknowledgments and grateful thanks for all the help and guidance this year. To MWPGM John Warner for appointment to fill in a spot at the Junior Grand Steward. I never expected to serve this Grand Lodge.

To the Past Grand Masters who have given encouragement and wise council all the years I have served.

To the Grand Secretary PGM Steve Hall for all the exceptional work in office, putting up with all my questions and requests for data. The physical state, order, and arrangement of the office has much improved this last year due to his efforts.

To the Grand Treasurer G. Art Shoemaker for his unsung work and efforts with the Grand Secretary to make our accounting and bookkeeping align with our actual practices and instituting controls.

To Nicko Demeter for taking care of our IT and cyber. Outstanding job brother.

To Jason Morales and Jimmy Hansen for webpage and newsletter.

To the Grand Lodge Officers for accepting your positions and the tremendous work and effort you have undertaken in support of this Grand Lodge.

To the Grand Chaplain Rev Bob Perry for his outstanding messages, tending and care of our departed Brethren's loved ones and family. Particularly for his keeping me in his prayers that I may have guidance and council from the Great Architect.

To the District Deputy Grand Masters for your commitment to the Lodges under your care.

To the Grand Lodge Committees for all the work they complete for us.

To the brothers of Eagle Rock Lodge who have provided love and support.

To Stephanie, my rock, best friend, and love. You have supported this epic journey and have never faltered in support of my efforts to serve.

Membership:

This metric is important to both the local Lodge and to the Grand Lodge. We have kept the Plus One Program started by MWPGM Steve Zimmerman going the last few years and although we did not make overall growth during this Grand Lodge year, we are very close. We adopted the membership chip to dive potential candidates to the bea Freemason.org website and it has been helpful. The membership chip was at no cost to the Grand Lodge. Four Lodges had growth. Eagle Rock #19 Plus 3, Silver City Plus 1, Kamiah #56 Plus 1. And Initial Point #98 Plus 1. Lodges with zero net losses totaled 17 with 24 Lodges reporting losses. From the chart below you can see that we have more men in the pipeline than those we lost during the last Grand Lodge year. Candidate, EA, and FC are potentially 179 members. If we can mentor, coach, and develop these men to become masons we can offset the historical losses and have a positive year.

Member Pipeline	
New Inquiry	207
Candidate	26
EA	107
FC	46
MM	2123
Plural Memberships	128
Total Membership	2251
Fifty Year Members	538
Deceased	50
Dropped NPD	49

Events 10/01/2023 to date of this report 08/19/2024	
Web Membership Inquiry	197
Petitioned	89
Degree - EA	68
Degree FC	54
Degree MM	38
Deceased	50
Dropped NPD	49
Suspended Un-Masonic Conduct	0
Expelled	0

The Tables above are generated by Grandview based upon the information reported by the Lodges and reporting from bea Freemason.org to the Grand Secretary. Grand Lodge Offices have this view (Grand Lodge Dashboard) when logging into Grand View. I directed the Grand Secretary to include screenshots of this page to be included in the Newsletter. Due to Grandview current read only limitations this page is not available to non-Grand Lodge Offices. The Dashboard is an effective tool that should be more readily available. This dashboard also permits the user to search for a brother by first or last name and obtain Telephone, email, addresses and other membership information that greatly reduces burden on the Grand Secretary in providing this information when requested.

Finances:

Finances as of the writing of this report is that no draws for 2024 have been made at this time from investments. This is a result of 2 factors. First, we did not hire a Grand Clerk. Secondly, we have closely monitored and controlled our expenditures. A draw will need to be made after the annual communication to cover the remaining outlays for the year. To better report to the brethren the Grand Treasury and Grand Secretary have established revenue and expense accounts for the Annual Communication to use this year and the following years. These have historically been passed through general accounts and historically been harder to unravel using previous accounting methods. As of this writing of this report the final FY 2023 accounting has not been

reported. In general, for FY 2023 we were under recovered and underspent. Care in calculation of Lodges assessment is critical in ensuring a balanced proposed budget and assessment. This requires that the Lodges accurately complete and timely submit returns to the Grand Secretary as this information is critical to complete this process by the March Grand Lodge Planning meeting and later submission to the Lodges.

State of Finical Audit:

As of the writing of this report we had not yet received the Audit report. The elected Grand Lodge Officers have been directed to find a new CPA and/or Firm.

State of Investments:

Investments have finally returned from the low in 2022 to previous levels. We still need to work on increasing our Endowment funds to offset the Assessment to the Lodge.

At the 156th Annual Communication after reports from Accounts/Finance and the Investment Committees were presented questions on when the investments of the Grand Lodge would be able to support significant reductions in the assessments were proffered. The response from the committee was between 3-4 million dollars total in the Relief and Endowment funds. Cost of operations has increased due to both inflationary cost of living pressure and office operations program expenditures. The need to provide a long-term funding raising program was identified to assist in increasing the Grand Lodge endowment investment funds.

Legacy Endowment Program:

Review of other North American Grand Lodges and Appendant Bodies long-term fund-raising programs identified a successful program that had been implemented in other jurisdictions and appendant bodies. Discussion with existing Grand Lodge of Idaho Officers lead to identification of the Legacy Endowment Program for the Grand Lodge of Idaho. This program is implemented at no cost to the Grand Lodge (Angel Donnor) with no future expenditures except for a nominal restock fee for each award \$20.

The corpus of the funds raised, and investment returns will be held in reserve until the Legacy Endowment Fund Investments reach \$300,000. At that time the investments returns can be drawn in accordance with the Code and Digest limits for the Endowment Fund. A fillable pdf application for the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Idaho Legacy Endowment Program can be found on the Grandview resource page. Payments of \$100 will be tracked and as each award level is reached the award will be made to the individual or Lodge. The award levels are Supporter \$500, Patron \$1000, and Benefactor \$5000. The pdf Application can be found on Grand View Resources, MM, near the bottom Grand Lodge Legacy Endowment, Legacy Endowment Application. I challenge the brothers that can support this program. I know there are 70 Brothers that can meet this challenge. The application permits \$100 payments to the Legacy Endowment Program.



Grand Lodge Office Building:

Current economic factors make the sale of the Grand Lodge Office building undesirable currently. The Grand Lodge does need to address the maintenance and upkeep. Overall, the building is sound. Future expenses for roof replacement, flooring, interior paint, and reconfiguring the layout to permit the Grand Master to have a working office need to be addressed and financed.

Appointments:

Appointments Grand Lodge Officers 2023-2024	
Senior Grand Deacon	Daniel W. Drefs
Junior Grand Deacon	Eric W. Coryell
Grand Marshall	Levi D. Billman
Senior Grand Steward	Harold E. Bloom
Junior Grand Steward	David G. Stonhill
Grand Sword Bearer	Justin L. Boyer
Grand Pursuivant	Danny R. LaVine
Grand Organist	J. Sherwin Wilson
Grand Chaplain	Rev. Robert K. Perry
Grand Orator	Jeremy C. Vaughn
Grand Historian	Richard L. Rowe
Grand Tyler	Craig D. Bowles

District Deputy Grand Masters 2023-2024

District Deputy Grand Masters 2023-2024	
District 1	Walter L. Hamby
District 2	Kary A. Peterson
District 3	Darren W. Taber
District 4	John Boyer
District 5	Michael A. Kish
District 6	Christopher A. Duke
District 7	Robert Middlebrook
District 8	David M. Savage
District 9	Charles K. Ford
District 10*	*Nathaniel S. Bendel
*Replacement Appointment (Reason Demit from Fraternity)	
District 10*	Darryl W. Chitwood

Section 401 – Standing Committee Appointments 2023-2024

(1) Jurisprudence	
Chairman (1 year)	John Warner
Member (2 year)	*Brent P. Leatherman Replaced Michael Royce
Member (3 year)	D. Arthur Bush
Senior Grand Warden (non-Voting)	N. Randall King
Junior Grand Deacon (Non-Voting)	Eric W. Coryell

(2) Appeals and Grievances	
Chairman (1 year)	Joseph E. Alexander
Member (2 year)	Daniel William Jennings
Member (3 year)	Jeremy C. Vaughn
Junior Grand Deacon (Non-Voting)	Eric W. Coryell

Grand Warden Marshal (Non-Voting)	Levi D. Billman
Senior Grand Steward (non-Voting)	Harold E. Bloom
Grand Sword Bearer (Non-Voting)	Justin L. Boyer

(3) Accounts and Finances	
Chairman (1 year)	Robert W. Swofford
Member (2 year)	Justin L. Boyer
Member (3 year)	Danny R. LaVine
Deputy Grand Master (Non-Voting)	Rick L. Holloway
Senior Grand Warden (Non-Voting)	N. Randall King
Junior Grand Warden (Non-Voting)	Clifford R. Kramer
Grand Treasurer (Non-Voting)	G. Arthur Shoemaker
Grand Secretary (Non-Voting)	Steven L. Hall

(4) Fraternal Relations	
Chairman (1 year)	David A. Grindle
Member (2 year)	Michael E. Keas
Member (3 year)	Bart D. Casey
Senior Grand Steward (Non-Voting)	Harold E. Bloom
Junior Grand Steward	David G. Stonhill
Grand Pursuivant (Non-Voting)	Danny R. LaVine

(5) Masonic Research and Education	
Chairman (1 year)	Danny R. LaVine
Member (2 year)	Nico Demeter
Member (3 year)	Clifford R. Kramer
Master of the Lodge of Research	Eric W. Coryell
Junior Grand Warden (Non-Voting)	Clifford R. Kramer
Senior Grand Deacon (Non-Voting)	Daniel W. Drefs

(6) Masonic Temple Preservation	
Chairman (1 year)	Michael Keeton
Member (2 year)	James E. Grant
Member (3 year)	Goerge Decker
Master of Historic Lodge	Steven L. Hall
Junior Grand Deacon (Non-Voting)	Eric W. Coryell
Grand Sword Bearer (Non-Voting)	Justin L. Boyer

Board of Custodians of the Work	
1 Year Term	James V. Voyles
2 Year Term	William K. Curtis Jr.
3 Year Term	James C. Herndon
4 Year Term	Steven L. Hall
5 Year Term	Steven O. Zimmerman
6 Year Term	Russ W. Smith
7 Year Term	H. Sherman Burger III

Section 402 – Session Committee Appointments 2023-2024

General Arrangements	
Chairman	Danny R. LaVine
Member	Charles K. Ford
Members	Rathdrum Lodge #41
Members	Kootenai #24

Section 403 – Special Committee Appointments 2023-2024

Youth Committee	
Chairman (1 year)	Jimmy Hansen
Member (2 year)	Christopher A. Duke
Member (3 year)	George Decker
DeMolay	Chad Smith
Job's Daughters	Bryan L. Clayton
Rainbow for Girls	Wil Votaw
Youth Scholarship	Harold E. Bloom
Junior Grand Steward (Non-Voting)	David G. Stonhill
Grand Pursuivant (Non-Voting)	Danny R. LaVine

Relief Committee	
Chairman (1 year)	William Votaw
Member (2 year)	Mike Gallina
Member (3 year)	James Herndon
Grand Master (Non-Voting)	Gary La Bruyere
Grand Treasurer (Ex Officio with Vote)	G. Arthur Shoemaker
Grand Secretary (Ex Officio with Vote)	Steven L. Hall

Section 504 – Trustees of the Grand Lodge Relief Fund (Investment Committee)	
Chairman (1 year)	Greg Kimberling
Member (2 year)	John Irving
Member (3 year)	Monte Bollar
Grand Master (Non-Voting)	Gary La Bruyere
Senior Grand Warden (Non-Voting)	N. Randall King
Grand Marshal (Non-Voting)	Levi D. Billman
Grand Treasurer (Ex Officio Member with Vote)	G. Arthur Shoemaker
Grand Secretary (Ex Officio Member with Vote)	Steven L. Hall

Dispensations:

#1 Fidelity #80 request to move a stated meeting from October 17, 2023, to October 18, 2023, to align with the MWGM visit to save time, utilities, and reduce travel. Granted for good of the order. 09/29/2023

#2 Paradise #17 move the District 8 Fall communication to the Latah County Fairground on Saturday October 7, 2023 after the dedication of the Public Building dedication of the Paradise Pavilion. Granted 10/02/2023

#3 Cataldo #34 Election out of time on November 8, 2023, due to not being able to meet quorum on November 1, 2024. Granted 11/06/2023

#4 Hailey #16 Unable to meet quorum on November 14, 2023, stated meeting. Election out of time to be held November 21, 2023. Granted 11/19/2023

#5 Mt. Moriah #39 To hold installation of officer on January 2, 2024. Reason for installation date is due to incoming Worshipful Master being sick with Covid for last three weeks. As of December 29, 2023. Incoming Worshipful Master is still sick. Granted for good of the order 12/30/2023.

#6 Placer #3 to hold a called communication on February 10, 2024, at Placerville Lodge. Members voted and agreed on 01/06/2024 Stated Meeting. Granted 01/17/2024

#7 Elmore #30 Wavier of 6-month residency for Air Force Service Member. Granted 02/04/2024

#8 Rathdrum #41 Election out of time to replace a Lodge Secretary. Granted for good of the order 04/21/2024.

#9 Capital City #93 Withdrawn by Lodge

#10/11 Eagle Rock #19 Confer a Third Degree in Bannack Montana. Obtained approved dispensations from Idaho and Montana with stipulations. Granted 05/18/2024.

#12 Silver City #13 Annual Reunion change of place to Curtis Park Caldwell Idaho July 13, 2023. Granted 06/18/2024

#13 Challis Lodge #92 Install out of time due to Junior Warden out of state since his election. Granted 06/18/2024.

#14 Elmore #30 Medical deviation in 2nd Section 3rd Degree for medical reasons. Granted for good of the order 07/10/2024.

Bylaws Approved:

Spirit Lake #57 November 30, 2023, Article III Section I The Stated Communications of this Lodge shall be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 7:00 PM, except during the months of January and February when no Stated Communications will be held.

Ionic #82 December 23, 2023, Article III Section 1. Ionic Lodge #82 will be open year-round for stated communications on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. There will be NO in the dark period for Ionic #82.

Rathdrum #41 February 9, 2024, Article X Section 1 The Worshipful Master and the wardens shall constitute a Relief Committee and shall have the power to draw upon the Treasure for any sum, not in excess of twenty-five dollars at any one time, for the relief of a distressed worthy brother, his wife, widow, or orphans. All draws upon the Treasurer made by the Relief Committee shall be reported at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge. Article III Section 1 The Stated Communications of this lodge shall be held on the second Thursday of each month, except July and August, beginning at 7PM.

Eagle Rock #19 February 9, 2024, Article VI Section 1 The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all proceeding proper to be written; shall transmit a copy to the Grand Lodge when required; shall keep a separate account for each member of the Lodge; shall at the first Stated Meeting in December of each year, report the names of the members who have not paid their dues for the previous year; shall, when required, present a general statement of the condition of the Lodge; shall receive all monies due the Lodge and pay the same to the Treasurer and shall perform such other duties as the Lodge may direct. Article X Section 6 The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a Budget Committee, whose duty it shall be to document a budget with financial income and expenditures planned for expected to be incurred during the term of the committee members. This budget shall be presented to the Lodge as soon as practicable after the audit of the Treasurer's records, but in no case later than the final communication in February. The budget after presentation and review with the Lodge shall be concurred with by those voting members present. The budget is intended for financial planning purposes only, and as such only requires concurrence by the membership, no be held as authorizing financial transactions during the year, all preceding Article X sections stay the same. Article IX Section 1. The annual dues of each member of this Lodge which is subject to the payment of dues shall be calculated as \$100, adjusted annually based on the SSA COLA and rounded to the nearest whole dollar beginning in 2024, plus the Grand Lodge per capita dues. Payable in advance.

Kamiah #56 February 23, 2024, Stated Meetings to be on the first Tuesday of every month at 1300 and be dark in the months of June, July and August. Lodge dues to be as follows: per capita of the Grand Lodge plus \$20.00. This will go into effect for the 2025 dues year.

Mt. Idaho #9 March 12, 2024, Article 3 Section 1, Mt. Idaho #9 will be dark July and August of watch year.

Bylaws not approved:

Meridian Lodge #47 March 21, 2024, due to improper retroactive effective date of February 13, 2024 stated on Form 35 (6/99) prior to receipt by the Grand Master and conflict to Masonic Code on the dues/assessment structures stating how/how not members were subject to Grand Lodge Assessment. Lodges are subject to assessment not members. This was reviewed with Jurisprudence.

Masonic Travel:

09/28/2023 Amaranth Grand Court of Idaho Boise Idaho
10/04/2023 9th District Cataldo #34 Cataldo Idaho
10/05/2023 Scottish Rite, Hayden Idaho
10/06/2023 10th District Rathdrum 41, Rathdrum Idaho
10/07/2023 8th District Meeting Paradise #17 District Fair Grounds Moscow Idaho
10/16/2023 2nd District Meeting Portneuf #18 Pocatello Idaho
10/17/2023 1st District Meeting Challis #92 Challis Idaho
10/18/2023 4th District Meeting Fidelity #80 Glens Ferry Idaho
10/23/2023 6th District Meeting Silver City #13 Homedale Idaho
10/24/2023 7th District Meeting Butte #37 Emmett Idaho
10/25/2023 5th District Meeting Capital City #93, Boise Idaho
10/26/2023 3rd District Meeting Paul #77, Paul Idaho
10/28/2023 DeMolay Initiation/Scottish Rite Honors/ DeMolay LOH Boise Idaho
11/12/2023 – 11/15/2023 Grand Lodge of Nevada Las Vegas Nevada
12/02/2023 - Tri-Valley York Rite Collage, HRAKTP, St. Michales Red Cross of Constatine.
12/04/2023 – 12/09/2023 Grand Lodge of Paraguay
01/25/2023 – 01/27/2023 Grand Lodge of Colorado Grand Junction Colorado
02/01/2024 - 02/04/2024 Grand Lodge of Utah Salt Lake City Utah
02/16/2024 – 02/21/2024 Conference OF Grand Masters North America Seattle Washington
03/14/2024 – 03/17/2024 Grand Lodge of New Mexico Inn of the Mountain Gods Mescalero New Mexico
03/28/2023 – 03/31/2023 Idaho DeMolay Conclave Post Falls Idaho
04/02/2024 Lodge #2 Philadelphia Pennsylvania
04/04/2024 – 04/07/2024 Scottish Rite Membership Salt Lake City Utah
04/17/2024 – 04/21/2024 Idaho Grand York Rite Burley Idaho
05/30/2024 – 06/03/2024 Idaho Night James Husted/Fiat Lux Lodge New Tork City
06/04/2024 – 06/08/2024 Grand Lodge of Oregon Pendelton Oregon
06/09/2024 Idaho Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Burley Idaho
06/13/2024 – 06/16/2024 Grand Lodge of Washington Wenatchee Washington
06/20/2024 and 06/22/2024 Idaho Jobie's Daughters Burley Idaho
06/27/2024 – 06/29/2024 Grand Lodge of Montana Helena Montana
06/30/2024 – 07/04/2024 Imperial Shrine Reno Nevada
07/11/2024 Washington Idaho Rainbow for Girls Yakama Washington/2024
07/18/2024 – 07-20/2024 Rocky Mountain Conference Casper Wyoming
08/02/2024 DeMolay Idaho Oregon Pendelton Oregon
08/11/2024 – 08/13/2024 Grand Lodge of Wyoming Casper Wyoming
09/06/2024 – Saber Lodge Picnic Mountain Hime Idaho
09/07/2024 Armed Forces Appreciation Day Mountain Home Idaho
09/18/2024 – 09/21/2024 Grand Lodge of Idaho Post Falls Idaho

Represented at Communications:

RWDGM Rick Hollaway represented the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho in my absence at the Grand Lodge of California on and Grand Lodge of Alaska

MWPGM Steve Zimmerman represented the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho in my absence at the Grand Lodge of Arizona and Nebraska.

MWPGM H. Sherman Burger III represented the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho in my absence at the Grand Lodge of Hawaii.

Special Communications: Public Building Dedications:

10/07/2023 Paradise Pavilion Public Building Dedication Moscow Idaho

08/06/2024 Adams County Health Center Council Idaho

Fraternally Submitted,

Gary Alexander Sullivan La Bruyere

MWGM Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Idaho 2023-2024

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

Deputy Grand Master, Rick L. Holloway

"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, all opposed same sign. Motion passes"

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"R.:W.: Grand Treasurer, we will hear your report at this time."

06, R.:W.: Grand Treasurer

G. Arthur Shoemaker, PGM

Grand Treasurer Report 2023-2024

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho
The Grand Treasurer duties and responsibilities are outlined in Section 305 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest. While completing these tasks as acting Grand Treasurer I have worked primarily with Brother Steve Hall, RW Grand Secretary and served on all the committees assigned to me as RW Grand Treasurer.

All monies have been received from the Grand Secretary, my receipt has been given and monies paid out in accordance with the approved budget in dual control with the RW 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 regularly to ensure the bills are paid and deposits are timely made. We also have frequent discussions concerning the finances of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge checking and money market accounts are with D.L. Evans Bank and the Grand Lodge Permanent Relief, Interest Relief and Endowment accounts funds are invested with Wells Fargo Financial Advisors.

Refer to the following reports for additional specifics:

Current Budget vs Actual, as of July 31, 2024

Trustees of Grand Lodge Relief Fund Committee Report

During the period from Oct 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024:

- \$2,155.50 was deposited into the Permanent Relief Account. This included a \$1,000.00 donation and \$1,055.50 from the \$0.50 per member per capita assessment. The Permanent Relief Account as July 31, 2024 is \$424,654.00
- \$2,473.00 was deposited into the Endowment Account. This included \$373.00 collected at the 2023 GL Memorial Service and \$2,111.00 from the \$1.00 per member per capita assessment. Endowment Fund Account principal as of July 31, 2024 is \$284,425.00.
- During the 2023-2024 Grand Lodge year MWGM Gary established a Legacy Endowment program and a donation of \$5,000.00 was received. These funds were invested in the Wells Fargo Endowment Account

Conclusion: I would like to thank the Brethren for the trust and confidence shown in electing me to the office of RW Grand Treasurer for 2023-2024. Grand Secretary & Grand Clerk for all of 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 Gary A.S. LaBruyere and the Grand Lodge Officers. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as "Your" RW Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally Submitted,

G. Arthur Shoemaker

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"The motion to receive the Grand Treasurers Report and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts and Finances has been seconded, is there any discussion. All in favor vote by raise hands, all opposed same sign; Motion Passes." "R.:W.: Grand Secretary, will you please give your report?"

07, R.:W.: Grand Secretary

Steven L. Hall, PGM

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY 2023-2024

(Referred to the Committees of Jurisprudence and Accounts and Finances)

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Idaho:

It is with great respect and humility that I submit this report, marking the completion of my first year as Grand Secretary, a role I was elected to at the 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho. The past year has been a period of both challenge and growth, and it is my sincere hope that I have served the members of this Grand Lodge with honor and dedication. It is a privilege to provide this update on the recent developments and the collaborative efforts that have been made to ensure the effective operation of our Grand Lodge office.

Throughout the year, we have made commendable progress in several areas, while in others, we have maintained the status quo. There remains significant work to be done to enhance the efficiency of the Grand Lodge Office. Now that both Brother Art and I have observed all the processes over the course of a year, we are in a better position to identify which processes need improvement and which are functioning well.

I must again emphasize the complexity of the tasks performed within the Grand Lodge Office. Many of these responsibilities are unique and are only carried out once annually. Mastery of these duties often requires hands-on experience within the office. Despite the challenges, our combined efforts have allowed us to maintain the smooth functioning of the Grand Lodge, ensuring that we have arrived at this Grand Session with our obligations fulfilled.

In my commitment to the success of this office, I have continued to work long hours, even when external commitments have required me to be away from the office. During those times, I remained steadfast in fulfilling the responsibilities of the Grand Secretary's office remotely. MWB Art and I are fully dedicated to ensuring that the Grand Lodge office continues to operate within the parameters set forth by the Grand Lodge Code and Digest, and to continuously improving our processes.

I wish to convey once more the magnitude and diversity of the workload handled by this office. The role of Grand Secretary is indeed a 24/7 commitment. The office serves as the central hub for all communications and inquiries from other Grand Jurisdictions and plays an integral role in supporting the operational needs of both the Grand Lodge and our individual Lodges.

The duties and responsibilities of the Grand Secretary are outlined in Section 306 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest. In fulfilling these tasks, I have worked closely with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers (both Elected and Appointed), Lodge Secretaries, Past Grand Masters, and all the committees to which I have been assigned. Additionally, I would like to highlight the invaluable contributions of the following individuals:

- Brother Eric Coryell for his volunteer work in conducting an inventory of the Grand Lodge Office.
- Brother Jason Morales for his ongoing assistance with Grand Lodge registration.
- Brother Nicko Demeter for maintaining the Grand Lodge website and for his instrumental role in creating the online registration platform after the update to Constant Contact, which required a complete overhaul of our registration system. His tireless efforts also extended to improving the credit card payment process to facilitate easier registration for the Brethren.
- Brother Art Shoemaker, Grand Treasurer, for his countless hours spent updating our accounting processes and managing the Prepaid Life accounts.

For Transactions September 2023 through May 26, 2024.

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

Finances

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

Current spending for 2023-2024 year is in the Budget vs. Actual Report, will be reported by the Grand Treasurer in his report.

Monthly financial reports have been prepared and sent to the Accounts and Finance Committee and the Elected Grand Lodge Officers.

Monthly investment reports have been received from Wells Fargo Advisors and summary reports have been prepared and sent to the Investment Committee, Relief Committee, Pre-paid Life Committee and the Grand Lodge Officers.

The financial records for the Fiscal Year 2023 have been closed and a Financial Audit has been performed by Tarter & Associates, PA. The reports were reviewed in the Grand Lodge Planning meeting in March. And a copy of these reports has been given to the Accounts & Finance Committee for their review.

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

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

Please remember to file you 990 form every year!

Proceedings

In accordance with Regulation No. 52 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest, the 2023 Proceedings for the 156th Annual Communication have been prepared, printed, and distributed to each Lodge, each Grand Lodge Officer, each District Deputy Grand Master, each Past Grand Master and 10 copies to be stored in the fireproof safe in the Grand Lodge Office. A copy is also put on in Grandview and copy sent to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial to be placed on their web site.

Abstract of the 156th Annual Communication

In accordance with Regulation No. 53 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest, the Abstract of the 156th Annual Communication has been sent to all the Lodges in hard copy format to the Secretary of the Lodge on record. It is currently available, in electronic format, on in Grandview in "Resources".

George Washington Masonic National Association

In accordance with Regulation No. 61 of our Idaho Masonic Code and Digest, the Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho contributes one dollar (\$1.00) for each dues paying member of this jurisdiction to the George Washington Masonic National Association. The funding shall come from the Interest Relief Fund. The 2023 budget amount for the George Washington Masonic Memorial was set at \$2,856.00. A check for \$2,332.00 (\$1.00 x 2,332 members) was handed to the George Washington Masonic Memorial representative at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, by Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary A. S. LaBruyere

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

Masonic Service Association

The Grand Lodge of Idaho contributed to the Masonic Service Association, according to the budget of \$250.00. A check was made out in that amount and Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary A. S. LaBruyere handed it to the Masonic Service Association representative at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America.

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

Maintain Membership Records

In Accordance with Section 306 paragraph 9 the Grand Lodge and Lodges are maintaining the Memberships individual records in the Grand View Membership Management Software. All Lodge Secretaries have update/manage capabilities for their members. Masters / District Deputy Grand Master can review capabilities of their lodge /district membership.

All Members in Idaho have access to the Grandview Membership Manager system and can update and maintain their own Profile data. i.e., picture, address, phone number, email address. How to Sign into the

Grand View Membership Manager software has been sent to each lodge. The Lodge secretaries are to disseminate that information to all the members.

Log in and see all the things that you have available to you as a member of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Reports from the Lodges.

Idaho Masonic Code & Digest regarding Monthly and Annual Returns:

Section 1104. Returns, Monthly and Annual.

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

These reports were turned in by the lodge Secretaries through Grand View Reporting,

Section 1104. Returns, Monthly and Annual.

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

Annual Returns for 2023	
(January 1 st , 2023 to December 31 st , 2023)	
Members as of 01/01/2023	2,313
Initiated.....	71
Passed	36
Raised.....	37
Affiliated	32
Reinstated.....	12
Restored.....	0
Omitted in Past	32
Expelled.....	0
Suspended Dropped	41
Died.....	92
Demitted Withdrawn.....	48
<u>Corrections from Previous Year.....</u>	<u>1</u>
Members as of 12/31/2023	2,228
<u>Minus 50-Year Members</u>	<u>513</u>
TNM	1,819

Net loss (2,313 – 2,228) = 85 members

Note: TNM = Total Grand Lodge Assessment paying members

Interesting Facts from Annual Reports:

Degrees	
Initiated.....	71
Passed	36
<u>Raised.....</u>	<u>37</u>
Total # of Degrees.....	144

Lodges

Positive growth	4
Negative growth	21
Neutral	20

Dues

Highest Dues	\$240.00
Lowest Dues	\$12.00

Degree Fees

Highest	\$300.00
Lowest	\$60.00

Certificates Issued this year:

WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S FULL CERTIFICATE

August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024

Total of 3

Kevin G. DeWall	Worshipful Masters Full Certificate	10/03/2023
Randy L. Berg	Worshipful Masters Full Certificate	10/03/2023

WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S LIMITED CERTIFICATE

August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024

Total of 8

Raymond R. Liercke	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	7/3/2024
Elsworth E. Barrington	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	5/29/2024
Trevor T Thueson	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	4/25/2024
Keith A. Wilson	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	11/6/2023
Seth J. VanWassenhove	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	11/02/2023
Jammie G. Ashbrook	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	10/29/2023
Steven B. Siebers	Limited Worshipful Master Certificate	8/9/2023

WARDEN'S CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024

Total of 11

Beau T. Aguilar	Warden Certificate	6/19/2024
Bryce Baker	Warden Certificate	6/11/2024
Craig K. Clausen	Warden Certificate	5/13/2024
Nathaniel P.D. Brown	Warden Certificate	11/10/2023
Kristopher White	Warden Certificate	11/6/2023
Shawn L. Smith	Warden Certificate	11/1/2023
Gregory A. Voetsch Jr.	Warden Certificate	10/24/2023
William M. Keeley	Warden Certificate	10/17/2023
Joel T. Johnson	Warden Certificate	9/26/2023
Clinton J. Ransdell	Warden Certificate	9/8/2023
Timothy S. Evans	Warden Certificate	9/6/2023

(New) FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES

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Name	Lodge
(new) FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES	
Thomas V. Kraft	Idaho Lodge 1
A. Stanton Tollinger	Idaho Lodge 1
J. Charles Blanton	Boise 2
Harlow W. Kibbey	Boise 2
William Elmer Bedal	Placer Lodge 3
James Edward Grant	Placer Lodge 3
John E. Roy	Mt. Idaho Lodge 9
C. Dale Bloom	Nez Perce Lodge 10
Tommy F. Luce	Lemhi Lodge 11
Larry R. Downs	Silver City Lodge 13
Terry L. Huff	Silver City Lodge 13
Russ L. Graves	Paradise Lodge 17
Wade M. Hampton	Paradise Lodge 17
Gregory E. Johnson	Paradise Lodge 17
Lawrence L. Calkins	Richfield Lodge 21
Delmer G. Hardy	Richfield Lodge 21
Larry E. Cook	Kootenai Lodge 24
Michael Burton McFarland	Kootenai Lodge 24
Jack L. Nelson	Kootenai Lodge 24
Lonny E. Woodbury	Kootenai Lodge 24
Robert A. Davidson	Washoe 28
A. Bruce Cleveland	Butte Lodge 37
Richard Alan Bennett	Butte Lodge 37
Brent G. Andrae	Mt. Moriah Lodge 39
Darrell W. Kerby	Bonniers Ferry Lodge 43
Bruce W. Whittaker	Bonniers Ferry Lodge 43
David H. Annis	Twin Falls Lodge 45
Robert E. Newbry	Twin Falls Lodge 45
Douglas D. Scott	Twin Falls Lodge 45
G. Joseph Corlett	Oriental Lodge 60
Robert F. Diers	Mt. McCaleb Lodge 64
Stephen L. Cutler	Challis Lodge 92
John M. Henness	Challis Lodge 92
David M. Combs	Capital City Lodge 93
David A. Grindle	Capital City Lodge 93
Vernon E. Patrick	Capital City Lodge 93
David C. Triplett	Capital City Lodge 93
Michael C. Provost	Kaniksu Lodge 97

CONFERENCES AND VISITATIONS

Attended:

Conference of Grand Secretary in North America held in, Seattle Washington

3rd Degree Exemplification, Pocatello, Idaho

Grand Lodge Planning Meetings in March, Pocatello, Idaho

Attended the Grand Lodge of Oregon.
Attended the Grand Lodge of Utah.
Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference
Adams County Medical Center Dedication

Grand Lodge Newsletter

The Grand Lodge continues to publish the Grand Lodge Newsletter on a weekly basis. I would like to thank Jason Morales and James Hansen for all work they have done in putting the newsletter together each week and now Bi-monthly. I would like to thank all the Lodges who have sent articles, emails, and Lodge Trestle boards to the Grand Lodge Office to be published in this newsletter. Also, to the Grand Lodge Officers for their articles and to the Concordant/Appendant bodies which have submitted articles.

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

In Conclusion:

It has been an honor to serve the members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho, the M.:W.: Grand Master Gary A. S. LaBruyere, and all the Grand Lodge Officers of this esteemed jurisdiction. As we convene for the 157th 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.

I deeply appreciate the friendship and hospitality that has been extended to me throughout the past year. I have made it a priority to visit as many Lodges as possible. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the Lodge Secretaries for their hard work and understanding over the past year.

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

Fraternally Submitted,

Steven L. Hall. PGM
R.:W.: Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Idaho

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"The motion to receive the Grand Secretary's Report and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts and Finances has been seconded, is there any discussion. All in favor vote by raise hands, all opposed same sign; Motion Passes." "Thank you, Grand Secretary, for putting up with me" "I will accept motions to approve preprinted reports." "Brother Grand Secretary, please read the proceedings from our last communication."

Approval of the 156th Annual Communication Proceedings

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

"MWGM, I move that the Proceedings of the 156th Annual Communication be accepted as printed and distributed to the lodges and posted on the website."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"The motion that the Proceedings of the 156th Annual Communication be accepted as printed and distributed to the lodges and posted on the website has been seconded, is there any discussion. All in favor vote by raise hands, all opposed same sign; Motion Passes." "Brother Grand Secretary, are there any preprinted reports for this communication."

Approval of the Printed Committee Reports

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

"MWGM, 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."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"The motion that the committee reports be accepted as printed and distributed in the advance proceedings except, Standing Committee Reports required to be read in Grand Lodge has been seconded, is there any discussion. All in favor vote by raise hands, all opposed same sign; Motion Passes."

Approval of the Grand Lodge Officers Reports

R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, Rick L. Holloway

"MWGM. I move that the Grand Lodge Officers' Reports, except the M.: W.: Grand Master, R.: W.: Grand Secretary, and R.: W.: Grand Treasurer, be accepted as printed and distributed in the advance proceedings."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"The motion to receive the Grand Lodge Officers' Reports, except the M.: W.: Grand Master, R.: W.: Grand Secretary, and R.: W.: Grand Treasurer, be accepted as printed and distributed in the advance proceedings has been seconded, is there any discussion. All in favor vote by raise hands, all opposed same sign; Motion Passes." "So, we are cooking right along, Brother Grand Orator is the oration ready? (yes) Grand Orator, will you provide the oration."

Grand Orator Report.

11, W.: Grand Orator

Jeremy C. Vaughn

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored Visitors, Brothers All – Greetings!

This is the third time I've had the privilege to address this Grand Lodge as the Grand Orator. My dear Brother Barry Newell suggested to me that such a feat is probably a record. I'm not certain whether I should take it as a compliment that three Grand Masters had confidence in my ability for this role, whether it's just blind luck that the most recent two forgot how I performed a decade ago, or whether they figured I could cause less trouble here than I usually cause when unrestrained by the purple and gold apron.

This is the first oration that I have given during the Grand Lodge session. In prior years, this speech was given at the banquet on Friday evening. Grand Master LaBruyere wished to try something new this year, so those of you who were hoping to miss the speech by skipping the banquet, well, you lost that gambit.

At first blush, it seemed that the change of venue might lend itself to a different oration than those of past years. I considered whether the change permitted me to go into some more esoteric topic than that available in mixed company, but the reality is that the oration is printed in the proceedings, which are available publicly, so in reality, the restraints remain largely the same.

The two prior orations began with a recitation of the process used to craft those speeches, and in all fairness, the same process was employed this year, and this oration starts similarly. I began by reading a couple more decades of prior orations, looking for themes or inspiration. As I noted before, the pedigree of prior orators is quite impressive, ranging from ranchers to a former governor of Idaho to accomplished artisans. The more I read, the less I was inspired with something new to say. Speeches about George Washington occupied about twenty to thirty percent of the prior orations I read; I doubted there was new ground available to plow in that field in such a limited forum. Biographies of other famous Masons were another common theme. In fact, in several years, it was difficult to find a difference between the outcome of the Grand Orator's work and that of the Grand Historian.

In prior terms, inspiration came early in the Masonic year. For the first one, Grand Master Triplett's theme of "Tell Your Story" provided my trestle board for a design. Last year, Grand Master Burger's lapel pin provided the foundation to build upon. The challenge, really, was that when I sat down to work on this oration, I kept coming back to the common elements of those two prior orations. And while I still stand by my prior words, frankly, I didn't want to simply rehash those thoughts; instead, I wanted to try to say something a little different. After all, I have a third chance to try to get it right.

Reading proceedings for several decades yields some interesting revelations. I'm blessed to have a personal library of Grand Lodge proceedings going back about 110 years or so, but I will forever be grateful that we, as a Grand Lodge, saw the wisdom in investing in the Masonic Digital Archives Project at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. That resource permits one to quickly review the history of our fraternity in this great state and reforge our links to our past. All much easier than pulling individual dusty volumes off the shelf. There's really now no excuse for a brother, particularly those in leadership roles, whether in their lodge or the Grand Lodge, to not study the past and learn from the brethren who have preceded us. Much can be learned from our history and the words of our Masonic forefathers.

As I read the proceedings, I note that, as Yogi Berra said, it's déjà vu all over again. The Grand Lodge of Idaho has been in existence for a bit more than 150 years, and every year there has been a Grand Lodge communication of some sort, and each has a printed proceeding. No surprises there. But what is surprising is how many of them are basically the same; in other words, the challenges, the opportunities, and the responses to each, have been largely the same for a century.

What do I mean? We've been lamenting the lack of engagement in our lodges and among our members since time immemorial. Grand Masters for decades have been asking why more men aren't active in their lodges, why more brothers aren't doing the work to be Master of their lodge, and why voting delegates aren't attending the annual communication.

We've been debating the necessity of the Masters Certificate and the need to make it easier to be in the chair. And we've swung back and forth on the shifting sands of what is the right approach to ritual work in general. In the 1920s and 30s, this Grand Lodge was debating a plan to make the Grand Lecturer a full-time paid position, with a travel budget, to ensure that he could go around the state to ensure ritual excellence in all our lodges. Imagine what the per capita would need to be today to undertake such a program. Yet such was the importance of ritual excellence and ensuring that each lodge had the ability to perfect its craft, that this was being explored

by this Grand Lodge in earnest during one of the worst economic periods in American history. At other times, we have been considering various proposals to eliminate requirements for certificates or to permit ritual work to be simply read to candidates.

The build up to the creation of the Secondary Worshipful Masters Certificate was interesting. Various ideas were proposed for well over a decade, generally meeting with much resistance at this communication. The common theme was that this would yield more members able and willing to be master of their lodge. Statistically, for the ten or so years prior to the eventual adoption of the change in 1991, 2/1000 of a percent of the membership of Idaho earned a certificate. In 1970, it was 3/1000 of a percent of the members. In the ten years after the enactment of the change, the percentage hit 4/1000 of a percent three times, but the rest of the years, it was the same 2/1000 or 3/1000 of a percent. In 2012, back to 2/1000 of a percent, as it was in 2022. I'll let you draw your own conclusions on whether the change yielded a positive outcome. My point, rather, is that it is interesting that the more things change, the more they stay the same. We're still debating the propriety and necessity of the certificates today, as our forefathers were fifty years ago.

In 1970, we had 13,475 members reported in the Grand Lodge, so that 3/1000 of a percent was 39 certificates. By 1991, we were at 8,168 members with 14 certificates; the next year, with both certificates available, the 7,917 members earned 26 certificates. Our 2,448 members earned six certificates in 2022, only one of which was a full certificate. The certificates earned stays statistically in line with the trajectory of our membership.

A more concerning data point is found in the returns of lodges. For many years, the report contained data on how many lodges conferred degrees that year, including which lodges conferred the most degrees that year.

Some years in the 1970s, there were lodges still conferring sixty-plus degrees a year. But the alarming part was the report on how many lodges conferred no degrees during the preceding year. When that data point was still being reported, it was becoming more common that more lodges were not conferring degrees than were conferring degrees. We are all too familiar with what happens to lodges when they are not conferring degrees for years at a time. Unfortunately, even though this data point hasn't been a part of the report for several years, I surmise that it hasn't gotten better given our membership trends.

So why the doom and gloom history report? For two reasons. One, I am a firm believer that you cannot change your path unless you understand where you came from. Two, I am also certain that we can learn a lot from studying and understanding the comments and proposals from the past. In many respects, the new ideas of today are the old ideas of a decade ago. Moreover, the history review informs us that the challenges and lamentations of today are the same as those of yesterday.

I believe that on many things, we need to get back to basics to change the future of this fraternity in Idaho in a positive way. In my opinion, the necessary efforts to change our path are focused on three areas.

The first is membership. This is no surprise to anyone, but we need opportunities to initiate new members into our lodges. With less than 2,200 Masons left in the Grand Lodge of Idaho, we are at a critical juncture on whether Freemasonry survives, or even exists, in Idaho. I doubt that anyone would state that their lodge is big enough or that they have enough active members. We must redouble our efforts to increase the ranks. Tools like the BeAFreemason.Org website and social media have brought a lot of new men to the portal and given them an opportunity to find us. We must be even better at following up on those leads. But even more critical than that is that we must exponentially increase our efforts to help our communities, and their members, to know we exist. Too many lodges are invisible to their community because they do little to nothing outside of their own meeting room. You can get a lot of visibility from a simple group meetup at a local restaurant or hosting a booth or game at a community event. Too many have buildings that look abandoned due to neglect and disrepair. My own lodge's building was in that condition for years. We're currently working hard to change that, and in turn, it is drawing positive attention back to the building and the fraternity it houses. I am excited to see what it will do when the new coat of paint is on and the new sign goes up.

No one needs to invent a membership program. Hundreds exist; countless ones are shared in our own proceedings, and even more are to be found in the resources available from our sister jurisdictions and affiliated orders. We simply need to use them. And be visible.

We also need to keep our members. For many years, our raisings keep pace with covering for our losses from deaths. Since none of us can control that variable, we must simply accept that we're going to lose members to that undiscovered country. But we lose far more of our membership to demits and dues suspensions. This means we have a member who is not engaged in his lodge, or maybe whose lodge wasn't engaged with him. We must undertake efforts to know our members and ensure that we are both working to be engaged with each other – lodge and brother. An active and engaged brother seldom voluntarily walks away from his lodge.

In my mind, one particularly important key to membership success is the second area – our ritual. Quite simply, every lodge owes it to every petitioner to put on the best degrees possible for him. The initiation process is meant to be a personally transformative experience. None of us have to be Oscar winning actors. But we must be proficient. Not everyone is a ritualist, I understand that. But the ritual unites us and is what creates the essence of Masonry which distinguishes us from other social and fraternal pursuits, and that common tie starts the development of our bonds as brothers. Certainly, some brothers will be drawn to ritual work and will be dynamic presenters able to do most, if not all, of the parts in our ceremonies. But other equally important

brothers will do one or two parts, however, modest, incredibly well. It takes both in a lodge, and it takes all of us in a lodge to play a part, so to speak.

Ritual competency matters. This Grand Lodge used to host ritual competitions at the annual communications. There were district ritual competitions at one time. As noted earlier, we contemplated a paid full-time Grand Lecturer. None of these exist anymore. I submit that we must implement methods, whether new ideas or old, to instill ritual excellence and ensure that each lodge has access to those who can ably perform the work so that each petitioner, our new brother, has the opportunity to experience that transformative experience.

Like many, if not most, in this room, I have been initiated into multiple bodies in the Masonic family. Their emphasis on ritual runs the full spectrum from full memorization required to reading it out of a book, often accompanied by several of those reading from the book in such a way that you wonder if they had ever even seen the ceremony before. I am particularly drawn to wanting to understand the lessons in the ceremonies, especially in how they differ from and build upon each other. But I can certainly say that my particular attachment to some is so simply because of the impact of the ceremony of initiation and the particularly impressive way in which the work was done and the lesson taught.

In other words, the ritual touched upon area three – meaning. Masonry must be meaningful. For some, the impact of the ritual provides the heart of their Masonic experience. For others, it is the opportunity to bond with their fellow men, their brothers. I frequently quip that it takes a lodge to raise a Mason. It is incumbent upon the whole of the lodge to invest time and resources into mentoring and developing a new Mason, not just the assigned coach or the top line signer. And this goes far beyond merely coaching the proficiency lessons. It extends to other social interactions. Another statement I frequently make is that brotherhood is not formed in the lodge room. At first glance, that seems odd to suggest that we don't form our bonds in the lodge since I just stated that the ritual matters to Masonry. It does matter because while the ritual experience creates our first connections, it is the time spent together outside of the lodge room which forms the fraternity. In a lodge meeting, you rarely have appropriate opportunities to talk freely and learn about one another. We have business to conduct and have norms of behavior that prohibit us from conversations on the sidelines. It's outside the lodge room, at the table before or after lodge, or at the pub, or the golf course, or riverbank, or the road trip to the next lodge over, or in the hospitality room at an event, or frankly, wherever, with your brothers that forms these bonds.

Most of my closest and dearest friends are Masons. We met in a lodge room. But it is all the time spent together outside of that room that has forged our bonds. And that is where the meaning of Masonry is discovered.

In a more mundane sense, we must ensure that our meetings are meaningful. After all, it is the meetings that provide the reason to start getting together. Ensure that your lodge's communications are as interesting as possible. They need not be just open, read minutes, lament the bills, and close. Every meeting should contain an enrichment component. Sometimes that can be Masonic education such as a paper or a short talk. But it can also be a brother sharing about his recent trip to a foreign land. Or a fly-casting demonstration on the lawn. Or a special meal before to honor someone or some event. These things provide a reason to come out to lodge and keep members looking forward to seeing what the next thing will be. But more importantly, they help to connect the dots between our brothers so they can bond over shared interests and experiences. Maybe your next stated meeting could be thirty minutes of ritual and business, and two hours for the mini-golf tournament.

It is said that the meaning or purpose of Masonry is to make good men better. Certainly, the ritual gives a man some insight or tools on how to approach that idea. But I dare say that the real way that Masonry does that is by providing opportunity for good men to spend time with other good men. Iron sharpens iron.

So, to summarize – learn from our history. Redouble your efforts to build our membership by being visible.

Inspire our members with a dynamic initiation experience built upon ritual excellence. Give meaning to Masonry by ensuring that we are both serious about the work we do and the fun we have along the way so that we want to keep spending time with one another. I'm convinced that if we do these things, Freemasonry will not only survive in Idaho but will grow to greater heights than what we have seen before.

Fraternal Submitted,
Jeremy C. Vaughn (84-45)
Grand Orator

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Jeremy thank you for doing this for Grand Lodge. For those of you who don't know he is a lawyer and sometimes he can be a little long winded, and I thank you for a great oration.”” We are moving right along here, Is the Jurisprudence Committee ready to give their report on Resolutions?

Reading of the Resolutions

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

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

“I move that the reading of the Resolutions for the 157th Annual Communication be considered read as printed and distributed to the lodges and handed out to all members at this 157th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.” “Motion was seconded to approve the Resolutions of the 157th Annual Communication be considered read as printed and distributed. All in favor of approve, all apposed same sign, motion approved.” “Brother Grand Secretary, may we have the preliminary report of Credentials.”

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

The preliminary report of Credentials are as follows: Present are sixty-five Past Masters, forty-three Lodge Officers and Fifty-six Proxies for a total of One hundred and sixty-four voting delegates

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee (Resolutions)

Brother, this is a time when we have to start making some of the most important decisions. The decisions we make now are setting the future of our grand jurisdiction. Jurisprudence has reviewed these resolutions in accordance with the Code. Our job is to see if they were in conflict. We worked extremely hard starting back in February. We found 2 words in the dictionary to help us that we don't see a lot, Common Sense. Quote that we tried to work by. I'm not going to go through everything. I'm going to briefly cover what the resolution is about. I'm going to go to give the rationale. And then, if anybody else has other questions about it, we'll be doing taking 3 for and 3 against. Is that the concept? So, let's see what we got.

Resolutions

M.:W.: John Warner, PGM / Jurisprudence Chairman

The first thing we received was a Constitutional Amendment, which does not have to come to Jurisprudence, but it ended up on our desk. Basically, we just took that and forwarded it to the Grand Master with the understanding that the code says he would read it at the Grand Lodge and then distribute it to the subordinate Lodges for their vote.

M.:W.: John Warner, PGM / Jurisprudence Chairman

Resolution 2. Reads by-Law as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

By-Laws, Part Three Article I GENERAL PROVISIONS – Section 103, Annual Communications:**5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest:**

Section 103. Annual Communication. An Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held each year, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on the Third Thursday in September (revised Sept 1989)

The location of the Annual Communication shall follow a 3-year geographically based rotation schedule. The true geographical areas are defined as follows: Eastern Idaho shall include all districts east of a North-South line though Jerome, including the Jerome metropolitan area and south of the time-change line between the Mountain Time Zone and the Pacific Time Zone. Southwestern Idaho shall include all districts west of a North-South line thru Jerome excluding the Jerome metropolitan area and south of the time-change line between the mountain Time Zone and the Pacific Time Zone. Northern Idaho shall include all districts north of the time-change line between the Mountain Time Zone and the Pacific Time Zone.

The rotation shall be as follows: if the most recent Annual Communication was held in the area of eastern Idaho. The subsequent Annual Communication shall be held in the area of Northern Idaho, if the most recent Annual Communication was held in the area of Northern Idaho. The subsequent Annual Communication shall be held in the area of Eastern Idaho; and the same consecutive area rotation shall be maintained thereafter. (Revised Sept. 2024)

M.:W.: John Warner, PGM / Jurisprudence Chairman

For or the purpose of putting it on the floor, I recommend that this resolution be adopted.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

*"It has been moved and seconded that the Resolution be adopted. All those in favor of the, I'm sorry, are you standing up for discussion" (no but you should make the call) OK. "The pros will use the mike by the Senior Grand Warden and the Nays will use the mike by the Junior Grand Warden. The proposer gets to choose whether he speaks first or last. The proposers are not here, so we will start with anybody for, anybody against? anybody for, anybody against? Last call, anybody for, anybody against? Hearing none, we'll proceed to the vote. Brother Greg Winther" (Most Worshipful Grand Master Point of Order. Do we need to vote on the amendment first?) "I think it was a typographical error, that was corrected before being read and no motion was made or seconded. You'll need your voting cards, does everyone have their voting cards?" (Brother Dan, no, it was our understanding that we were not going to be voting until tomorrow. Some of us do not have their voting cards. May we have a break so those of us without our cards can return to our rooms to retrieve them) "No, not unless it's close, we'll just continue. All those in favor, those opposed, Resolution 2 **PASSED**, the resolution will be adopted."*

M.:W.: John Warner, PGM / Jurisprudence Chairman

Resolution 3. Reads regulation as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

REGULATIONS 10, Concordant and Appendant Orders, Clubs and Associations. Recognition and Regulations:

Concordant and Appendant Orders. Clubs and Associations. Recognition and Regulations.

1. Concordant Orders, orders that require all members to be Master Masons in good standing are recognized as Concordant Masonic Organizations to which Masons, who are in good standing in a recognized Ancient Craft Lodge, may belong. Recognition of Concordant Orders shall be granted only after approval by the Grand Lodge.

Appendant Orders, organizations with which recognized Concordant Orders are in fraternal correspondence, and which are Masonic in character, may be recognized if such recognition would not be averse to the best interests of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction. Recognition of Appendant Orders shall be granted only after approval by the Grand Lodge. No Mason within this Jurisdiction may join, attend, or remain present at, any unrecognized Order, nor may he become involved in Masonic intercourse with any member thereof. **Concordant and Appendant Orders. Clubs and Associations. Recognition and Regulations.**

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may join, attend, or remain present at, any unrecognized Order, nor may he become involved in Masonic intercourse with any member thereof.

3. Masonic Clubs and Associations are organizations formed by Masons for the pursuit of a common interest. Such organizations do not confer degrees or orders. Masonic Clubs and Associations are neither Concordant nor Appendant Orders. Such organizations may operate within this jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Idaho A.F. & A.M. without requesting formal recognition from the Grand Lodge, and Masons within this Jurisdiction may join, attend, or remain present. The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. will take responsibility or liability for the actions of any Masonic Club or Association.

All Concordant and Appendant Orders and Masonic Clubs or Associations which require any Masonic membership prerequisite shall also require each of its members to remain in good standing in a recognized Ancient Craft Lodge shall be immediately terminated in all other Concordant or Appendant Orders and Masonic Clubs or Associations. A list of approved Concordant and Appendant Orders is maintained in the Office of the Grand Secretary. (Revised Sept. 2024)

"For the purpose of discussion, I move that this resolution be adopted."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"The motion has been seconded to adopt the resolution on Concordant and Appendant orders, clubs, and associations for the purpose of discussion. All those speaking in favor use the Senior Warden's mike; those in opposition, the Junior Grand Warden's mic".

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Barry Newell, Oriental lot #60. One of the issues I have with this proposal, I will try to clarify this, but the former policy of appendant orders was that if a concordant body like the York Right or Scottish Rite recognized that, the Grand Lodge didn't need to formally recognize it, so it's not listed anywhere. This informal policy was given by jurisprudence over several different years and approved by this Grand Lodge. If this resolution passes which attendant orders are approved? If none are until another resolution is brought to Grand Lodge that impacts the membership of all the authors of this resolution, several Grand Lodge officers, and Past Grand Masters. It impacts groups like Niles, Star, and Amaranth, do we only recognize I recognize those currently in Idaho because that will impact several brothers who are in appendant orders outside of Idaho? Where is the list created? "Any brother, speaking in favor, any brother speaking in favor. We'll go to the second opposition. MW Grand Master, Sherman Burger, PGM, Mt Moriah No. 39, I don't think it's a good idea to take the list of the organizations out of our Code. This gives everybody a place to find out which organizations are approved and which organizations need to be approved before they can become a member of them. Having a list in the Grand Secretary's office is, I think, not nearly as good of an idea as having a list posted in our rules and regulations. It's too easy for those lists to become lost. Just look at all the work that we have gone through in the past, just trying to figure out which Grand Lodges we have recognized and which Grand Lodges we have not. It's going to be the same thing with these Appendant and Concordant orders if we move the list out of the regulation. Thank you. Last call for speaker for, MWGM, Brethren all, MWPGM Joe Alexander, these are good points that are brought up, but the Code & Digest is for giving people the idea or the process by which you could become recognized in this case. And yes, it's a convenient place to go to in the code. Although we have a software program called Grandview. I'm sure that there's somebody in the Grand Secretary's office who can figure out how to post that list of organizations on Grandview. It does not need to be in the code, but that causes is every time we recognize or we unrecognized somebody, we have to change the code to digest by resolution. And that doesn't make any sense. So, what the committee did in drafting this proposal was to try and put the procedure in there for becoming recognized by all these different associations. Just to clarify for Brother Barry a little bit, he mentioned the Daughters of the Nile. That's a recognized group of the

Shrine, which we recognize. We do not independently recognize Daughters of Nile, if you read in there or read in today's Code & Digest, we recognize the Shrine in Idaho and all of its bodies which Daughters of the Nile are part of. There is another piece of that, in research we have never recognized the Beauceant because it's part of the York Rite that we recognize. That's why they aren't on the list and don't need to be on the list. You, can vote your will, but I would ask you to vote in favor of this t help clean the code up a little bit and we can certainly post that list on Grandview. Point of order Richard Broemeling PGM Elmore 30, In the 3rd paragraph here I believe you stated that these funds and organizations would not be responsible and Grand Lodge would not be responsible to them. (John Warner) Most Worshipful what I said was that the Grand Lodge is not responsible for any liability for those particular clubs. In the last sentence of paragraph 3, of the resolutions that I received at registration. It states the Grand Lodge will take responsibility or liability for the actions of any Masonic club and association. I move that the resolution be tabled and voted on next year. You are correct, the synopsis does not contain the word "not" which is a misprint, if you look at the Regulations in the same resolution package, you will see that the word "not" is present, and we are voting on what is written in the Resolution as submitted not the synopsis. The actual language of the resolution will be what we will be voting upon, which has the language that Brother Warner read. We have a motion on the floor let us address that first. Those in favor of tabling this Resolution until next year vote with your voting cards; those opposed, motion failed. MWGM, Greg Winther, PGM, something that I find interesting is that it states, rightly so, that the Grand Lodge should not be liable and I assume that they mean financially. Gentlemen, I am more concerned about our liability in the court of public opinion. That's the group that judges us, not a court but public opinion in our current climate where we are struggling to entice and encourage membership to have any negative press, we could say we are not liable in the press. I would hate to take on any groups that could form at will where we take public liability. "Thank you, we will have one more pro discussion chance. MWGM and Brothers, Robert Middlebrook, Master of Butte 37, With the last statement that was made, I am going to say that I am a Chapter President for a local Widow Sons group. We all have to be Masons to be part of that group and I hate to say that, that statement is wrong that was just made. You all have taken on the responsibility of having been raised to a Master Mason. We are responsible for our own actions in public.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Brother, I call for the question, all those in favor of Resolution # 3 raise your ballots, all those opposed. We are going to have to count this, Stewards are ready?" ((Point of Order) Point of order taken, please go to the mic. Mark Smith, Meridian 47, the point of order is in early discussion many of us do not have our ballots with us, if any close vote had to be decided, we would address it, we need to address it now.) "We will place balloting on this resolution in suspension until this afternoon and we will suspend further Resolutions until after this morning's session. Grand Lecture do you wish to make a brief report?" Not at this time.

Announcements:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"We are getting near the time for refreshment, we have the luncheon at 12:00, it is a buffet style a Cheese Burger in Paradise, I want everyone to enjoy the Jimmy Buffet themed weekend. Are there any other announcements? I would like let you know that the Ladies are invited if they have a ticket, the Ladies going on the trip need to be in the lobby at least by 1:15 pm and ready to leave no later than 1:30 pm an use as few vehicles as possible, my Lady Stephanie has all the tickets and we have printed google map instructions, it is not very hard to get there. It is public parking so that is why are recommend carpooling as much as possible. Do we

have any other announcements? Brother Grand Secretary is there anything I missed? Don't forget your ballots. "Yes, because we had a little confusion this morning on ballots, we are closing a little early for lunch so go to your room and retrieve your ballots for this afternoon. We will need everyone back here at 1:00 pm to reopen Grand Lodge. Brother Grand Secretary" Registration will open up as soon as I can walk from here to the registration room. Thank you' Brother Grand Secretary.

Break for lunch Thursday

Call from Labor to Refreshment

(Ritual – Call off through the South)

Prayer for Lunch

Rev. Robert K. Perry, W.: Grand Chaplain

"Dear Lord, we thank you for this morning, be with us as we go into our noon day lunch. We ask for your blessing for our food and a blessing on those who prepared it. As always, give us grateful hearts for all our blessing and make us ever mindful the needs of others. We Humbly Pray. Amen."

Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)

Levi D. Billman, W.: Grand Marshal

"By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I Proclaim the 157th 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 Cruise)

Blue Heron Room

Thursday, September 19, 2024 (Afternoon Session)

12:50 p.m.

Prelude

J. Sherwin Wilson, W.: Grand Organist

Grand Lodge Officers in place

Welcome to Thursday Afternoon Session by

Jammie Ashbrook, Worshipful Master of Placer Lodge No. 3

"Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Thursday Afternoon Session of the 157th 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 my pleasure to introduce Brother Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"It is my pleasure to introduce. Jammie Ashbrook, Worshipful Master of Placer Lodge No. 3"

Call from Refreshment to Labor (Ritual)

Thursday Afternoon Prayer by

Rev. Robert K. Perry, W.: Grand Chaplain

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

Proclamation (Call to Order) by

Levi D. Billman, W.: Grand Marshal

“By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim the 157th Annual Communication called from Refreshment to Labor.”

Business:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Brother Mike Keas, could you please give the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee so that we can adopt portions of the report”

Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Brother David Grindle, are you ready to give your report?”

401-4 Fraternal Relations

Mike Keas (Committee member)

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

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

It was requested that we review past proceedings to determine if proper action was taken on recommendations for recognition. The following recommended recognitions appear to not have been adopted.

- A. At the 148th Annual Communication held on September 17th, 18th, and 19th 2015, the Fraternal Relations Committee reported the following:
 1. On December 15, 2014, a request for recognition from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Albania was received. The Grand Lodge of Albania consecrated on October 14, 2011 in Tirana by the Grand Orient of Italy. It is composed of three lodges previously warranted by the Grand Orient of Italy. It has adopted the Ritual and Book of Constitution of the Grand Orient, the Principles for Grand Lodges Recognition accepted by the United Grand Lodge of England, as well as the “Aims and Relationships of the Craft” of the UGLE. The CIR is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Albania meets the standards for recognition.
 2. Based on this information your committee recommends that their request for recognition be granted.

We move to adopt recognition of the Grand Lodge of Albania, motion was seconded and carried.

3. On February 1, 2015, a request for recognition from the M. W. Gran Logia Simbólica del Paraguay was received. Over the last six years, the CIR has continued to study the split in the Grand Lodge of Paraguay that resulted in the two Grand Lodges. Based on their investigation, they have been led to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge Symbolic whose Grand Master is M/W Bro Euclides, is the only Grand Lodge in Paraguay that meets the standards for recognition.
4. Based on this information your committee recommends that their request for recognition be granted.

We move to adopt recognition of the M.W. Grand Logia Simbólica del Paraguay, motion was seconded and carried.

- B. At the 152nd Annual Communication held on September 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2019, the Fraternal Relations Committee reported the following:

1. The Grand Orient of Minas Gerais and The Grand Oriente De Mato Grosso Do Sul have both sent letters requesting recognition. The 2019 Report of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America States: “Brazil State Grand Orients, The Grande Orient de Minas Gerais and the Grand Oriente de Mato Grosso do Sul were each recognized by and treaties signed with their respective State Grand Lodges in 2018. Each of these bodies are also recognized by the CMI. It would be reasonable to assume that these grand orients are practicing regular Masonry and recognition would be appropriate if you so desire.” This Committee recommends that the Grand Lodge of Idaho recognize The Grand Orient de Minas Gerais and The Grand Oriente De Mato Grosso Do Sul.

We move to adopt recognition of the Grand Orient de Minas Gerais and The Grand Oriente De Mato Grosso Do Sul, motion was seconded and carried.

- C. During this Masonic Year, we received the following requests for recognition.

1. On March 14, 2024, a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia headquartered in Tbilisi requesting recognition of their Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Idaho AF&AM. This letter was accompanied by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, dated in 2015 as amended; the list of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Georgia; and the 2023 and 2024 reports of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand of Grand Masters of North America. The Commission reported in those two years that the Grand Lodge of Georgia meets the requirements for recognition. Therefore, we recommend that the Grand Lodge of Idaho AF&AM grant recognition to the Grand Lodge of Georgia AF&AM.

This request was approved at the 156th Annual Communication. No further action is required.

2. On June 3, 2024, a letter from the Grand Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Grande Oriente do Rio Grande do Norte in Triol, Natal-RN, requesting recognition of their Grand Orient by the Grand Lodge of Idaho AF&AM. The letter was accompanied by a list of the officers of the Grand Orient, a translation of the Constitution of the Grand Orient which lists the principles of the institution, and a translation of the treaty between the Grand Orient of Brazil and the Grand Orient of Rio Grand de Norte allowing to operate within the state. The Commission on Information for Recognition has not reviewed this Grand Orient for compliance. We recommend that this request be held over until next year when the Commission will give a decision.

- D. During this year several communications were received from Grand Lodges that we are in amity with. We received lists of new officers for Grand Lodges, a notice of Expelled/Suspended members of the Grand Lodge of Ukraine making unauthorized communications, an announcement from the United Grand Lodges of Germany suspending communications with the Grand Lodge of Russia, and a decree from the Grand Orient of Italy suspending relations with the Scottish Rite in Italy.

Respectfully submitted,
Daivd A. Grindle (93), Chairman
Michael E. Keas, (30)
Bart Casey (13)
Harold E. Bloom (29), Non-voting Member
David Stonhill, Non-voting Member
Dan LaVine (24), Non-voting Member

"I move that this report be received along with the adopted recommendations of the committee."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"The motion to receive the Fraternal Relations Committee has been seconded, is there any discussion. All in favor vote by raise hands, all opposed same sign, Motion Passes" "Brother Chad Smith, the Executive officer of DeMolay, I would like for you to give a presentation, I know your report is in the proceedings but we have something we need to discuss."

MWGM and Brethren of the Grand Lodge, I appreciate your time today. Typically, at this time, I would give you a little bit of how Idaho DeMolay is doing, but as the Grand Master alluded to, we have a little different topic that I'd like to discuss with you today and get your opinion on since we're all gathered here. So, over the last year, Idaho DeMolay has pretty much remained constant with the majorities we had, we were able to replace these members and kind of keep our membership about the same size. We didn't have positive growth, but we also didn't really have negative growth in away. That's kind of the theme of the day and I want to thank Brother Jeremy for his oration earlier. But, one of the things that keeps going through my head over the last few months is that complacency is not an option to maintain Idaho DeMolay, we need to do something and we need to do it now. I'd like to propose a pretty out-of-the-box thought about how I think that we can best do that with the help of a neighboring jurisdiction. What I'm here to propose to this Grand Lodge is that Idaho and Oregon continue some conversations about becoming a partnership and merging into one jurisdiction. So that we can help each other grow at the same time instead of fighting the same battles in two different cities. With that right now DeMolay in Oregon and Idaho are relatively the same size when it comes to active membership. I think Oregon has maybe 15 more members active and when I say active it means showing up more consistently than we do. But at this time how do we essentially take two jurisdictions that are running around 30 to 35 members showing up consistently and making that closer to 70 members while we tried to make that grow to 100 in each jurisdiction. So, it's one of those of how do we share our resources? How do we share our talents? You know, I got it handed to you rather, Brother Steve, earlier today when you admitted that you have certain strengths and certain weaknesses. I'm the same exact way. I'm very good at seeing an idea and running that to the ground, but I'm not the greatest, but thinking of new ideas and how we get out of this, the current situation thar we are in. My counterpart over in Oregon happens to be very good at that. He was an incredible brainstormer. He has built a several businesses. Um, that basically revolve around thinking outside the box. and I think with our two skill sets, we can make one really strong jurisdiction to help both of us grow for a temporary gain until we can both get back on our own feet and run as a jurisdiction as we all remember that we have always been. Really the justification of this is with the young men in both jurisdictions, they deserve

the best program that we can give them and every once in a while. I gotta check my Ego at the door here and say I'm not the right guy at the time for that. I think John could really help us with that with some assistance from the Idaho staff. But we all need pledge to help them. Most Worshipful, I'm not sure really the next path on this and I'm not here to field any questions on how this might really work, but it really doesn't change the day-to-day chapter operations within Idaho or Oregon as much as there'll be a new Executive Officer and at the same time the programs that he's already got the ball rolling on that we can roll into Idaho to help us grow a little bit faster. So, it's really question of are we as a Grand Lodge is willing to try and give this a chance to try to help DeMolay grow in the greater northwest? Or, is there a different route that we want to go within our, DeMolay? I guess it's a two-part question of are we as a Grand Lodge still going to support the DeMolay Masonic youth organization regardless of what we're called and over the next few months would this body being committed to allowing John Bolton to start seeing how this process really looks and how this transition will look with some oversight obviously from the Grand Lodge Officers, that we would report to on a regular basis on how it is going. I know it's a little two-part question. I'm here to answer any and all questions for clarity on this issue. But it's just one of those, we've been just like Brother Jeremy was saying, how long have we been arguing about the things we have reading about for the last 150 years. You know it has been the same way DeMolay since 1919. So maybe it's time we think out-of-the-box, get ourselves back to where we need to be and then we'll re-evaluate what that looks like there. Most Worshipful, I know it is not an easy conversation.

I open the floor for questions to either the Executive Officer or the Grand Lodge, just so you know the elected Grand Lodge officers met with a delegation from Oregon to discuss whether this might be feasible and what it might look like. It's still too early in the planning phases. I didn't want to dump this on the Deputy Grand Master, but sorry Rick. The final decisions are gonna occur during your term. I'll first open the floor to the discussions. Mostly you should direct them to Chad, but if you have a question for me. I'll try to address those. The floor is open, please go to the mics. There's no pro con here, it's open discussion. And I'll call the first one that gets the first mic that appears to be brother John Boyer.

I am John Boyer, PM Hagerman 78 and DDGM of district 4, I do have a question and I don't have a positive or negative opinion about the issue being new, but I wonder. I guess this is the protocol this for a body which supports DeMolay, but it's the ultimately the leadership of DeMolay in Kansas City that will approve or disapprove of something like this. I surmised that you're just asking whether this body will still support the DeMolay if you do that option. Is that correct? That is correct. John does bring up a good point, about our corporate office in Kansas City, we have run this past the elected line for the Supreme Council of DeMolay Internationally, they will support it if the two Grand Lodges support it. So, it's really up to the Grand Lodges and they will support that whatever decision they make. Greg Winther PGM, my question is for you, Chad and for the Most Worshipful Master. I grew up in DeMolay and I'm very committed to the success of DeMolay, and it sounds like this is thought out and joining programs could have advantages. But I remember as being a DeMolay, one of the struggles I had was traveling with the DeMolay because I didn't have any money. By enlarging this jurisdiction to that size, how are you going to move boys from meetings to conclaves, etcetera, The discussions we've had about conclaves is to have them somewhere central like a Pendleton or something like that, so Northern Idaho can make it as easy as Southern Idaho. I mean, obviously knowing our geography Idaho Falls and Pocatello are probably the short end of that stick, but it is one of those we have talked about. It would really be one annual convention just like Grand Lodge that would require the most travel and then a lot of smaller regional events that would be less traveled or most of the kids and less strain on the advisors. So the follow-up question is if the boys aren't able to afford it, like the situation I was in with the Grand Lodges be asked to support those travel bills. That's a very, I mean, we do tend to lean on lodges to help out, but that's all that donation based and part of our fundraising efforts as well. So, one of those we're going to have to take responsibility for the decision too and try to do what's best for the kids. GM "I'll try to help clarify a little bit. there's still negotiations going on if this would move forward, of how many years the combined jurisdiction because they wouldn't be Oregon DeMolay wouldn't be Idaho DeMolay but some of us another jurisdictional name. I requested that the committee that the DeMolay organizations think about committing to five years of

East of the Cascades because of the expensive cost for us to travel from Eastern Idaho to Portland or somewhere on the West Coast. There's a lot of negotiations going on. I know one of the problems with DeMolay in Idaho, is advisors. That's us, gentlemen, we should be the primary advisors for all our youth, especially DeMolay. How many men are advisors or were advisors in Idaho DeMolay, raise your hand. It should be a lot larger, gentlemen, how many of you were DeMolay, almost as much. Not short changing the ladies, we also need to support them, but one of Chad's biggest struggles over the last five years has been advisors. You can't have a Chapter without advisors. We need to do a better job and if this combined jurisdiction comes to fruition. Then we are going to need advisors to launch the rebirth program and to follow the contingency plan that once both jurisdictions are strong enough, that we will split the jurisdiction back into two jurisdictions. I grew up in DeMolay in Missouri, my district conclaves were the size of Idaho's largest conclave and we had book the whole hotel in Jefferson City, MO for our conclave. I'd like to see Masonry get that large and I would like to see DeMolay get that large again Idaho. Are there any other questions for Chad or for myself? I don't want to steal your words, Chad, but he's asking the permission from the Grand Lodge to continue looking along with our sister jurisdiction in Oregon on merging the two DeMolay jurisdictions under one with a formal plan that's been approved by DI. Which has a way to split the jurisdictions back up when they're determined to be large enough. Is that close enough? So' would you move for that? You just say so moved. So moved.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"It has been moved and seconded that the Grand Lodge of Idaho approved continuing negotiations with. DeMolay Oregon and DeMolay Idaho with approval of the Grand Lodges. I don't want to speak for the Oregon Grand Lodge, but we did meet and agree to investigate the combining of the two jurisdictions; is that is correct MWB Tim? YES "So with that all those in favor of that vote by the usual sign of a Mason when voting those opposed same sign, the motion passes. Brother Chad you have your marching orders to work with the Executive Officer of Oregon. The Grand Lodge of Idaho will support, continue to support DeMolay whether Idaho, or it's new jurisdiction. Thank you, thank you" "Is my grand historian in the room? Rick, would you come to the mic and tell everyone the bus I threw you under? It's an unusual Grand Historian report. Everywhere I traveled and met Rick, he fired off Masonic trivia questions to me and some were about Freemasonry in general, but most were on Idaho Masonic history. He's a proficient reader and student of the Grand Lodge proceedings of Idaho. With all his research efforts, he made a Masonic trivia report. So why don't you just give us a couple of those good Masonic zingers?"

12, W.: Grand Historian

Rick Rowe

I did go through the majority of the proceedings. From day one, I found things that interested me. That, I thought, might be of interest to others. Let's see, one the Masonic questions is: Which Past Grand Master served as District Deputy Grand Master? You have to understand question, first think about the question. There's only been one that has served as District Deputy Grand Master. after serving as Grand Master. Um. Of course there's the one that's in the proceedings. I went through all the Grand Lodge proceedings from when they first started appointing Grand Historians and provided a list of all of them and listed on which page of the proceedings, you can find them? I also went through all the proceedings from when they first started appointing District Deputy Grand Masters and I do have a list of all of them. What I found interesting was who served as District Deputy Grandmaster the most times. I saw him in the room earlier, it is Russ Graves. Oh, there was a trivia question in the last newsletter that I can't remember exactly how it was phrased, but it was about the about the first Grand Secretary and innovator in Idaho Masonry. Well, the individual listed was actually the 6th Grand Secretary. He served as secretary for four years, then he was elected Grand Master and then he served as Grand Treasurer for 27 years. He was elected as an elected Grand Lodge Officer, for 32 consecutive years, and that was Charles Henry.

"I move that this report be received."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"I thank you, Rick, and I really appreciate your efforts. Something all the lodges in Idaho is education. I appreciate that our proceedings contain untold quantities of Masonic education. Whenever a lodge needs something for education, they should just pick up the proceedings, read through it, find a fun or historical event occurred, and do a presentation on that." "The motion to receive the report of the Grand Historian has been seconded, is there any discussion. All in favor vote by raise hands, all opposed same sign; Motion Passes." "M. W. Greg Winther, will you please share a report on the Masonic Foundation?"

Report of the Idaho Masonic Foundation

Section 605 Grand Lodge Charitable Trust

Greg Winther, PGM

I have to take my glasses off to read. To the Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF and AM of Idaho. Hello brothers, The Idaho Freemason Foundation is excited and thankful for this past year. It has been a time that you, the Masons of Idaho, have been there to support the volunteers on the board and your charitable foundation for children. Thank you for the hours that you have put in with your own lodge to make this unique foundation work. Financially, here is how the foundation stands. In the Idaho Central Credit Union, we have \$3000. Our backup fund is kept in Wells Fargo Investors to keep the foundation alive for generations to come. It totals \$82,000. We pay grants to lodges from the donated funds that we receive from the annual appeal. We are good stewards of your money. And every board member is an unpaid volunteer. The Board of Directors are excited because the number of Lodges that participate increases every year. This year, what do you think, 15 or 20 Lodges? There were actually 23 lodges that participated this year and requested funding for their own choice of causes to help kids in their communities. This meant that Idaho lodges, with the help of the foundation, spent more than \$23,000 for the benefit of kids in Idaho communities. Some of the ideas this year were fantastic. Butte Lodge in Emmett built a kids splash pad recreation area; Capital City Lodge in Boise supported teachers' classroom projects, Challis Lodge upgraded an ice rink at the elementary school, Elmore Lodge in Mountain Home helped fund Story Stroll in the park for the Children's Library, Initial Point Lodge in Kuna filled the elementary school pantry, Ionic Lodge in Cascade ran a Kindle for books program, while Weiser Lodge ran the bikes for Books program, Lakeside Lodge in Sandpoint paid off school lunch debt so that those kids could eat lunch again, that's a big deal, Lincoln Lodge in Gooding supported a camp for the blind and hearing impaired children. Meridian Lodge supported a camp for kids with type 1 diabetes, here's my favorite, St. Mary's Lodge paid for court appointed special advocates for children, and there are still another 11 Lodges I could tell you about. I am here to say Idaho Masons have had a huge impact for the benefit of children this year. And thank you all, my Brothers. Fraternally, Greg Winther, Chairman; Mark Smith, Secretary; Russ Graves, Treasurer; Thomas Everson, Director; Michael Sutton, Director; Kenneth Beaudreau, Director; Derek Sprague, Director; John Ransdell and Dan Levine, Directors. At this time, would the board members present please rise? I'll get my glasses back on. We've got two that are in the room right now and I think Russ Grave is the Tyler outside the door. I'd like to introduce in the white shirt Mark Smith, he's a past District Deputy Grand Master, from Meridian Lodge. He's been our secretary now for many years and is the hardest working member of the board. If any of you have a chance and think about it, thank Mark. He's the one that is working the hardest. And next to Mark is Dan Levine, Dan represents us in the Coeur d'Alene Rathdrum area. We're trying to have directors from all around the state. Mark and Dan, thanks for standing up and thanks for your work this year.

"I didn't think this report was worth it, but I move that the Board's report be received, not distributed, but just received and laid upon the proceedings."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Grand Lodge Charitable Trust be received. All those in favor vote sign with Mason when voting, those opposed. I want to thank the brothers first because it's your donations. But I know that the committee watches over the money and a lot of the Lodges are very happy to receive the matching funds to support their local children's charities. For those of you that don't know what the Idaho Foundation is, it's our only 501C3 charitable organization in Idaho. None of our other funds are a 501 c3, not even our Relief Fund nor is Endowment Fund a 501 c3. So, this is what. Brothers that have a little extra money, that might need a tax break, can donate to and get that tax break. I appreciate all the work you guys do in the Lodges, keep asking them for money to match your donation to support the children in need. Thank you."

(Greg) It would be great to have more than 23 Lodges participate this next year, let's grow some more, get out into your communities. As it was mentioned in our Grand Orator's report, involvement in the community is so important. Besides the fact that we are helping kids, the biggest advantage of your foundation is it gets your lodge in the community. It gets the community recognizing that you care and the community recognizing that you're there. So please get involved and thank you.

"We will return to the suspended business of voting on our Resolutions. MW Brother John, you will start where we left off on Resolution 3"

Resolutions

M.:W.: John Warner, PGM / Jurisprudence Chairman

OK, going back to Resolution 3, this is the resolution we were discussing before refreshment. It is the resolution about the Concordant and Appendant bodies. We have already had 3 for and against, MWGM do you want to reopen for discussion?

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

*"No, we already had the discussion, so I now call for the question, all those in favor of Resolution 3 stand and vote with your voting cards. Tellers get your tally, they'll ask you to sit down. Those voting against." (Teller) MWGM results for resolution #3, votes for, tally at 60 votes, votes against tally at 87. "Thank you. Resolution 3 **FAILS**."*

M.:W.: John Warner, PGM / Jurisprudence Chairman

Resolution 4. Reads by-Law as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

By-Laws, Part one Article III POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS – Section 303, Deputy Grand Master:

The Deputy Grand Master shall:

1. Discharge such executive functions of the Grand Lodge as may be delegated to him by the Grand Master

2. Prepare the Grand Lodge Budget for the ensuing year. As soon as is practicable, he shall present a draft budget to the Grand Lodge Officers and receive their comments and suggestions. After resolving comments, the preliminary budget should be presented to the constituent lodges at the direction of the Grand Master. (Revised Sept 2024)

"For the purpose of discussion, I move that Resolution 4 be adopted."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"It has been moved and seconded that Resolution 4 be adopted. We will now have the discussion, please use the procedures as before."

Eric Coryell MWGM, this resolution does little more than identify a single point of contact to develop the budget, which we don't have that currently. We believe that one person should be specified in the Code & Digest as responsible for the budget. The obvious person to do that is the Deputy Grandmaster/Grandmaster elect, because he will be developing it for his year as Grand Master. He can call on any other he can call on any other support he may need, just as we've done in the past. Such as the Grand secretary, Grand Treasurer, Investments, all of that. But in the end, it would be his responsibility to see it developed and disseminated.

"Thank you, brother. Opposed to the resolution."

Most Worshipful Grandmaster Skip Owen PGM. I oppose this for several reasons. We ran this thing for 145 years and basically the Accounts & Finances, developing the budget. In all of those years, we generally had two guys that were familiar with the process. They knew the income streams and they knew the expenses. I'm going to give you a little example, I remember a Past Grand Master, who in his year wanted to go to Japan. He had one buddy for and one buddy against. But the old sage guys on the committee said, you know, we can't help support him to go to Japan just because we would have set a precedent. I don't know how this works with the Deputy Grand Masters basically saying, well, maybe this is what I want to do this year. I think we as a fraternity, it's a little like the fox in the hen house. But more importantly, what we seem to lose sight of in this picture. Because everything is pretty much the same. It's expensive. Same every year except for your income stream. The income stream goes down every year if our membership goes down. And that's been dramatic over the last 20 years. So, I would submit this to you, Grand Lodge officers coming in, do you want to sit here and have the responsibility of submitting a budget that you may have to cut the Grand Secretary's position, all your travel expenses? I mean, the flip side of that, if you don't want to cut it, do you want to submit that you're going to have to increase per capita? That's a foolish idea. This should be handled by Accounts & Finances. There probably should be some Past Grand Masters on that Committee that have continuity through the years of how the process works. This isn't rocket science budget, if you look through the past years, it's pretty much the same. Our main contention is this income stream and how we do that. Heard in the rumors that some think that maybe we ought to have per capita \$200. Whatever, you know, we all have different thoughts. But I think that the closer you get this to the Grand Lodge guys, I think your job should be for the Craft. Am I going to long.?

"Time. Will entertain discussion in favor of the resolution and if there's an opposed, please make your way to the mic."

MWGM, Randy King, Silver City lodge #13 Senior Grand Warden. I'm in favor of this resolution and one of the signers on it. It affects me directly. As the Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master elect, I think it's my responsibility to Craft. To be a good steward of the funds, we have a fiduciary responsibility to you. You're the ones that get to approve the budget. All I'm suggesting is I prepare the budget based upon what I feel my plans are for the year. But I must present it to you, the Craft, and you have to approve it. I am a Past Grand Treasurer, and I understand the budgeting process. I think also it encourages the Grand Lodge officers to work together to develop that budget, to share that knowledge with each other. As Brother Eric said, we have the opportunity to call on anybody, we call on Accounts & Finance, we call on the Grand Treasurer, we call on the Investment

Committee to help us put together the numbers, it's not a crapshoot. There's a process that we go through. Thank you.

Sherman Burger PGM, this is an idea that comes up every so many years in Grand Lodge, and I remember the last time it came up I came to Grand Lodge all set to vote for it. I thought it was a great idea and Brother Skip got up and talked against it and changed my mind. So, Skip, you do have some influence on me every once in a while. What Skip said then, that he didn't say today, was that what this sets up is for conflict and discontent between the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary if the Deputy Grand Master proposes a budget, that cuts items for the Grand Secretary's office because it needs to be done. It may need to be done, but if the Grandmaster is doing it, the Grand Secretary is going to have animosity towards him for the entire year, and the office will not function well. If a committee that is not made up of Grand Lodge officers sets the budget, you don't have that potential for animosity. And Brother Skip, you were right then, and I believe you're right today.

"The third and last in favor of the resolution?"

MWGM, Monte Bollar, Master of Initial 98 and Grand Secretary Emeritus, Brothers the idea of this legislation is not to take the power of anybody away. It puts an individual that is looking out for you when putting a budget together. It always seems, when getting a budget put together, that it has caused problems. In the past, and I think in the future, it still needs the Grand Secretary to put last year's budget for the Deputy Grand Master. The Deputy Grand Master looks out of what can I add, what can I take away? He puts it in front of the Grand Lodge officers at the planning meeting. They decide what they need and discuss it. They talk with the accounts and finances and see if the proposal is manageable and where do we get the money. There's also an investment committee that can we put this money together. I'm not taking power away from anybody. I don't think this resolution takes power away from anybody. What he does is put one person responsible in the Code & Digest, because right now the Code & Digest has no one that is responsible for the budget. If you can find a place in the Code & Digest where it says somebody is responsible for the budget, come and show me. I'm trying to say the Deputy Grand Master is coming up with his budget and I know every chairman of Accounts & Finances that has come through, hates it. He has to give his report and everybody hates him if they have to raise the per capita. Thank you.

"Thank you. One last in opposition."

MWGM, Brand Cannon PGM, I have been coming to this Grand Lodge for an awful lot of years now. I've seen it, the Accounts & Finances working in some great ways to try to keep per-capita down. Grand Masters and Deputy Grand masters have never been left out of the budget process. They're generally called in during the Grand Lodge and Accounts & Finances are usually here a day early. They talked about their plans and talked about what they need for money to work that into the budget. Those individuals have generally had some financial background, are familiar with budgets, and tried very hard, I think. Steven has been one of those, my dad to be one of those that tried to keep the per-capita down for you Brothers. They did it in a way that was constructive. They received a budget, preliminary budget from the Grand Secretary. They tear it apart and put it back together again. They have people in, they talk, they discuss, they bring it to the floor of the Grand Lodge for discussion, and it was voted. To me it looks like you're eliminating Accounts & Finances. What are they going to do? Just report, and ask all in favor to say aye? What are the Accounts & Finances functions if the Deputy Grand Master, Grandmaster, and the Grand Lodge officers set the budget at a meeting in Pocatello, or wherever it is at? Who breaks that down? Who says no, no, you can't do that. That's why you have an independent Accountant & Finances to go through that. You guys have never been left out. You've always been brought before the Accounts & Finance Committee. You've always talked about how much money you needed, and it's always worked in the past. Before you put one guy in charge of the budget. We've got all the rest of these brothers here. This has to be done by Accounts & Finance. It's always been done by Accounts & Finance, don't eliminate the Accounts & Finance. It's a very important part of this Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

*"We've heard three in favor and three opposed to the resolution. It's now time to vote. Those in favor of the adoption of resolution #4 please stand with your ballots, all opposed. Resolution 4, **FAILS**, Thank you, Brethren. I now call for Resolution 5."*

M.:W.: John Warner, PGM / Jurisprudence Chairman

Resolution 5. Reads regulation as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

Regulations; ARTICLE 39, Monitor

The Worshipful Master shall never use an Idaho Monitor during the performance of the adopted Idaho Work or permit anyone else to do so except when it is used for prayers, charges, the perambulation, funerals, installations, educational programs, or by anyone sitting on the side-lines, while the lodge is at labor. Additionally, the Grand Master may by dispensation, for each request, allow the reading of a single lecture from the Idaho Monitor for a degree, so long as there is a demonstrated need, and the manner of the presentation does not violate Regulation 15. The reading of the work shall not be acceptable for proficiency, An Idaho Monitor shall not be used, except as provided for in these regulations, to prompt the performance of the adopted Idaho Work. (revised Sept. 2024)

"To put the resolution on the floor, I move that Resolution 5 be adopted."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"It has been moved and seconded to adopt resolution #5, which would authorize the reading of the lecture under certain circumstances. We will now have the discussion, please use the procedures as before. First in favor of the resolution"

Wayne Heath, Junior Warden Paradise 17 and I'm also the author of this resolution. This resolution addresses some concerns that a number of lodges have that have come before Grand Lodge before. I'm struggling to find people being able to perform the actions. I believe that this is a good solution because it does not fundamentally change the character of the presentation. That means that they're presented by a person in the room who is familiar with the work. Reading the lecture requires a good understanding of the lecture when addressing the candidate. This resolution does not allow someone to just pick up their Code and present the lecture. The presenter will still need to be prepared for the degree, but this will shorten the amount of time it takes for them to be ready. The presenter may benefit after a time or two of reading the lecture with more confidence and be able to present the work from memory in the future. This is the way the lecture should be presented, from memory. The requirement for a dispensation, I believe, is the most important part of this resolution. It guards against the reading of the work becoming the norm within our Lodges. I believe this resolution balances helping struggling lodges with work and protecting the tradition of excellence in Idaho masonry. Thank you.

"Well, here are the first in opposition of the resolution."

MWGM, Barry Newell, Oriental 60. I stood here nine years ago when the Board of Custodians made their recommendation to allow monitors to be opened in Lodge on the sideline. Brother Jeremy and I argued back and forth about it. It was coming down to the fact, that it was okay because the ritual work would not be done with the monitor. And now here we are nine years later, talking about having to monitor open for the lectures. We as Masons, we need to be willing to work together outside the lodge, not just one day a month, but maybe 5-6. We need to be working with each other, as Jeremy said, to make our ritual meaningful, not something that is being read from the book, if somebody is reading something to me, I could take it home and read it myself. I don't need somebody to read it to me. We also have resources here within the State of Idaho to help us out in

our Lodges. We have the York right college, our Secretary Brother Jeremy, if you reach out to him if your Lodge needs lecture help, and he will help find someone. There are proficient brothers statewide that can help out with this. We do not need to lower our standards further and further. Eventually we're going to get to the point that we might as well just be the Rotary Club.

"Entertain. Presentation in favor of the resolution. Do we have someone in favor of the resolution proceeding on the mic?"

MWGM, ?? Ionic 82, I am not particularly in favor of this, but I do bring one point on this resolution is the fact that it states that permission to use the monitor during the lecture would be by dispensation. I can't imagine that if someone reached out to you for a dispensation, that you or any Grand Master would not find someone that would volunteer and not have to use that dispensation. This might just be a great way to communicate that a Lodge needs help. Thank you.

"Next discussion on opposition."

MWGM, Distinguished guests, and Brothers all, Brian Becker Coeur D' Alene 20. Seven-time Past Master I'm in one of these small lodges and I've been Masters of other small lodges where it's difficult to make quorum. Having a brother with the monitor so he can give a word or something like that during the degree has never been an issue. Even our Brethren to the north in Canada have a Director of Ceremonies that does the same thing. He follows along and when somebody needs a word, he gives them the word. But we mostly complain about fast food masonry, and yet we seem to keep wanting to go that direction. So those are the reasons I'm against it. Thank you.

"One last in favor of the resolution. One last in favor of the resolution."

Steve Crane, Past Master Lakeside 42. I think sometimes we get confused about what is the purpose of the lecture. The purpose of the lecture is not to prove that somebody could memorize something. The purpose of the lecture is to provide education. If we can provide better education for a candidate because we're reading it correctly and doing a better job correctly. Where we get hurt is when we have someone who gives a lecture, mumbles through it, you can't hear him, and the candidate is sleeping over here because it's so terrible. Let's remember what the purpose of the lecture is.

"The third speaker in opposition to the resolution."

MWGM, Howie Bloom Past Master Ashlar 29. I've heard the first two brothers who were in favor of this. They mentioned a particular point that is requesting the dispensation and they said they could hardly imagine you or a future Grand Master not finding an educated enough brother to do the lecture. We already have that mechanism in Grandview. You enter the parts that you can do, within how many miles, and how many days' notice you need. We already have that so that makes those arguments mute points. Brother Crane's oratory about what the lecture is all about and what its purpose is. It has several purposes, but the other purpose for memorizing the lectures is that this brother here has memorized or given well a 28-minute or 32-minute lecture, and he's also traveled 50 miles to give the candidate this lecture. This is how much he appreciates you and this is what a Brother will step forward and do during your time in masonry. Our commitment to them, which instills their commitment to us and the craft. I don't know who would get that by reading a lecture, however well. I don't think that would give the same response. Thank you, Brothers.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

*"You've heard three in favor and three opposed. We will now vote on resolution #5. All those in favor, stand with your voting cards. I believe I can call this one. Resolution **Fails.**" "We will now hear Resolution 6"*

M.:W.: John Warner, PGM / Jurisprudence Chairman

Resolution 6. Reads by-Law as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

By-Laws, Part One, ARTICLE VIII, WORK AND LECTUIRES, Section 804 – Streaming Lectures

Section 804. Streaming Lectures. The 1st, Middle Chamber and 3rd degree lectures in streaming video format, shall be presented to candidates only when a proficient lecturer is not available. These lectures shall be streamed from a private and secure source only to the Lodge Secretary, accessed through a link in our membership software. (Added Section Sept 2024)

“For the purpose of discussion, I move that Resolution 6 be adopted.”

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“It has been moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 6, We will now have the discussion, please use the procedures as before. First in favor of the resolution”

Dan LaVine Past Master Spirit Lake 57 and current Master Rathdrum 41. I'm in favor of this and I actually co-authored it and there's a reason for that. I'm here for Masonry and the Brotherhood, but I'm also grateful to do the work. I believe having this type of access for the smaller lodges that possibly don't have someone within 30 or 40 miles of them to do their lectures. What do they do, postpone the degree? Do they do the degree and then get the lecture later? Having this access would open up that Lodge to new worlds and to the ability to do the work themselves, if nobody in that Lodge can do that work. We are Masons and our Lodges are meant to make Masons. That is the technical definition of masonry, we are to gather together and make Masons. Everything else is Lodge culture. Anything we can do to further the making of Masons we need to do. We talked earlier about the loss of Masons that we are in negative numbers and we've been in negative numbers for a long time. Anything we can do to stem that tide should at least be at school. This isn't going to be a very popular thing among some of the guys that had to learn everything in those books. Everybody in this room that has a full Master's ticket. If you use Fellowcraft felt as one word and use trestle board as one word, it is 18,396 words you have to memorize to get your full Master's ticket. That is all the lectures, that is openings and closings. Basically, to do that and to remember it all requires an immense commitment. Having this for somebody who can't do that work, but still, we want to keep that Lodge going in the hope that it will grow. Rathdrum at one point we were sitting downstairs looking at the door hoping we have one more guy show us so that we can open the Lodge. We now have a median age in my lodge of 40 years old, that's the median, we've got younger guys that don't have the time to spend learning those 18,396 words, but we have guys that are working for our community. We have guys that are going out and doing good in the community. Not everybody has the time to run at this. Again, I understand that somebody that don't have the certificate like I do, yes, we put a lot of effort into it but we're also going to look at the numbers, based on decline in Idaho. This might help.

“Thank you, Brother Dan. First in opposition.”

MWGM, I'm Jeremy Vaughn, Past Master of Twin Falls lodge #45. A couple of quick points about this. Number one, Brother, ask yourself, which one of you that actually knows the lecture wants to be the one that's going to volunteer to be recorded so that you can do this? Two, the resolution talks about hosting it through our membership software. So I asked the question, can Grandview do that? The answer is no, they don't have the capability of doing that through Grandview. So, then a suggestion was made when we could do it on a private YouTube channel, because that would only be accessible to our membership which have the link and every employee of YouTube that has access to the content that's hosted there because they don't post anything that they don't have access to. So, does that mean we're not going to invest in the IT infrastructure to build the ability to stream these lectures? I don't want to go even further, guys. There's a number of gentlemen that I

know, with all due respect to an illustrious Sir that joined the Scottish Rite during the pandemic when they were doing the video conferrals and the members that I helped bring them through that have struggled with wanting to come back to the Scottish Rite because they thought it was a lackluster experience. Even though it was very well done and I watched those videos, they were well done. Gentlemen, I get the problem. I've been the guy sitting in the car going two hours plus to the lodge one way and snowy weather to help put on the work. But you know what? that's part of what I talked about in my oration about building our bonds of Brotherhood. It's work, Masonry is work and I recognize the challenges that we have, but this isn't the solution guys. Thank you.

"2nd in favor."

Thank you MWGM, Greg Winther PGM. If you look at this resolution you'll see my name on it, and I wanted to tell you why my name is on it. I am very concerned not only about the loss of membership, but that pales in comparison to the loss of the Lodges. We have lost 27 Lodges since I was Grandmaster, I've been a witness to this. Like Jeremy said earlier in his oration; to make a Mason, you need a Lodge? Now this is a plea for help, not necessarily with the video, but it's a plea to have ideas. Brainstorm on how we can best assist these lodges that are struggling so that they don't become another negative statistic. Three resolutions were put together, the best ideas that I could come up with, but I'm not that bright. I need help, I'd like your ideas on how we can help struggling Lodges. Many of the men that speak against something like this are from the more populous parts of the state. Well, just take it as an example, I have made a point of visiting lodges that are one death away from closing. Whether it's a video is immaterial. We've got to start passing legislation that benefits these lodges that are struggling so we don't lose any more of that. And if the video is something you feel strongly about, great. If you don't like it, that's fine too. But let's come up with some ideas. Thank you.

'Thank you, brother. Second, in opposition to the proposed resolution.'

MWGM, Distinguished guests, and all right. Brian Becker Coeur D' Alene 20. I am in one of those small lodges and we end up borrowing help from other lodges and that builds the camaraderie between us. The other thing that we're missing is that by memorizing these lectures, you learn more about master yourself so that when you convey that knowledge to a candidate, you convey it with a conviction because you understand it better. And if questions come up later, you can say you can explain what those various parts are. I mean, it's one of the fun parts about masonry. You watch a degree and a number of times and one day you notice something you hadn't noticed before. You memorized one of the lectures, and all of a sudden you discovered some other aspect that you hadn't seen before. Those are things we end up discussing with our brethren. I remember going through the Scottish Rite when it was all memorized. It was beautiful. I went through Eastern Star when it was memorized, and I was really impressed, and I didn't go into it thinking I'd be impressed, but the fact that they had done that work and had studied it, memorized it, I was impressed with that. Our distinguished brethren are trying to indicate that we're losing members because we have to memorize something. Well, should we get rid of them memorizing what the working tools are, should we just have everything in the book we hand to them and go, oh this is going to be amazing. Congratulations. We keep shortening it. that's not going to make it any better. We've been making it easier since the 60s. We just have to be more active in our community. I helped the Grand Lodge of Montana go through 150 years of stuff for their museum. None of the programs worked, they all played out. The thing that did work was the Brother talking to a Brother and those individuals talking to those in the community. That's what gets our membership, that's what gets these people motivated and that's what gets people to want to memorize the work. Thank you.

"Thank you, Brother. one last in favor of the resolution. There are two people moving towards the mic, only one could speak. in my lodge doesn't even have anything. No, that's true. That's why I'm asking everyone to queue up. We don't. We shouldn't have to wait for people to walk up to the mark."

David Main Kaniksu 97. I don't usually talk up in front of crowds too well, but I've been to degrees in Washington just cross the border from the Southern Newport and all their lectures are recorded with video that I watched. Does that make the Washington guys any less amazing? I don't think so. We've got a lot of people, but we want the younger crowd, but the younger crowd are working 40, 60, 80 hours a week just to make a living right now. Are we going to help them or are we just going to let it go?

"Thank you, Brother. Is there a 3rd speaker against?"

MWGM, Howie Bloom still Past Master of Asher 29. To paraphrase Hiram King of Tyre, for like reasons as before, this resolution should not be passed. It takes away the one-on-one. Putting a TV or a Big Screen in front of the candidate and doing that, but it takes away that one-on-one. We're trying new ways to help the lodges, I think of Brother Greg and Brother Dan as friends, and I don't like speaking against these resolutions that my friends have put forth, because I do believe they are looking for the betterment of Freemasonry. Past Master Grand Master Winther and I have spoken at length about better ideas. I don't think they're fully ripened ideas yet, but it helps us think and maybe in the future we'll have a better answer, but it is football season and when the football team was struggling, you know you don't continue with complicated plays, you go back to the basics. It was the basics that got us to where we were and the basics will get us back to where we want to be, which is. Is full of competent lecturers, competent people that can do the work, and that's going to be done by the one-on-one interaction with the mentor and the candidate. It's not going to be done by any sort of video or canned lecture, whether it's in the G or first, second or third degree.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

*"Thank you, brother. We've heard 3 for and 3 against, we're now going to vote all those in favor. Stand with your ballots. OK. Resolution 6 **FAILS**. We will now hear Resolution 7."*

M.:W.: John Warner, PGM / Jurisprudence Chairman

Resolution 7. Reads by-Law as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

By-Laws, Part Three, ARTICLE XI, CHARTERED LODGES, Section 1106 – Occasional Lodges:

Occasional Lodges. Lodges with memberships of thirty (30) or fewer members who reside within a twenty (20) mile radius of the Lodge, and are physically able to attend, may elect to amend their By-Laws to become an Occasional Lodge. Thereby, operating and being governed under the following changes to their Lodge's Bylaws.

1. Occasional Lodges are required to convene four (4) or more stated meetings annually, with the presence of a quorum of seven (7) Brothers, three of whom must be members of that Occasional Lodge (Section 920).
2. Of these stated meetings one must be in November (Section 1601, Election), one in December (Section 1504 and 1505, Delinquent Members), one in the spring and one before Grand Lodge. There may be unlimited called meetings to conduct activities permitted by this Code and Digest.
3. The specific date and time of each of the Stated meetings must be detailed in the Lodge's By-Laws.
4. All other Constitutional Provisions, By-Laws and Regulations shall apply in the governing of the Occasional Lodge with the exception of those listed above.

"To put the resolution on the floor, I move that Resolution 7 be adopted."

"I'll take 3 for and 3 against. Please queue up"

MWGM, Dan LaVine Rathdrum 41. This is another resolution that I co-authored. Everything that you've been experiencing, my want, my goal here is to simply the betterment of Masonry in Idaho. Having been the Master for the very, very large lodge and then after the very small lodge. The rationale here is this. If you have been seated at the dinner table and stared down your driveway of your lodge hoping one more car show up so you'll be able to open lodge to do your business. You understand that sometimes it would have been better to not show up than suffer that despair, than hanging out around the dinner table just to go home without having done anything other than talking to your Brothers. By making it so that those called communications can happen when we know we will have Brothers, rather than being forced to try to open doors when we know don't have if we have enough Brothers that can attend. There are a lot smaller logical brothers who belong to larger ones. This is not going to sound like it makes sense, but some of the Lodges up here in the North can't open on their own and required Brothers from other Lodges to be able to open. These smaller Lodges will now to be made to shut their Lodges down, is that what we want? Brother Greg mentioned that Lodge are dwindling from 70 something in the 40 something, do we want that to continue? If you have a Lodge that meets 4 times a year for stated meetings, everything else can be a called communication when you know you can get Brothers to show up. What harm has been done? This allows that Lodge to survive as it attempts to build again. I belong to a Lodge that had 21 members that our last meeting. At one point we had six and we're hoping for seven. We've built that. It can be done, but giving up on some lodges because they only have a few members now, I don't think it's a good idea. I believe this resolution or intuition would solve that problem

"Thank you, brother Dan, first opposition, is that Brian?"

Yes sir, MWGM, Distinguished Guests and Brethren all. One point which made the point of order, if I recall correctly, is that bylaws changes have to be read three times in the lodge. By the way this is written that won't be possible. My second thing is I believe that this can all be done with just the bylaws change in the lodge. If they only want to meet 5 times or six times or whatever the magic number is, they can do a by-laws change. Again, I'm a seven-time Pass Master. Two of those have been these small lodges where if we get a quorum, we're very thankful. No doubt about it. I built them up at times and I've watched them go back down and borrowed from other brethren. I wish we had 21 people showing up at our Lodge meetings, but I think this is already covered in the Code & Digest. I don't know how you're going to read the bylaws 3 times when you're only going to be able to meet twice before Grand Lodge. This may need to be amended on the floor. Thank you.

Thank you, Brother. Is there another in favor.

MWGM, Distinguished Guest Brother all, my name is Skylor Lentz Junior Warden of Boise 2. As Boise rapidly grows, the Lodge sits at a city brimming with opportunity. The population has grown 24% since 2010 to 2020, and it's projected to surpass 1,000,000 in 2024 and that's from the US Department of Statistics and the Idaho Department of Labor. With Boise's 2.4% unemployment rate and 64% growth in the tech sector, members are busier than ever and that's from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. And the Idaho Technology Council. Let's ensure this law stays alive and remains a source of light for those striving to improve themselves in the community. Boise 2 has been a noted downward ebb since COVID, but that doesn't constitute there should be a threat for risk foreclosure. We have strength in our passion for number 2 to remain alive for the opportunity to return to a healthy flow and growth. In my interpretation of the Grand Orators words, Masons are made in a Lodge and the fellowship outside the lodge gives depth to the Brotherhood. Keep the tie to the Lodge and the connection of the Brothers and the community. I propose we vote in favor of the occasional Lodge. This will keep our Lodge more accessible and engaged, allowing us to better share with the community at large. Let us vote in favor for this motion and ensure Boise 2 and other Lodges continues to grow and thrive alongside our vibrant community, our vibrant city. Thank you.

"Thank you, Brother Skylor. A second in opposition, Brother Dave."

Dave Thomas, Past Master Salubria 31 and Weiser 23. Small lodges, Payette, Weiser, Cambridge, and I think Butte 37 in Emmett has probably got more members but anyway. This has basically brought together the small Lodges by having the support one another. So we travel, we all traveled back and forth during Lodge nights. It's very simple, it's 30 miles to Cambridge or it's 10 miles to Payette for us guys in the middle, but the guys from Cambridge also come down. The death now of lodges was the ending of meeting twice a month and now only being required to meet once a month, why? What did this do for us? Talk to the Lodges that are successful. They do the same thing we do and I think we're pretty successful. Up in Cambridge. I think we've made 3 or 4 new Masons. What we do is we meet every Thursday night and talk with the exception of our monthly meeting. When we get together, we might talk about the farming or somebody might say I'd like to work on stuff and we'll do that. You have to work with somebody on his proficiency. I don't see any reason to be ashamed about missing a meeting if you're a four meeting a month guy. But if you meet once a month and you've missed two or three meetings of going to lodge, Lodge then seems to fall off or your calendar. Thank you.

"Thank you, brother Dave. second in favor."

MWGM, "Brother John", the next Brother has a question on language in the resolution.

Julian Wheeler, Junior Warden Shoshone Lodge 25. As often as I can I attend meetings at Cataldo Lodge 34 and Coeur D' Alene 20 and it's good to see brethren from here beyond, I wanted to raise a point of order There was a notion going around that it's only 4, but it does say in subparagraph 1, Occasional Lodges are required to have four or more stated meetings annually. So, they can actually do once a month if they want. This doesn't press them down to four, it's at least it's a floor of 4. Thank you.

"Thank you for your point of order." "Another in favor of the resolution, this will be #3"

Hello Brethren, I'm Steve Crane from Lakeside 42. I'm also Past Master of Topeka 17, Topeka, Kansas. About 15 years ago, the Grand Lodge of Kansas was experiencing the same issues where we had Lodges that were having a tough time. So' what the usual reaction is that we merge too much, so we merge the lodge here and we merge a lodge there together. The problem is when we merge those lodges, there was 50 miles between one lodge and the other. The guys who got merged from this lodge into Lodge B, they never went. We lost those Brothers. So about 15 years ago, we created this occasional lodge process and it has worked like a charm. And we've had more than a third of those lodges that have come back to life. They found the missing brothers. They found that one brother who could, you know, get in the lodge and charge things up and get people going again and bring in new members. And it's saved a bunch of lodges in the state of Kansas.

"Thank you, Brother Steve. Last in opposition, Brother Jeremy."

MWGM, Jeremy Vaughn, Past Master Twin Falls Lodge 45. Couple of points. One, when we define the lodges that this applies to as lodges with 30 or fewer members who reside within 20 miles and I dare say it is safe to look at the directory, that's 3/4 of the Lodges in Idaho. So there we are guys. This is not about those of us in opposition wanting to close Lodges, in fact, it's the furthest from the truth. One of my real concerns with this resolution is. One, as was stated earlier, this could be addressed by a Lodge amending its bylaws to specify how many times it wants to meet. Two, if you say that they're 4 times they that they have to meet, but then you specify when those four have to meet or which at least two of the four have to meet per this resolution. You're hamstringing that Lodge's ability to do a number of things that our Code & Digest predicates upon the passage of time between stated meetings, such as reception of petitions, investigation of petitions, balloting on petitions. So now you're hamstringing that Lodge's ability to grow because you cannot read or act on a petition at a called meeting. Number tow how many folks have actually read our disciplinary process in our code? There's an awful lot of stuff in our disciplinary code that has to do with happening at stated meetings or the passage of time to another stated meeting in order to have the trial process and also deal with the appeal process. This hamstringing that as well. While I think the idea of giving the Lodges these tools to rebuild

themselves as a good one. I think there are flaws in this resolution as built, that are creating other problems that are not on its face and I think we should come back next year with the better idea. Thank you.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

*“Brother, we’ve heard 3 in favor and 3 opposed to the resolution. We will now vote on resolution #7 All those in favor, please stand with your ballots. OK, brother, we sit down. Those opposed, please stand for ballots. The resolution **FAILS.**” “We will now hear Resolution 8.”*

M.:W.: John Warner, PGM / Jurisprudence Chairman

Resolution 8, this is a very simple one. This particular resolution modifies a bylaw based on of the approval of that Constitutional Amendment that will go to the Lodges at the end of this Grand Session. So, if this particular resolution was to pass, it would automatically be in conflict. Therefore, has been returned to Mount Moriah Lodge. They are authorized to bring it back again next year if the pending Constitutional Amendment passes. While I'm on that Resolution 10, the same thing happens. There was a conflict. Resolution 10 was also returned to the authors who may resubmit if the pending Constitutional it affects is passed. So, we're going to be discussing and voting on Resolution 9.

Resolution 9. Reads by-Law as intended to read in the Code and Digest:

By-Laws, Part two, ARTICLE XVI, OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, INSTALLATIONS, Section 1603 – Eligibility of Officers

A Wardens Certificate of Proficiency requires a Brother to demonstrate his proficiency in opening and closing Lodge in all three degrees, conduct a stated communication and pass the designated examination on Masonic Law. To be eligible for election as Warden of a Lodge, a Brother must possess a Wardens Certificate of Proficiency; or a Worshipful Masters Certificate of Proficiency; or a Secondary Worshipful Masters Certificate of Proficiency; or be a Master or Past Master of a Constituent Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction. Installed Wardens, serving at least one year as a Warden of a Chartered Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, or after serving as Warden or Master of a Lodge under dispensation in this grand Jurisdiction, and after receiving this Certificate, such Brother is eligible for election as Worshipful Master. A Brother after serving in this capacity, shall be considered a Past Master and a permanent voting member of Grand Lodge. Individuals who are already in possession of a Wardens certificate prior to October 1, 2009, must pass the designated examination prior to being installed as Worshipful Master. (Revised Sept 2024)

“For the purpose of discussion, I move that Resolution 9 be Adopted.”

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“It has been moved and seconded to adopt resolution 9, We will now have the discussion, please use the procedures as before. First in favor of the resolution” Let's queue up. Looks like the first in favor is PGM Sherman Burger.”

MWGM I am not speaking in favor or against the amendment, but I have a question for Jurisprudence on why this Amendment is not in conflict with the Constitution. The Constitution sets who the permanent voting members of Grand Lodge are, and they are Past Masters with either of the Master's Certificate of Proficiency, this bylaw amendment then adds to that the Wardens that have been elected as Worshipful Master, and to me that seems to be a conflict.

The Constitution is clear that for a brother to become a Master, he must have a Master's certificate. He must also learn and know the ritual of Idaho. Within that same context, we must ask what is ritual? Opening and closing the lodges is ritual, a Senior Warden gives an apron lecture in the degrees is ritual. The Constitution does not say how much ritual he must learn, only that he must learn Idaho ritual. Secondly, the only one that

can certify a brother to receive a Worshipful Master Certificate is a District Deputy Grand Master. He has two ways currently to do that, he certifies the Master can do all the work all the work to qualify for a certificate, or not. When he certifies the Brother did the work, he sends the certification to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary then issues a certificate based on certification of the District Deputy Grand Master. The process is the same for a Secondary Worshipful Masters Certificate. Now we come to this resolution. The District Deputy Grand Master has to verify that the Brother has met the requirements of proficiency to give him a Wardens Certificate. The second requirement, after learning the ritual, is that he must serve a year as a Warden. The District Deputy must review and certify that he has met those requirements, then he sends the certification to the Grand Secretary, that the individual is eligible for the Wardens Certificate, and the Grand Secretary issues the certificate. He now has a certificate that meets the requirement of the Code and the Jurisprudence Committee determined based on that, that it is eligible to go to the floor and the membership has the right to vote. Thank you.

"Thank you. 1st in favor of the proposed resolution."

Worshipful Master and Brethren, Robin Stanley Shoshone Lodge 25 and Cataldo 34. I've been coming to Grand Lodge for over 50 years and I've been a Master of either Shoshone or Cataldo for 36 years. So, I know what it's like being a Master of a small Lodge that is struggling and I can tell you in my heart, in over 50 years coming to Grand Lodge, there's two things that have stood out. Brian Becker and I have written a lot of legislation knowing it was never going to pass, because Grand Lodge doesn't pass new creative ideas. It takes literally years to get Grand Lodge to move on anything. I was a school administrator for 47 years, teacher, principal, Superintendent, and one of my favorite sayings was if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got. So, if you keep doing what you're doing, you're going to come up with the same results. Science says it's great. Jeremy, stop. Sorry, Einstein says it's crazy to think if you keep doing the same thing to expect a different outcome. In my 50 years I've only seen Grand Lodge take one action that has helped the rural Lodges. 1 in 50 years and I'm not going to tell you what the one thing is, but if you can come up with more than one thing, the Grand Lodge has passed that helped small lodges. I want you to bring it to me and I'll feel better about Grand Lodge because I don't feel very good about being able to bring anything and getting Grand Lodge to move. Because this Grand Lodge is just in a rut. We know what Washington does, we know what other states do, and we know what Kansas does. But Idaho can't get out of the rut. I knew 20 years ago that we couldn't get stuff changed. Brother Winther points out that we are on a crash course. We're losing lodges, we're losing brothers, we've gone from 13,000 to less than 2000. If we always do what we've always done, we'll always get what we've always got. So, unless somebody changes, we're not going to exist. Thank you.

"Thank you, brother. First in opposition."

MWGM I am Dan Siddall Past Master Capital City 93 and the Grand Lecturer. I'm sympathetic to the arguments put forth today, but one of the things if we are a fraternity that is for the improvement of men. If we're a society that is for the improvement of me, then the way to improve is through our ritual. If we're not going to memorize it, which is our current way of us learning the lessons, we need to replace it with something else. In talking with my distinguished Brother from Paraguay, they do a bunch of writing papers and education that way. If we want to reduce the ritual, we really need to replace it with something else which then continues our lessons. If we're not going to replace it with something, we've just become the Elks or the Rotary Club because there's not, we're not doing the improvement that we're talking about. We're doing community activities. There are plenty of other organizations that do those things, so. Personally, I like Freemasonry, I like ritual, evidence by the fact that I'm the Grand Lecturer. I like the lessons and I think that we should improve this with lessons. I understand the small bodies are struggling getting enough qualified Masters, but if there's something in your lodge. Does not have a Master Certificate because I'm not willing to work on it. Then why doesn't the Master empower that person to run some stuff? Talking to the folks at Rathdrum yesterday, there's a young

man there that is not a Master, but they've had him run some of their charitable organizations. We do the same thing at Capital City, very often we put together a committee and the Master doesn't run the empowers folks to do those things to help energize the lodge and get them active in the community. There are other solutions other than reducing the ritual requirement. We're talking about now, how we can't do some of the lectures if you don't have to learn the lectures to Master, nobody is going to learn them. And we're going to be back to be reading it. That was my two cents.

"Thank you, Brother Dan, seconded in favor of the resolution".

MWGM and Brethren, no name given? This is my first year at Grand Lodge. This is my first year as Worshipful Master of my lodge. Really tough going after Dan Siddall I have to tell you. But anyway, I'm gonna try to muddle through this. Since this resolution was penned by a person in my Lodge who was not able to come. He made several points even though I don't have the experience that you gentlemen have, yet. I would like to go through so of those points. Through an affiliate member, 34 Grand Lodges in different states were polled in 22 of the 34 Grand Lodges, which replied that they require a member to serve one year as a Senior Warden in their lodge to become eligible to be Grand Master. Two months, in one year as a Warden that opened and closed at all degrees. Attend a 2- or 3-day Wardens class. If you look at the resolution, you'll see a pie chart and all that information right there. It's not in the summary, but it's in the actual resolution. Our largest need leadership and they also have Lecturers. They don't have to be exclusive to each other. I mean, you don't have to be a good leader to be a lecturer. You know, to be a good lecturer, be a leader. You can be one or the other. And just in my short term so far as Worshipful Master, I found that this position is primarily about leadership and administration, much less than the lecturing part. Now we do need lecturers, 100%. I just got my limited Master's Certificate, and I am very proud of that. Now. I think I want to go for my full ticket and hope that others will have the responsibility to do that. Thank you.

"Thank you, brother. Second in opposition".

George Decker Silver City 13. I am from one of the small rural Lodges, we are there by the grace of God, because without the people that come from Star, Middleton, and Boise our Lodge would have closed. When we have people in our lives that who are no longer eligible because they are in the line, they're working full time or other junk. They're in five different lodges and they're already sitting Masters or sitting Wardens. I had to step up, yes I only have the secondary Master's Certificate. I had to scramble hard to do that in 60 days but, I got it done. I'm not going to say it was pretty, but I got it done, and I am working towards getting my full meal deal so that I can move on. I don't mean to move on as in my life. I just mean be there to do the work that everyone else seems to do. I'm not a great speaker. I flub my lines all the time, but I'm trying. Whether it's 18,000 words or 25,000 words, I'm going to get there. Thank you.

"Thank you, brother George. In favor of resolution."

Thank you Most Worshipful, Greg Winther PGM. This is a bummer, look who's going after me. He's going to do clean up. It is an old lawyer's trick, I think. When we talk about small lodges, I'm thinking of lodges that have a Master and a membership that comes that is over the age of 75. Membership has been and may have been leaders in their industries, but at 75 their memories will not let them even approach the certification. I've got a close friend in mind. I don't know the size of the Lodges that most of you are from. But how many of you are one death away from closing? I've got one there, I've got 1 here, I've got 2 back there. One death from closing, we've already lost 27. When we lose a lodge, we lose the opportunity to make Masons, we lose the opportunity to be an influence in our community. We lose the opportunity for those men that had me coming to lodge have a lodge to come to because as you heard earlier, and I can attest to this. When 2 lodges merge, 1 disappears. It's just the way it's been. Anyway, in a resolution like this here, I'm not speaking directly to the resolution, but I'm speaking to the idea. That we need conserve our lodges. OK. Thank you for listening.

"Thank you, Brother Greg. Final and opposition, Brother Jeremy."

MWGM, Jeremy Vaughn Pass Master Twin Falls Lodge 45. First, my question is why do we always keep characterizing this as small lodges versus large lodges? I'm a member of the lodge of about 100 Master Masons, and I remember an election not that long ago. We have one Brother and only one Brother, to elect into the Master's chair. We have got 100 Master Masons, I also know, some of our "smaller lodges" with a third of their guys or better which have Master Certificates. It's really not an issue of the population of your lodge. I talked earlier about the statistics on how many tickets were actually issuing, we can have that debate over a cocktail later. I have some concerns about this legislation as written, as you look at it, it talks about modifying the Warden Certificate of proficiency, and with reference to our learned friends on the Jurisprudence Committee. Article 2, section one of our Constitution talks about having a Worshipful Master Certificate of Proficiency. What this resolution is purported to do is that a person with a Warden's Certificate of Proficiency can be elected Master of their Lodge. I submit that from my reading it does create an issue with the Constitution. Perhaps the way to start this conversation is when you talk about a Constitutional Amendment to address these issues of what certificates are required and what are not. Gentleman, I get the sentiment, I've been in a situation of trying to save Lodges, but Lodges go through their life cycles. I submit that perhaps there are other things we need to talk about as a fraternity, is what is the life cycle of the lodge, and why do we make it so hard to open a new Lodge? Why don't we make it so it's a little easier, like our friends overseas in the UK, where they open new Lodges or close Lodges as required, it's the life cycle, but we do it for the good of Masonry. It's a continuous change. Thank you.

*"Thank you, Brother. Jeremy. We've heard three in favor and three opposed to the resolution. All those in favor of the resolution stand with the voting cards, all opposed. Resolution 9 **FAILS**." "Thank you, Brother John, and good work Jurisprudence. I appreciate your work."*

Announcements:

"I thank the Grand Lodge for consideration in allowing me to run resolutions pass the published closing time. We'll make sure the visiting Grand Masters and other representatives will have time to speak tomorrow morning. We have an introduction to do for Grand Master of Ted who got in from Nevada today so, we'll do that in the morning. There will be a hospitality suite tonight in room 178 in the B wing of the facility, we are still working on a room for Friday night. Jesse, really quickly, say, what time you will open the Hospitality room?"

MWGM, I was given notice by Junior PGM Sherm Burger that the Past Grand Masters Association will be meeting in the hospitality room. So, guys, as much as I would like to open up the hospitality room, I'm not going against the Past Grand Masters.

"Let me let me clarify this. I'm going to let them do the announcement. Then, I need to know from you when the hospitality suite will be opened for everybody."

Past Grand Masters Association will meet at 4:00 pm, in Room 178. All past Grand Masters, all sitting Grand Masters, including you, Brother Gary, are invited to attend. Brother Gary, if you don't attend that, we will send out a search party.

Thank you, Sir. And as soon as that's over, we'll start up the hospitality room. So again, the hospitality room will be open sometime after 4:30 in room 178 and B Wing.

Thursday, September 19, 2024 (Close for Evening)
Call from Labor to Refreshment (Ritual – Call off through the South)

Prayer Rev. Robert K. Perry, W.: Grand Chaplain

"Great Architect of the Universe! As we conclude business for the day, keep us ever mindful of the duties we have heard so frequently inculcated and so forcefully recommended in this Grand Lodge. We Humbly Pray. Amen

Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment) Daniel W. Drefs, W.: Grand Marshal

"By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I Proclaim the 157th 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 20, 2024 (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 20, 2024 (Public Memorial Service)

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

Public Memorial Service: Rev. Robert K. Perry, W.: Grand Chaplain
(Assisted by the Grand Stewards)

402-5 Necrology – Memorial Service Rev. Robert K. Perry
REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

It has been a privilege and a humbling experience to serve as your Worshipful Grand Chaplain for the past year.. Lodge secretaries within our jurisdiction sent reports to me, listing the nearest relative of these deceased brothers. I have responded on your behalf with our heartfelt prayers for our lost brother and especially for his family.

In my short term as your Grand Chaplain, I have sent out 49 such prayers and thought on behalf of our Grand Master and all of the Grand Officers. I have tried to pass on the Craft’s fraternal affection, the respect and honor that Masons have for each other, and the concern of Freemasonry for families grieving the loss of a loved one. I have tried to stress in my prayers to the widows and orphans of our lost brothers that we are there if they need any one of us. They only need to ask and we will be there.

For those secretaries that sent their reports to me, I am grateful. I hope that we didn't miss any departed brothers in this past year, but if we did, our prayers are with their families and Lodges.

I am extremely grateful to have had the honor of serving the Grand Lodge of Masons in Idaho for this past year. It has been for me an opportunity of learning, as well as an opportunity of serving. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe receive those who have gone to be with a Beneficent Father. I trust that I have been a faithful servant.

157th Grand Lodge Masonic Memorial Service

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

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

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

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

Let us pray:

Thou, O God who knows our down sitting and our uprising and understands our thoughts afar off, shield and defend us from the evil intentions of our enemies. Support us under the trials and afflictions which we are destined to endure while traveling through this vale of tears. Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth as a flower and is cut down; he flees also as a shadow and continues not. His days are determined and the number of his months is with Thee; Thou has appointed his bounds that he cannot pass. Turn from him that he may rest till he shall accomplish his days. For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. But man dies and wastes away; yea, man gives up the ghost and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea and the flood decays and dries up, so a man lies down and rises not up till the heavens be no more. Yet, O Lord, have compassion on the children of thy creation; administer them comfort in time of trouble and save them with an everlasting salvation. Amen.

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

Necrology Report – 2024

Idaho Lodge #1

W. Paul Worrell

Boise Lodge # 2

Lawrence D. Ridenour

C. Nick Nealis

Placer Lodge #3

Richard Ray Kilbury

Nez Perce Lodge #10

Gerald F. Hoerber

Daniel L. Story

Lemhi Lodge #11

Lewis Shane Draney

Roy S. Jackson

Silver City Lodge #13

Everett E. Jones

Hailey Lodge #16

Edward Lyttle

Eagle Rock Lodge #19

Howard W. Elo

Weiser Lodge #23

Delbert R. Kuntz

Kootenai Lodge #24

Paul Frank Westhafer

Daniel Robert Garnett

Doral L. McGee

Ashler Lodge #29

G. Arthur Shoemaker, PGM

Salubria Lodge #31

Virgel L. Keithley

Grove City Lodge #33

Phillip C. Thompson

Richard K. Smith

Cataldo Lodge #34

Charles F. French

Robert M. Lawless

Butte Lodge #37

Louis M. Warren

Lakeside Lodge #42

John Bruce Parker

Hermon Bunton Collins

Bruce Thomas Peterson

Michael Roy Cramer

Robert Leon Hoskins

Twin Falls Lodge #45

Lawerence W. Lickley

*William David Eakin
Billy R. Skaggs
Joe C. Rose
Dale E. Williams
Bart C. Silver
James Martin Olson
Stanton H. Detweiler*

Meridian Lodge #47

*James Robert Keezer
Davis Allen Roberts*

Oriental Lodge #60

*Leon P. Smith
Lyle R. Fisher
Daniel K. Johnson
Thyne S. Murdoch
Lance B. Lind
Robert B. Finney*

Hagerman Lodge #78

Jeri L. Engelking

Iconic Lodge #82

*Duane L. Peterson
Herbert S. Malany*

Caribou Lodge #84

*L. Lamont Hess
James E. Hunzeker*

Capital City Lodge #93

Dale Robert Rutter

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

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

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

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

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

Let us pray:

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

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

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

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

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

Fraternally submitted
Reverend Robert K. Perry, Worshipful Grand Chaplain 2023-2024

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

Friday, September 20, 2024 (Morning Session)

Grand Lodge Officers Started in place.

Welcome to Friday Morning Session by

Mark Worthington, WM Paradise Lodge No. 17

"Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Friday Morning Session of the 157th 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 my pleasure to introduce Brother Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"It is my pleasure to Mark Worthington, Worshipful Master Paradise Lodge No. 17"

Call from Refreshment to Labor (Ritual)

Friday Morning Session Prayer

Rev. Robert K. Perry, W.: Grand Chaplain

"Great Architect of the Universe, Ruler of Heaven and Earth, be ever watchful over this meeting and give us the guidance and wisdom to complete our duties today. In Thy Name We Pray. Amen."

Proclamation (Call to Order)

Levi Billman, W.: Grand Marshal

"By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim the 157th Annual Communication called from Refreshment to Labor."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Are there any Distinguished Guests (Not previously introduced)?" "W.: Senior Grand Deacon - would you introduce the Distinguished Guests from other Jurisdictions."

Charles Ward

Ted Bendure

Ron Hyde

M.: W.: Past Grand Master, Alaska

M.: W.: Grand Master, Nevada

Brother Master Mason, Texas

Roll Call

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Brother Secretary, you will call the roll of absent lodges"

Grand Secretary: Mt Idaho 9 (absent), Salubria Lodge 31 (absent), Lakeside 42 (present), Bonners Ferry 43 (absent), Malad 51 (absent), Caribou 84 (absent). Grand Master roll of absent Lodges is complete.

"Brother Secretary, do you have a final report of Credentials Committee?"

The final report of Credentials are as follows: Present are sixty-nine Past Masters, forty-six Lodge Officers and Fifty-one Proxies for a total of One hundred and seventy-one voting delegates

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Brother Grand Treasurer, do you have a report of the Memorial donations?”

Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, G. Arthur Shoemaker

MWGM, from the Memorial donations there was \$2,268.00 to the Pre-paid Life fund, \$48.00 to the Freemason Foundation and \$383.00 to Endowment Fund and also a \$1,000.00 check to the Permeant Relief Fund.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Thank you, Brother Art. I recognize MW PGM David Tripplett for has an item to bring before the Grand Lodge”

David Tripplett M.:W.: Past Grand Master, Idaho

I awoke at thee am in the morning thinking about a degree that I did and I was thinking about looking at the candidate but instead saw Lodges that were reaching out for our help. I don't have the answer but we had legislation yesterday and I know that every Master in here has an obligation to help our lodges. The second thing I had before I left home was I pulled a drawer out and there was my trowel that I got fifty years ago, it is not the trowel, but it is the brotherly love or cement that we need to focus on, we use that tool as a mortar board as we spread Brotherly love, that's what we have to do to be like that person who breaks the chains that bind us, we have to focus on the good, we need to get together and solve our problem of membership, to find answers that we can use and to be a good listeners, a good listener clears his mind of all predigests. This is what I ask you to do. Thank you, Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Thank you PGM Dave, next we will hear from our distinguished guests I will just go down our list or I will screw it up if I do it any other way. So, I would like to hear from the Grand Jurisdiction of Alaska, MWB Doug Studer”

Remarks from Visiting Jurisdictions:

Douglas Studer M.:W.: Grand Master, Alaska

MW Gary, It's and pleasure to be here and support you guys. I actually watch and observe how other Grand Lodges operate. I want to applaud those who wrote legislation, even though it did not get passed. You were trying to think outside the box, you were trying to find answers and solve problems. I encourage you to continue to do that. I lost a lodge and we don't have many of them in Alaska. I know what it is like to lose a lodge and it is not fun, and like you we are trying to think outside of the box and find answers and what I want you to do is keep trying. There are answers, there are ways to solve this, it is a cyclical even, people come and go, however, we have responsibility to see that Freemasonry continues. With that said, thank you very much for having me here and Brethren this has been a wonderful-wonderful event. Thank you very much.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"I would like to ask Michael Dale, M.:W.: Grand Master of Arizona if he has any remarks? You should know he's a Marine. I'd like to thank Right Worshipful Deputy Grandmaster Rick for covering Alaska because there were several conflicts on that same weekend and Steve Zimmerman for covering for me in Arizona. Thank you, Brothers."

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

Well, thank you very much for allowing me to be here today. I know my wife is really enjoying this one. So, kudos to your wife for entertaining them. I encourage the craft in Arizona to circumscribe your desires and keep your passions within due bounds. You might be thinking. Well, how the heck are you going to do that? Well, I'm going to do it through three little words that I bought from the Marine Corps. Honor, courage, and commitment. Through the obligations you have made, all of them. I charged the Masons in Arizona to go back and read their obligations and understand the words that are there. Just because you have memorized it doesn't mean you really know what it says. Honor those in the authority by actively listening, genuinely listening to others. Make eye contact, avoid interrupting, and provide constructive feedback when necessary. Pay compliments by acknowledging the positive qualities of others. Be kind, considerate, and polite. Show empathy. Then try to understand other's perspectives. Patience demonstrates respect for others, time, and feelings. Courage: Those acting despite feeling fear have the courage, to discuss Masonry with any person at any time, at any place. Develop your 15-minute elevator speech but don't talk about the history of Masonry because they can find that just about anywhere. Tell them why you joined and why you stayed. Courage, like the muscles in your body, can be developed. You can become more courageous with practice. Fear is an opportunity for growth rather than a hindrance. Instead of fighting fear, embrace it. Mindfulness helps you respond to fear with courage. Commitment: It's a powerful quality that can lead to various positive outcomes. Commit yourself to your lodge and become the Mason that all want to emulate. When you commit to something, you're more likely to follow through and achieve the goal. Commitment: Provides the necessary motivation and persistence to overcome obstacles and stay focused. Commitment plays a crucial role in all relationships. Being committed fosters trust, reliability, and loyalty. Commit to yourself to improvement. Learning new skills leads to personal growth and productivity. When you're committed, you're more likely to put forth the effort required to excel. When faced with challenges, commitment helps you to persevere, adapt, and find solutions rather than giving up. So, keep plugging away at problems that you have and eventually you will come to find a solution. I have two additional things I need assistance with. Arizona is losing some of its grant money. So, I'm trying to raise money by selling my Grand Master's coins for 20 bucks a piece. My goal is \$12,000 and I'm about halfway there. So, if you want one, see me, I'll let you have one. If you don't have my Grand Master's pin, come see me, I'll give them out until they're all gone. And the last thing I need assistance with, I need a ride to the airport at about 4:00 in the morning tomorrow. Anybody willing and able let me know. Thank you, we'll see you down the road.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Dan, our Grand Prusuvant will get you a ride to the airport. I would like to ask Grand Master Mark Forester of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon to come up, and as he is walking up. I would like to thank Creston and Bonners Ferry Lodges on the work on this. We had a great time on the International Day this year. Lodge in Bonners Ferry Lodge, that event is back in full swing. So, let's get a lot of support next year. Brother Cliff, thank you so much for all the work you did with and with Creston. It was a fabulous event. It's kind of an International Day now instead of International Night because of the border crossing gate coming back into the US. You have to be back early. Maybe someday they'll go late on that border crossing again and it's the US it's not supporting the border crossing."

Mark Forester M.:W.: Grand Master, British Columbia & Yukon

Grandmaster and Brother, It's a privilege for me to be here in Idaho. This is my first time in Idaho for a Lodge meeting. I tried to go to the Crescent meeting for 15 years, but the Grand Master always had me represent him somewhere else. So, this year I'm pretty sure he's not going send me somewhere else. Brother wanted to share with you my theme in British Columbia this year. My theme is the Magic is you. This resonates equally for me as I reflect on the essence of our craft. Freemasonry is indeed a remarkable journey, a journey of self-discovery and enlightenment and serve. In service, each of us brings a unique blend of talent. It raises perspectives that enrich the lodges and communities. The magic of Freemasonry lies not in this mysticism, but in the transformative power that each of us holds within ourselves. My theme Imagine may sound like I'm encouraging magic shows fo Grand Master's official visits. Apart from that, my theme is all about Freemasonry and what we get from it, what it teaches us and how others perceive us. The magic is you. It's both collective and individual. We can only do it through individual effort and the assistance of each other. It covers some reaction. Our daily lives and our Masonic relationships and the virtues we believe, teach and practice in our meetings at home, at work and in public. It is up to each one of us to practice and demonstrate the many virtues we teach. Together we will be the beacons of light in our communities. Promoting harmony and compassion and understanding now if you. Things that I'm going to recommend the brother everybody should have. One of these in your pocket because when you're places like this it's always really hot and sweaty so you can get that stuff off. But not only that, you know, it's also quite magical. Images you without each one of us to show that magic that we have and I would like to leave a bit of magic here. We have this blue and red scarf here and I can't leave this one here because this is like only works in California and British Columbia because it is wine colors. Just like that (magic trick), you know you can learn it, so I'd like to leave a little bit of magic here in Idaho and. I wanna thank you for your hospitality. My wife certainly enjoyed herself and I think she's out on a wine trip or something. (GM Gary) *"today they're going to Lola's wine bar for the lady's lunch. If everything works out, I've got a limo service for them, they will need to take 2 trips with two vehicles, so I hope they enjoy that. It looks to be a very nice place. They were very friendly when we asked them if we could come. It's in downtown Coeur D Alene, not at the resort. We couldn't afford that. She had a fabulous time yesterday and I'm sure today will be the same. So, thank you so much.*

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"A little funny, sorry, on the International Day. To. So British Columbia working in Idaho, and so are the senior pastor and master PCU Conn. And I discussed and I said, well, if you're given dispensation, I'll give a dispensation and we'll let Preston open and close and, and I, and so we're sitting in lodge room and the so they're doing the Crest of British Columbia, Yukon Work. We are open Bonners Ferry like and I've not had a cow because only Idaho work can be done. Watch. We went out the door and had the same. Update that no they open custom mods in Bonners Ferry ID under this sensation from the Grand Master of Idaho and BCG. So so I suggest next year that the grandmaster. And you authorize the President BC open and closed in Bonners. And I suggest that unless you have something special going on that you allow Bonners Ferry to open and close. I don't work, you crash it. Thank you.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

Brother Sam Whitehead Most Worshipful Grand Master of Montana. Would you approach? I have known Sam a long time. I think we were both executive officers at one time at the same time and so Sam has worked tirelessly in quarries."

Sam Whitehead M.:W.: Grand Master, Montana

I don't know how I'm gonna follow a magic trick. Thanks, Thanks for that. (from the audience "disappear") Well done, well done. Thanks Grand Master Ferguson, I appreciate that. First off, I want to acknowledge the Grand Master of Nevada for showing up late so he could be introduced by himself with his own honors. So, Ted, that's for you brother. First thing yesterday when you guys were doing resolutions, I was, you know, really, really excited that there were some resolutions coming to try to fix things and to try and change things. Membership is so important, without membership we don't exist. So, thinking outside the box is a huge thing. The one thing that caught my mind the most— can you shut up Grand Lecturer for two seconds? he compared the Grand Lodge of Montana to the Elks. We allow our--- you can sit down now I just wanted to call you out for a few seconds. In the Grand Lodge of Montana when you become a Master Mason in good standing you become eligible to become a Warden and when you're Warden for a year, you eligible to become Worshipful Master, so you compare skills. So that type of thinking outside the box is what's gonna keep Masonry alive across the world. And my motto this year is a plug in the drain of the South gate while protecting the Westgate. What does that mean? We need to do a better job of protecting the South gate. Not letting our Masons leave by delivering excellent products that all the Masons are going to enjoy and obviously protecting the Westgate, making sure we're doing really good investigative committees that are bringing in the right guys. Our motto is to make good men better, but they have already be good men. Levi, thank you for being my host. You've done fantastic and I appreciate it and it's been awesome. As Gary said, we have known each other for quite some time, over 10 years. We have been executive officers together we went through Grand Lodge together. Except for I have used the word no a lot more than he has, which is which is a good thing. I have been asked to do as many things as he has but I have used the word no a little bit more than he has. Gary, can you come down here with me for a second? How many Idaho Vandal fans are there in the room? You're gonna love this. I know he went to Idaho and he was a Vandal. I got both of you a gift, but I got something special for him. (From audience It's from Montana. Someone get a picture please. Is it a University of Montana Grizzly shirt? Someone get a good picture please) I have been waiting for years to give him a Griz shirt. So, for all of you Vandal fans, go Grizzlies.

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"I don't know how I'm gonna take care of that shirt. As Sam said my wife and I are Vandal alumni, so I'm very glad that the U of I finally stepped back down so that they could be competitive. I was shocked at how close the Oregon game was. I was expecting a blowout, thank goodness our defense showed up and Oregon's offense wasn't prepared. It is till early in the season, but I'm actually gonna be at a Vandal game. I think it's October 18th and I am not sure who we're playing. The Vandals have never lost when I'm in the dome. I'm trying to get the boosters to fly me up, but for some reason, they didn't want to. I think the record is 9 and 0 when I have attended, even when we were not so good. So, thank you for the great shirt. I'm sure we'll find a use for it." "I'd like to hear some words when Most Worshipful Grand Master John Ferguson from Nebraska. John travels extensively, that's another conflict date where we have multiple Grand Lodges that we need to go to and gratefully PGM Steve Zimmerman went to Nebraska to represent us."

John Ferguson M.:W.: Grand Master, Nebraska

Brothers. I had something kind of prepared for today but then last night I didn't sleep a lot because I was thinking so much about your legislation. We have the exact same problems in Nebraska. Two weeks ago, we had 102 lodges in Nebraska and now we have 100. We had to consolidate 3 lodges into one. They are located about 40 miles apart and if they don't start bringing some people in it is going to be like we said yesterday we are one maybe two deaths away from disappearing. I was hoping I could get some real solid

solutions yesterday. But I didn't. But we've gotta focus. We've got to figure out a step-by-step plan, and people say no man, or body of men should make changes, fundamental changes, to Mason. We're going to have to do something. I'm not sure what it is because like. MW Craig said this morning. Just doesn't seem to be relevant anymore. There are those of us who love it but not enough who can understand it. So anyway. I appreciate so much the hospitality that I received in Idaho. My wife couldn't be here with me today and she's a little upset about it. I had another officer who wanted to attend with me. He had to go to Kentucky instead. But I'm I know they'll be here next year. So, thank you, my Brethren, for showing me your hospitality here in Idaho. I really appreciate it. I invite you all to Nebraska next February and I believe it's 6th, 7th, and 8th and it could be cold. Thank you

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"I would invite Ted Bendure, M.:W.: Grand Master of Nevada to come up and speak at this time. Brother Ted, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nevada, it was a great time in Las Vegas and I think it will be a great time in Reno."

Ted Bendure M.:W.: Grand Master, Nevada

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brothers all, I bring you greetings from the State of Nevada. Most Worshipful I would like to thank you and the Brothers of Idaho for their hospitalities and courtesies extended to me. I have been here before and I will be back. I do have one thing that I would like to mention to you and get your opinion on it. My senior Grand Warden is from Idaho. Right Worshipful David, would you stand up? Brothers will never forgive you. He did ask one other person. He would like to know if he could be made an honorary Grand Officer of Idaho and I said David you sound like a former Grand Lodge Officer of Nevada. So if you would like to do that, I would do what I need to do. Anyway, thank you. It's kind of a bad thing for me to have to follow Sam. I've been listening to you on the trips around he just whines terrible because he said he was last and he is last for reason. I know Most Worshipful that he gave you a bad time about your vandals. I noticed Montana doesn't play UNLV or UNR, and that's for a reason. He wouldn't want to be embarrassed. So, Sam, make sure you know you are getting into. Most Worshipful Sam, you may want borrow it, because you might need it to cry in. Anyway Brothers, it was really interesting yesterday to listen to all the resolutions. It's nothing I haven't heard before. We have it Nevada and we have it in other States. We all have our situations. We talked about changing rules, we talked about what are we going to do. In the Nevada we have three types of lodges. We have urban lodges, which are classify as greater Las Vegas and greater Reno, large Lodges which have a lot of population. we have rural areas that maybe have populations around 6 or 7 thousand people. And then we have what I call frontier lodges, small communities, maybe 1000 people. Being a member and Past Master of both a very large lodge of almost 300 when I was Master of that lodge and a frontier lodge of 33 members. I can tell you what, there's a lot of difference, a lot of difference, different problems and different solutions. Do I have a silver bullet? No, I don't think anybody in this room does. As alluded to you by others proceeding me here this morning. But I can tell you this much. There's just one thing, ask yourself each one of you, if not for me, who will it be? If not for me, who will it be? In your own Lodges. Small Lodges or even large Lodge if they're losing membership, if you're not having people show up, if Brothers are not showing up. Why? Is it because of your agenda? Do you have poor floorwork? Are you not proud of your Lodge? You need to look within yourself, don't look for somebody else to solve your problems. These are your problems, and you can solve them. We have had lodges in Nevada that are gone, turned in their Charter. I heard you had those same things in Idaho. You have happened in many other states? Why, why did they do that? You have to look within yourself for that answer. The answer is out there. Do you have brothers that want to come to Lodge? You say well, we have trouble opening Lodge. Why is that? Is that Grand Lodge's fault? I doubt that, it is within your own Lodge. What kind of programs do you have for your brothers? Do you do good floor work or not? If your brother's not proud of that, then that's the problem. I think it starts with your ritual. Do good ritual work and the other brothers will go wow, this is pretty good, you know, maybe I need to be there. But look within yourself. If not for me, who will it be? Brothers, may he who watches

over you place his hand on your shoulder and give you peace and a safe journey home. Most Worshipful Thank you. Brothers, thank you so much.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Next, I would like to hear remarks from. Grand Master Steve from New Mexico, I will tell you they put on a great Grand Lodge. It was in the of the mountain gods and outside of Rio Doso, New Mexico. It was kind of hard to get to though. They gave they gave the previous Grand Master a little bit of hard time that it wasn't really held in accordance with the code of digest, it was on an Indian reservation, therefore not part of the state of New Mexico. But I'm gonna tell you that it was such a beautiful place that they had 75 ladies in attendance. So, we need to start stepping up our game for Grand Lodge. Yeah, the hotel was a little more expensive, but it was a lot nicer. Our ladies want to come with us because it's a great place to go. But thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, Steve."

Steve Almager M.:W.: Grand Master, New Mexico

Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brothers, Right Worshipful Brothers, Worshipful Brothers and Brothers all. I bring you greetings from the great state of New Mexico. And before I get going? Does everybody here know that my Senior Grand Deacon is a Master Chief in the Navy? Jim stand-up and tell them you are a Master Chief in the Navy. (Jim) "Most Worshipful, I have to correct you." I'm sorry, a Command Master, Hoo Ra. You all have three more years of that. I will have to tell you yesterday when we sat here during all the legislation, there were some things that came through that kind of concerned me. Left me scratching my head a little bit because it's not an Idaho issue, right? It's a New Mexico issue too, it's an Arizona issue, and a Montana issue. It's an issue throughout the whole country. But one thing, I'm going to just give you a little story. I bit my tongue quite a bit yesterday because some of the changes that y'all were trying to change in Idaho yesterday, we made those changes in New Mexico. And for several years in a row, we've tried to get it back and we'll never get it back. So be careful about what you're asking for. Because once you get it a certain way, it'll never come back. I don't remember who said it but, it couldn't have been Michael because he's not this brilliant to say this, but there is a solution, we just have to figure it out right? I don't believe that any changing of the way we do our work is very beneficial for any jurisdiction. I'm probably one of those small group of guys that believes this fraternity was never intended to be this large. You know, I also don't believe that every small town was made to have a lodge in it. If you go back to pre-depression numbers and look at how things were done in Freemasonry pre-depression. The numbers were small, we had to grow, and we did grow because of the wars, and we grew because we built these big temples we had to pay for, and things just slowly slowly got to where we are now. I'm not a guy that worries about numbers and I never have been the guy that worries about numbers. I just don't worry about the numbers. I believe this fraternity is great enough to withstand anything that was thrown at it. That's what I believe. Most Worshipful Thank you for everything you've done for me over the years. I can't remember exactly where we met. It had to be a Rocky Mountain Conference somewhere or an annual communication somewhere. But your friendship to me has been very important and I always enjoy our talks that we've had. I've always enjoyed visiting with you. Thank you for coming to Ruidoso. You think Ruidoso was nice. Wait till you go to Hobbs, Hobbs is pristine. We will be holding the Grand Lodge at Hobbs, New Mexico and it has the great smell of money in the air which is oil, no trees, so it is way prettier than this place. Drilling rigs everywhere, you will absolutely love it if you show up to Hobbs New Mexico. It is the third weekend in March, March 20th, 21st and 22nd. We would love to have each and everyone of you. attend. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here in Idaho. This is my first time in Idaho, although it's not as beautiful Hobbs it is very beautiful. Gary, thank you for everything you've done for me. Brother Rick, I wish you success. May your leadership be strong, your vision clear, and your dedication to the principles of Freemasonry beyond unwavering. Thank you

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Brother Steve. For those of you who like it spicy, he made it clear that I like it hot. Tells me that new, uh, spicy uh. Hot sauces I use Dave's Insanity Hot Sauce as condiment. So that's what I like but I want if flavorful. I would next like to hear from, Tim Best, M.:W.: Grand Master of Oregon. Oregon treats us so well. They travel extensively, and their hospitality and friendship are unbelievable. Thank you so much."

Tim Best M.:W.: Grand Master, Oregon

Somebody left their phone up here. (MW Almanger "it's mine") Who should we call? It's a pleasure to be here in greater Oregon. We really enjoy the hospitality here. We do enjoy our relationship with Idaho. We do get together quite a bit. The East-West Shrine game at Baker City. Malheur Cave, I know several of you have been to that, Scottish Rite Reunion in Baker City as well as other events. My theme this year is real simple, it's Every Day. That's it. Be a Mason Every Day. That's what we need to strive for, not just on Lodge night, don't show up and straighten your apron and in you come, but live it every day, you know. My profession was a police officer and that's where I came up with that. You know, I would go home and take off the uniform throw the badge on the counter, put the gun away and I go to the store. I would always hear, hey Officer Best or hey Sergeant Best and it might be somebody I arrested or run into people you know. I still hear that today because I live in the community that I worked in. And why should Masonry be any different? Why should it be different? It should be an identity. What if we went and talked to your neighbors? Would they be shocked to find out that you're Mason from what they hear over the fence? Or would it be, oh that's what it is about the neighbor, I knew there was something about him. But we do need to quit hiding that we are Masons and that can help grow the fraternity as well. It also goes for Brother to Brother, being a Mason, brother to brother. I want you know; I appreciate the passion we heard in the room yesterday. There was a lot of it. But you can work things out, just remember at the end of the day on that altar, we all took the same oath and we're all on the same page. We all want to move Masonry forward and here in Idaho and it can happen. Most Worshipful Gary, thank you for a successful annual communication. This has been a great time,

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Brother Tim. I'd next like to hear remarks from David Tingey, M.:W.: Grand Master of Utah, Is he in the room? Yes, he is. I give Dave a hard time because he works at Salt Lake City International Airport and I complain about not having people movers between concourses and not very many moving walkways, some of the flight connections in Salt Lake City coming out of Idaho Falls can be really bad. But it's a beautiful airport and I just like to rib him every time I see him about the airport Sorry brother Dave, I shouldn't do that."

David Tingey M.:W.: Grand Master, Utah

No Most Worshipful, that's Masonic tradition to give each other a hard time. Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls and Brothers all thank you for the hospitality this weekend. Brother Eric, thank you for reaching out and making sure. Brother Dan, thank you for your hospitality as well. I love the brothers up here in Idaho. We've got a great camaraderie between Utah and Idaho. I loved the discussion yesterday. I love the passion on both sides of it. I agree with so many parts of both sides of it. That's one of the greatest things about traveling is we get to hear and learn from each other. Brothers the message that I've been getting as I travel around is that you are a Masons. It's like what we heard just recently if we lived masonry, we showed that we are the example in the world on everything we do. It wouldn't matter the size of the Fraternity because people would look up to us no matter what. In Idaho you guys have about 3000 Masons. Thank you for the hospitality this weekend, Brother Eric. Thank you for reaching out. Make sure, Brother Dan, thank you for your hospitality as well. Help the brothers up in here in Idaho. We've got a great camaraderie between Utah and Idaho. I love the discussion yesterday. I love the passion on both sides of it. I agree with so many parts of both sides of it. That's

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Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Dave. I next would like hear remarks from James Norton, M.:W.: Grand Master of Washington."

James Norton M.:W.: Grand Master, Washington

Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, Brethren all, I bring you greetings from Washington, not the other Washington, the Washington which is the northern jurisdiction of Oregon and Idaho. We enjoy having that label for us. For my host thank you for everything. It was wonderful to be welcomed. To the Brethren, one of the things for me that I see when I travel to the other Grand Lodges is when I talk to the Brethren quite often I'll hear Grand Lodge this or Grand Lodge that. I want to remind you, Brethren, you are Grand Lodge, every single one of you. We have the honor to be elected, to serve you. It's all about service and leadership. When you hear from any member of the military, it's service before self and that's truly what we are. When we understand some of the legislation that's being put forth, it really is about learning and changing. It's about understanding the needs of the membership. Because every single one of us promised ever to walk an act as such. To take outside the lodge, that which you practice inside the lodge, continue to be the difference. When you hear the Grand Master's theme for the year. I want all the Brethren to think about themes from the Past Grand Masters that you've had. Think about how you can string those into something that can be your elevator speech because when you look at it, you can really build that arch of what is defined as Masonry because we always will continue to learn and change. One of the things that I did last night when I was sitting in my room. I wanted to go through and come up with how we as Masons can really have a conversation using Grand Master's themes. So what I strung together is this, as nations, we are taught to remember the past and visualize the future because change is the key to our future. We should have great expectations for our membership to be the difference, building bridges to provide light to those who seek it while we learn and change. To better communicate, to educate our membership so each and every Brother can walk the talk every day and in every way. Because we truly are one Masonic family living united, committed to knowing thyself first so that we can live the legend that is Freemasonry. Committed to being all in to ensure what we do will empower, enlighten and uplift those around you. That's 15 fifteen Past Grand Master's themes. The last one is mine and Empower, Enlighten, and Uplift, and I chose that as an AND. It's an AND to what we have had come before us. Because if we're empowering our brothers, because we see in them what they have yet to see in themselves, we're enlightening them into our history, into our fraternity, and why we are truly different. We made that commitment to truly be that difference. Ever to walk and act doesn't go away when we leave the Lodge room. When you look at the symbol of the Holy Saints John, every single one of us exemplified that symbol in its perfect picture when we took our Entered Apprentice journey. Once around the altar, at the altar with the brethren on both the sidelines. And when we made that first commitment, we made a commitment to be the change. Uplifting our brothers is what we committed to, in their hour of need, even when they don't know that they need, whether it's quietly sitting with them, being present with them, helping them, taking them to the airport at 4:00 in the morning. But that's who we are at our core. Sharing that with the outer world is something we committed to do. The legislation that we heard yesterday is a call for action. If

we learn and change within the parameters that are in each one of our jurisdictions. We have that opportunity to continue to grow because if we're providing good and wholesome instruction, when the brethren come to Lodge, we give them a reason to come back. Challenge them with something. Take your newest Master Mason, Fellowcraft, or Entered Apprentice Mason and give them the job because you can see, what they can do before they can see it. themselves. And if we continue to do that, understand that as we learn and change, when we're going through struggles and successes, you'll continue to build the fraternity one brother at a time, because that is what we're supposed to do. Take good men and make them better. But whether it's a large lodge or a small lodge, every brother adds value. Reach out to them if you have not seen them. I'll tell the story about what I learned a long time ago. When I became a Master in 2004, I challenged every single one of the Brothers, I split up our roster and asked them to call every single member of our lodge. I made one phone call that changed how I looked at Masonry. I talked to a Brother who was a Past Master who was at every single meeting. One time he couldn't make it to Lodge and he told me he never heard from anybody, so he took the next meeting off and never heard from anybody again he took a 3rd meeting off. Here is what he said to me, they didn't care because I've been at every meeting for five or six years straight and I missed one and I never heard from anybody in the Lodge. It is most imperative that we meet them where they're at, let them know that they are valued, ensuring they understand that they are an intricate part of your Lodge. And it's not up to anybody else to do that. It's up to all the Brethren of the Lodge to ensure that every Brother as a member of them knows we care and we're thinking about them whether they can make it or not. Most Worshipful, thank you for the travels and again to my host, thank you for the help. Right Worshipful we are so excited for tonight having fun as you travel as you start your journey.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Tom Needham and Ogla had to leave early this morning, he's trying to make a Shrine ceremonial, and so it's a long drive back to Wyoming. He gives greetings to Idaho for Grand Master Scott Kitchener who's recovering well from his surgery. So they won't be speaking this morning but Tom wanted me to give you thanks for all the love and support he's had here in Idaho. I would like the next hearing from the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Paraguay, Patrick Miller, the Deputy Grand Chancellor."

Patrick Miller, Deputy Grand Chancellor, Paraguay

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers dear Brethren all. I bring you greetings from Most Worshipful Grand Master Jose from the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Paraguay and I also bring the greetings from Right Worshipful Brother Richard Cooper, District Grand Master from the South American District, Southern Division, the United Grand Lodge of England. Very happy to be here Worshipful. First of all, thank you. Thank you for the hospitality you've shown me and to all the brethren and for the conversations we had, also the fellowship and close friendship offered. I would also like to thank you and Brother Sherman for the visit you made to us in Paraguay. And for the work you did for the appropriation of the recognition of our Grand Lodge. Also, I was thinking yesterday as we went through your proceedings and your discussions, we wanted to share. We do things different from what you do. We don't memorize ritual, but we do dedicate. We meet once a week. And then leave as an Entered Apprentice or as a Fellowcraft. There's another date you got to dedicate to learning ritual but learned the study the ritual, not from a perspective of memorizing, but from a perspective of knowing what it means, what it means inside of each one of us. So even though we do things differently, the essence of what we do is the same. I don't know if this is something that might help you or not. We have the opposite problems that you have. We need to build larger temples. Now we have to build this eight-story building to house more Masons or masonry is growing at rapid pace. So, we had different problems, but at the end we also have challenges as you do. On the other hand, in our English Lodges, we do things. We do have to memorize ritual. We do have to present papers in our Paraguarian Lodges

in every lodge meeting. When we meet weekly, there must be at least two papers. And for us it's educational. When somebody reads an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason reads a paper, it is in the pursuit knowledge, of course everybody could be there, but actually papers read the word is brought down to the valley and every brother could give his opinion or add to the knowledge of that paper. So by the end of the day, when you go home, you have something that you're taking, something of value you're taking. So for us, we basically are waiting for it to be Thursday to go to Lodge, we want to go to Lodge. It's something that we all like and it also creates a stronger bond between us because we meet every week. It's not every month, it's every week, so we get that bond with our Brother. Another thing that I've always seen in my travels in the US is that I don't know why, but. Here, your dues are extremely, extremely low. We paid \$1500 to be initiated, \$600 to be passed or raised. And we pay about \$50.00 a month in dues, half of that goes to the Grand Lodge, half of that stays with the lodge, and they're thinking of raising it a little more. Nobody has problems with that. If I offered a brother something and I don't value it, why would the brother value that? From our perspective, we have to value what the Craft offers. This is very important. The knowledge that is within our rituals and in our teachings is something you can't get it any other place. Most Worshipful thank you for having me here and again I have the Craft fills our spirits, but our Grand Master has sent some something to warm your spirits, a twenty-year-old rum to warm your spirits.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Brother Patrick, I'm go ahead and seat you from here. The trip to Paraguay was fantastic. They treated us like royalty. If you ever get a chance to go, you should go. Beautiful down there, Patrick, I was going to let you go to early but, when is the new Grand Lodge building going to be dedicated? Maybe next year. Is it going to be in the winter in Paraguay or the summer? Our winter is very short about one month only. We have we have nine months of heat and three months more heat. Well, you will have to let us know. I'd love to be there. Thank you.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

Are there any other distinguished guests that need to speak? I believe that we have concluded that. Brother Secretary, do we still need to receive the budget report, accounts and finance. Oh, yeah, let's go ahead and get your report on the Special Committee on Investigation of what needs to be done with the Grand Lodge office. Past Grand Master Greg Winther."

Building Committee

Greg Winther PGM

This has been a fantastic morning, I particularly enjoyed hearing from each one of the Grand Masters here. Do you realize that they represent not only domestic Grand Lodges, but three foreign Grand Lodges. Alaska,(laughter) Paraguay and British Columbia/Yukon and it's wonderful to have everyone here. Earlier this year the Most Worshipful Grand Master approached a group of Masons, there were six of us, and asked us to be on a committee. To recommend what, if anything, should be done with the Grand Lodge officer. Now the committed consisted of the Chairman Will Vowtow, Will are you here? There's Will right there. Michael Pearson. Who's the Deputy Director of Operations for Health and Welfare for the State of Idaho. He's in charge of the maintenance of all facilities with Health and Welfare. Will is an appraiser. Craig Bowls from Idaho Falls was appointed. He's a retired Navy See Bee Officer. Jay Soccer who does construction and consulting, and then myself, who is a real estate broker. The group of us met and here's our report. Each member contributed to the conversation according to his qualifications to consider these six options for the building. Number one, sell the building and buy another. #2 exchange the building and the trade for another. #3 sell the building and ranked #4 ranked the building to another party. #5 scared the building down and sell the lot. Number six, keep the building and invest in maintenance and improvements. After individual study, meetings and shared

discussions, we came to these conclusions #1. The condition of the real estate market has caused the value of the building to drop substantially, making it a very poor decision to sell. Compounding the poor market or high interest rates that will keep most buyers away from buying. #2 an exchange is a possibility and search. However, we were not able to find a suitable building that the owners were willing to trade. 3 Renting a new office. This is where Mike Pearson really shone. After a survey of rental costs, it is prohibitive and would soon exhaust the profits gained if it was sold. #4 Offering the building for rent to another entity is a possibility. This would require us to find suitable office space costing no more than the rent received. And this adds to the headache of being landlords and the expense of managing the rental. #5 Some brothers had the opinion that we could tear the building down and sell the lot for a greater profit. This combined experience of this committee recommends strongly against. The value of the property is to a great extent determined by its improvements. Tearing the building down would destroy this value of our investment, except in very rare occasions. Number six, lastly, the option that is recommended by this committee and that's keeping the Grand Lodge building and performing necessary maintenance and improvements. This will make the building usable and the maintenance will protect our investment until the market improves in the future. This recommendation is also supported by the fact that there is no monthly expense for the building other than utilities and maintenance. It is totally paid off. Further ADA County charges to the Grand Lodge no property tax on the property. It is 100%, exempt.

Fraternally Will Votaw, Chairman, Michael Pearson, Jay Soccer, Craig Boyles and Greg Winther and thank you for listening. I am asked to move with this report, be received, and put into the proceedings.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"The motion to receive the report of the special committee be accepted as to what we should do with the Grand Lodge office building has been seconded, is there any discussion. All in favor vote by raise hands, all opposed same sign; Motion Passes. Thank you." "Are we ready to receive the reports of the Budget Committee and Accounts & Finances?"

401-3 Accounts & Finances

Robbie Swofford

I was really hoping to be able to follow the Brothers from Paraguay. But, it's been a really great year of being able to do this I have learned a lot about accounts financing and I would really recommend any Brother that wants to know a little more about it to volunteer for this committee, it's been fun. What I didn't understand is that I could be the most loved and hated person in one year. So let's get right down to it, we sent the budget out in May, with the bottom line we are not looking to raise capital. So, the budget for 2025 was diligently work on by the Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer and the Committee. The budget was sent to the Worshipful Grand Secretary in May, it was distributed to Lodges in June and as I said, there is no increase in the lodge assessments and I move that this budget be adopted.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

It has been moved and seconded that we accept the Budget Committee's report. Is there any discussion? *All in favor vote by raise hands, all opposed same sign; Wait Brother Eric Coryell you have a comment?*

I have a question, I would like a little bit of explanation on the Grand Lodge building Grand Lodge office budget, you have building occupancy expenses of 6500 but maintenance and repairs at only 500. What do you consider occupancy expense? And we just had a report saying that you're going to need some improvements or something on the Grand Lodge office. I'm wondering how we're going to do that with this budget. Could you

please tell me what number you're talking about? Absolutely. That is 1951 and 1952. Hey. So, we're looking at the building occupancy expense, I believe that covers utilities and building up keep.

Greg Winther- Most Worshipful, “*Brother Greg,*”

Maybe I can clarify that in the reporting and not to mention what the maintenance and improvements would be. It's a very short list and inexpensive list. The first improvement is that the carpeting in the building is worn, it needs to be replaced. The second expense, it's more labor than expense and that's creating an office for the Grand Master, by shifting office equipment from one room to the other. Adding a locking mailbox on the front of the building. (Grand Secretary, the mailbox has been completed.) What else was on that list? The Grand Secretary has requested a partition, but in a later conversation with him, he informed me that he has created that wall himself with file cabinets and so that is no longer needed. The improvements we were speaking about are quite minor, and we will be covered by this plan. Thank you

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Brother Eric, is your question answered on the occupancy line item. (Yes) Brethren for additional points of clarification. Some major repairs occurred about a decade ago and they're they were done under special assessment. We have no slush fund to slowly build up a war chest to fund future large line-item maintenance costs. I'll give the roof as an example and it's a recommendation to future Accounts & Finance Committees that we need to start doing a small yearly assessment to develop a war chest just to take care of potential major repairs such as the roof. We weren't able to get on the roof and see when the roof was actually installed, but that's a single membrane and we weren't able to find the certificate of compliance and therefore the guaranteed life of the roof. But those roofs are about a twenty-year roof and that they have to be replaced every twenty-years whether you think it does or not. That's something I would recommend to the future Accounts & Finance Committees that we need to do a nominal special assessment in the budget to build up a war chest for that. Another thing I think that we should address is the need to be some painting done into for the offices. For those who have been to the Grand Lodge Office, can see the wallpaper is very dated. I personally think it needs to be brightened up a little bit, it is pretty dark and gloomy in the building. Thank you, Brethren.” “Brother Sherm.”

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brother Robbie, there's still a line item in the budget for Grand Secretary retirement of \$15,000. \$10,000 of that goes to Joe Hanig, who last year at our Grand Lodge was reported to be in poor health and probably wouldn't be with us much longer. \$5,000 goes to Vern Patrick. I made it a special question for the Brethren last year whether or not this item should be continued even though that the funds that we are spending are way beyond what the Grand Lodge back in the mid-1980s authorized for their retirements and at that time the Brethren chose to continue it for another year. Do we have an update on how much longer we can expect to be paying these amounts, which in my opinion we're not part of the retirement granted to the Grand Secretary at the time. Brother, we did discuss this and because of the vote of the Brothers last year and with those two brothers still receiving those we left it in the budget and unless the Brothers want to bring it up for another vote. That's why we left it in the budget. I'm sorry Robbie that wasn't my question. My question was, do we have any idea how much longer we're going to be paying this? These deposits are all made by direct deposit, Brother Joe's out of state, are we even doing anything to make sure that he's still alive to receive these payments? I have not.

“Dave Smith”

The answer on Joe Hanig , He is hanging on, my wife contacted him and his wife probably about a month ago and he is still hanging on. I'm surprised that he has lasted this long.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Brother. Any further questions? Robbie, thank you and your committee. I know it's a tough job. Rick, thank you. All the brothers on the committee, Brother Grand Treasurer, Brother Grand Secretary. I know that that is a very hard job to do. Thank you so much. You're dismissed. Right. Are there any other questions? If not, we'll proceed to vote, all in favor accepting the accounts and finance and budget for the next year. Raise your hand with the ballots. Those opposed same sign passes. It passes. Thank you, brethren."

"Brother Senior Grand Warden, are you ready for the Low Twelve Fund report?"

404-6 Low Twelve Fund

Randy King

Most Worshipful Grand Master. In the Low Twelve Fund there are currently 76 living members. We had one brother passed away during the last term from last Grand Lodge to this Grand Lodge. At the current time we have. \$7825.05 in our checking account that is at the DL Evans bank and we have a time certificate that is maturing valued at \$56,314.41. We are solid. Our By-laws right now direct \$500 payout on the death, so there's more than adequate funds to pay everything out. I am having some discussion with some people trying to figure out a way to maybe re-energize it to get more members, we did pick up a few during the last year, and at the same time change the By-laws, to put members of the fund in as directors. We are also considering changing the payout based on where we're at today, so. With that, I would recommend that this report be received.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"The motion to receive the report of the Low Twelve Fund. Is there any discussion? has been seconded, is there any discussion? All in favor vote by raise hands, all opposed same sign; Motion Passes." "Thank you for the Low Twelve Report. I appreciate it." "We must open the ballot at 11:00 am and you can't enter or leave when the Ballot Box is open, so we're going to take a very short break you need to be back in here in 10 minutes, the door will be locked and there will be no exceptions, Thank you. Brother Sword Bearer and Stewards please set up the Ballot tables."

Election of Grand Lodge Officers

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"It is 11:00 am and the Ballot for the Election of Grand Lodge Officers is open. Brother Secretary will give you the instructions on the Ballot"

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Steven L. Hall

Brothers, your ballot cards are color coded, the advancing line ballot is purple, the Grand Treasurer ballot is white, Grand Secretary's ballot is red and the Grand Lecturer's ballot is blue please ensure you put each ballot in the proper ballot box for each color. The ballots have names of the officers that would naturally advance and you can mark the circle marked advance the line, if you wish to make a write-in for a particular office then you need to mark the circle for write in and then enter the name of the person you wish to serve in that office. Are there any questions? Which ballot do we use? You have a ballot card that is perforated with ballots numbered ballot one and ballot two. Use ballot one on the first round of balloting and if we do not have an election in an office' we will re-ballot using ballot two.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Please place you ballots in the ballot boxes on table West of the Alter guarded by the Sword Bearer and Tellers.”

“Have all voted who are entitled to ballot, have all voted who are entitled to ballot, have all voted who are entitled to ballot, I declare the ballot closed. Tellers take charge of the ballot. Thank you, Brethren”

Presentation:

Masonic Scouter Award

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Brother Grand Marshal, you will present Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Russ Smith West of the Alter. I think for sure this first time this award has been presented in a long time. One of your caring and loving Brothers in the Scouting world put you in for a rather prestige’s award, So the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is presented to Russ W. Smith for outstanding service to youth in Freemasonry by serving as Mt McCaleb Lodge No. 64 and a devoted Scouting Leader for Grand Teton Council No. 107 Boy Scouts of America, witnessed in our hand this day April 29th 2024, I forgot to sign this, so, I have to make sure I sign it. I comes with a nice letter and this fabulous award.”

MW Russ Smith, Brothers this is such an honor I just do not know what to say, the more I am around our youth, Scouts, DeMolay, Rainbow girls and Job’s Daughters the more I learn from them. I really appreciate this.

“You deserve it Russ and I will sign this and get it to you at lunch. Thank you, Brothers.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

Brother Grand Treasurer, do you want to give the Pre-paid Life Report or is the printed enough? I think we need to report on it.”

Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Art Shoemaker

Most Worshipful Grand Master the Pre-paid Life report is in the Advanced Proceedings and it does list the payout from last year which was 5% and the amounts that went to the various Lodges also what they have in their pre-paid membership. Just like the investment withdrawals, the investments for the Pre-paid Life show the Grand Lodge Trustee’s report from Well Fargo and the returns on that are similar to what the Grand Lodge investments are, and the other letter in there is the current year’s minim amount if anyone is going to purchase a pre-paid membership. That information is all there and I don’t know anything else to add to it.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Thank you, Brother Grand Treasurer, I declare the nominations for the Pre-paid Life Executive Council opened. in accordance with Section 1417 the Executive Council on the investment and distributions on the pre-paid membership, the current members are Randy Berg, Wayne Foster and David Smith, the requirements to be elected to the board are a membership in the Pre-paid Life fund of this jurisdiction and will be elected by the delegates. I now declare the nominations open the Executive Board for the Pre-paid Life Membership.”

(Inaudible) Most Worshipful Grand Master,

I move that we elect all three that are on the board right now, Rand Berg of Mt Idaho No.9, Dave Smith of Placer Lodge No.3 and Wayne Foster of Silver City Lodge No. 13.

"We will only be replacing one member on the board and it will be Randy Berg who has fulfilled his three-year term. Okay. Do we have any other nominations? Brother Dan."

I nominate Worshipful Brother Charley Ford.

"Brother Greg"

I nominate Worshipful Brother Eric Coryell.

"Are there anymore nominations? We will proceed to elect a one replacement to be added to the board on Randy Berg's expiring term. Those nominated are Randy Berg, Charles Ford and Eric Coryell. All those who wish for Randy Berg to replace himself please raise your ballot cards, I have no Stewards so Grand Lecturer and Grand Orator will you please count the votes. So all those in favor of Randy Berg please raise your ballots. Please stand and once they count your tally please sit. Tellers, please give me the ballots. We will now ballot on Charley Ford all in favor of Charley stand with your ballots. Thank Brethren we have on last candidate Eric Coryell all those in favor of Eric to election on the board please stand with your ballots and the tellers will count you votes. Charley Ford, you have been elected to serve, do you accept?" I do. "Thank you." "Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master."

Presentation

Bronze Medal from the Legacy Foundation of Idaho

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Rick L. Holloway

May I make a presentation? "Yes." Our Most Worshipful Grand Master started a program last year, The Legacy Foundation, and I am going to be the first one to present one of the Legacy Awards and it goes to our Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"No, there has already been three awards presented so far to one person and guess that I get to be the second person to receive the award. (Rick) Well Grand Master here is your award, it is good to see that the program is working. "Thank you much, I appreciate it. We started the program with a long-term effort to reduce the per capita assessment to the Lodges. In your registration packet there should have been a registration form, it is also available on Grandview. You can start your donation with as little as a one-hundred-dollar donation, the first award is at \$500.00, the second is at \$1,000.00 and the third is at \$5,000.00 and if this gets the support that I know that it can get, instead of making another medal we will get service stars to go on the medals for continued donations. I know that there are at least seventy members in Idaho that can support this program, that is \$300,000.00 dollars to start. There was no start-up cost to this, it was funded by an Angel donor. This is a good program and it has been successful in several other Masonic organizations. So, I am grateful that got to be the first line Grand Officer to get this award and I challenge the line, I want to start seeing these awards at Grand Lodge next year. (Shows the three awards for the Brothers to see). Brethren you always complain about the assessments. We have small fund raisers by Grand Master's year to Grand Master's year to try and raise money for the endowment. This a Legacy Endowment Fund program that is going to be supported the Legacy of our Fraternity. So, I challenge you, I want to see everyone who has the financial funds to do that, the problem is we are not a 501-C3 so it is not tax deductible but I challenge everyone to support this program as we move forward. The investment committee cannot draw off this fund until it reaches \$300,000.00 and then it can be drawn on in accordance with the Code. Thank you' Brethren, Thank you, Deputy Grand Master. The awards will be on the Grand Secretary's desk until we are done

*with refreshment so they are available for you to look at. They are high quality they are not cheap and I wish everyone supports the program' again thank you."**"Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, thank you for presenting me with this award"*

Most Worshipful may I make one more presentation? "Yes, you may." As many of you know, I'm the Masonic Services Association Representative for the State of Idaho. I got this first of all because I thought they were asking for who wants ice cream, but actually it is because I am the Administrator for the Idaho State Veteran's Home. It's because they want do a great service and reach out to our Veterans. They they've been sending stuff to me but in particular, how many people buy Bombas socks? What happens is that when you buy Bombas socks you're actually paying for two pairs. Because you take one home and the other, they give you a charitable to a charitable organization. We began receiving about 160 Bomba socks a year that we give out to all four of our Veteran's Homes throughout the State as well as the Veteran's Medical Center across the street. So, there's a lot of veterans out there wearing Bombas socks. As the representative for the Masonic Services Association am pleased to present a Certificate of Appreciation from the Masonic Service Association to MWGM Gary A.S LaBruyere

Certificate of Appreciation from the Masonic Service Association

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

PRESENTED TO

Most Worshipful

"Gary Alexander Sullivan LaBruyere

Grand Master of Idaho

2023 - 2024

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you so much. I appreciate that. Before COVID, Idaho Falls York Right bodies have been doing a visitation to the Home in Pocatello. Basically, we went to serve meals and their bingo and we gave out Candy bars and Cliff bars and stuff and had the lecture. Then COVID came and we weren't able to do that anymore. But I suggest that you have a VA home or Center in your area, the Lodges should consider, but you know calling the administrator, getting permission and go and meet these worthy brothers that served in the armed forces and some of them are Masons and they really appreciate that. So, something to consider if here's one nearby. contact the Administrator and go see our veterans. Thank you." "Brother Senior Grand Warden, do you have a preliminary report on Time and Place?"

Most Worshipful Grand Master. The time and place of the Annual Communication, which will be the 159th, will be held in the Treasure Valley. We're working to securing a specific location at this point, but it will be in the Treasure Valley.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Sir. I heard a question on what the dates are, did I hear that question? I guess not. Brother Grand Secretary, unfinished business?"

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Steven L. Hall

Most Worshipful we have no unfinished business from last Annual Communication. Brother Senior Grand Warden, do you have a preliminary report on the examination of visitors? Not at this time. "Oh yes you do"

402-6 Examination of VisitorsN. Randall King

Most Grand Master, the preliminary report on the examination of visitors is they were all found to be Masons in good standing as presented here at this Grand Lodge and entitled to Masonic communications with our Brothers.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Brother Senior Grand Warden." "Brother Jesse, do you want to give a report on the Hospitality Room and where to be tonight? Thank you to the staff of the Hospitality Suite sorry for the hiccup Wednesday night. I will report that the ladies were picked up by the first limo just before the Ballot Box closed."

Special Committee/ Hospitality RoomW.: Brother Jesse L. Laduke

Grand Lodge Ancient, free and Accepted Masons of Idaho. This is the hospitality room report for 2024 and I'm pleased to say that this year's hospitality room has been a success after a couple of bumps, we had the first time working for you brethren, to make Grand Lodge an enjoyable place for. After long meetings has been tough but fun. I would like to thank all the members who have donated libations and food for the hospitality room to function this year, especially the Paradise Lodge #17, Ionic Lodge #82, and Elmore Lodge #30 by all of your donations. This allows us to keep the room functioning for this year and hopefully for some years in the future. Please, if sometime today, you can head over to the nearest liquor store and purchase a bottle and donate it to the hospitality room. Because by your donations we will have a stock of supply for future hospitality rooms. I cannot do this job by myself; it is an impossibility. I would like to thank first and foremost Mike Keas, a Past Master of Elmore Lodge #30. Earlier in his life, he was a professional part-time bartender, and he sure enjoys doing what he does. Brother Mike, we thank you very much for all the beverages and support. Thanks. Next up we have Brother Arlen Marshall, a member of Oriental Lodge #60. Brother Arlen keeps the liquor for us during the winter months. He keeps it under lock and key at his residence and his son Jacob is not allowed to be anywhere near it. Arlen, thank you so much. Next up we have new additions to the group. We have Brothers Will Votaw Past Master of Elmore Lodge #30 and Idaho Lodge #1; Robbie Swofford, Past Master of Meridian Lodge #47; and Dan Jennings, Worshipful Master of Washoe Lodge #28. Thank you, Brethren, for all the help you gave by lugging all those boxes throughout this session. If you see lady Alice Keas, Mike's better half, please give her a hug, she helps out a lot by cleaning up things that we wouldn't see dirty, she helps to keep us on the straight and narrow. I would like to thank all of the Past Grand Masters who have in the past appointed me as Grand Libations Officer. I would also like to thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary LaBruyere and Lady Stephanie for allowing me to run this year's Hospitality Suite, we do our best to

ensure that it is a place everybody wants to be at, you two are the most gracious host, thank you so very much. Brethren, you and your ladies are welcome to head to room 131 in the A wing, ALA the Grand Master's Suite, immediately after tonight's festivities have concluded. Lastly Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary LaBruyere, we all from the bottom of our hearts thank you for allowing us to work for you.

Respectively submitted

Jesse L. Laduke, Past Master of Idaho #1 your 2024 Grand Libations Officer

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Brother Secretary has an announcement from the hotel staff."

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Steven L. Hall

They have asked that we do not smoke outside the meeting rooms on the back patio as the smoke is filtering back into the Lobby above us and people are complaining. The designated smoking area is outside the side door near the East parking lot. Don't shoot the messenger I am just passing on their message.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"I failed to get one of the Concordant Bodies to speak. I am sorry, Brother Joe, would you like to address this Grand Lodge? (moans and groans from the audience) I think our Sovereign Grand Inspector General probably would like to address the assembled Masons"

Joseph Alexander, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Idaho

Most Worshipful Grand Master. I've been encouraged not to speak. But I will say a few words on behalf of Scottish Rite in Idaho. We are doing well. The valleys are located in here in Corda Lane, Lewiston, Boise and Pocatello. They have all had candidates this year, and in fact we have a reunion in Boise next weekend. You all the Scottish Rite Masons are invited to come, and if anybody in the Boise area wants to put a petition in, they're welcome to do that as well. We'll make room for you. (cheers and Laughter) Most Worshipful Grand Master you have had a prosperous year and a congenial Grand Lodge and I appreciate that and I appreciate all the hospitality.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Brother Joe, I was shocked that you were speechless there, so were those guys I remember when I was Worshipful Master and I called upon you to give a quick speech and the next thing I know I am looking at my watch and thought man do I rap a Past Grand Master down in my Lodge and a Sovereign Grand Inspector General to boot. Thank you, Joe, for everything you do for Scottish Rite, for Eagle Rock Lodge and for Masonry in general in the State of Idaho, thank you my Brother Thank you, and you are welcome. Is Ric Bobier still here, the Potentate from El Korah Shrine? I didn't get him to speak yesterday. Brother Ric"

Rick Bobier Potentate of El Korah Shrine, Idaho

Most Worshipful, I wasn't at all prepared and if Joe wasn't prepared and he didn't tell me I need to be prepared. But I thank you all for your hospitality and it has been a good time, I kind of took a sabbatical yesterday afternoon because I had no vote, I ran the bikes over to Coeur D Alene and took a trip over there on the Centennial Trail other than that is great getting to meet a lot of new people and it is great being here. Thank you.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Brother Ric. Is there a representative of Calam Shrine that wish to speak? Calam Shrine? I was just clearing out some omissions and trying to help tonight's banquet go quicker. The Cryptic Rite of Idaho will get to speak tonight and so will the Grand Bethel, the Rainbow has already spoken and will not be here tonight, we have Daughter's of the Nile, Grand Amaranth and the Eastern Star will be at the banquet tonight. Are there any other distinguished guests, or out of State visitors? Where is Texas? Come on up Texas."

Acting Senior Grand Deacon, Barry Newell.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have the pleasure of presenting Brother Ron Hyde a Brother Master Mason out of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you. Brother Ron, we have known each other from our time in Montana and this Brother is from Texas, he and his wife are just wonderful people. Even though I have not gotten to spend much time with them this year, it is a great time and honor that you chose to make it over here to this communication. How was your golf game at the resort? It was rather nice. How did you do on the water hole? Not audible I have a gift for you because this was way out of the way for you and I really appreciate it, Thank you. Let's give him a hearty welcome. Well, I guess the Teller Committee forgot to bring a calculator. I don't think there are any other items of business. I know that I can't go to refreshment." "Brother Grand Lecturer."

Daniel Siddall, Grand Lecturer of Idaho

Brothers I am the Grand Lecturer of this jurisdiction and I have done this for a few years. We had some interesting legislation and some interesting conversation. One of the things I really appreciated this year was there was no animosity or acrimony during in of the discussions, we had difference of opinions, we met as Brothers, we disagreed but we were not disagreeable. I listened to several of Grand Masters talk about how it is a common theme. I have spent hours talking to our distinguished Brothers from Paraguay who had some great ideas. One of the things I want you to think about when we leave here is how are we going to solve problems. It. Has been my experience that we have here in the United State around the age of 30, a lot of whom have been raised by a single parent, generally their mother and they are struggling. We have lots of mental illness, we have men that have kind of lost their way, what they really need is help. How do I be a man? What does it really mean to be a man and a productive member of society. We don't teach that, there is not a father there or a positive male role model. What I will leave you with is maybe we are the solution. Reaching out to those young men, showing them compassion, offer them help. We have lessons to help them to become a man, a better man. We in Idaho, in indifference to our Brother in the Grand Elks Lodge of Montana (Laughter) we memorize our ritual and I love the fact that we memorize it because it is very impressive. We bring in a you man and give him a very impressive ritual, the ceremony is very nice and there are great lessons to be learned and they are progressing but after they become Master Masons they come to our Lodges and we only meet once a month not once or twice a week and we read the minutes, pay the bills, and we go home. What are the lessons being taught to them in our once-a-month meeting? Maybe we should have some more education in those meetings, maybe we should emulate our Brothers from Paraguay and meet more than once. It doesn't have to be a tyled meeting, it doesn't have to be work, how about we say let's get together and have a pint down at the Pub. Maybe we go visit the Veterans Home as a group and talk to the Veterans, but let's get together more than just once a month and do things other than pay the bills and read the minutes, it's a fraternity if we only meet once-a-month, we really are not a fraternity, are we a group of friends getting together to help improve each other or not? These are the things that I have been thinking about, especially here at this Grand Lodge. I think we have a lot of what society needs today. How often in this country are all political discussions, if you don't agree with me then we are no longer friends, we can't have a difference of

opinion and still be friends, we have just shone here that we can. We have a lot here that the world needs. We just need to get out there and engage with people and talk about Freemasonry. Thank you for giving me the time Most Worshipful.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Thank you, Brother." "Brother Grand Pursuivant do we have a Tellers report? We do should I let them in? Yes. Brother tellers do you have a report?"

Special Committee/ Tellers

W. : Brother David G.N. Stonhill

(Teller) Most Worshipful Grand Master for the office of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master for the upcoming year we have an election 132 votes cast for N. Randall King.

"Right Worshipful Randy, do you accept the election of your Brothers for Deputy Grandmaster/ Grand Master elect."

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, I am honored by the vote of confidence, I appreciate your encouragement and support, as I humbly accept.

(Teller) For the office of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, we have an election for Clifford Kramer of 130 votes.

I do.

(Teller) For the office of Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, we have an election of 123 votes for Dan Drefs.

"Brother Drefs, (who is on the phone) do you accept the election of your Brothers?" Yes!

(Teller) For the office of Grand Lecturer we have an election of 131 votes for Brother Dan Siddall.

"Right Worshipful Brother Dan, do you accept this election of your brethren for the great job and service you do for our craft?"

I do accept and thank you Brethren for your vote of confidence. I will try to do better this year and maybe I will learn some of the work for you.

(Teller) We have an election of Brother Steven Hall with a total of 139 votes for the office of the Grand Secretary.

"Most Worshipful Brother Steven, do you accept the election of the craft for your diligent work".

I do graciously accept, thank you Brethren. You know not what you have done.

And last but not least we have an election for Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer with 132 votes, not, for Sherman Bruger but for Right Worshipful Brother Art Shoemaker.

"Most Worshipful Brother Art, you have heard the choice of your Brothers do you accept this position?"

I do most humbly accept, thank you.

"Teller Committee please give the Ballots to the Grand Secretary to Destroy and you are dismissed, thank you for your work as Tellers."

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

For:

Most Worshipful Grand Master	Rick L. Holloway
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master	N. Randell "Randy" King
Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden	Clifford R. Kramer
Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden	Dan W. Drefs
Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer	G. Arthur Shoemaker, PGM
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary	Steven L. Hall, PGM
Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer	Daniel D. Siddall

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Brother Grand Secretary, you will destroy the ballots." The ballots were given to the Grand Secretary, M.:W.: Steven L. Hall to be destroyed."

Break for lunch Friday

Call from Labor to Refreshment

(Ritual – Call off through the South)

Prayer for Lunch

Rev. Robert K. Perry, W.: Grand Chaplain

"Great Architect of the Universe! Ruler of Heaven and Earth, as we go from labor to refreshment bless each one of us and come together in fellowship and brotherly love let these things, we ask in your name, amen."

Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)

Levi D. Billman, W.: Grand Marshal

"By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I Proclaim the 157th 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.)".

"Brother Grand Chaplain please give a blessing on the food."

Friday, September 20, 2024

(Afternoon Session)

Grand Lodge Officers will start in place.

Welcome to Friday Afternoon Session by

Daniel Parkin, Worshipful Master Lakeside Lodge No. 42

"Gentlemen, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Friday afternoon Session of the 157th 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 Gary A.S. LaBruyere, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"It is my pleasure to introduce Daniel Parkin, Worshipful Master Lakeside Lodge No. 42"

Call from Refreshment to Labor (Ritual)

Friday Afternoon Session Prayer

Rev. Robert K. Perry, W.: Grand Chaplain

"Supreme Architect of the Universe, Ruler of Heaven and Earth! As we go from Refreshment to Labor, bless each of us as we come together in Fellowship and Brotherly Love. These Things We Ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen"

Proclamation (Call to Order)

Levi D. Billman, W.: Grand Marshal

"By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master I now proclaim the 157th Annual Communication called from Refreshment to Labor."

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"Are there any Distinguished Guests (Not previously introduced)?" "M. W. Joe Alexander, will you give the report on the Code & Digest Committee."

Report of the Code & Digest Committee

Section 403 Special Committees: Code & Digest

Joseph Alexander, PGM

Report of the Idaho Code and Digest
Review Committee
September 19, 2024

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Idaho Grand Lodge,

After his installation as Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Gary Labruyere appointed a committee to review the Idaho Code and Digest. This committee consists of Joe Alexander PGM and chairman, Mike Sutton PGM, Keith Brooks PGM, and Jim Voyles PGM. Committee kickoff emails were sent out in January 2024. These emails presented the guidelines for review and how to interpret certain words used in the Code and Digest, so the committee was on common ground.

The Process – the chairman set the following review guidelines. We are to review the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest for the purpose of identifying errors, omissions, and conflicting provisions. That all were interpreting words in the same manner the following guidelines were provided.

1. The words may, could, and should are to be considered as indicating something optional.
2. The words shall, will, and must indicate that it is a requirement to be performed.

Each committee member began reading at the Introduction on page 6 through the end of the Constitution. This gave us the necessary basis to review the Bylaws portion of the Code and Digest. The Bylaw articles were divided as follows:

1. Joe Alexander Article I through Article V
2. Jim Voyles Article VI through Article X
3. Mike Sutton Article XI through Article XV
4. Keith Brooks Article XVI through Article XX

That gave each committee member 5 Articles to read. The Penal Code and Regulations were left until after the bylaw Article review was complete. The committee agreed to meet by telephone conference call on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm. The Chairman distributed an agenda for each teleconference. Items of interest were discussed in accordance with the agenda. The committee also agreed that an 8 ½" X 11" format would now be the standard for the Code and Digest. By using this common format, it will save printing costs and updating time. The Chairman maintained the Master copy of the Code and added all changes in review mode in Word.

Changes and Updates

- Formatted to 8 ½" X 11" in MS Word.
- Made punctuation and spelling changes as recommended by Word.
- Wrote and submitted a resolution to change Section 103, Annual Communications. The resolution removes the Sesquicentennial paragraph and adds language to determine the Annual Communications rotation differently than before.
- Wrote and submitted a resolution to change Regulation 10, Concordant and Appendant Orders, Clubs and Associations, Recognition and Regulations. The resolution removed the list of recognized bodies from the Regulation and gives it to the Grand Secretary to maintain. This way if that list changes, no resolution is required. The existing language of Regulation 10 was clarified and organized so the process for recognition is all that is contained in Regulation 10.
- For consistency, changed the title of Section 919 from *Removal of Lodges* to *Lodges, Change of Meeting Place*. This title had been changed in two different places in the Index prior to our review.
- In Section 2019, Degree Proficiency, the word *key* was removed and updated to *The Sermons within the Idaho Monitor*.
- The Regulations were renumbered, some titles updated, blank Regulations removed and the entire Regulations section alphabetized.
- Regulation 38 was rewritten to include the Braille key. The title was changed from *Written Esoteric Work* to *Keys, Esoteric Work*.
- A redundancy was found in Regulation 39, 3. Since Regulation 39 clearly states that the Idaho Monitor includes the abbreviated esoteric work, the Committee agreed that the words *and esoteric work* should be removed from Regulation 39, 3.
- The Penal Code resolutions approved at the Grand Lodge Communication in 2023 were added to the existing Penal Code so the committee could review an accurate copy.
- The Committee recommends that the forms be put back into the Code and Digest. Not as part of the Code and Digest, but as reference and also marked as SAMPLE.
- The Committee discussed and agreed to removing the page numbers from the Table of Contents and the Index. The user will now find the wanted information by Article and/or Section number.
- Regulation numbers 24, 36, 37, 42, and 69 were removed and the Regulations were renumbered using automatic renumbering in MS Word. There were 14 references in the body of the Code and Digest that were changed when the renumbering took place.
- The Committee reviewed the Penal Code and Articles 33 and 34. No changes were recommended.
- The Committee agreed on the how the new Code and Digest should be printed. Print one copy for each Lodge Secretary, the Grand Secretary, each District Deputy Grand Master, and each elective Grand Lodge Officer. Anyone else that wants a copy will print one on their own. All future updates will be the responsibility of the person in possession of a hard copy. The Grand Secretary will continue to publish the revision page at the beginning of the Code and Digest.
- For consistency in the balloting process section, where black ball was used, it was changed to black cube. Except in one place where it explains that black cubes are better to use than black balls. The committee recommends that all changes made as outlined above be adopted by the voting delegates of this Grand Lodge. If there are any questions or concerns the Committee welcomes those at this time. There being nothing more, the committee moves that this report be adopted and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The review committee has found four resolutions for future submission and thanks the Most Worshipful Grand Master for our appointment to this committee. The opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Alexander PGM Chairman
Mike Sutton PGM
Keith Brooks PGM
James Voyles PGM

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“ I guess safe to ask jurisprudence to prepare their final report because I believe the only thing left is the constitutional amendments, of which we have 5 now. M. W. John Warner, will you give the final report on the Jurisprudence Committee?”

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee (Final Report)

MW Grandmaster. RW Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers and Brothers all. To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho. We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, respectfully submit the following report. Grandmasters Report. We concur with the appointment of all appointed Grand Lodge officers, District Deputy Grand Masters and committees. Dispensations: We concur with all the dispensations that were granted by the Grandmaster, except for dispensation #1. Fidelity Lodge 80 requested to move their stated meeting from October 17th, to October 18th, 2023, to align with the Most Worshipful Grand Master,s visit, to save time, utilities, and reduce travel. The Grand Master approved this for the good of the Craft. Article 3, Section 301, Powers and Authority for the Grand Master item 7 gives the Grandmaster the power to grant such other dispensations for the good of the craft. As not contrary to the Constitution or the landmarks. Section 920 requires all constituent lodges to specify in their bylaws their stated meeting times. Section 706. States no lodge may suspend their bylaws. The request to change the meeting date is a violation of Section 706 and the Grandmaster should not have approved this request. Lodges are reminded that their lodge bylaws are not to be suspended and they should include provisions to adjust their stated meetings should conflicts occur like this in the future. This is a common occurrence for many Grand Masters and a lot of times, we believe it is for the good of the craft and we could approve it, but in this particular case, by code we're not allowed to. Amendments to the Bylaws: We concur with all the changes to the bylaws approved by the Grand Master, as well as we concur with the disapproval of the Meridian Lodge's request. Official Action Decisions We concur with all the official acts and decisions of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Building Dedications: We applaud the Grand Master on the building dedications for the Paradise Public Pavilion Building and the Adams County Health Center in Council. Visits: We congratulate and commend the Grand Master on all the visits he was able to make. Grandmasters Recommendations We concur with the Grandmaster's recommendations, which should not require legislation or funding. All matters involving funding were properly referred to Accounts and finances. Resolutions and Questions: The Committee incorporates the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Report on Resolutions and Questions submitted on September 3, 2024, except for Question 4, which is included in this report. The Grand Secretary's report: We have reviewed the report of the Grand Secretary and found nothing that requires committee action. Other reports We have reviewed the reports submitted by the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer and found nothing in these reports that requires any action by the committee. Response to question 4. Question 4 came on Article 10 and 11 in regards of obtaining and maintaining a charter. Article 10 deals with the formation of a lodge. Section 1004 Certificate of Proficiency requirement states no dispensation shall be issued to the petitioners unless it is accompanied by a certificate of proficiency that the Brother proposed as Master is competent to confer the three degrees of Freemasonry in conformity with the Idaho work. Note Section 1603, paragraphs 5 and 6.

Section 1012. Requirements for charter. No charter shall be issued to a new Lodge until it shall have worked a time under dispensation and shall have exhibited to the Grand Lodge satisfactory evidence of this Masonic capability. The question then asked if a lodge no longer retains the ability to conduct Masonry in conformity with the Idaho Code, should that charter be arrested? And I could solve a lot of problems that we had in the last couple of days just by saying, yes, it does. Everybody would need to turn their charter because I'm sure about 90% of our lodges can't do 100% of work on our own. But that's not our decision. Looking at the time this section was written, Masonry was in another direction. There was no discussion about learning the lectures and becoming proficient. It was an expectation and considered an honor to be able to learn and improve themselves in Masonry. Times have changed, as well as requirements to be a Lodge officer. Although this committee believes the writers intended that everyone would continue to learn the lessons and would continue to remain proficient in the work, this committee also believes that it can't make decisions based on assumptions. This section does not cover any method or requirement for a Lodge to remain proficient after obtaining a charter. It does state that a Lodge must show satisfactory evidence that it can do the work, but there is no provision, duty, or responsibility assigned to anyone to verify the work. Therefore, this Committee decides that Article 10 and 11 pertain to new lodges only. Since this section is ambiguous and open to interpretation, the Committee recommends that this question be forwarded to the committee that is looking at the Constitution to address this issue as they deem appropriate. We would like to congratulate the Grand Master on a most successful year, and we know that this Grand Lodge of Idaho is better for its efforts that he put into it. Jurisprudence Committee would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you on this committee, and I especially appreciate you appointing me as Chairman.

Respectfully submitted

John Warner, PGM

Wayne Sprouse, Voting member.

Brent Leatherman, Voting Member,

Brother R Randy King, RW SGW, Non-Voting Member.

I move that this report be received.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

"It has been moved and seconded to receive the final report of the Jurisprudence Committee. All those in favor vote with your ballots and the regular form of Mason. Down hands those opposed, same sign. It's accepted. Thank you, Brother John." "We started out with two Constitutional Amendments today and we now have five so I will proceed to read the Amendments."

Reading of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS READ BY GRAND MASTER

SEE THE AMENDMENTS IN ATTACHMENTS

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary A.S. LaBruyere

“Are there any outstanding reports?”

402-8 Time and Place

Rick L. Holloway

Invitation to the 158th Annual Communication

Time and Place for the 158th Annual Communication:

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

September 21, 22, 23, 2025

Red Lion Hotel Pocatello

1555 Pocatello Creek Rd, Pocatello, ID 83210

Phone: 208-233-2200

[Sonesta.com/red-lion-hotels/id/Pocatello/red-lion-hotel-pocatello](https://sonesta.com/red-lion-hotels/id/Pocatello/red-lion-hotel-pocatello)

**Friday, September 20, 2024 (Close 157th Annual
Communication)**

Close Grand Lodge

(Ritual)

Closing Prayer

Rev. Robert K. Perry, W.: Grand Chaplain

"Supreme Architect of the Universe, Ruler of Heaven and Earth! As we go from Labor to Refreshment, bless each of us as we come together in Fellowship and Brotherly Love. These Things We Ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen"

Proclamation (Labor to Refreshment)

Levi D. Billman, W.: Grand Marshal

"By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I Proclaim the 157th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho duly closed."

Public Installation for 2024-2025 Grand Lodge Officers

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

Installing Officers

John Warner, PGM
Richard Broemeling, PGM
Jay A. Leonard, PGM
Joe Alexandger, PGM
David Triplett, PGM
Royce Arlen Marshall "Arlen"

Installing Grand Master
Installing Marshal
Asst. Installing Marshal
Installing Secretary
Installing Chaplain
Installing Musician

Presentation of 2024-2025 Grand Lodge Officers

Installing Secretary,

Joesph Alexander, PGM

Grand Lodge Officers for 2024-2025

Rick L. Holloway
N. Randall King "Randy"
Clifford R. Kramer
Daniel W. Drefs
G. Arthur Shoemaker, PGM
Steven L. Hall, PGM
Daniel D. Siddall
Eric W. Coryell
Levi D. Billman
Harold E. Bloom "Howie"
David Stonhill
Justin L. Boyer
Danny R. Lavine
Jeremy C. Vaughn
J. Sherwin Wilson
Robert "Robbie Swofford
Mark Smith
Rick L. Rowe
Richard B. Swift

Grand Master
Deputy Grand Master
Senior Grand Warden
Junior Grand Warden
Grand Treasurer
Grand Secretary
Grand Lecturer
Senior Grand Deacon
Junior Grand Deacon
Grand Marshall
Senior Grand Steward
Junior Grand Steward
Grand Sword Bearer
Grand Pursuivant
Grand Organist
Grand Chaplain
Grand Orator
Grand Historian
Grand Tyler

Installation

2024-2025 District Deputy Grand Masters

District Deputy Grand Masters

Steven Siebers
Kary Peterson
Bob Nelson, Jr
Dennis Skinner
Mark Essary
Christopher A. Duke "Chris"
Robert Middlebrook
David Savage
Charles K. Ford "Charlie"
B. Calvin Saul

First District
Second District
Third District
Fourth District
Fifth District
Sixth District
Seventh District
Eighth District
Ninth District
Tenth District

Introductions of Family and Visitors
Remarks

Grand Lodge Officers
Rick L. Holloway

Closing Remarks

Rick L. Holloway

Proclamation of Installation:

Installing Grand Marshal

Skip Owen PGM

"I Proclaim the 2024-2025 Grand Lodge Officers to be duly installed."

Friday September 20, 2024 (General Membership Banquet),

General Membership Banquet

6:00 p.m.

No Host Social Hour
Lobby of Blue Heron Room

7:00 p.m.

Grand Lodge Banquet
Blue Hereon / Osprey

Introductions Heads of Concordant Appendant Bodies

Introductions by

W. : Sr. Grand Deacon
(Assisted by Grand Stewards)

Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of Eastern Star

Worthy Grand Matron
Worth Grand Patron

Diedra Votaw
William Votaw

Grand Court of Idaho, Order of Amaranth

Grand Royal Matron
Grand Royal Patron

Susan Broemeling
Richard Broemeling

Introduction of Adult Leaders of Youth Groups

Job's Daughters International, Grand Council of Idaho

Grand Guardian
Associate Grand Guardian

Kerri James
Bryan Clayton

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

Miss Idaho Job's Daughter

Jr. Miss Idaho Jobs Daughter

Ashley Devaney

Dana Chambers

Julia Rice

International Order of DeMolay

Idaho State Master Councilor

William Tolman

International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Washington/Idaho

Worthy Grand Advisor, Washington / Idaho

Analise Brush

Grand Charity

Nikki Wilson

Program

Youth Leaders Speeches

Rainbow, Grand Worthy Advisor

Annalise Brush

Grand Bethel Honored Queen

Ashley Devaney

Miss Idaho Jobs Daughters

Dana Chambers

Jr. Miss Idaho Jobs Daughter

Julia Rice

State Board of Directors

William Tolman

Awards:

Clifford R. Kramer, R.: W.: Jr. Grand Warden

District Mason of the Year Awards

Brothers who received Mason of the District award are:

Distrit	Name	Lodges
1	Russ Smith	(21, 33, 64, 92)
2	Kevin F. Heiner	(33)
3	Jeff Wade	(77)
4	Charles Morrison	(59)
6	No Submission	
7	Dominic Spadaro	(47)
8	Shaun Smith	(1o)
9	John Hull	(20)
10	No Submission	

Lodge of Excellence Awards

Lodges who received Lodge of Excellence are:

Lodge Name

Nez Perce Lodge No. 10
Lemhi Lodge No. 11
Paradise Lodge No. 17
Portneuf Lodge No. 18
Eagle Rock Lodge No. 19
Weiser Lodge No. 23
Kootenai Lodge No. 24

Lodge Name

Washoe Lodge No. 28
Elmore Lodge No. 30
Rathdrum Lodge No. 41
Meridian Lodge No. 47
Mt McCaleb Lodge No. 64
Paul Lodge No. 77
Chalis Lodge No. 92

Grand Lodge Officers Reports

03, R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master

Rick L. Holloway

Deputy Grand Master Report 2023-2024 Idaho Grand Lodge Year

Brethren of the Idaho Grand Lodge, it has been a true pleasure to represent the Grand Lodge of Idaho as your Deputy Grand Master for 2023-2024!

As I began my year as Deputy Grand Master, the reality of becoming Grand Master of Idaho in one short year finally hit me. I had already started designing my pin and tie as well as beginning the task of planning the visit schedule I would follow beginning in September 2024 but addressing the multitude of details is daunting.

My service as a member of the Portland Shrine Hospital Board of Governors is in its 9th year in 2024, which means I will go off the Board in December. As part of my commitments to that mission, I participated in monthly meetings as well as several other Shrine events, and used the many events held on behalf of the hospital to interact with Grand Lodge officers and Masons from several other jurisdictions across the United States.

I represented M.W. Gary at the California Grand Lodge in October. You may have heard on the news of horror stories about what it is like in downtown San Francisco, but we were in the Nob Hill area which is where the California Grand Lodge building is located. It was extremely safe and vibrant in that area of the city. If you have never been to the California Grand Lodge building, it is a simply stunning building with an enormous stained-glass window consisting of several individual panels but totaling about 36 feet square as close as I can tell. I had a truly wonderful time at California's Grand Lodge and have already made plans to attend the October 2025 California Grand Lodge.

In November, I attended Nevada's Grand Lodge in Las Vegas. Once again, it was a wonderful time to share brotherly fellowship with our Masonic Brethren from many states across the nation. I received a card stating that I had been elected as an honorary member of the Nevada Grand Lodge. It was a great time and something I hope any Idaho Mason can attend at some point.

Just after Thanksgiving was the East-West Shrine football game at Middleton High School. As I live only a few miles from the field, it made it very easy to attend but it is also a great way to show support for, and interact with, the student athletes and their families and share a few words of the mission of the Shriners Hospitals as well as Masonry in general. None of us should ever pass up an opportunity to tell the world about our wonderful Fraternity.

December is filled with installations, and I was pleased to be the Installing Master for Oriental #60 as well as attending several other installations. I will never tire from attending installations as the leadership of our Lodges start their year as running their lodge.

I had the privilege of installing Ric Bobier as Potentate of El Korah Shrine in Boise on January 6, 2024. The Past Potentates did a great job assisting me in the installation and I want to thank Illustrious Sir Ric for this opportunity.

February is typically a cold month in Idaho, but my visit to Alaska to represent M.W. Gary at Alaska's Grand Lodge was downright frigid. It was 22 degrees below zero in Alaska but the warmth of the brotherhood shared during this event was worth dealing with the cold. The Grand Lodge put on a third degree the evening before Grand Lodge started and it was great to see how they did the degree. With the exception of our paragraph regarding balloting, their Charge was exactly the same as ours. Thank you, M. W. Brother Gary for allowing me to represent you at Alaska's Grand Lodge.

I drove to the Conference of Grand Masters of North America (COGMNA) in Seattle in February 2024 and had the opportunity to see several of the Grand Lodge officers I have met over the years as well as make new friends. The COGMNA will be in Myrtle Beach, SC next year and I look forward to representing the Idaho Grand Lodge at that conference.

February continued to be busy with my attendance at the 100 year Gala Anniversary of the Portland Shrine Hospital. While this wasn't an official Grand Lodge event, there were multiple current and past Grand Masters of Oregon present as well as most of the Oregon Grand Lodge line.

The Pocatello Exemplification in March is always a great time to visit with the Brothers from the building where I took my first degree in 1987.

Much of the rest of the next couple of months was spent getting ready for the Supreme Session Daughters of the Nile in June in Boise. There were literally hundreds of members of Iras Temple No. 40, El Korah Shrine, and Brethren from multiple blue lodges who worked tirelessly for three weeks to pull this event off. On Tuesday, June 11, Meridian #47 allowed us to invite several out of town Masons from all over the US and Canada to a third degree put on by the Idaho Grand Lodge. It was a remarkable evening of fellowship with excellent degree work. Wayne Foster perfectly cooked the bacon-wrapped filets and I brought genuine Idaho baked potatoes for everyone plus made a large cherry crisp and an apple crisp. Of the 75 Brethren in attendance, there were more than 50 Masons from outside Idaho present, and many of those were Past Masters of their respective lodges. Capital City #93 provided the candidate and I'm sure he will never forget that night.

In the middle of the Supreme Temple activities, many of us attended the Oregon Grand Lodge and saw M.W. Tim Best be installed as Grand Master. M.W. Brother Tim and I will be attending several of our respective official visits over the next year and I look forward to maintaining that relationship through this year and beyond.

The first week of July is the Imperial Shrine meeting. This year, it was held in Reno, which is closer than it has been for many years. We had quite a few Shriners from Idaho who attended Imperial this year and the parade down Virginia Street was something people will remember for a long time.

Several of us went to Casper for the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference (RMMC) in July. The presentations were excellent and it is always nice to see the Grand Lodge officers from the other jurisdictions in the RMMC. Idaho is hosting the RMMC in July next year so I will be asking for assistance from many of the Boise area Brethren in making this a memorable event.

I attended the East-West Shrine Football game in Baker City in July. The entire Oregon Grand Lodge line always attends as well as officers from most of the Shrine temples in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

The Malheur Cave Degree was held on August 24 this year. If you have never been to this event, it is well worth your time. No matter how hot it is outside, the cave is typically around 60 degrees so bring a long sleeve shirt and a flashlight if you are able to make this great event.

Throughout the year, I attended many Lodge meetings as well as Scottish Rite reunions and Shrine meetings, monthly Board of Governors meetings at the Portland Shrine Hospital, Job's Daughters events, and so on. Additionally, there are many, many details that are needed to be worked out for the upcoming Grand Lodge year and I wish to extend my sincere thank you to the many Brothers who provided guidance over the year.

Throughout my travels this past year, I continue to be amazed and comforted in the kindness and true Masonic brotherhood exemplified by so many Idaho Masons. It makes me extremely proud to an Idaho Mason. As we enter the 2024-2025 Grand Lodge year, I promise I will do my best to be a humble, kind, and honorable Grand Master who will do everything to build and support our Craft as well as represent Idaho as Grand Masters have done in all ages before us.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick L. Holloway
Deputy Grand Master

04, R.:W.: Senior Grand Warden

N. Randall King

Report of the Senior Grand Warden

Randy King

For the 2023-2024 Masonic Year

To: Gary A.S. LaBruyere Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho Officers, and Brethren

It has been my honor and privilege to serve with you as the Senior Grand Warden for this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year.

The year started in Boise with the installation on September 22, 2023, followed by the fall district meetings of which I was able to attend many. During my travels I was able to make many new friendships and renew several with brothers I had not seen in a while. The following is a list of the activities I attended and participated in:

09/30/23	Reception at Union, OR for MWGM Craig Sipp, MW Grand Master of Oregon
10/06/23	District 10 at Rathdrum
10/07/23	District 8 at Moscow
10/07/23	Public Shelter Dedication at City Park
10/16/23	District 2 at Pocatello
10/18/23	District 4 at Glenns Ferry
10/19-22/23	York Rite Leadership Training at Salt Lake City
10/23/23	District 6 at Homedale
10/24/23	District 7 at Emmet
10/25/23	District 5 at Boise
10/26/23	District 3 at Twin Falls
11/05/23	Robert Burns Lodge #97 at Burn, OR visit
11/11/23	Highway Clean-up with Silver City #13 at Homedale
12/02/23	Marshall at Placer 3 officer installation
12/04/23	Capital City #93 officer installation

12/06/23	Marshall at Elmore #30 officer installation
12/07/23	Butte #37 officer installation
12/09/23	Master at Silver City #13 officer installation
12/12/23	Boise #2 officer installation
12/16/23	Meridian #47 officer installation
12/16/23	Asst. Marshall at Ionic #82 officer installation
12/18/23	Idaho #1 officer installation
12/19/23	Marshall at Mt. Morian #39 officer installation
12/20/23	Marshall at Initial Point #98 officer installation
12/23/23	Oriental #60 officer installation
12/27/23	Initial Point #98 St John's Festive Board
01/29/24	Idaho #1 – 2 Fellowcraft Degrees
02/10/24	Placer #3 – Master Mason Degree
02/13/24	Initial Point #98 Sweetheart Dinner
02/15/24	Butte #37 Master Mason Degree
02/17-21/24	Conference of Grand Masters of North America at Seattle
03/01-03/24	Portneuf #18 Master Mason Exemplification
03/13/24	Initial Point #98 Fellowcraft Degree
04/06/24	Grand York Rite installation at Coos Bay, OR
04/09/24	District 7 at Payette
04/10/24	Initial Point #98 Master Mason Degree
04/11/24	District 4 at Gooding
04/17/24	District 6 at Caldwell
04/18/24	District 3 at Glenns Ferry
04/25/24	District 8 at Lewiston
05/03-05/24	Internation Day at Creston, BC & Bonners Ferry
05/09/24	Acacia #118 at Ontario – OV of MW Grand Master Craig Sipp of Oregon
05/17-19/24	Oregon Grand Lodge Officer Planning Session at Forest Grove, OR
05/??/24	Meridian #47 Fellowcraft Degree with Black Light Patrol
06/05-05/24	Grand Lodge of Oregon at Pendleton
06/11/24	Master Mason Degree at Meridian #47 for Supreme Session of Nile
06/19/24	Fellowcraft Degree lecture @ Elmore #30
06/22/24	Lodge on the Lake at Donnelly – Ionic #82
06/27-29/24	Grand Lodge of Montana at Helena
07/18-20/24	Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference at Casper, WY
08/02/24	DeMolay meeting at Pendleton, OR
08/03/24	Royal Arch Mason initiation at Union, OR
08/08/24	Acacia #118 at Ontario, OR – OV MW Grand Master Tim Best of OR
08/10/24	Mt. Moriah #39/Silver City #13 Master Mason Degree
08/24/24	Burns #97 at Burns, OR - Malheur Cave Master Mason Degree
	Grand Lodge of Idaho Quarterly Investment Committee meetings

The above list does not include the numerous stated & called communications I was able to attend and have fellowship with my Brothers.

It is always a pleasure to attend Lodge and participate or be a sideliner and watch the Brethren perform the work. It is such an enjoyable experience to see the candidate progress on his Masonic Journey in search of further light in masonry.

In conclusion, I would like to again thank the Brethren for the trust and confidence placed in me when electing me to the office of Senior Grand Warden. I hope I represented you well during this past year in all the activities

and events I have attended. I look forward to seeing many of you at Grand Lodge and in my travels over the next few years.

Faternally,

Randy King
RW Senior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Idaho

05, R.:W.: Junior Grand Warden

Clifford R. Kramer

Junior Grand Warden Report
2023-2024 Idaho Grand Lodge Year

06, R.:W.: Grand Treasurer

G. Arthur Shoemaker, PGM

REPORT REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN IN GRAND SESSION

07, R.:W.: Grand Secretary

Steven L. Hall, PGM

REPORT REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN IN GRAND SESSION

08, R.:W.: Grand Lecturer

Daniel Siddall

Grand Lecturer's Report

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,

It has been an honor to serve as Grand Lecturer again this year. I truly enjoy traveling to the districts, experiencing different Lodges, visiting with the brethren, and assisting with the ritual work. I extend my gratitude to all the district deputies for their efforts in securing venues and arranging meals for the ritual workshops. The interactions, hospitality, and brotherhood among the brethren at these meetings were exceptional, embodying the finest qualities of Freemasonry.

Two meetings stood out this year: those in Gooding and Malad. Despite being somewhat remote, each of these meetings had more than twenty brothers in attendance, and both were exceptional.

The primary focus for this year's workshops was the first degree. We covered the floor work for opening, closing, and selected portions of the degree, and we also discussed some of the lessons associated with the first degree.

We connected the building of King Solomon's Temple with the construction of our own spiritual temples. Here is the relevant passage from the Bible:

"And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building." - 1 Kings 6:7 (KJV)

The absence of the sound of axe, hammer, or any tool of iron is symbolic, representing the quiet and harmonious manner in which we should conduct our work and personal development. It suggests precision, skill, and harmony among the workers. This symbolizes the importance of diligence, discipline, and contemplative work in Freemasonry. Just as the Temple was built without the noise and discord of iron tools, we should build our own characters in a peaceful and contemplative manner, free from tumultuous thoughts and actions.

We also discussed the reference to the book of Ruth in the ritual. Here is an excellent article on the book of Ruth as it relates to the plucking off of the shoe: [Ceremony of the Shoe: A Ritual of God's Ancient Covenant People](#).

Esoteric work report

2018 edition: The only remaining copy of the 2018 edition not turned in is Boise lodge #2 which is having difficulty finding it.

2020 editions: 3 grand lodge officer versions (no change from last year)

Lost editions: 3 grand lodge officer versions (no change from last year) and 29 in the possession of grand lodge officers

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Siddall

09, W. : Senior Grand Deacon

Dan W. Dreffs

NO REPORT RECEIVED

10, W. : Grand Chaplain

Rev. Robert K. Perry

Grand Chaplain's Report

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

It has been a privilege and a humbling experience to serve as your Worshipful Grand Chaplain for the past year. Lodge secretaries within our jurisdiction sent reports to me, listing the nearest relative of these deceased brothers. I have responded on your behalf with our heartfelt prayers for our lost brother and especially for his family.

In my short term as your Grand Chaplain, I have sent out 49 such prayers and thought on behalf of our Grand Master and all of the Grand Officers. I have tried to pass on the Craft's fraternal affection, the respect and honor that Masons have for each other, and the concern of Freemasonry for families grieving the loss of a loved one. I have tried to stress in my prayers to the widows and orphans of our lost brothers that we are there if they need any one of us. They only need to ask and we will be there.

For those secretaries that sent their reports to me, I am grateful. I hope that we didn't miss any departed brothers in this past year, but if we did, our prayers are with their families and Lodges.

I am extremely grateful to have had the honor of serving the Grand Lodge of Masons in Idaho for this past year. It has been for me an opportunity of learning, as well as an opportunity of serving. May the Supreme Architect

of the Universe receive those who have gone to be with a Beneficent Father. I trust that I have been a faithful servant.

Fraternally submitted,

The Rev. Robert K. Perry, Worshipful Grand Chaplain

11, W.: Grand Orator

Jeremey C. Vaughn

GIVEN ORALLY IN GRAND SESSION

12, W.: Grand Historian

Richard E. Rowe

Grand Lodge Historian Report:

To the Grand Lodge and Masons of Idaho,

The first Grand Historian was PGM John H Myer appointed in 1925

1925-1933 John Myer	Not Printed
1934- 1941 Byron Defenbach	Not Printed
1942 Byron Defenbach pg 101	Montana History
1943 Byron Defenbach pg 100	Masonic History in Northern Idaho
1944 Byron Defenbach pg 94	Advance of Masons into the Northwest
1945 Byron Defenbach pg 100	Freemasonry in Idaho from 1870 to 1893
1946 Byron Defenbach pg 106	Freemasonry in Idaho from 1894 to 1911
1947 Marcus J Ware	Not Printed
1948 Marcus J Ware pg 58	Freemasonry and the Fur Trade
1950 Marcus J Ware pg 56	Robert Newell Mountain Man and Pioneer
1951 Marcus J Ware pg 67	William Craig Mountain Man and Homesteader
1952 Marcus J Ware pg 83	Lewis and Clark and their Message to Freemasonry of Today
1953 Charles Herndon pg 68	Idaho Masonry 1860-1880
1954 Charles Herndon pg 71	Idaho Masonry 1870-1900
1955 Charles Herndon pg 76	Idaho Masonry 1900 - 1912
1956 W Wade Wilson pg 61	Early Explorers
1957 W Wade Wilson pg 67	Go West
1958 W Wade Wilson pg 65	The Missing Lodges
1959 W Wade Wilson pg 75	Pend d'Orellie 40, Crown Point 44, and Elk River 88
1960 W Wade Wilson pg 62	The Mountain Men
1961 W Wade Wilson pg 78	Ee-dah-how Idaho
1962 W Wade Wilson pg 68	Captain Meriwether Lewis
1963 W Wade Wilson pg 82	Vigilantes
1964 Alton T Kauffman pg 71	W Wade Wilson Bio.
1965 John Charles Herndon pg 71	The Lodge of Antiquity – Green Dragon Tavern
1966 Gerald R York pg 85	Gold
1967 Clyde I Rush pg 82	Past Grand Masters of Idaho and America
1968 Homer W Judy pg 80	This is what our early Masonic members accomplished for us
1969 Cedric G d'Easum pg 96	Early Grand Lodge Masons
1970 Frank Burstedt pg 63	Truly Good Masons
1971 Kenneth J Elloit pg 85	Chinese Masonry
1972 Ralph S Space pg 68	Lewis and Clark
1973 Peter J South pg 93	Early Masons of the Leesburg Basin
1974 Marcus J Ware pg 69	Moore's Wild Ride in Idaho
1975 Lloyd R Dyer pg 80	Swords – Fire- and Plow Shares

1976 Wallace S Johnson pg 70	Work and The Workman
1977 Burrell G Lirgg pg 83	James A Pinney
1978 Frank K Ilett pg 64	Owyhee County the Forgotten Corner
1979 Oscar A Salomonsen pg 77	Early Masonry in Idaho
1980 Tom F Hipple pg 68	ites, Temples and Buildings
1981 Harry L Fry pg 82	First Masons in the Northwest
1982 Raymond A Hackman pg 71	Forming of Freemasonry 1717
1983 James A Downs pg 69	Legend and Masonry
1984 J Wilson Steen pg 69	A Mason - The Builder, Masonry and Railroading in Idaho
1985 Tom S Arima pg 62	Silver City 13
1986 Herbert G Fitz pg 82	History of Idaho Grand Lodge 1867 - 1888
1987 Herbert G Fitz pg 76	History of Idaho Grand Lodge 1887 - 1908
1988 Clinton L Dougherty pg 35	Filer Lodge 55
1989 Eugene K McBride pg 34	Lemhi 11, Arco 48, Mt McCaleb 64, Challis 92 Histories
1990 Howard E Bradley Jr pg 59	PE Edmondson
1991 Robert S McArthur pg 42	Freemasonry in Idaho – A Better Place To Live
1992 James L Graves pg 52	The Missing Twenty Three Lodges
1993 Harry C Moore pg 54	Ancient Grand Masters
1994 William Eimers Jr pg 36	Regulation 41 Alcohol
1995 Gilbert L Gross pg 93	Grand Lodge recognition and formation in the Northwest
1996 Roy Hopper pg 67	History of Hailey 16, Bethany 21, and Jerome 61
1997 Richard Machamer pg 52	Looking back from 1997
1998 Allan E Voyles pg 75	Early Proficiency requirements
1999 Timothy H Krueger pg 49	Fiat Lux Lodge 1079
2000 Graeme C Galbraith pg 43	Fred Dubois
2001 Gerald K Ikard pg 66	58 th Annual Communication 1925
2002 Robert Haakenson pg 53	Meriwether Lewis
2003 Paul Alexander pg 52	Matthew McBain Thomson
2004 Robert C Manning pg 77	Chinese Masonry in Idaho
2005 James R Brian pg 73	William Slade
2006 Thomas Hipple pg 119	Holy Bible
2007 Edd Olson pg 125	Masonic Exhibit at Idaho Historical Museum
2008 Ronald M Lowe pg 60	Masonic Exhibit at Idaho Historical Museum
2009 Ronald M Lowe pg 59	Masonic Exhibit at Idaho Historical Museum
2010 Ronald M Lowe pg 85	Masonic Exhibit at Idaho Historical Museum
2011 John Boyer pg 116	Common thread
2012 Ted O Bowers pg 97	Masons and Gold
2013 Edward L Bonham Jr pg 80	History of Mason's in Mount Idaho
2014 Jerry D Parson pg 118	Discoveries early masonry id Idaho
2015 Jerry D Parson pg 150	Mining Masons Idaho
2016 Jerry D Parson pg 146	Early Idaho Masonry
2017 Bruce Weathered pg 119	Lafayette Cartee and George Coe
2018 Jerry D Parson pg 88	Grand Lodge of Idaho Territory 1867- 1878
2019 Douglas J Hammond pg 94	Early lodges and mining
2020 Charles Kent Ford pg 59	Covid 19 vs Spanish flu 1918
2021 Chris Weathered pg 57	Images of Past Grand Masters on Website
2022 James T Hansen pg 42	History is defined as a study of past events
2023 James T Hansen	

Section 401

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence Committee

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

The following are the preliminary rulings and decisions of the Jurisprudence Committee on Resolutions, Constitutional Amendments and Questions received for clarification. All Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments were received on time and in order. After consideration, the following decisions were made,

The amendments are numbered below only for clarification purposes. Actual numbers will be issued by the Grand Secretary prior to being sent to the Lodges.

1. The Constitutional amendment change submitted by Mt. Moriah members was received on February 7, 2024. This amendment changes Idaho constitution Article III Officers: Section 3. The constitution amendment is in order and since it changes the constitution is not in conflict. It will be referred to the Grand Master with the recommendation that he has it read and sent to the lodges for consideration in accordance with Article VI Amendments Section 1.
2. Resolution from the Code and Digest Review Committee, received on February 14, 2004. This resolution changes Article 1 General Provisions: section 103, Annual Communication. This simplifies where the Grand Lodge will be held based on area. It changes paragraph 1 only, 2 and 3 and the remaining parts will remain It is not in conflict. And **will be presented** to the delegates for consideration at Grand Lodge.
3. Resolution from the Code and Digest Review Committee received on February 14, 2004. This resolution changes Regulation 10, Concordant and appendant orders, Clubs, and associations. It changes how we recognize other Concurrent, appendant bodies and clubs. It simplifies the process and breaks down the categories they fall under. It is not in conflict and **will be presented** to the delegates for consideration at Grand Lodge,
4. Resolution from three voting members of Grand Lodge, received February 13, 2024. The resolution changes Article III, Powers and Duties of Grand Officers, Section 303, Deputy Grand Master. This resolution adds an additional duty to the Deputy Grand Master. It is not in conflict and **will be presented** to the delegates for consideration at Grand Lodge,
5. Resolution from three members of Paradise Lodge received January 26, 2024. This resolution changes Article 39, Monitor. Bullet Point #2. It will authorize the reading of the lectures under certain circumstances. It is not in conflict and **will be presented** to the delegates for consideration at Grand Lodge
6. This resolution was submitted by four voting members of Grand Lodge, received on February 14, 2024. This resolution adds section 804 to Article VIII and allows for streaming lectures. It is not in conflict and **will be submitted** to the delegates for consideration.
7. Thiis resolution was submitted by four voting members of Grand Lodge, received on February 15, 2024. This resolution adds section 1106 Occasional Lodges to Article XI Chartered Lodges. and authorized the formation of an occasional lodge. It is not in conflict and **will be submitted** to the delegates for consideration.

- 8 This resolution was submitted by Mt. Moriah Lodge. It was received on February 7, 2004. This resolution Changes Article XVIII, Section 1892 Vacancy in Office. This resolution authorizes the Grand Treasurer to hold office in a constituent Lodge. This conflicts with Article III of the constitution, the authors state they know it is in conflict but want it submitted and if passed it would be placed on hold until the new constitutional amendment is decided. Article XXXIV Section 3401, paragraph 4 sub-paragraph 3. Legislation affecting the By-laws or Regulations becomes effective at the close of the communication at which they are adopted, there is no provision in the code for approving legislation and then placing it on hold until an amendment is approved. **The resolution, conflicting with the current constitution, has been returned and will not be submitted to the delegates for consideration.**
- 9 This resolution was submitted by four voting members of Grand Lodge. It was received February 14, 2024
- This resolution changes XVI section 1603 paragraph 4. This resolution changes the requirements to become a Worshipful Master. 1603 Paragraphs 5 and 6 set the requirements for becoming a Worshipful Master, since this resolution changes paragraph 4 allowing those with a warden certificate to become a master without a master's certificate. This is a third way a member can become a master. **It is not in conflict and will be proposed to the delegates for consideration,**
- 10.. This resolution was submitted by Mt, Moriah Lodge. It was received on February 7. It changes Article XVI Officers, Elections, Installation, Section 1603 Paragraph 3, Eligibility of Officers, this changes the eligibility of the Grand Treasurer and authorizes him to be an elected Officer in a constituent Lodge. The authors state they know it is in conflict but want it submitted and if passed it would be placed on hold until the new constitutional amendment is decided. This Article XXXIV Section 3401, paragraph 4 sub-paragraph 3. Legislation affecting the By-laws or Regulations becomes effective at the close of the communication at which they are adopted. There is no provision in the code for approving legislation and then placing it on hold until an amendment is approved. **This resolution, conflicting with the current constitution, has been returned and will not be submitted to the delegates for consideration.**

The Jurisprudence committee received several questions for clarification, and the response given is as follows.

The following questions were submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee for clarification.

1. The problem, a lodge received a petition for plural membership at a stated meeting, the Master received the petition, appointed an investigating committee. He then wanted to call free from restraint, investigate the brother and then vote on his membership in the same meeting, they stated there is no requirement to wait 30 days. Their argument is that paragraph 6 is unclear since it states If the petitioner is eligible, the petition received, and the petitioner later elected. Their argument is that he is not affiliated, he is joining as a plural member. And the word later elected does not give a time limit.

Their belief is unfounded for the following reasons.

The first two lines of 1412 state a Master Mason desiring to **affiliate** as a plural member., will submit a **petition** for Plural membership, this shows that a member is petitioning the lodge.

Paragraph five states that if a member is eligible then the lodge petitioned may receive the petition (Reg 47) This paragraph refers to regulation forty-seven on receiving petitions for plural members.

Regulation forty-seven controls Petitions, A petition is filed when received by the Secretary. A petition is received only after it is read at a stated meeting and declared received by the Worshipful Master. It then refers to section 2010.

Section 2010. Affiliation. A petition for affiliation shall be in writing and signed by the petitioner with his full name. It shall state his age, occupation and place of residence and shall show **whether or not he is applying for Plural Membership**. It shall be accompanied by a Demit or its equivalent, or a satisfactory explanation in writing why it cannot be obtained. It may be received regardless of where the petitioner resides, **but he must satisfy the usual requirements of reception, reference and balloting that apply to petitions for the degrees. (Revised Sept. 1995) (See Investigation Form.)**

It further states that at the time of submitting his application it shall be accompanied by either a demit, some other equivalent, (letter of good standing if not demitting from other lodge) satisfactory reason one cannot be obtained,

Section 2004. Petition for Degrees, Reception and Reference. No Lodge shall receive a petition for the degrees except by unanimous consent of the members present. When so received it shall be referred by the Master to an investigating committee consisting of three members, appointed in open Lodge, who shall file their report thereon with the Secretary within a month, unless further time be granted. **The Secretary shall not present the said report to the Lodge before one month has elapsed after the reception of the petition.** If the committee is not doing its duty in investigating or reporting, the Master should appoint others in place of any or all members of the committee, but such appointees shall be given sufficient time to make their investigation. The investigating committee shall ascertain and report the following facts regarding the applicant and no other special questionnaire is permissible. (Note: See Regulation 68.)

1. What is his age?
 2. Is he married or single?
 3. If married, is he living with his wife?
 4. What is his occupation and where is he employed?
 5. Is he physically qualified for admission?
 6. What is the character of his company and associates?
 7. Is he physiologically or psychologically addicted to the use of mind-altering drugs (e.g., alcohol, opiates, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens?) (Revised Sept. 1975)
 8. Is he a compulsive gambler?
 9. Does he habitually use profane or indecent language
 10. Has he licentious or immoral habits?
 11. Is he a law-abiding citizen?
 12. Does he have sufficient education and intelligence to understand and value the doctrines and tenets of Masonry?
 13. Has he ever made previous application for the degrees, and if so, where, and when?
456214. State any other facts of value to the Lodge in arriving at a correct conclusion
This satisfies the question about joining as a plural member, **(If he is requesting to join a lodge as a plural member, he is in fact petitioning that lodge, and petitions must be handled in accordance with regulation 47 and by-laws article XX, 2004.**

Decision:

1402 is correct and not confusing with the word later in paragraph six. Paragraph six contains instructions on what the secretary must do if the member is elected and has no bearing on how the

petition will be received and managed. A member petitioning for plural membership is requesting to join a lodge and his petition will be managed in accordance with 2010 and 2004.

2. A request for information on what a lodge needed to do to change its name. No decision was necessary because the Lodge decided not to change its name.

3. A question was submitted requesting information concerning resolution six. Was it in conflict with Article III?

Article III states only Past masters who have been issued a Worshipful Masters certificate of proficiency are qualified as permanent members of Grand Lodge. Resolution six will not be in conflict because it provides another way for a brother to obtain a Worshipful Masters certificate. If this passes then once a brother serves his term as warden, the DDGM will be required to submit a request for a Master's certification, to the Grand Secretary. Upon receipt of the certificate, he will then be eligible for election and is in compliance with article III by having obtained a certificate.

A recent request for a ruling on By-laws Article X section 1004 and 1012 Certificate of Proficiency.

This article pertains to obtaining a charter for a new lodge. Section 1004 states No dispensation shall be issued unless it is accompanied by a certificate of proficiency that the brother proposed as master is competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry. Section 1012 Requirements for a Charter No charter shall be issued to a new lodge until it shall have worked a time under dispensation and shall have exhibited to the Grand Lodge satisfactory evidence of its masonic capability. If the lodge is no longer able to meet this requirement should their charter be arrested.

This question is overly complex and will have a great consequence for the Grand Lodge based on its findings. The committee is still researching and will be holding discussions on an appropriate ruling. The final ruling or suggestion will be included in the final report at Grand Lodge.

John E. Warmer, PGM Chairman

Art Bush, PGM Member

Brent Leatherman, Member

N. Randy King, SGW Ex Officio

Dan Drefs, Junior Grand Deacon, Ex Officio

401-2 Appeals & Grievances

Joe Alexander, PGM

NO APPEALS SUBMITTED

401-3 Accounts & Finances

Robbie Swofford

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren

The budget for 2025 has been worked on diligently by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Treasurer, and the Accounts & Finance Committee. The proposed budget was sent to the Most Worshipful Grand Secretary in May and was distributed to the lodges in June. There is no increase in the Grand Lodge assessment and I move this budget be adopted.

Fraternally,

Robbie Swofford – Chairman

Justin Boyer

157th Annual Communication

401.4 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:

It was requested that we review past proceedings to determine if proper action was taken on recommendations for recognition. The following recommended recognitions appear to not have been adopted.

- D. At the 148th Annual Communication held on September 17th, 18th, and 19th 2015, the Fraternal Relations Committee reported the following:
 - 5. On December 15, 2014, a request for recognition from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Albania was received. The Grand Lodge of Albania consecrated on October 14, 2011 in Tirana by the Grand Orient of Italy. It is composed of three lodges previously warranted by the Grand Orient of Italy. It has adopted the Ritual and Book of Constitution of the Grand Orient, the Principles for Grand Lodges Recognition accepted by the United Grand Lodge of England, as well as the “Aims and Relationships of the Craft” of the UGLE. The CIR is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Albania meets the standards for recognition. Based on this information your committee recommends that their request for recognition be granted.
 - 6. On February 1, 2015, a request for recognition from the M. W. Gran Logia Simbólica del Paraguay was received. Over the last six years, the CIR has continued to study the split in the Grand Lodge of Paraguay that resulted in the two Grand Lodges. Based on their investigation, they have been lead to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge Symbolic whose Grand Master is M/W Bro Euclides, is the only Grand Lodge in Paraguay that meets the standards for recognition. Based on this information your committee recommends that their request for recognition be granted.

We move that these recognition recommendations be adopted.

- E. At the 152nd Annual Communication held on September 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2019, the Fraternal Relations Committee reported the following:
 - 2. The Grand Orient of Minas Gerais and The Grand Oriente De Mato Grosso Do Sul have both sent letters requesting recognition. The 2019 Report of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America States: “Brazil State Grand Orients, The Grande Orient de Minas Gerais and the Grand Oriente de Mato Grosso do Sul were each recognized by and treaties signed with their respective State Grand Lodges in 2018. Each of these bodies are also recognized by the CMI. It would be reasonable to assume that these grand orients are practicing regular Masonry, and recognition would be appropriate if you so desire.” This Committee recommends that the Grand Lodge of Idaho recognize The Grand Orient de Minas Gerais and The Grand Oriente De Mato Grosso Do Sul.

We move that these recognition recommendations be adopted.

F. During this Masonic Year, we received the following requests for recognition.

3. On March 14, 2024, a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia headquartered in Tbilisi requesting recognition of their Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Idaho AF&AM. This letter was accompanied by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, dated in 2015 as amended; the list of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Georgia; and the 2023 and 2024 reports of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand of Grand Masters of North America. The Commission reported in those two years that the Grand Lodge of Georgia meets the requirements for recognition. Therefore, we recommend that the Grand Lodge of Idaho AF&AM grant recognition to the Grand Lodge of Georgia AF&AM.

This request was approved at the 156th Annual Communication. No further action is required.

4. On June 3, 2024, a letter from the Grand Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Grande Oriente do Rio Grande do Norte in Triol, Natal-RN, requesting recognition of their Grand Orient by the Grand Lodge of Idaho AF&AM. The letter was accompanied by a list of the officers of the Grand Orient, a translation of the Constitution of the Grand Orient which lists the principles of the institution, and a translation of the treaty between the Grand Orient of Brazil and the Grand Orient of Rio Grand de Norte allowing to operate within the state. The Commission on Information for Recognition has not reviewed this Grand Orient for compliance. We recommend that this request be held over until next year when the Commission will give a decision.

- D. During this year several communications were received from Grand Lodges that we are in amity with. We received lists of new officers for Grand Lodges, a notice of Expelled/Suspended members of the Grand Lodge of Ukraine making unauthorized communications, an announcement from the United Grand Lodges of Germany suspending communications with the Grand Lodge of Russia, and a decree from the Grand Orient of Italy suspending relations with the Scottish Rite in Italy.

Respectfully submitted,
Daivd A. Grindle (93), Chairman
Michael E. Keas, (30)
Bart Casey (13)

401-5 Masonic Research & Education

NO REPORT

401-6 Masonic Temple Preservation (see Section 405)

MASONIC TEMPLE PRESERVATION REPORT

The Masonic Temple Preservation Committee received no requests for funding during the 2023-2024 year.

Fraternally Submitted,
Eric W Coryell, PM

Section 402

Session Committees

402-1 Credentials

Steven L. Hall, PGM, Grand Secretary

Report given in Grand Session

402-2 Distribution

Steven L. Hall, PGM, Grand Secretary

All reports turned in to the Grand Secretary are on file and distributed to the proper committees and organizations.

402-3 Unfinished Business

Steven L. Hall, PGM, Grand Secretary

Report given in session. (no unfinished business)

402-4 Lodges under Dispensation

N/A

No Lodges under Dispensation – no report required.

402-7 Courtesy

Dan LaVine

Part of the Convention Arrangements Report.

Section 403

Special Committee

403-1 Youth / Scholarship Committee

James Hanson

2024 Youth Scholarship Committee Report for Grand Lodge.

To the Grand Lodge of Idaho, AF&AM,

We the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Idaho would like to inform you that this year we had 26 applicants for our scholarship this year. These applicants were not only from all around the State but also from Washington, Oregon, and as far away as Virginia. All applicants for this scholarship have bright futures ahead of them, just from what we have learned. Their various futures include everything from engineering, to doctoral, to religious studies. Narrowing down the list of applicants is always the hardest thing to do, because each one is deserving.

Over the course of many weeks, we eventually narrowed the list to three; a future Marine Transportation Operator, a future Healthcare Administrator, and a future English/Art teacher. All of which had high marks in all that they do in school as well as outside of school.

We hope the decision we made will impact a little in their journey to a brighter future.

Fraternally Yours,

Brother Jimmy Hansen, Chairman

403-2 Hospitality Committee

Jesse Laduke

Report given in Session

403-3 Code & Digest Committee

Joeseeph Alexander, PGM

An oral presentation was given in Session



Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary Labruyere, Elected Line, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

Since Grand Lodge 2023, Idaho DeMolay has continued to move our forward by adjusting how we represent our program to the communities of Idaho.

Starting in October 2023, we held our annual Honors program, to invest very worthy members, adult volunteers, and a few long-time members of Idaho DeMolay with some privileged honors. Brothers Mathew Brewster and Tim Sterrett both received the Degree of Chevalier as the highest honor an active DeMolay can receive. Moms Cindy Tolman, Jenn Marshall, and Jenn McDonald all received the Cross of Honor for outstanding service as an advisor. Brother Jesse Laduke was invested with his Active Legion of Honor after almost 30 years with the organization. Dad's Michael Pearson and MWGM LaBruyere with also recognized as honorary members of the Supreme Council of DeMolay International. The event was a great night, and I am pretty sure we were on the cusp of breaking the maximum occupancy fire code in the new blue room at the Boise Masonic Temple.

In addition to the honors presented that night, during the day, the Membership Director of DeMolay International came to the Meridian lodge to help the local Job's Daughters bethels, the Rainbow Assemblies, and all the chapters in Idaho DeMolay help devise a new program for membership recruitment that takes us out of the lodge rooms and into the communities. Over the last year or so, you have probably seen an impact of this with more public appearances at community parades and other events.

In March of 2024, Idaho DeMolay held its annual Conclave in the at the Templin's Resort in Post Falls. We initiated new members and got the entire state together for some fun and friendship with an obligatory trip to Triple Play for some fun. During our Initiation Degrees we were able to present MWGM Dad Labruyere with his plaque for his Grand Masters Class. This was special as he is a Senior DeMolay, Past Executive Officer, and we have been watching these being handed out to Grand Masters in Idaho since the 1990's. It was a great honor that I got to present MWGM Gary Labruyere with his.

One of the strengths of Idaho DeMolay is that our members really do share a brotherhood. When they are together you wouldn't know who is from what town. The most amazing part is that the majority of the cell phones are not out. I know this is uncommon with teenagers, but they just like to socialize with each other. This bond of our members is what this organization is all about.

This year, as Executive Officer, I did decide that each chapter needed to have its strongest members present in the chapter. Due to this, we did not have a state corps or state officers this year. This is not a permanent decision, just one that felt needed until we begin to see further growth in the state. All goes back to the adage that "a leader of none, is just a man on a walk".

Idaho DeMolay has a strong group of 13-14-year-olds looking to grow in this organization. Pulling senior members out of the chapters to cover hundreds of miles across the state was not going to get this next

generation the mentorship that they need to help us over the next few years. There is still a great presence of older DeMolays I can call on when necessary, we just need to stop worrying about titles and focus on doing our jobs, which is growth.

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).

Our next major event will be our Honors Program on October 26th in Boise, where we will be honoring and Legion of Honor and a Chevalier.

As of the writing of this report, we have initiated 6 new members this year so far with 2-3 more petitions in hand for new members. We will be pushing to get 15 new members for the 2024 calendar year as an achievable goal and something to build on for 2025. Idaho DeMolay currently has roughly 80 members on our rosters, and I think it is very important that we get this number back up over 100 by the end of 2025. 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 Gary Labruyere, 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

Prepaid Life Payouts to Lodges. (2024)

(Report given in session)

PPL Lodge Payout for 2023
Grand Lodge of Idaho

		Lodge Number	No. PPL's	2023 Beginning Balance Total Dollars	Dollars Collected 2023	Prorated for full year investment	Total Dollars for % Dist	% of Total	Payout to Lodge for 2023 yr
WF Investment Total				\$ 1,343,608.79	\$ 42,135.00		\$ 1,358,682.62	100.00	\$ 57,177.70
January 1, 2023	\$1,179,274.02								
Prepaid Equity	\$ 742,877.78	1	66	\$ 41,844.00			\$ 41,844.00	3.079747932	\$ 1,760.93
Ptepaid Fixed	\$ 575,967.86	2	127	\$ 58,948.00			\$ 58,948.00	4.338614404	\$ 2,480.72
Dec 31, 2023 Total	\$ 1,318,845.64	3	30	\$ 33,440.00			\$ 33,440.00	2.461207601	\$ 1,407.26
		9	100	\$ 31,305.00			\$ 31,305.00	2.304070094	\$ 1,317.41
Net Earnings from Investments		10	72	\$ 40,278.00			\$ 40,278.00	2.964489227	\$ 1,695.03
		11	19	\$ 12,600.00			\$ 12,600.00	0.927368893	\$ 530.25
2023 Payout from Investments	\$ 58,963.70	13	93	\$ 65,375.00	\$ 3,900.00		\$ 69,275.00	5.098688892	\$ 2,915.31
		16	10	\$ 4,284.00			\$ 4,284.00	0.315305424	\$ 180.28
Expenses		17	155	\$ 59,482.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 59,494.50	4.37883719	\$ 2,503.72
Quickbooks	\$ 431.00	18	21	\$ 12,310.00	\$ 535.00		\$ 12,837.50	0.944849	\$ 540.24
Postage	\$ 35.00	19	105	\$ 69,753.00			\$ 69,753.00	5.13387003	\$ 2,935.43
Financial Review	\$ 1,320.00	20	8	\$ 1,499.00			\$ 1,499.00	0.110327458	\$ 63.08
		21	49	\$ 23,005.79	\$ 550.00	\$ 137.50	\$ 23,143.29	1.703362478	\$ 973.94
Net Earnings for Distribution	\$ 57,177.70	23	36	\$ 13,059.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 2.25	\$ 13,061.50	0.961335618	\$ 549.67
		24	61	\$ 40,405.00	\$ 29,840.00	\$ 5,770.83	\$ 46,175.83	3.398573923	\$ 1,943.23
		25	53	\$ 19,530.00	\$ 1,890.00		\$ 21,420.00	1.576527118	\$ 901.42
		28	55	\$ 15,974.00			\$ 15,974.00	1.175697674	\$ 672.24
		29	41	\$ 25,230.00			\$ 25,230.00	1.856945807	\$ 1,061.76
		30	54	\$ 43,292.00	\$ 3,190.00		\$ 46,482.00	3.421108006	\$ 1,956.11
		31	19	\$ 5,122.00			\$ 5,122.00	0.376982815	\$ 215.55
		33	107	\$ 45,577.00			\$ 45,577.00	3.354499367	\$ 1,918.03
		34	38	\$ 12,516.00			\$ 12,516.00	0.921186433	\$ 526.71
		37	41	\$ 14,856.00			\$ 14,856.00	1.093412085	\$ 625.19
		39	42	\$ 21,740.00			\$ 21,740.00	1.600079344	\$ 914.89
		41	24	\$ 9,502.00			\$ 9,502.00	0.699353906	\$ 399.87

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To All Idaho Lodge Secretaries

May 20, 2024

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) year's 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 2023 was an increase of 3.2%.
(For our purpose the amount of increase is rounded to the nearest dollar.)

Therefore, effective January 1, 2024, the minimum cost of a Pre-Paid Life Membership = \$1,068.00.

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
2024	\$1,068.00

R.W G. Arthur Shoemaker PGM
Grand Treasurer

To the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers
There have been no applications for relief for 2023-2024.

Sincerely
Robert K. Perry
Board chairman

404-5 Trustees of Grand Lodge Relief Fund

Greg Kimberling

**Code and Digest Section 504 Trustees of the Grand Lodge Relief Fund
Investment Committee Annual Report, 2023-2024**

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

On behalf of the Investment Committee, I am pleased to submit the following Annual Report for the year August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024.

We are pleased to report that the Grand Lodge Investments have recovered from the challenges faced during the 2021 down year. The Grand Lodge investments with Wells Fargo are the combined Grand Lodge Permanent Relief Fund and Interest Relief Fund which are split between the Relief Fund Fixed and Relief Fund Equity and the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund. Our investment advisor, Brother Scott Johnson, with Wells Fargo Advisors, provides monthly reports to the investment committee. During the 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Year the committee met quarterly via Zoom meetings with Brother Scott to review and discuss the quarterly investment reports. The Chairman of the Accounts and Finances the members of the GL Relief Committee and the Pre-Paid Life Trustees were invited to the quarterly meetings.

The investment summary from Wells Fargo Advisors for August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024 is in the attached table.

Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

Grand Lodge - Relief

Type of Investment	Value on 08/01/2023	Withdrawals	Deposits	Transfers	Earnings & Appreciation	Value on 07/31/2024	Equity vs. Fixed	Money Weighted ROR
Equities	\$873,553	\$0	\$2,056	(\$111,000)	\$78,690	\$843,299	61.99%	8.14%
Fixed	\$371,473	\$0		\$111,000	\$34,560	\$517,033	38.01%	9.30%
Total	\$1,245,026	\$0	\$2,056	\$0	\$113,250	\$1,360,332		8.58%

Type of Investment	Value on 08/01/2023	Withdrawals	Deposits	Transfers	Earnings & Appreciation	Value on 07/31/2024	Equity vs. Fixed	Money Weighted ROR
Equities	\$912,087	(\$20,000)	\$20,000	(\$116,000)	\$80,938	\$877,025	63.31%	8.87%
Fixed	\$376,392	(\$30,000)	\$9,800	\$116,000	\$36,018	\$508,210	36.69%	9.57%
Total	\$1,288,479	(\$50,000)	\$29,800	\$0	\$116,956	\$1,385,235		9.13%

Type of Investment	Value on 08/01/2023	Withdrawals	Deposits	Transfers	Earnings & Appreciation	Value on 07/31/2024	Equity vs. Fixed	Money Weighted ROR
Mix	\$575,415	\$0	\$7,484	\$0	\$59,237	\$642,136	71.79%/28.21%	10.29%
Total	\$3,108,920				\$289,443	\$3,387,703		

\$3,108,920 Grand Total

\$289,443

\$3,387,703 Grand Total

This report represents a portfolio of securities that may include securities owned by you based on our records of transactions, processed through us or supplemental information supplied by you. The securities listed may not represent actual holdings in your account or in accounts with other brokerage firms. Prices are as of [DATE] and may not reflect the value at which securities could be sold. The prices indicated are obtained from sources we consider reliable but are not guaranteed. Please consult your tax advisor with any questions you may have about your personal tax liability. The above report does not in any way supersede the proper use of your Wells Fargo Advisors client statements and trade confirmations, which Wells Fargo Advisors considers the only official and accurate records of your account activity.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Kimberling, PM (17), Chairman

"I move that this report be received and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts & Finances. "The motion to receive this report and referred to Jurisprudence and Accounts and Finances was Seconded and Passed.

Reports

Idaho Foundation, DeMolay, Low Twelve, Pre-paid Life, Time & Place, Memorial Donations

Proposed Budget/Resolutions

Sent to the Lodges

Proposed Budget for 2025

Proposed Budget for 2025 for consideration at the 157th Annual Communication Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho Sept. 2024

Proposed Budget for 2025

*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
at the
157th Annual Communication
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho
at
Post Falls, Idaho
on
September 19, 20, 21, 2024*

Tentative Schedule for the 157th Annual Communication

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

3PM – 4PM Budget Meeting for anyone interested in Reviewing/Discussing the 2025 budget
Room to be announced at the Registration desk.

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

Robbie Swofford, Chairmen of Accounts and Finances at STLHKy@gmail.com cellphone [\(208\) 912-5891](tel:(208)912-5891)

or

Steven L. Hall, Grand Secretary, at gs@idahomasons.org work phone (208) 343-4562

*Office of the
Grand Secretary
Steven L. Hall*



Copies mailed to:

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

Idaho Grand Lodge Budget 2025	
Year	2025
Grand Masters Budget	
Budgeted Income	Budgeted
1350 Per Capita Tax (Deposit to General Fund)	\$136,000.00
3100 Income Allocation from Investment Pool	\$60,869.00
Total Income	\$196,869.00
Budgeted Income verses Actual	
Budgeted Expenses	Budgeted
10001 - Grand Master Budget	
1650 - Grand Master Travel Expense	\$12,000.00
Total 10001 Grand Master Budget	\$12,000.00
10002 - Deputy Grand Masters Budget	Budgeted
1651 - Deputy Grand Master Expense	\$4,500.00
1660 - DGM (Grand Master Apron and Case)	\$1,000.00
1670 - DGM (Grand Masters Picture)	\$400.00
Total 10002 Deputy Grand Masters Budget	\$5,900.00
10003 - Elected Grand Lodge Officers (travel Expense)	Budgeted
1710 - District Deputy Grand Master	\$900.00
1652 - Senior Grand Warden Expense	\$1,800.00
1653 - Junior Grand Warden Expense	\$900.00
1775 - Grand Treasurer	\$300.00
1770 - Grand Secretary	\$1,800.00
1740 - Grand Lecturer	\$1,800.00
Total 10003 Elected Grand Lodge Officers Budget	\$7,500.00
10004 - Committee Chairman Expense Budget	Budgeted
1570 - Fraternal Relation Committee	\$100.00
1655 - Chairman Fraternal Relations Expense	\$0.00
1920 - Public Relations Committee Expense	\$100.00
1922 - Research and Education Committee Expense	\$100.00
1940 - Information Technology Committee Expense	\$100.00
Total 10004 Committee Chairman Expense Budget	\$400.00
10005 - Conferences Budget	Budgeted
1701 - Grand Master Registration Fees	\$300.00
1750 - Grand Master Conference Travel	\$2,000.00

1700 - Grand Master Conference Dues	\$700.00
1751 - DGM Conference Travel	\$2,000.00
1720 - Grand Secretary Conference Dues	\$600.00
1760 - Grand Secretary Conference Travel	\$2,000.00
1780 Rocky Mountain Conference	\$2,500.00
Total 10005 Conferences Budget	\$10,100.00
10006 - Printing Budget	Budgeted
1501 - Printing Proceedings	\$1,800.00
1520 - Printing Masonic Directory	\$0.00
1530 - Purchase Pentograph (List of Lodges)	\$0.00
1540 - Printing Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00
1541 - Printing Monitors	\$0.00
1542 - Printer Equipment Lease	\$6,000.00
Total 100006 Printing Budget	\$9,800.00
10007 - Annual Communications Expenses etc.	Budgeted
1790 - New Officers Meeting (At Grand Lodge)	\$450.00
1800 - Host Lodge Entertainment Allowance (Grand Lodge)	\$500.00
1810 - Grand Lodge Registration (Expense)	\$4,000.00
1811 - Grand Lodge Visitor Entertainment	\$1,000.00
1813 - Grand Master Banquest/Guest Registration (Expense)	\$0.00
1814 - Mason of the Year/Awards/Lodge of Excellence	\$500.00
Total 10007 Annual Communication Expenses etc.	\$6,450.00
10008 - Salaries/Retirement/Taxes	Budgeted
1550 - Grand Secretary Salary	\$45,320.00
1590 - Grand Lodge Clerk Salary	\$14,729.00
1600 - Payroll Tax Expense	\$6,850.00
1745 - Grand Treasurer Salary	\$3,000.00
1911 - GS Medical Supplemental Ins. Offset	\$600.00
Training for Grand Secretary Replacement (25% Time)	\$0.00
1610/3610 Retirement	\$15,000.00
Total 10008 Salaries/Retirement/Taxes	\$85,499.00
10009 - Grand Lodge Office Budget	Budgeted
1190 - Furniture & Fixture Expense	\$250.00
1191 - Paraphernalia - Expense	\$200.00
1192 - Computer Software, Licenses, Maint, Web Fees	\$5,420.00
1193 - Membership Management System Annual Costs	\$3,000.00
1620 - Sales Tax	\$0.00
1630 - Professional Fees (Audit Gen. Fund & PPLM)	\$6,000.00

1900 - Funeral and Floral	\$100.00
1910 - Insurance and Bonds	\$12,300.00
1930 - Postage	\$3,600.00
1950 - Telephone	\$2,800.00
1951 - Building Occupancy Expense	\$6,500.00
1952 - Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$500.00
1980 - Misc. Office Expenses	\$1,100.00
Total 10009 Grand Lodge Office Budget	\$41,770.00
10010 - Charitable Giving Budget	Budgeted
1730 - Masonic Library Expense	\$50.00
1731 - Masonic Renewal	\$350.00
1860 - Masonic Service Association Membership Dues	\$300.00
1870 - Masonic Relief Fund Association Dues	\$250.00
3220 - Masonic Service Association Contributions	\$250.00
GWMNMA-Digital Archives (Online Proceedings)	\$400.00
3230 - George Washington Masonic Memorial	\$2,000.00
3240 - Masonic Information Center	\$100.00
3500 - Demolay Leadership	\$3,750.00
3501 - Job's Daughters Leadership (National)	\$3,750.00
35?? - Idaho Rainbow Leadership	\$3,750.00
3525 - Youth Scholarship	\$1,500.00
3580 - Masonic Service Association - Disaster Fund	\$1,000.00
Total 10010 Charitable Giving Budget	\$17,450.00
	2025
	Budgeted
Total Expenses	\$196,869.00
Total Income	\$196,869.00
Difference (Budget)	\$0.00

Proposed Resolutions
for consideration at the

157th
Annual
Communication
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.
of Idaho

Sept. 2024

Proposed Resolutions

*Received from members of the Grand Lodge
of this Grand Jurisdiction
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Adoption or Rejection
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at
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As required by Section 3401, Paragraph 1. Preparation, Proofing and Filing.

- A.** Filed with the Grand Secretary on or before the 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 emailed to:

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

Results of the Resolutions of the 157th Annual Communications.

Resolution Index 2024

Resolution					Pass	Fail
001	Page Number	11	Constitution			
	Article Number	III	Article Name	OFFICERS		
	Section	3	Section Name			
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENT TO BE READ AT COMMUNICATION					

Resolution					Pass	Fail
002	Page Number	17	By-Laws, Part Three		P A S S	
	Article Number	1	Article Name	GENERAL PROVISIONS		
	Section	103	Section Name	Annual Communication		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	5. Entire paragraph as intended to read in the Code and Digest: Section 103. Annual Communication. An Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held each year, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on the Third Thursday in September (revised Sept 1989) The location of the Annual Communication shall follow a 3-year geographically based rotation schedule. The true geographical areas are defined as follows: Eastern Idaho shall include all districts east of a North-South line though Jerome, including the Jerome metropolitan area and south of the time-change line between the Mountain Time Zone and the Pacific Time Zone. Southwestern Idaho shall include all districts west of a North-South line thru Jerome excluding the Jerome metropolitan area and south of the time-change line between the mountain Time Zone and the Pacific Time Zone. Northern Idaho shall include all districts north of the time-change line between the Mountain Time Zone and the Pacific Time Zone. The rotation shall be as follows: if the most recent Annual Communication was held in the area of eastern Idaho. The subsequent Annual Communication shall be held in th area of Northern Idaho, if the most recent Annual Communication was held in the area of Norther Idaho. The subsequent Annual Communication shall be held in the area of Eastern Idaho; and the same consecutive area rotation shall be maintained thereafter. (Revised Sept. 2024)					
	Rational: this section has historically been written in such a manner that the Annual Communication schedule was based on previous numbered Annual Communications which could easily be confusing. It also included a paragraph applicable only to the Annual (Sesquicentennial) Communication that was held in 2017 and is no longer needed in the By-Laws. This proposed change eliminates any confusion trying to tie Past Annual Communications to their Respective numbers and to the calendar years in which they were held and instead bases the election of future Annual Communications solely on where the immediately preceding Annual Communication was held. It creates a logic that is timeless and not based on specific historical Annual Communication(s).					

Resolution					Pass	Fail
003	Page Number	134-135	REGULATIONS			F A I L
	Article Number	10	Article Name	Concordant and Appendant Orders. Clubs and Associations. Recognition and Regulations		
	Section		Section Name			
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	Concordant and Appendant Orders. Clubs and Associations. Recognition and Regulations. 4. Concordant Orders, orders that require all members to be Master Masons in good standing are recognized as Concordant Masonic Organizations to which Masons, who are in good standing in a recognized Ancient Craft Lodge, may belong. Recognition of Concordant Orders shall be granted only after approval by the Grand Lodge. 5. Appendant Orders, organizations with which recognized Concordant Orders are in fraternal correspondence, and which are Masonic in character, may be recognized if such recognition would not be averse to the best interests of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction. Recognition of Appendant Orders shall be granted only after approval by the Grand Lodge. No Mason within this Jurisdiction may join, attend, or remain present at, any unrecognized Order, nor may he become involved in Masonic intercourse with any member thereof. 6. Masonic Clubs and Associations are organizations formed by Masons for the pursuit of a common interest. Such organizations do not confer degrees or orders. Masonic Clubs and Associations ar neither Concordant nor Appendant Orders. Such organizations may operate within this jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Idaho A.F. & A.M. without requesting formal recognition from the Grand Lodge, and Masons within this Jurisdiction may join, attend, or remain present. The grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. will take responsibility or liability for the actions of any Masonic Club or Association.					
	All Concordant and Appendant Orders and Masonic Clubs or Associations which require any Masonic membership prerequisite shall also require each of its members to remain in good standing in a recognized Ancient Craft Lodge shall be immediately terminated in all other Concordant or Appendant Orders and Masonic Clubs or Associations. A list of approved Concordant and Appendant Orders is maintained in the Office of the Grand Secretary. (Revised Sept. 2024)					
Rational: In recent years, a number of Concordant and Appendant Orders have gained popularity and approvals have been sought to include such Orders within the text of this Regulation 10. As a result, this Regulation has become very lengthy and subject to frequent required changes. The intent of Regulation 10 is to adequately describe the rules relating to such Orders as they seek to become a part of the Masonic family of organizations. In all cases, the approval of Masonic related Orders has been managed by the Grand Lodge, and in the interval between the Annual Communications, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. This clarification, in lieu of listing Concordant Orders as they are approved, it describes what a Concordant Order, and Appendant Order and a Masonic Club or Organization is and moves the listing of the various approved Orders and Organizations from Regulation 10 to the Office of the Grand Secretary. Grand Lodge						

	will still be required to approve such organizations for inclusion, but regulation 10 would now describe the process and the Grand Secretaries office would maintain the records. The Regulation was also made easier to navigate by separating it into number paragraphs corresponding to the various types of Masonic organizations.		
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Resolution					Pass	Fail
004	Page Number	25	By-Laws, Part one			F A I L
	Article Number	III	Article Name	POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS		
	Section	303	Section Name	Deputy Grand Master		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	The Deputy Grand Master shall: 3. Discharge such executive functions of the Grand Lodge as may be delegated to him by the Grand Master 4. Prepare the Grand Lodge Budget for the ensuing year. As soon as is practicable, he shall present a draft budget to the Grand Lodge Officers and receive their comments and suggestions. After resolving comments, the preliminary budget should be presented to the constituent lodges at the direction of the Grand Master. (Revised Sept 2024)					
	Rational: A clear definition of responsibility for the development of ta Grand Lodge budget should be established. Although the Accounts and Finances committee has been known to lead the development of the budget in the past, it should be the responsibility of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Master Elect to establish a Brand Lodge budget to be used during his term. This resolution could also improve communication between the constituent lodges and the Grand Lodge Officers regarding the budget, particularly if the Grand Master were to deputize his officers and District Deputies to present the budget during their visits after a preliminary budget is developed. This resolution would also allow the Accounts and Finances committee the independence to credibly provide a summary of expenses at the annual communication as well as justifying a non-budgeted expenditures, as required by Article VII, Section 707.					
Resolution					Pass	Fail
005	Page Number	141	Regulations			F A I L
	Article Number	39	Article Name	Monitor		
	Section		Section Name			
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	The Worshipful Master shall never use an Idaho Monitor during the performance of the adopted Idaho Work or permit anyone else to do so except when it is used for prayers, charges, the perambulation, funerals, installations, educational programs, or by anyone sitting on the side-lines, while the lodge is at labor. Additionally, the Grand Master may by dispensation, for each request, allow the reading of a single					

	lecture from the Idaho Monitor for a degree, so long as there is a demonstrated need, and the manner of the presentation does not violate Regulation 15. The reading of the work shall not be acceptable for proficiency, An Idaho Monitor shall not be used, except as provided for in these regulations, to prompt the performance of the adopted Idaho Work. (revised Sept. 2024)		
	Rational: Due to lack of proficient individuals, some lodges in our jurisdiction struggle to perform the lectures in a manner fitting the work. While many members are available to assist, there are times in which no one is available. By authorizing the Grand Master, on rare occasions, to permit the lodges to read the lectures, we will be able to prevent delays in the conferring of degrees. Additionally, the Grand Master may even be able to assist in the location of a proficient individual. This resolution does not grant blanket permission to read the lectures, but allows exceptions to be bade, when necessary, on a case by-case-basis. This resolution only allows the reading of the lecture from the Idaho Monitor, not the Written Esoteric Work. It still requires the presenter to learn to read the coded portions and should give him confidence while performing in an open lodge. Any Master's Certificate of Proficiency shall require the lectures to be presented from memory.		

Resolution					Pass	Fail
006	Page Number	42	By-Laws, Part One			F A I L
	Article Number	VIII	Article Name	WORK AND LECTURES		
	Section	804	Section Name	Streaming Lectures		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	Section 804. Streaming Lectures. The 1st, Middle Chamber and 3rd degree lectures in streaming video format, shall be presented to candidates only when a proficient lecturer is not available. These lectures shall be streamed from a private and secure source only to the Lodge Secretary, accessed through a link in our membership software. (Added Section Sept 2024)					
	Rational:					
	a. Proficient Lecturers: Many Lodges in the State require assistance from other lodges, only some have proficient lecturers for a degree. With new production techniques. streaming lectures could provide quality lectures to our candidates when needed.					
b. It must be secure: With this new means of delivery, individual Masons will not have access, to protect security. Only the Lodge secretary will have access to these private and secure lectures, within their lodge, through Grandview. If your Lodge does not have the internet, today's smart phones can provide it in your Lodge by using your phone as a "hot spot" to stream a lecture from the Grand Lodge and putting it on a large screen.						
c. Not to be used: Only to be used if no proficient lecturer is available to travel to the Lodge.						

Resolution					Pass	Fail
007	Page Number	52c	By-Laws, Part Three			F A I L
	Article Number	XI	Article Name	CHARTERED LODGES		
	Section	1106	Section Name	Occasional Lodges		
	Paragraph		Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	Occasional Lodges. Lodges with memberships of thirty (30) or fewer members who reside within a twenty (20) mile radius of the Lodge, and are physically able to attend, may elect to amend their By-Laws to become an Occasional Lodge. Thereby, operating and being governed under the following changes to their Lodge's By-Laws. 1. Occasional Lodges are required to convene four (4) or more stated meetings annually, with the presence of a quorum of seven (7) Brothers, three of whom must be members of that Occasional Lodge (Section 920). 2. Of these stated meetings one must be in November (Section 1601, Election), one in December (Section 1504 and 1505, Delinquent Members), one in the spring and one before Grand Lodge. There may be unlimited called meetings to conduct activities permitted by this Code and Digest. 3. The specific date and time of each of the Stated meetings must be detailed in the Lodge's By-Laws. 4. All other Constitutional Provisions, By-Laws and Regulations shall apply in the governing of the Occasional Lodge with the exception of those listed above.					
	Rational: a. Addressing the decline in Lodges and membership: Since PGM Winther's time, we've lost 5,306 Masons. We have fallen from 7,091 members to 1,785. In the same period, our Lodge numbers have dwindled from 72 to 45, a loss of 27 Lodges. b. Ancient Landmarks: It is time to study our Ancient Landmarks, which are the heart of Masonry. While Idaho does not recognize specific Landmarks, Mackay's Landmarks are normally referred to. According to Mackey and others, many of Idaho's practices are not essential to Freemasonry's survival. We must be very careful in choosing which customs we keep in Idaho, preserving the Landmarks, with an eye to stopping our falling membership and failing Lodges. c. What is the point: We must help struggling Lodges survive for the benefit of all Masons and all Communities. This is one of three resolutions this year designed to revitalize Lodges that are facing challenges, thereby enhancing their societal impact and higher calling of Masonic ideals in their communities. d. Purpose of a Lodge: Some say the only purpose of a Lodge is to make Masons. We disagree. First, while important, why would someone join a Lodge for that purpose alone? Second, even a brief study of our lessons teaches that we have a calling to work in our communities, practicing our ideals. These resolutions will allow a Lodge to work in their community until conditions change. Look to Rathdrum as a case in point. Their charter was nearly pulled, but out of compassion the Grand Master refrained from closing the Lodge. Look at how far they've come over the years. The huge progress they've made is the result of Brothers like Andrew Evanson trusting the process of a Lodge's ebb and flow. During the lean times Andrew knew that keeping faith in Masonry would bear fruit. Lodges need a chance and our help to survive. We have been throwing to many away. Let's save some Lodges for the future.					

Resolution					Pass	Fail
008	Page Number	87	By-Laws, Part Two			
	Article Number	XVIII	Article Name	VACANCIES IN OFFICE		
	Section	1802	Section Name	Vacancy		
	Paragraph	4	Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	Rational: This resolution, being in conflict with the current Constitution, has been returned and will not be submitted to the delegates for consideration.					

Resolution					Pass	Fail
009	Page Number	79	By-Laws, Part two			F A I L
	Article Number	XVI	Article Name	OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, INSTALLATIONS		
	Section	1603	Section Name	Eligibility of Officers		
	Paragraph	4	Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	A Wardens Certificate of Proficiency requires a Brother to demonstrate his proficiency in opening and closing Lodge in all three degrees, conduct a stated communication and pass the designated examination on Masonic Law. To be eligible for election as Warden of a Lodge, a Brother must possess a Wardens Certificate of Proficiency; or a Worshipful Masters Certificate of Proficiency; or a Secondary Worshipful Masters Certificate of Proficiency; or be a Master or Past Master of a Constituent Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction. Installed Wardens, serving at least one year as a Warden of a Chartered Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, or after serving as Warden or Master of a Lodge under dispensation in this grand Jurisdiction, and after receiving this Certificate, such Brother is eligible for election as Worshipful Master. A Brother after serving in this capacity, shall be considered a Past Master and a permanent voting member of Grand Lodge. Individuals who are already in possession of a Wardens certificate prior to October 1, 2009, must pass the designated examination prior to being installed as Worshipful Master. (Revised Sept 2024)					
	Rational: Idaho Lodges needs to put good leadership in the Master's chair. Leadership shouldn't require thousands of words memorized, 18396 to be precise, for a Worshipful Master Certificate to qualify as a Lodge Master. It requires management skills and understanding the responsibility, and ability, to make lodges flourish and succeed with the aid of his brethren. A study amongst Accordant bodies has demonstrated this Resolution is in tune nationally, more than otherwise known. Idaho's population has grown by at least 5 times over the last 30 to 40 years, yet Masonry continues to decline significantly over the same period. The attached pie chart, with statistics, shows what is happening Nationwide. This is a survey of all 51 jurisdictions throughout our Country. New Ideas are needed. Without changes, Masonry in Idaho may lose dozens of Lodges within the lifetimes of those contemplating this resolution.					

Resolution					Pass	Fail
010	Page Number	79	By-Laws, Part two			
	Article Number	XVI	Article Name	OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, INSTALLATIONS		
	Section	1603	Section Name	Eligibility of Officers		
	Paragraph	3	Paragraph Name			
	Sub Paragraphs					
	Rational: This resolution, being in conflict with the current Constitution, has been returned and will not be submitted to the delegates for consideration.					

Grand Lodge Officers of Idaho (Elective from 1867 to Present)

Grand Lodge Officers (Elective) of Idaho 1867 to Present							* = Died, † = Demitted, ‡ = Expelled, § = Suspended			
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 Kennaly (1)	* Alexander Rossi	* E.A. Stevenson	* L.P. Mikkelsen	* James W. Griffin	* Lafayette Cartee				
1873	* John Kennaly (1)	* L.P. Mikkelsen	* Benjamin M. Davis	* Alexander Rossi	* James W. Griffin	* Joseph Pinkham				
1874	* Lars P. Mikkelsen (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	* Isidore 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 Moves	* 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	* Fm. C. Gordon	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Frank E. Beal			
1899	* John C. Muerman (17)	† James Criswell	* Fm. C. Gordon	* George F. Wall	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Jere W. Robinson			
1900	* George D. Golden (12)	* A.W. Talkington	* David C. Chase	* W.B. Goodheart	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Frank T. Wyman			
1901	* David C. Chase (28)	* David F. Mason	* Joshua M. Cowan	* W.B. Goodheart	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Frank T. Wyman			
1902	* David F. Mason (24)	* Joshua M. Cowan	* Albert W. Gordon	* Jeremiah W. Robinson (Jere)	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart			
1903	* Joshua M. Cowan (30)	* Albert W. Gordon	* Jeremiah W. Robinson (Jere)	§ Theron S. Ward	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart			
1904	* Albert W. Gordon (36)	* Jeremiah W. Robinson (Jere)	* William F. Smith	* Wm. C. Whitwell	* Charles Himrod	* Theo. W. Randall	* Wm. B. Goodheart			

1905	* Jeremiah W. Robinson (Jere) (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	* Roy K.D. Sluyter	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Frank Knox
1944	* Gilford H. Mayes (34)	* Marcus J. Ware	* Roy K.D. Sluyter	* Howard I. Monks	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Frank Knox

1945	* Marcus J. Ware (10-96)	* Ray K.D. Sluyter	* Howard I. Monks	* A. Edward Prince	* Roy N. Gilbert	* Clyde I. Rush	* Frank Knox
1946	* Ray K.D. Sluyter (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	* Jay A. Redfield (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. Sluyter
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. Lirgg	Fred D. Decker	Raymond S. Burstedt	*Robert E. Caddis	*Larry R. Turner	*Eugene D. Pippitt
1986	*Burrell G. Lirgg (93)	Fred D. Decker	Raymond S. Burstedt	*Gerald L. Riggs	*Robert E. Caddis	*Larry R. Turner	*Eugene D. Pippitt
1987	Fred D. Decker (55)	Raymond S. Burstedt	*Gerald L. Riggs	C. Philip Drew	*Robert E. Caddis	*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. Caddis	*Frank K. Ilett	*Larry R. Turner	*Wallace S. Johnson
1990	C. Philip Drew (13-29)	*Harry L. Fry	*Robert E. Caddis	*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. Triplett	*Stanley E. Barker	Vernon E. Patrick	*Paul E. Alexander
2007	*Robert B. Cargill (10)	Richard E. Kaiser	David C. Triplett	David E. "Skip" Owen, Jr	*Stanley E. Barker	Vernon E. Patrick	*Paul E. Alexander
2008	Richard E. Kaiser (19, 33)	David C. Triplett	David E. "Skip" Owen, Jr	Jay A. Leonard	*Stanley E. Barker	Monte B. Bollar	*Paul E. Alexander
2009	David C. Triplett (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. Herman Burger III	Gary A. S. LaBruyere	Rick L. Holloway	Bruce A. Wethered	Monte B. Bollar	Daniel D. Siddall
2022	H. Herman Burger III	Gary A. S. LaBruyere	Rick L. Holloway	N. Randall King	Bruce A. Wethered	Monte B. Bollar	Daniel D. Siddall
2023	Gary A. S. LaBruyere	Rick L. Holloway	N. Randall King	Clifford R. Kramer	G. Arthur Shoemaker	Steven L. Hall	Daniel D. Siddall

List of Regular Lodges in Idaho.

	*	=No Longer Exists	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

FIRST DISTRICT <i>Three Lodges</i> Lemhi No. 11 Mt McCaleb No. 64 Challis No. 92	SECOND DISTRICT <i>Five Lodges</i> Portneuf No. 18 Eagle Rock No. 19 Grove City No. 33 Malad No. 51 Caribou No. 84	THIRD DISTRICT <i>Five Lodges</i> Hailey No. 16 Richfield No. 21 Twin Falls No. 45 Burley No. 68 Paul No. 77
FOURTH DISTRICT <i>Four Lodges</i> Elmore No. 30 Lincoln No. 59 Hagerman No. 78 Fidelity No. 80	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	SIXTH DISTRICT <i>Five Lodges</i> Silver City No. 13 Ashlar No. 29 Mt. Moriah No. 39 Meridian No. 47 Initial Point No. 98.
SEVENTH DISTRICT <i>Four Lodges</i> Weiser No. 23 Washoe No. 28 Salubria No. 31 Butte No. 37	EIGHTH DISTRICT Mount Idaho No.9 Nez Perce No. 10 Paradise No. 17 Kamiah No. 56	NINTH DISTRICT <i>Five Lodges</i> Coeur d'Alene No. 20 Kootenai No. 24 Shoshone No. 25 Cataldo No. 34 St. Maries No. 63
TENTH DISTRICT <i>Five Lodges</i> Rathdrum No. 41 Lakeside No. 42 Bonners Ferry No. 43 Spirit Lake No. 57 Kaniksu No. 97		

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