

2013 GRAND LODGE LEGISLATION

CARRY-OVER LEGISLATION FROM 2012

RESOLUTION NO. 12-02: REQUIRES THE SENIOR WARDEN-ELECT TO QUALIFY IN THE MASTER'S WORK AND LECTURE OF BOTH THE ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFT DEGREES

The proponents of this Resolution seek to clarify the conditions necessary to install the Senior Warden by requiring him to be proficient in the Master's work and lecture of both the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees.

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2008-05 attempted to clarify the conditions necessary to install the Master and Senior Warden by requiring each officer to know the work and lectures of their current position as well as the Master's work and lectures of the previous office; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2008-05 as adopted omitted the requirement for the Senior Warden to be proficient in the Master's work and lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree;

WHEREAS, qualification consistency should be the goal for advancement; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is a house cleaning measure meant to eliminate confusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 805.530 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§805.530. CONDITIONS TO INSTALLATION OF THE SENIOR WARDEN-ELECT.

Before a Senior Warden-elect can be installed, there shall be presented to the Installing Officer a Certificate of Qualification of the Grand Lecturer, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of the division in which his Lodge is situated, or the Inspector of the district in which his Lodge is situated, certifying that:

- A. He has personally examined the Senior Warden-elect and that he is qualified to give the Senior Warden's work of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees, and the Master's work and lectures of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees;
- B. He has received a Certificate of Proficiency in the Candidate's Lecture of the Master Mason Degree; and
- C. He is proficient in those portions of this Code that relate to the government of a Lodge.

Immediately after the installation, the Installing Officer shall endorse the Senior Warden's Certificate of Qualification and forward it to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ M. David Perry, PM, No. 93

s/ Bruce R. Galloway, PM, No. 254

s/ Charles M. Jeronimo, PM, No. 218

s/ Ricky L. Lawler, PM, No. 635

s/ Lynn R. Wallingford, PM, No. 807

s/ Cline C. Jack, Jr., PM, No. 366

s/ Jack B. McEnterfer, PM, No. 327

s/ Franklin R. Lee, PM, No. 314

s/ James A. Kurupas, PM, No. 407

s/ Douglas B. Eichen, PM, No. 273

RESOLUTION NO. 12-03: WITHDRAWALS FROM LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUNDS

[Note: This legislation has been modified because of the adoption of Resolution 12-08.]

The proponents of this Resolution seek to modify how withdrawals are taken from a Lodge Life Membership Fund.

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

WHEREAS, some Lodges have not withdrawn the permissible amount of interest and dividends from the Life Membership Fund on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, Lodges which have failed to make the permitted withdrawals should not be penalized if the law in this area is modified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, if there is any interest or dividends paid in cash on a Lodge's Life Membership Fund during the two complete fiscal years ending prior to the adoption of this Resolution which has not previously been withdrawn for general Lodge use, the Lodge may withdraw such amounts for general Lodge use by December 31 of the calendar year of the adoption of this Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35

s/ Alexander J. Teodoro, PM, No. 136

s/ Russell E. Charvonia, PM, No. 214

s/ M. William Holsinger, PM, No. 259

s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332

s/ Ray Schmalz, PM, No. 356

s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

RESOLUTION NO. 12-04: ESTABLISHES RULES FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

[Note: This legislation has been modified because of the adoption of Resolutions 12-06 and 12-08.]

The proponents of this Resolution seek to provide clarity and direction as to how a Life Membership Fund should be managed.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.150. LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND.

- A. All amounts paid for a life membership shall constitute a permanent Life Membership Fund, which shall be segregated into one or more accounts which are separate from all other Lodge funds, investments and assets.
- B. A Lodge may only invest its Life Membership Fund as provided in Section 809.130 of this Code. However, all investments of the Life Membership Fund described in Section 809.130.B of this Code must be conservative growth investments which are designed for total return (defined as any investment returns, including capital gains/appreciation and losses/depreciation – realized or unrealized – and all dividends and interest).

A Lodge's Life Membership Fund may not be used to secure or fund any loan to a Lodge or Hall Association, nor may it be used as collateral for a mortgage or promissory note to or for the benefit of any entity or person.
- C. A Lodge may withdraw the income from its Life Membership Fund for the general use of the Lodge at any time. For this purpose, income means all interest and dividends received in cash with respect to investments held as part of the Life Membership Fund. However, no Lodge is obligated to take withdrawals from its Life Membership Fund. Interest and dividends received during a calendar year must be withdrawn on or before December 31st of the following calendar year. Otherwise, they shall be added to principal and may not thereafter be withdrawn.
- D. A Lodge may, at its option, retain the Grand Lodge to manage the investment and administration of its Life Membership Fund on behalf of the Lodge. Such action may be taken at any Stated Meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present. Such proposed action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. It shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master. The Secretary of the Lodge shall note in the minutes of the Lodge the notice of the proposed action when made. When transmitting the action for approval, he shall forward a certificate, under seal, showing that the law has been complied with and that the action has received the required vote.

Upon approval by the Grand Master, the Lodge shall transfer its entire Life Membership Fund, including all principal and then undistributed income, to the Grand Treasurer, to be placed in a Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund. The Grand

Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund shall be physically segregated from all other funds, investments and assets of the Grand Lodge and shall be invested and administered by the Grand Lodge as provided in this Code for a Lodge Life Membership Fund. The Grand Treasurer may pool all Lodge Life Membership Funds under its management as one common fund for investment purposes, provided that there is a separate accounting and valuation of each individual participating Lodge's funds at least semi-annually.

The Grand Lodge shall distribute annually in March to each participating Lodge for its general use its permissible withdrawal, calculated as of the last market day of the prior calendar year, from its separate share of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund.

All future payments for life memberships purchased by any member of a participating Lodge shall be recorded by the Secretary in the Lodge's membership and financial records and then immediately transferred to the Grand Treasurer, to be placed in such Lodge's separate share of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund. A Lodge participating in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund may not keep or administer a separate Life Membership Fund.

A Lodge may terminate Grand Lodge's management of the investment and administration of its Life Membership Fund by a majority vote of the members present at a Stated Meeting; and the Secretary shall note the same in the minutes of the Lodge and forward a certificate, under seal, notifying the Grand Secretary of this action, whereupon the Grand Treasurer shall return to the Lodge its full interest in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund.

No Lodge shall be required to participate in a Life Membership Fund administered by the Grand Lodge.

E. A Lodge purchasing a life membership for the retiring Master as provided in Section 809.550.D of this Code must transfer the total purchase price of the life membership from its general funds to its Life Membership Fund.

F. A life membership may be purchased as a memorial at any time for a Master Mason who, at the time of his death, was a member in good standing of the Lodge. The purchase price for such life membership shall be paid in full at the time of purchase and calculated in accordance with Section 809.320 of this Code and the current life membership plan of the Lodge. If a Lodge uses the plan described in Section 809.320.B, the purchase price shall be calculated by using the age of the member at the time of his death.

G. Nothing in this Code shall prevent any person from making voluntary contributions to the Life Membership Fund.

H. A Life Membership Fund, once established, may never be dissolved or combined with general Lodge funds, even if there may be no life members currently living or if further sales of life memberships have been discontinued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 809.320 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A Lodge may adopt a standing resolution providing for a life membership plan, which shall forever exempt a member making the required payment into the plan from the payment of dues in the Lodge. The resolution may be adopted, amended or revoked at any Stated Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Any such action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The plan must provide that a life membership shall be granted upon payment of:

- A. A sum of money which is not less than 20.83 times the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership; or
- B. A sum of money equal to the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member's age in the following schedule:

- Age 49 and under, 21 times annual dues;
- 50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues;
- 55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues;
- 60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; and
- 65 and over, 11 times annual dues.

The resolution shall take effect only upon its approval by the Grand Master.

The Secretary shall send to each life member at his last known address, annually, a Life Membership Dues Card for the next calendar year.

A life membership is an executed contract. A life member has no interest in the Lodge's Life Membership Fund, except in the case of a rescission of his life membership with his consent and the consent of the Lodge or as elsewhere provided in this Code.

Upon the rescission of a life membership with the consent of the Lodge and the life member, the life member shall be paid an amount in cash equal to the lesser of the original sum of money paid to purchase his life membership or his share of the fair market value of the Life Membership Fund at the time of the rescission, as determined by the Grand Treasurer. In making this determination, the Grand Treasurer shall compute the interest of each living life member in the Lodge's Life Membership Fund and the interest of the Lodge in it, on a just and equitable basis.

The Grand Secretary shall provide the form of contract to be used by the Lodge when a life membership is purchased (other than as a memorial). Such contract must be signed by the member for whom the life membership is being purchased, the Lodge Master and the Lodge Secretary, affixed with the seal of the Lodge. The original shall be kept as part of the member's permanent membership record. A copy of the signed contract shall be provided to the member.

A life member who has been suspended or expelled and who shall thereafter become restored or elected to membership in a Lodge in which a life membership was once held shall also be restored as a life member of that Lodge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, because Resolution 12-08 has been adopted, the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized to letter the paragraphs of Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* sequentially as the committee shall determine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should both this resolution and Resolution 12-07 be adopted, paragraph C of Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* as enacted by Resolution 12-07 shall be used instead of paragraph C of Section 809.150 as enacted by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, because Resolution 12-06 has been adopted, the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized to arrange Section 809.320 of the *California Masonic Code* by paragraphs and subparagraphs, lettered and numbered as appropriate, as and to the extent that the committee shall determine.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35
s/ Alexander J. Teodoro, PM, No. 136
s/ Russell E. Charvonia, PM, No. 214
s/ M. William Holsinger, PM, No. 259
s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332
s/ Ray Schmalz, PM, No. 356
s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

RESOLUTION NO. 12-07: ALLOWS ANNUAL WITHDRAWALS OF UP TO FOUR PERCENT OF THE THREE YEAR AVERAGE FUND BALANCE

[Note: This legislation has been modified because of the adoption of Resolutions 12-08.]

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow each Lodge to withdraw annually four percent of the three year average fund balance.

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

WHEREAS, it has long been the policy of this Grand Lodge to invest the funds of the Grand Lodge of California in conservative investment instruments and to allow its constituent Lodges to invest their funds in like manner; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of California and its various entities – including the Masonic Homes of California and the California Masonic Foundation – invest their funds conservatively for total return; and

WHEREAS, conservative investments yield conservative, reliable and profitable returns which allow for growth and inflation when prudently managed over a long-term investment strategy; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for Lodges to develop a long-term investment strategy for their Life Membership Funds to keep pace with annual dues, pay the Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax, account for inflation and provide for growth; and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable that a Lodge should be able to budget its income from investments based on a steady percentage rather than the unknown amount of dividends and interest which can vary widely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.150. LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND.

- A. All amounts paid for a life membership shall constitute a permanent Life Membership Fund, which shall be segregated into one or more accounts which are separate from all other Lodge funds, investments and assets.
- B. A Lodge may only invest its Life Membership Fund as provided in Section 809.130 of this Code. However, all investments of the Life Membership Fund described in Section 809.130.B of this Code must be conservative growth investments which are designed for total return (defined as any investment returns, including capital gains/appreciation and losses/depreciation – realized or unrealized – and all dividends and interest).

A Lodge's Life Membership Fund may not be used to secure or fund any loan to a Lodge or Hall Association, nor may it be used as collateral for a mortgage or promissory note to or for the benefit of any entity or person.

- C. ~~A Lodge may withdraw the income from its Life Membership Fund for the general use of the Lodge at any time. For this purpose, income means all interest and dividends received in cash with respect to investments held as part of the Life Membership Fund. However, no Lodge is obligated to take withdrawals from its Life Membership Fund. Interest and dividends received during a calendar year must be withdrawn on or before December 31st of the following calendar year. Otherwise, they shall be added to principal and may not thereafter be withdrawn. A Lodge may make withdrawals from its Life Membership Fund for the general use of the Lodge in the following manner only:~~

- 1. The December 31st value of the Lodge's Life Membership Fund for each of the prior three years shall be averaged together. The maximum allowable withdrawal during the calendar year shall be 4.0% of that averaged value, except as follows:
 - a. If the Life Membership Fund of a Lodge has existed for less than three complete calendar years, but for at least one complete calendar year, the December 31st value for each year in which the Fund was in existence shall be averaged together. The maximum allowable withdrawal during the calendar year shall be 4.0% of that averaged value; and
 - b. If the Life Membership Fund of a Lodge was created in the prior calendar year, the maximum allowable withdrawal during the calendar year shall be 4.0% of the value on December 31st of the prior calendar year; and
 - c. If the Life Membership Fund of a Lodge was created during the current calendar year, no withdrawals may be made during the calendar year;
- 2. Lodge withdrawals from its Life Membership Fund during each calendar year may be made in one or more increments, provided that the total withdrawal for the calendar year does not exceed the maximum allowable withdrawal as calculated in paragraph 1 above. If a Lodge fails to withdraw any or all of the amount to which it would have otherwise been entitled during a calendar year, then it shall be prohibited from taking that withdrawal in any subsequent year; and
- 3. Permissible withdrawals under this section shall be transferred to the Lodge's bank or other investment accounts for the general use of the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary shall provide the Lodges with a form which may be used to make the calculations described above.

No Lodge is obligated to take withdrawals from its Life Membership Fund.

- D. A Lodge may, at its option, retain the Grand Lodge to manage the investment and administration of its Life Membership Fund on behalf of the Lodge. Such action may be taken at any Stated Meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present. Such proposed action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. It shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master. The Secretary of the Lodge shall note in the minutes of

the Lodge the notice of the proposed action when made. When transmitting the action for approval, he shall forward a certificate, under seal, showing that the law has been complied with and that the action has received the required vote.

Upon approval by the Grand Master, the Lodge shall transfer its entire Life Membership Fund, including all principal and then undistributed income, to the Grand Treasurer, to be placed in a Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund. The Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund shall be physically segregated from all other funds, investments and assets of the Grand Lodge and shall be invested and administered by the Grand Lodge as provided in this Code for a Lodge Life Membership Fund. The Grand Treasurer may pool all Lodge Life Membership Funds under its management as one common fund for investment purposes, provided that there is a separate accounting and valuation of each individual participating Lodge's funds at least semi-annually.

The Grand Lodge shall distribute annually in March to each participating Lodge for its general use its permissible withdrawal, calculated as of the last market day of the prior calendar year, from its separate share of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund.

All future payments for life memberships purchased by any member of a participating Lodge shall be recorded by the Secretary in the Lodge's membership and financial records and then immediately transferred to the Grand Treasurer, to be placed in such Lodge's separate share of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund. A Lodge participating in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund may not keep or administer a separate Life Membership Fund.

A Lodge may terminate Grand Lodge's management of the investment and administration of its Life Membership Fund by a majority vote of the members present at a Stated Meeting; and the Secretary shall note the same in the minutes of the Lodge and forward a certificate, under seal, notifying the Grand Secretary of this action, whereupon the Grand Treasurer shall return to the Lodge its full interest in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund.

No Lodge shall be required to participate in a Life Membership Fund administered by the Grand Lodge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the changes to the *California Masonic Code* made by the foregoing resolution become part of the Ordinances on the January 1st following their adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, because Resolution 12-08 has been adopted, the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized to letter the paragraphs of Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* sequentially as the committee shall determine.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35
s/ Alexander J. Teodoro, PM, No. 136
s/ Russell E. Charvonia, PM, No. 214
s/ M. William Holsinger, PM, No. 259
s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332
s/ Ray Schmalz, PM, No. 356
s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

RESOLUTION NO. 12-09: ALLOWS A MEMBER TO TRANSFER HIS LIFE MEMBERSHIP

[Note: This legislation has been modified because of the adoption of Resolutions 12-06.]

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow the transfer of a life membership between two Constituent Lodges.

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

WHEREAS, it is unfair that dues-paying members of a Lodge may transfer their memberships to another Lodge in this Jurisdiction without penalty, but life members who wish to do so would be penalized by either having to resume paying dues in his new Lodge or purchase another life membership in his new Lodge; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a life membership often is to avoid paying dues thereafter; and

WHEREAS, in today's mobile society it is not unusual for members to relocate to an area which is a long distance from their Lodge and they desire to be a member in the new area; and

WHEREAS, transferability would not be detrimental to the Lodge to which a member wishes to transfer; and

WHEREAS, a refund of life membership dues is not available now upon transferring to another Lodge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that section 809.320 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A Lodge may adopt a standing resolution providing for a life membership plan, which shall forever exempt a member making the required payment into the plan from the payment of dues in the Lodge. The resolution may be adopted, amended or revoked at any Stated Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Any such action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The plan must provide that a life membership shall be granted upon payment of:

- A. A sum of money which is not less than 20.83 times the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership;
or
- B. A sum of money equal to the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member's age in the following schedule:

- Age 49 and under, 21 times annual dues;
- 50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues;
- 55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues;
- 60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; and
- 65 and over, 11 times annual dues.

The resolution shall take effect only upon its approval by the Grand Master.

The Secretary shall send to each life member at his last known address, annually, a Life Membership Dues Card for the next calendar year.

A life membership is an executed contract. A life member has no interest in the Lodge's Life Membership Fund, except in the case of a rescission of his life membership with his consent and the consent of the Lodge or as elsewhere provided in this Code.

Upon the rescission of a life membership with the consent of the Lodge and the life member, the life member shall be paid an amount in cash equal to the lesser of the original sum of money paid to purchase his life membership or his share of the fair market value of the Life Membership Fund at the time of the rescission, as determined by the Grand Treasurer. In making this determination, the Grand Treasurer shall compute the interest of each living life member in the Lodge's Life Membership Fund and the interest of the Lodge in it, on a just and equitable basis.

Any other provision of this Code to the contrary notwithstanding, a life member of a Constituent Lodge who is a member of another Constituent Lodge which then offers life memberships may elect to transfer his interest in the first Lodge Life Membership Fund to the Life Membership Fund of the second Lodge. The life member's interest in the first Lodge's Life Membership Fund shall be equal to the lesser of the original sum of money paid to purchase his life membership or his share of the fair market value of such Lodge's Life Membership Fund at the time of his election to membership in the second Lodge, as determined by the Grand Treasurer. In making this determination, the Grand Treasurer shall compute the interest of each living life member in the first Lodge's Life Membership Fund and the interest of the first Lodge in it, on a just and equitable basis. If such member's interest in the first Lodge's Life Membership Fund is less than the current cost of a life membership in the second Lodge, he must pay the difference within 60 days of the notice of its determination in order for the transfer of that amount to be effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, because Resolution 12-06, the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized to arrange Section 809.320 of the *California Masonic Code* by paragraphs and subparagraphs, lettered and numbered as appropriate, as and to the extent that the committee shall determine.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35
s/ Alexander J. Teodoro, PM, No. 136
s/ M. William Holsinger, PM, No. 259
s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332
s/ Ray Schmalz, PM, No. 356
s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

RESOLUTION NO. 12-16: REQUIRES BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES IN GRAND LODGE ELECTIONS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to provide a procedure for Grand Lodge elective officer nominations from the floor.

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

WHEREAS, Sections 404.420 and 404.430 of the *California Masonic Code* specify that when recommendations for election to the offices of Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer are distributed, a biographical sketch is attached only for the recommendee for election as Junior Grand Warden; and

WHEREAS, only the Junior Grand Warden has his biographical sketch read at Annual Communication; and

WHEREAS, a nominee for any of the elected offices may be made from the floor; and

WHEREAS, the members of Grand Lodge cannot be expected to make informed decisions if they do not know the qualifications of multiple nominees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 404.410 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§404.410. ELECTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Grand Lecturer shall be elected by written ballot as the final item of business before the installation of said officers at each Annual Communication. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for an election. Grand Lodge, by unanimous consent, may permit any designated officer to cast the ballot for Grand Lodge.

Each recommendee for election to any Grand Lodge office shall provide his biographical sketch to the Grand Secretary no less than two weeks prior to the start of Annual Communication. Any other member desiring to be nominated for election as a Grand Lodge officer may provide his biographical sketch to the Grand Secretary no less than two weeks prior to the start of Annual Communication. Nominations for election to any Grand Lodge office shall include only the name and current title of the nominee. At the conclusion of the nomination process for each elective office, if there are multiple nominees, the Grand Orator shall read the biographical sketch submitted for each nominee, if received by him at least two weeks prior to the start of Annual Communication, in the order of their nominations. The biographical sketch of the Junior Grand Warden shall be read by the Grand Orator whether or not there are multiple nominees. The Grand Orator shall read only the facts from each biographical sketch. If the Grand Secretary did not receive a biographical sketch for a nominee by the required date, the vote shall be taken without reading a biographical sketch for that nominee.

Each elective officer shall be installed before the close of the Annual Communication and shall serve until the installation of his successor, subject to Section 404.510. This installation may be public or private at the option of the incoming Grand Master.

If an elective officer is unable to be present, due to circumstances beyond his control, he may be installed by the Grand Master at an appropriate place, with such ceremony as deemed proper by the Grand Master, as soon as practicable not to exceed 60 days. If the elective officer is not installed within 60 days, the office shall be declared vacant and the Grand Master may appoint any member of Grand Lodge to fill the vacant elective office temporarily or for the remainder of the Grand Lodge year.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Michael W. Hertzberg, PM, No. 299
s/ Gregg Hall, PM, No. 463
s/ Robert H. Woods, PM, No. 299
s/ Tom Stoehr, PM, No. 651

RESOLUTION NO. 12-18: REQUIRES MEMBER CONSENT TO PUBLISH PERSONAL INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC

The proponents of this Resolution seek to require a member to give his consent before his personal information may be published to the public.

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

WHEREAS, we live in an age of internet connectivity that presents threats including identity theft; and

WHEREAS, personal information about ourselves, combined with our commitment to aide one another, could when injected into the public domain present an enticing target for criminals and con artists; and

WHEREAS, Freemasons are still persecuted in parts of the world and some must travel to those places; and

WHEREAS, many members are law enforcement or correctional officers whose identity, contact information and residences if know by criminals may make them and their families targets of aggression and criminal acts by individuals and gangs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 810.040 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§810.040. LODGE PUBLICATIONS.

A Lodge may publish and mail a Lodge bulletin informing the members of the Lodge of its activities and including news items relating to any of the Masonic Organizations so as to promote Masonic intercourse. The bulletin may be a joint publication of the Lodge and one or more other Lodges and Masonic Organizations if each participating organization pays its prorata share of the cost to publish and mail the bulletin. However, the sponsors of a joint publication may permit any Masonic Youth Order to include material in the publication without charge, and the sponsors may assume the cost of mailing the publication to members of the Masonic Youth Order.

The foregoing notwithstanding, no Lodge may publish in the public domain any personally identifying information about a Mason of the Lodge without the affirmative written consent from that Mason.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 810.050 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§810.050. LODGE ROSTERS.

A Lodge may publish a roster for Masonic purposes and for the benefit of its Masons containing the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of all of its Masons. A Lodge may also include in its published roster an electronic mail address for a Mason of the Lodge with his permission. However, no Lodge may publish in the public domain any personally identifying information about a Mason of the Lodge without the affirmative written consent from that Mason.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Michael Paine, PM, No. 620
s/ George Tybor, PM, No. 657
s/ Gerald Winstanley, PM, No. 35
s/ Joseph H. Allen, PM, No. 561
s/ Michael Bepko, PM, No. 518

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 13-01: ESTABLISHES SENIOR DEACON’S LINE OF TRAVEL FOR PERAMBULATION

The proponents of this Resolution seek to establish a uniform line of travel for each Perambulation.

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

WHEREAS, there are no Masonic lodges in our jurisdiction that are identical in design or size, for uniformity we must consider the one point all lodges have in common; and

WHEREAS, we have strayed from our verbal Ritual and perambulation travel in all lodges; and

WHEREAS, this has brought discord and the lack of harmony in our lodges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ritual be amended to establish the following line of travel for the Senior Deacon during each Perambulation: The Senior Deacon’s right foot shall be on a line of travel parallel to the walls of the lodge room and five feet six inches (5’6”) from the center of the Altar in each of the North, South, East and West directions.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Van C. Owen, PM, No. 419

s/ Douglas W. Bridges, PM, No. 436
s/ Richard M. Geyer, PM, No. 301

Amendment to the Ritual.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
Van C. Owen is authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-02: INCLUDES TIME AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFT MASON IN ELIGIBILITY FOR GOLDEN VETERAN AND DIAMOND JUBILEE AWARDS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to include time when dues were paid as an Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Mason to be counted in determining eligibility for the Golden Veteran and Diamond Jubilee Awards.

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

WHEREAS, since September 21, 2012, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons have been required to pay dues; and

WHEREAS, the requirements for eligibility to receive the Golden Veterans Award and the Diamond Jubilee Award prior to September 21, 2012, as set forth in Section 408.010 of the *California Masonic Code* was based on the date on which a Mason was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and began to pay dues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 408.010 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§408.010. GOLDEN VETERAN AND DIAMOND JUBILEE AWARDS.

The Grand Lodge, upon request, shall provide a Golden Veteran Award to members of this Jurisdiction who have been ~~Master~~ Masons in good standing for a total of 50 years or more, presentation being made by the Grand Master, Inspector or their representative with appropriate ceremony. The presentation of the Golden Veteran Award may be made at any time commencing with the date six months prior to the date on which the member shall otherwise become eligible.

The Grand Lodge, upon request, shall provide a Diamond Jubilee Award to members of this Jurisdiction who have been ~~Master~~ Masons in good standing for a total of 75 years or more, presentation being made by the Grand Master or his designee with appropriate ceremony. The presentation of the Diamond Jubilee Award may be made at any time commencing with the date twelve months prior to the date on which the member shall otherwise become eligible.

In the case of a deceased Mason, if he was eligible for but had not received the Award prior to his death, or in the case of an incompetent Mason, presentation on request may be made to the family or heirs.

In computing the length of time requisite for issuance of either award, a period of up to one year, during which the member held a Demit from any Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge, may be included; provided, however, periods during which the member held a Demit for more than one year from the date of the Demit, or was suspended for non-payment of dues, must be added to the time when the member would otherwise have been eligible to receive the award. The period between the issuance of a Demit for the purpose of becoming a charter member of a new Lodge and the institution of the new Lodge is not an interruption of the required number of years of continuous membership.

For a member of this Jurisdiction who has been a Mason of a Lodge in one or more other Jurisdictions, good standing for any such period shall be determined by the laws of the Jurisdiction of which his Lodge was then a part.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ W. Frank Postmus, PM, No. 337
s/ William A. Barker, PM, No. 289
s/ Robert F. Barden, PM, No. 314

Amendment to the Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
W. Frank Postmus is authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-03: ELIMINATES THE REQUIREMENT TO MAIL THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION

The proponents of this resolution seek to remove the requirement for the Installing Officer to mail the Certificate of Qualification for the Master-elect, Wardens-elect and Senior Deacon to the Grand Secretary.

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

WHEREAS, the District Inspector is now required to enter qualification information for the Master-elect, Wardens-elect and Senior Deacon directly into the Member Center, and this data is made a permanent part of the member's record; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer a need to mail the Certificate of Qualification to the Grand Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the presentation of the certificate during the Installation of Officers is of important symbolism to the qualified officer, his lodge, and the audience; and the opportunity for the officer to include the certificate in his own archives instead of it being mailed to the Grand Secretary would add to this significance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 407.065 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§407.065. REIMBURSEMENT OF LODGE OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

At the close of each Annual Communication, Grand Lodge shall pay to the officers or the representatives of each Constituent Lodge present, the cost of round trip transportation for one person from the location of the Lodge to the place of the Communication, at the rate fixed by the Committee on Finance, provided the:

- A. Lodge has paid its dues to Grand Lodge in full; and
- ~~B. Lodge has transmitted certificates of election and installation of its officers to the Grand Secretary within the time provided in Section 805.230 and Sections 805.520 and following of this Code; and~~
- ~~CB.~~ An officer or representative has been in attendance at the Communication from the first day through the last day, unless excused by Grand Lodge.

The mileage used for such payment calculations shall be determined from published records of the California State Automobile Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 805.520 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§805.520. CONDITIONS TO INSTALLATION OF THE MASTER-ELECT.

Before a Master-elect can be installed, there shall be presented to the Installing Officer a Certificate of Qualification of the Grand Lecturer, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of the division in which his Lodge is situated, or the Inspector of the district in which his Lodge is situated, certifying that:

- A. He has personally examined the Master-elect and that he is qualified to give the Master's work and lectures of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees;
- B. He has received a Certificate of Proficiency in the Candidate's Lecture of the Master Mason Degree; and
- C. He is proficient in those portions of this Code that relate to the government of a Lodge.

~~Immediately after the installation, the Installing Officer shall endorse the Master's Certificate of Qualification and forward it to the Grand Secretary.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 805.530 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§805.530. CONDITIONS TO INSTALLATION OF THE SENIOR WARDEN-ELECT.

Before a Senior Warden-elect can be installed, there shall be presented to the Installing Officer a Certificate of Qualification of the Grand Lecturer, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of the division in which his Lodge is situated, or the Inspector of the district in which his Lodge is situated, certifying that:

- A. He has personally examined the Senior Warden-elect and that he is qualified to give the Senior Warden's work of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees, and the Master's work and lecture of the Fellow Craft Degree;
- B. He has received a Certificate of Proficiency in the Candidate's Lecture of the Master Mason Degree; and
- C. He is proficient in those portions of this Code that relate to the government of a Lodge.

~~Immediately after the installation, the Installing Officer shall endorse the Senior Warden's Certificate of Qualification and forward it to the Grand Secretary.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 805.540 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§805.540. CONDITIONS TO INSTALLATION OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN-ELECT.

Before a Junior Warden-elect can be installed, there shall be presented to the Installing Officer a Certificate of Qualification of the Grand Lecturer, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of the division in which his Lodge is situated, or the Inspector of the district in which his Lodge is situated, certifying that:

- A. He has personally examined the Junior Warden-elect and that he is qualified to give the Junior Warden's work of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees, and the Master's work and lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree;
- B. He has received a Certificate of Proficiency in the Candidate's Lecture of the Master Mason Degree; and
- C. He is proficient in those portions of this Code that relate to the government of a Lodge.

~~Immediately after the installation, the Installing Officer shall endorse the Junior Warden's Certificate of Qualification and forward it to the Grand Secretary.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 805.550 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§805.550. CONDITIONS TO INSTALLATION OF A SENIOR DEACON.

Before a member can be installed as Senior Deacon, there shall be presented to the Installing Officer a Certificate of Qualification of the Grand Lecturer, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of the division in which his Lodge is situated, or the Inspector of the district in which his Lodge is situated, certifying that he has personally examined the member appointed as Senior Deacon and that the member is duly qualified to give the Senior Deacon's work of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees and the Senior Deacon's lecture of the Fellow Craft Degree.

~~Immediately after the installation, the Installing Officer shall endorse the Senior Deacon's Certificate of Qualification and forward it to the Grand Secretary.~~

Respectfully submitted,
 s/ Jack M. Rose, PM, No. 428
 s/ Allan L. Casalou, PM, No. 480
 s/ James E. Banta, PM, No. 247

Amendment to the Ordinances.
 5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
 Jack M. Rose and Allan L. Casalou are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-04: PERMITS THE OFFICERS COACH TO USE THE CIPHER IN A TILED MEETING

The proponents of this Resolution seek to permit the Officers Coach to use the approved cipher ritual in a tiled meeting.

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

WHEREAS, a qualified officers coach is essential to the proper instruction and delivery of our ritual work in our lodges, and

WHEREAS, the ritual cipher of this jurisdiction is widely used and referred to during independent and lodge instructional practices, and

WHEREAS, we should be striving for ritual quality and consistency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 402.030 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§402.030. CIPHER RITUALS.

Grand Lodge shall cause to be prepared, published and sold to Constituent Lodges and Master Masons, for use and possession by Master Masons only, a cipher of the esoteric or secret portion of the Ritual, in any medium capable of being rendered into clearly legible tangible form, as shall be approved from time to time by the Grand Lecturer with the approval of the Grand Master. The cipher may include such attached or separate supplements as shall be approved from time to time by the Grand Lecturer with the approval of the Grand Master. The foregoing notwithstanding, a Master Mason who is an authorized Candidate's Coach may reproduce that portion of the approved cipher ritual that pertains to the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft proficiency examinations for use and possession by an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft to prepare for his proficiency examination.

In no event shall any cipher ritual, or portion thereof, be used during a tiled meeting, except as follows:

- A. A cipher ritual may be used at any tiled meeting by the duly appointed Officers' Coach of the Lodge, or in his absence, a qualified Past Master selected by the Master; and
- B. A cipher ritual may also be used at any tiled where such meeting is called for the purpose of practicing the Ritual. Such use, however, shall be permitted only by members any Mason who are is not participating in the presentation of the Ritual.

Respectfully submitted,

- s/ Max H. Rush, PM, No. 323
- s/ Richard Whitlock, WM, No. 254
- s/ Andrew Rieland, PM, No. 84
- s/ Norman L. Smith, PM, No. 446
- s/ Walter E. McCurry, PM, No. 314
- s/ Manuel Blanco, PM, No. 427
- s/ Richard Geyer, PM, No. 301
- s/ Joseph J. Chancey, WM, No. 301
- s/ Mark Kennedy, SW, No. 427
- s/ David A. Haslim, PM, No. 574
- s/ Jerrold A. Wohlfarth, PM, No. 687
- s/ James W. Real, PM, No. 173
- s/ Eric Hixson, PM, No. 20
- s/ Ronald E. Duncan, Sr., PM, No. 236
- s/ Terry J. Baker, PM, No. 806
- s/ Jeff W. Yates, PM, No. 406

Amendment to the Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

Max H. Rush and David A. Haslim are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-05: REQUIRES VOTING MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS BEFORE DEPOSITING BALLOTS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to establish procedures for the collection of ballots at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California.

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

WHEREAS, sections 403.075, 403.080, and 403.085 of the *California Masonic Code* address the matter of who is eligible to vote on legislation brought before the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication; and

WHEREAS, section 403.065 of the *California Masonic Code* addresses the manner of voting on legislation brought before the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication; and

WHEREAS, no section of the *California Masonic Code* addresses the method of collecting the ballots pertaining to said legislation; and

WHEREAS, the practice of collecting said ballots has been one that does not verify that the ballot is that of the Brother to whom it was issued upon registering for the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, actions have occurred which could be construed as voter fraud. For example, the depositing of multiple write-in style ballots by one brother, all with the same hand writing, *or* the voting and depositing of ballots for a lodge of which the depositor is not a member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 403.065 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§403.065. MANNER OF VOTING.

All questions in Grand Lodge, except election of officers, shall be decided either by voice, hand, a rising vote or by written ballot, as the Grand Master shall direct, unless, before the announcement of the result thereof, three members shall demand that the vote be taken by written ballot. At least one member demanding the written ballot must have the authority to speak for the others joining with him in the request, and this shall be so stated in the request for the written ballot. At least one designated spokesman must be present in Grand Lodge at all times that a written ballot is to be taken pursuant to the demand. If no spokesman is present, the Grand Master may in his discretion proceed as though no demand had been made.

A written ballot is defined as one inscribed upon a slip of paper, or a computer punch card provided by the Grand Secretary, and distributed, collected and counted by appointed Grand Lodge tellers.

Each Grand Lodge member with written ballots shall approach a Grand Lodge teller, show the credentials which he is holding (all of which must be from the same lodge) and then be permitted to deposit with the teller the number of ballots for which he is holding credentials.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Delmer W. Venturella, PM, No. 279
s/ Peter L. Cunningham, PM, No. 93 and 279
s/ Richard Wakefield Hopper, PM, No. 128

Amendment to Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
Delmer W. Venturella and Richard Wakefield Hopper are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-06: REQUIRES PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT MEETINGS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to require the pledge of allegiance at Lodge meetings.

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

WHEREAS, in the blue lodges it is not a requirement to give the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, this Pledge is not done in some lodges; and

WHEREAS, performing this Pledge should be a duty of every American; and

WHEREAS, this Pledge is to honor our nation and the citizens who served this Nation and at times gave their lives to defend the rights we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, many of our brothers, past and present, served our nation in the military and the government to help preserve these rights; and

WHEREAS, the Pledge is in several of our ceremonies, at the Installation and at the election of Officers, among others, it should be required at the opening of our lodges, just like prayer to the Supreme Being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ritual be amended as follows: After the declaration that the lodge is opened and the Tiler has been informed, the Worshipful Master shall call up the lodge and say: “The Brethren will kindly repeat with me The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.” The Master then seats the lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ William E. Price, PM, No. 226
s/ Alberto T. Jacinto, PM, No. 400
s/ James L. Ritter, M, No. 226
s/ James C. Camper, Jr., PM, No. 168
s/ Chris D. Smith, PM, No. 168
s/ Ross S. Chassy, M, No. 400
s/ Shau Zhou, M, No. 168
s/ Ron Edwards, PM, No. 226
s/ John D. Nelson, PM, No. 226

Amendment to the Ritual.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
William E. Price and Alberto T. Jacinto are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-07: ALLOWS ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFT MASONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNERAL SERVICE

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who attend a Masonic funeral the ability to wear their white aprons in the manner appropriate to their degree and participate in the procession.

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

WHEREAS, the business of all lodges, including those opened for the purpose of conducting the Masonic Funeral Service, is now conducted in the Entered Apprentice Degree; and

WHEREAS, the Ritual for the Funeral Service states that “Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts cannot take part in the Ceremony or Procession;” and

WHEREAS, after a lodge is opened “for the purpose of conducting the funeral of our late Brother _____” and later called to refreshment in order to conduct the public portion of the Masonic Funeral Service, Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craft Masons are required to divest themselves of their aprons and are then prohibited from participating in the subsequent funeral service in the character of a Mason or participate in the procession; and

WHEREAS, at the start of the funeral ritual the Master says, “It has been a custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons from time immemorial, at the request of a departed brother or his family, to assemble in the character of Masons . . .”; and

WHEREAS, the “character of Masons” includes the wearing of the white Masonic apron; and

WHEREAS, the manner in which an Entered Apprentice wears his apron appears in many public venues such as on the Internet and Facebook entries; and

WHEREAS, all Masons, including Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, may be accorded the Masonic Funeral Service at the request of the deceased Brother’s family and then all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craft Masons subsequently prohibited from paying their last respects to a deceased Brother in the character of a Mason, especially one of the same Degree; and

WHEREAS, Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts should be able to attend a Masonic funeral service of a departed Brother in the character of a Mason regardless of their Degree and participate in the funeral procession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 804.855 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§804.855. DUTY TO ATTEND FUNERAL.

It is the duty of every member, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft to attend the funeral of a deceased member of his Lodge or any other Master Mason residing within the vicinity of his Lodge at the time of death, if he can do so without great inconvenience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 804.860 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§804.860. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF AND PROHIBITIONS ON ENTERED APPRENTICES AND FELLOW CRAFTS.

An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft may sit in the Lodge in which he has received the degree or degrees when open in a degree taken by him, while he conducts himself with due order and propriety. He may speak but may not vote on any matter coming before the Lodge. He may advance after satisfactorily passing a strict examination in a tiled Lodge. He may visit another Lodge working in a degree taken by him, with the consent of the Master of his Lodge and the consent of the Master of the Lodge visited, if accompanied by a Master Mason who has sat with him in a tiled Lodge and vouches for him.

He may attend Masonic Funeral Services and participate in the processions thereof and wear the white apron in a manner appropriate to his degree.

He may be buried with Masonic honors upon the request of his family, unless he was a demitted, withdrawn, suspended or expelled Mason at the time of his death. Neither he nor his widows or orphans are entitled to relief from the Lodge.

He shall not exercise any control over Lodge funds for charity or for other purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ritual of the Funeral Service be amended as marked:

All Masons including Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts may be accorded the Masonic Funeral Service at the request of the deceased Brother's family. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts cannot take part in the Ceremony ~~or Procession~~ but may attend the Masonic Funeral Service, participate in the processions thereof, and wear the white apron in the manner appropriate to their degree.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Wesley W. Daniels, PM, No. 57

s/ Bruce R. Galloway, PM, No. 254

s/ Jeffery M. Wilkins, PM, No. 218

s/ Ricky L. Lawler, PM, No. 635

s/ Lynn R. Wallingford, PM, No. 807

s/ Cline C. Jack, PM, No. 366

s/ Roy R. Pool, PM, No. 446

s/ Franklin R. Lee, PM, No. 314

s/ James A. Kurupas, PM, No. 407

s/ Douglas B. Eichen, PM, No. 273

s/ Jack M. Rose, PM, No. 428

Amendment to the Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

Jack M. Rose and Cline C. Jack are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-08: RESTORES JAMES R. PADEN TO MASONIC MEMBERSHIP

The proponents of this Resolution seek to restore James R. Paden to membership in Masonry.

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

WHEREAS, section 1404.820 of the California Masonic Code provides that a Mason who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude by a federal or state court shall be deemed automatically expelled from membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction without any further action of his Lodge or Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, James R. Paden was automatically expelled from membership in this Jurisdiction because of a 2001 felony conviction for driving under the influence (DUI) which resulted in bodily injury and death; and

WHEREAS, James R. Paden may be restored to membership in Masonry only by a resolution presented and adopted using the same procedure as an amendment to the Ordinances of Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, a conviction for driving under the influence which results in death does not involve moral turpitude unless done with recklessness, which is defined as the awareness and conscious disregard of a substantial and unjustified risk which constitutes a gross deviation from the standard that a reasonable person would observe in the situation; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2013, the Superior Court for Sonoma County finding there being no other criminal actions in the intervening years ordered the original felony plea set aside, that a not guilty plea be entered, that the felony charge be reduced to misdemeanor, and that the case be dismissed; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of any activity involving moral turpitude the original decision should be vacated and reversed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, any provision of the California Masonic Code to the contrary notwithstanding, James R. Paden be restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry as of the date of his expulsion as an unaffiliated Mason, with no lapse in membership, and that he no longer be subject to expulsion from Masonry under the California Masonic Code because of the death of his wife and injury to his daughter while he was driving an automobile under the influence of an alcoholic beverage on or about October 22, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ R. Melvin Lewis, PM, No. 272

s/ Danny Miranda, PM, No. 793

s/ Gerald E. Harris, PM, No. 290

s/ R. Dana Moser, PM, No. 290

s/ Juan C. Nunez, PM, No. 793

s/ David A. Doermann Jr., PM, No. 272

Amendment to the Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

R. Melvin Lewis and Danny Miranda are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-09: REQUIRES THE WARDEN COLUMNS TO REMAIN IN PLACE WHILE LODGE IS FREE FROM RESTRAINT

The proponents of this Resolution seek to change the Ritual to allow the Wardens' columns are to remain in the position indicating the lodge is at labor while it is free from restraint.

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

WHEREAS, the changing of the columns originated in the 18th century when the lodge ate and drank at the table while conferring the work (before there were purpose-built lodge rooms); and

WHEREAS, the columns were the signal to the brethren that they were either "at labor" (and under the direction of the Senior Warden), or at "refreshment" (and under the direction of the Junior Warden); and

WHEREAS, in ancient California Masonry, when the Master declared the lodge "free from restraint," the Wardens' columns remained in the position to indicate the lodge was still technically at labor; and

WHEREAS, between 1991 and 2001, the Ritual was amended to require the Wardens' columns to be in the position to indicate the lodge was at refreshment while it was free from restraint as a reminder to all present that although the lodge was still at labor some restraints have been temporarily lifted; and

WHEREAS, while free from restraint, there exists a conflict between the altar jewels which indicate the lodge is at "Labor" and the Wardens' columns being in a position to indicate the lodge is at "Refreshment;" and

WHEREAS, free from restraint is defined as a time when the Master desires to give a break in ordinary routine of the Lodge, when the business of the Lodge is interrupted for a short conference or the setting up of paraphernalia; and

WHEREAS, while free from restraint the brethren do not leave the room without the Master's permission but can talk quietly to a neighbor on the sidelines; and

WHEREAS, while the columns are as currently situated, some brethren have become confused and believe they can wander about the lodge, and go in and out of the lodge without the Master's permission; and

WHEREAS, evidence supports the fact that the Wardens' columns should be in either of two positions depending on lodge activity: (1) to indicate when it is at "labor" and (2) to indicate when it is at "refreshment;" and

WHEREAS, evidence supports the fact that even though the Master declares the lodge free from restraint, the Master remains in charge of the Lodge, the altar jewels remain unchanged, the members do not walk between the altar and the East, and alarms continue to be given, consequently, the lodge is, technically, still at labor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ritual be amended to provide that the Wardens' columns to remain in the position indicating the lodge is at LABOR when the Master calls it to be FREE FROM RESTRAINT.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Michael Bear, PM, No. 520
s/ Merrick R. Hamer, PM, No. 467
s/ Stanley R. Taub, PM, No. 721
s/ William H. Park, PM, No. 520
s/ David A. Chernik, SW, No. 854
s/ Berry L. Griffin, PM, No. 528

Amendment to the Ritual.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
Michael Bear is authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-10: CREATES AN AWARD FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

The proponents of this Resolution seek to create an award for twenty-five years of membership.

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

WHEREAS, there is presently a Golden Veteran Award for fifty-year members and a Diamond Jubilee Award for seventy-five year members; and

WHEREAS, due to changing times, we find fewer individuals joining our Lodges in their early twenties which would make them eligible to receive a veteran fifty year or seventy-five year award; and

WHEREAS, some Lodges in our Grand Lodge now award twenty-five year pins and others do not but allow members to purchase twenty-five year pins on their own; and

WHEREAS, the standardizing of the presentation of a twenty-five year pin for membership in a regular Lodge of Masons in California would promote interest and fellowship by recognizing the longevity of more members of the craft.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 408.010 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§408.010. SILVER VETERAN, GOLDEN VETERAN AND DIAMOND JUBILEE AWARDS.

The Grand Lodge, upon request, shall provide a Silver Veteran Award to members of this Jurisdiction who have been Master Masons in good standing for a total of 25 years or more, presentation being made by the Grand Master, Inspector or their representative with appropriate ceremony. The presentation of the Silver Veteran Award may be made at any time commencing with the date six months prior to the date on which the member shall otherwise become eligible.

The Grand Lodge, upon request, shall provide a Golden Veteran's Award to members of this Jurisdiction who have been Master Masons in good standing for a total of 50 years or more, presentation being made by the Grand Master, Inspector or their representative with appropriate ceremony. The presentation of the Golden Veteran Award may be made at any time commencing with the date six months prior to the date on which the member shall otherwise become eligible.

The Grand Lodge, upon request, shall provide a Diamond Jubilee Award to members of this Jurisdiction who have been Master Masons in good standing for a total of 75 years or more, presentation being made by the Grand Master or his designee with appropriate ceremony. The presentation of the Diamond Jubilee Award may be made at any time commencing with the date twelve months prior to the date on which the member shall otherwise become eligible.

In the case of a deceased Mason, if he was eligible for but had not received the Award prior to his death, or in the case of an incompetent Mason, presentation on request may be made to the family or heirs.

In computing the length of time requisite for issuance of either award, a period of up to one year, during which the member held a Demit from any Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge, may be included; provided, however, periods during which the member held a Demit for more than one year from the date of the Demit, or was suspended for non-payment of dues, must be added to the time when the member would otherwise have been eligible to receive the award. The period between the issuance of a Demit for the purpose of becoming a charter member of a new Lodge and the institution of the new Lodge is not an interruption of the required number of years of continuous membership.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ James S. Dierke, PM, No. 144

s/ Leonard B. Froomin, PM, No. 120

s/ Chris Beckman, PM, No 120

s/ Earl Cesena, PM, No. 169

s/ Guy Chalmers, PM, No. 180

Amendment to the Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

James S. Dierke and Leonard B. Froomin are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-11: CREATES GUIDELINES FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow, and establish rules for, the purchase of a life membership on an installment basis.

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

WHEREAS, the existence of a life membership program in a Lodge and the participation in it by its members is a contributor to the long-term financial stability of the Lodge; and

WHEREAS, the inability of many members to afford a life membership often precludes a Lodge from having income far into the future; and

WHEREAS, a purchaser of a life membership in installments would receive a contract guaranteeing his rights and responsibilities for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, a purchaser of a life membership in installments would be assured of its purchase price once he commences, even though dues thereafter are increased; and

WHEREAS, if for any reason the purchase is not completed within the required period of time, the money paid by the member would be refunded; and

WHEREAS, an installment account would provide a source to pay dues, if a purchaser thereof became liable to being suspended for non-payment of dues, and he consented thereto; and

WHEREAS, all funds received for an installment purchase of a life membership would be kept separate from all other Lodge funds until the purchase has been completed; and

WHEREAS, all funds would be returned to a member's family if he were to die before completing the installment purchase of his life membership; and

WHEREAS, no Lodge should keep installment payments for any member whose dues are remitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.150. LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND.

- A. All amounts paid for a life membership shall constitute a permanent Life Membership Fund, which shall be segregated into one or more accounts which are separate from all other Lodge funds, investments and assets.
- B. A Lodge may only invest its Life Membership Fund as provided in Section 809.130 of this Code. However, all investments of the Life Membership Fund described in Section 809.130.B of this Code must be conservative growth investments which are designed for total return (defined as any investment returns, including capital gains/appreciation and losses/depreciation – realized or unrealized – and all dividends and interest).

Funds received for the purchase of life memberships under an installment purchase and payment option shall be held in a segregated account which may only be invested in cash, savings accounts or certificates of deposit. Such funds may not be deposited into a Lodge's Life Membership Fund, nor may they be deposited into a Lodge's general fund or other multi-purpose account. Any fees associated with such segregated account shall be borne by the Lodge and not by any other source. The total sum paid into such segregated account together with the income thereon shall be released from such account only as provided in Section 809.325 of this Code.

A Lodge's Life Membership Fund may not be used to secure or fund any loan to a Lodge or Hall Association, nor may it be used as collateral for a mortgage or promissory note to or for the benefit of any entity or person.

- C. A Lodge may withdraw the income from its Life Membership Fund for the general use of the Lodge ~~at any time~~. For this purpose, income means all interest and dividends received in cash with respect to investments held as part of the Life Membership Fund. However, no Lodge is obligated to take withdrawals from its Life Membership Fund. Interest and dividends received during a calendar year must be withdrawn on or before December 31st of the following calendar year. Otherwise, they shall be added to principal and may not thereafter be withdrawn.
- D. A Lodge may, at its option, retain the Grand Lodge to manage the investment and administration of its Life Membership Fund on behalf of the Lodge. Such action may be taken at any Stated Meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present. Such proposed action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. It shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master. The Secretary of the Lodge shall note in the minutes of the Lodge the notice of the proposed action when made. When transmitting the action for approval, he shall forward a certificate, under seal, showing that the law has been complied with and that the action has received the required vote.

Upon approval by the Grand Master, the Lodge shall transfer its entire Life Membership Fund, including all principal and then undistributed income, to the Grand Treasurer, to be placed in a Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund. The Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund shall be physically segregated from all other funds, investments and assets of the Grand Lodge and shall be invested and administered by the Grand Lodge as provided in this Code for a Lodge Life Membership Fund. The Grand Treasurer may pool all Lodge Life Membership Funds under its management as one common fund for investment purposes, provided that there is a separate accounting and valuation of each individual participating Lodge's funds at least semi-annually.

The Grand Lodge shall distribute annually in March to each participating Lodge for its general use its permissible withdrawal, calculated as of the last market day of the prior calendar year, from its separate share of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund.

All future payments for life memberships purchased by any member of a participating Lodge shall be recorded by the Secretary in the Lodge's membership and financial records and then immediately transferred to the Grand Treasurer, to be placed in such Lodge's separate share of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund. A Lodge participating in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund may not keep or administer a separate Life Membership Fund.

A Lodge may terminate Grand Lodge's management of the investment and administration of its Life Membership Fund by a majority vote of the members present at a Stated Meeting; and the Secretary shall note the same in the minutes of the Lodge and forward a certificate, under seal, notifying the Grand Secretary of this action, whereupon the Grand Treasurer shall return to the Lodge its full interest in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund.

No Lodge shall be required to participate in a Life Membership Fund administered by the Grand Lodge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 809.320 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A Lodge may adopt a standing resolution providing for a life membership plan, which shall forever exempt a member making the required payment into the plan from the payment of dues in the Lodge. The resolution may be adopted, amended or revoked at any Stated Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Any such action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The plan must provide that a life membership shall be granted upon payment of:

- A. A sum of money which is not less than 20.83 times the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership;
or

- B. A sum of money equal to the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member's age in the following schedule:

Age 49 and under, 21 times annual dues;
50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues;
55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues;
60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; and
65 and over, 11 times annual dues.

The resolution shall take effect only upon its approval by the Grand Master.

The Secretary shall send to each life member at his last known address, annually, a Life Membership Dues Card for the next calendar year.

A life membership is an executed contract. A life member has no interest in the Lodge's Life Membership Fund, except in the case of a rescission of his life membership with his consent and the consent of the Lodge or as elsewhere provided in this Code.

Upon the rescission of a life membership with the consent of the Lodge and the life member, the life member shall be paid an amount in cash equal to the lesser of the original sum of money paid to purchase his life membership or his share of the fair market value of the Life Membership Fund at the time of the rescission, as determined by the Grand Treasurer. In making this determination, the Grand Treasurer shall compute the interest of each living life member in the Lodge's Life Membership Fund and the interest of the Lodge in it, on a just and equitable basis.

A Mason who has his dues remitted by the Lodge may not purchase a life membership nor enter into a contract to purchase a life membership using an installment purchase and payment option during such time that his dues are remitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a new Section 809.325 be added to the *California Masonic Code* to read as follows:

§809.325. INSTALLMENT PURCHASE OF A LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A Lodge may include an installment purchase and payment option in its life membership plan under the following rules:

- A. The Lodge must authorize the installment purchase and payment option by a separate standing resolution which may be adopted or revoked at any Stated Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Any such action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken.
- B. A Mason electing the installment purchase and payment option shall execute a contract agreeing to pay a purchase price equal to the lump sum amount he would have paid for a life membership on the date of the contract. The purchase price shall not increase or decrease during the term of the contract even though the Lodge may increase or decrease its annual dues. The Grand Secretary shall provide a form of contract for the purchase of a life membership using the installment purchase and payment option. Once completed, such contract must be signed by the purchasing Mason, the Lodge Master and the Lodge Secretary, and affixed with the seal of the Lodge. The original contract, or a digital copy thereof, shall be kept as part of the purchasing Mason's permanent membership record. A copy of the contract, affixed with the seal of the Lodge, shall be provided to the purchasing Mason.
- C. Any life membership contract using an installment purchase and payment option must comply with the following:
1. The contract shall include the name of the purchasing Mason, the name of the issuing Lodge, the purchase price, the date the contract is signed, the final payment date (which shall be three years from the date the purchasing Mason signs the contract) and such other provisions as the Grand Secretary may provide in the form of contract;
 2. A first installment payment of at least 10% of the total purchase price must accompany the contract when delivered by the purchasing Mason. Subsequent payments on the contract may be made in any amount and at any time and from time to time, so long as the total purchase price has been paid in full by the final payment date;
 3. Payments made on the contract shall be held and managed by the Lodge as provided in Section 809.150.B of this Code until released as provided in this section;

4. The purchasing Mason shall have the option to pay his annual dues to the Lodge from his prior installment payments on the purchase price, up to the whole balance thereof;
5. Upon full payment of the purchase price on or before the final payment due date, the Lodge shall issue the life membership as provided in the contract, subject to the purchasing Mason being in good standing, and all amounts paid under the contract together with any income thereon shall be transferred from the segregated account to any account of the Lodge's Life Membership Fund;
6. If full payment of the purchase price has not been made on or before the final payment date, the contract shall then be null and void, and all amounts paid under the contract shall be refunded to the purchasing Mason or his heirs without vote of the Lodge;
7. If the purchasing Mason dies or demits, withdraws, is expelled or is suspended from the Lodge before full payment of the purchase price has been made, the contract shall then be null and void, and all amounts paid under the contract shall be refunded to the purchasing Mason or his heirs without vote of the Lodge;
8. If the dues of a purchasing Mason are remitted by the Lodge before full payment of the purchase price has been made, the contract shall then be null and void, and all amounts paid under the contract shall be refunded to the purchasing Mason or his heirs without vote of the Lodge; and
9. At the purchasing Mason's option, his life membership contract may direct that any amounts otherwise refundable to him or his heirs on the contract shall be transferred instead from the segregated account to any account of the Lodge's Life Membership Fund.

D. The Lodge shall keep an accurate record of each Mason's installment payments and the dates such installment payments are made, providing a receipt for funds received to the Mason making payment. An accounting of such payments shall be available to the purchasing Mason upon request.

E. A Mason who purchases a life membership in a Lodge using an installment purchase and payment option must continue to pay the annual dues of that Lodge, including any increases in the dues, until he has paid in full the life membership purchase price. The purchasing Mason must be in good standing in that Lodge on the date his life membership is issued: his annual dues must be paid in full for the current year on the date his life membership is issued. His obligation under his life membership contract and his obligation to continue to pay Lodge dues until his life membership is issued are mutually exclusive obligations. The purchasing Mason shall not be entitled to a refund of any part of his annual dues if his life membership contract is paid in full before the end of the year for which his dues have already been paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 809.350 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.350. RETURN OF DUES.

If a Mason of the Lodge dies, is issued a Demit or discontinues his multiple membership, the Lodge shall refund to his authorized successor in interest or to him dues paid in advance of the month when he died or his affiliation with the Lodge terminated; provided, however, that a Mason issued a Demit or discontinuing multiple membership may only obtain a refund of his dues paid in advance if he has returned his dues receipt in such Lodge with his request for a Demit or Certificate of Discontinuance of Multiple Membership. There shall be no refund of a life membership to a member who dies, is issued a Demit or discontinues his multiple memberships, except as provided in Section 809.325 of this Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 809.360 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.360. REMISSION OF DUES.

If recommended by the Charity Committee, a Lodge, without giving the name of the delinquent Masons except to the Secretary, may remit to December 31st of the current calendar year the accrued dues of those of its Masons who are unable to pay.

The Charity Committee should review the situation of a Mason whose dues were remitted by a Lodge the preceding calendar year before the February Stated Meeting. If, in the opinion of the Charity Committee, the necessity for the remission of his dues still exists, it shall recommend to the Lodge that the dues be remitted to December 31st of the current calendar year. A Lodge shall not remit the dues of any of its Masons, for any stated period, or in advance, except as herein provided.

If the dues of a Mason are remitted by the Lodge before full payment of the purchase price under his life membership contract, if any, the contract shall be null and void, and all amounts paid under the contract shall be refunded, as provided in Section 809.325 of this Code.

A Mason who is mentally incompetent to such an extent as to be incapable of taking care of himself, or a member who is a resident of the Masonic Homes of California, may be considered as unable to pay dues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 809.370 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.370. SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

If a Mason has not paid his dues during a period of 12 months, the Secretary shall notify him that he will be suspended for non-payment of dues unless at the Lodge's next Stated Meeting either his dues have been paid or sickness or inability to pay is shown as the cause for the failure to pay. The notice shall be given either by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to his last known address, or by actual service of notice, duly certified by the Tiler. If all dues due and payable have not been paid by the time of the Lodge's next Stated Meeting, he shall be declared suspended by the Master, unless for special reasons shown the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for payment. No worthy brother who is unable to pay his dues shall be suspended for non-payment of dues.

No Mason who has attained the age of 80 years or who has attained an aggregate number of years in age and years as a Mason in good standing equaling 120 or more shall be suspended for non-payment of dues without a written report to the Lodge from the Member Retention Committee evidencing when and where the committee interviewed the delinquent Mason, why the delinquent Mason has not paid his dues and whether the delinquent Mason has the ability to pay his dues. A copy of this report shall be provided to the Grand Secretary at least thirty days before the vote may be taken on the suspension.

A Mason at his option may pay his dues from his prior installment payments on the purchase price under his life membership contract, as provided in Section 809.325 of this Code.

A Mason shall not be expelled from Masonry for non-payment of dues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-11 and Resolution 13-13 be adopted, the modifications of Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* as enacted by both of these resolutions shall be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-11 and one or both of Resolutions 12-04 and 12-07 be adopted, the modifications of Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* as enacted by any and all of these resolutions shall be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-11 and any of Resolutions 12-04, 12-07 or 13-13 be adopted, the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized to arrange Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* by paragraphs and subparagraphs, lettered and numbered as appropriate, as and to the extent that the committee shall determine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-11 and Resolution 13-12 be adopted, the modifications of Section 809.320 of the *California Masonic Code* as enacted by both of these resolutions shall be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-11 and one or both of Resolutions 12-04 and 12-09 be adopted, the modifications of Section 809.320 of the *California Masonic Code* as enacted by any and all of these resolutions shall be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-11 and any of Resolutions 12-04, 12-09 or 13-12 be adopted, the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized to arrange Section 809.320 of the *California Masonic Code* by paragraphs and subparagraphs, lettered and numbered as appropriate, as and to the extent that the committee shall determine.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35

s/ Alexander J. Teodoro, PM, No. 136

s/ M. William Holsinger, PM, No. 259

s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332

s/ Ray Schmalz, PM, No. 356

s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

Amendment to the Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

Glenn D. Woody and Jack R. Levitt are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-12: MODIFIES THE PAYMENT STRUCTURE OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLANS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to modify the sum of money required by age level to purchase a life membership.

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

WHEREAS, a Lodge currently has two options from which to select the pricing formula for its life memberships; and

WHEREAS, the use of a decimal number in the single multiple option is archaic and confusing; and

WHEREAS, the single multiple option currently appears to limit the purchase price of a life membership, rather than require a minimum; and

WHEREAS, the current pricing schedule of the age-based option – which requires an investment return of up to 9% – places unreasonable expectations for return on investments of the less expensive purchases by older members in order to replace dues income; and

WHEREAS, the current pricing schedule requires unreasonable expectations of investment returns in order to replace dues income; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pricing schedule – requiring an investment return of 5% or less – provides for a more reasonable expectation for return on investments in order to replace dues income.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 809.320 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A Lodge may adopt a standing resolution providing for a life membership plan, which shall forever exempt a member making the required payment into the plan from the payment of dues in the Lodge. The resolution may be adopted, amended or revoked at any Stated Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Any such action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The plan must provide that a life membership shall be granted upon payment of:

- A. A sum of money which is ~~not less equal to or greater than 20.83~~ 22 times the Lodge’s annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership; or
- B. A sum of money equal to the Lodge’s annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member’s age in the following schedule:

~~Age 49 and under, 21 times annual dues;
50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues;
55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues;
60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; and
65 and over, 11 times annual dues.~~

Age 18 to 30 inclusive, 25 times annual dues;
Age 31 to 49 inclusive, 23 times annual dues;
Age 50 to 69 inclusive, 21 times annual dues; and
Age 70 and over, 20 times annual dues.

The resolution shall take effect only upon its approval by the Grand Master.

The Secretary shall send to each life member at his last known address, annually, a Life Membership Dues Card for the next calendar year.

A life membership is an executed contract. A life member has no interest in the Lodge’s Life Membership Fund, except in the case of a rescission of his life membership with his consent and the consent of the Lodge or as elsewhere provided in this Code.

Upon the rescission of a life membership with the consent of the Lodge and the life member, the life member shall be paid an amount in cash equal to the lesser of the original sum of money paid to purchase his life membership or his share of the fair market value of the Life Membership Fund at the time of the rescission, as determined by the Grand Treasurer. In making this determination, the

Grand Treasurer shall compute the interest of each living life member in the Lodge's Life Membership Fund and the interest of the Lodge in it, on a just and equitable basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-12 and Resolution 13-11 be adopted, the modifications of Section 809.320 of the California Masonic Code as enacted by both of these resolutions shall be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-12 and one or both of Resolutions 12-04 and 12-09 be adopted, the modifications of Section 809.320 of the California Masonic Code as enacted by any and all of these resolutions shall be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-12 and any of Resolutions 12-04, 12-09 or 13-11 be adopted, the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized to arrange Section 809.320 of the California Masonic Code by paragraphs and subparagraphs, lettered and numbered as appropriate, as and to the extent that the committee shall determine.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35

s/ Alexander J. Teodoro, PM, No. 136

s/ Russell E. Charvonia, PM, No. 214

s/ M. William Holsinger, PM, No. 259

s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332

s/ Ray Schmalz, PM, No. 356

s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

s/ Philip A. Hardiman, PM, No. 20

Amendment to the Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

Glenn D. Woody and M. Shawn Donohugh are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-13: EXCLUDES THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND FROM THE 80/20 REQUIRED INVESTMENT ALLOCATION

The proponents of this Resolution seek to clarify that the percentage limitations of CMC Section 809.150 on Lodge investments do not apply to investments of the Life Membership Fund.

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

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Resolution 12-08, a Lodge's Life Membership Fund shall be invested as provided in CMC Section 809.130; and

WHEREAS, there is confusion whether the 20% minimum and the 80% maximum allocations of investments in that section apply to investments of the Life Membership Fund; and

WHEREAS, it was not the intent of the proponents of Resolution 12-08 that the 20% minimum and the 80% maximum allocations of investments in that section apply to investments of the Life Membership Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 809.130 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§809.130. LODGE INVESTMENTS.

Exclusive of a Lodge investment in an incorporated Masonic Hall Association or any Lodge revolving funds, a Lodge may invest its funds only as provided in this section. The Lodge's investments allowed under this section (other than cash, cash equivalents, checking accounts, savings accounts and certificates of deposit) shall be administered either by an investment committee appointed by the Master or by trustees as provided in Section 809.110 of this Code. No investment committee or trustee administration shall be required for the Lodge's cash, cash equivalents, checking accounts, savings accounts or certificates of deposit.

Lodge funds shall be invested with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the Lodge, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims to accomplish the purposes of the Lodge.

Through the Lodge investment committee or trustees, the Lodge shall confer and counsel as to any proposed or contemplated investments under this section with a Registered Investment Advisor of its choice. A Lodge may freely choose to accept or reject any and all recommendations made to it by the Advisor. Alternatively, a Lodge may retain a Registered Investment Advisor operating as an investment manager who offers standardized portfolios through a managed investment account.

A Lodge may invest its assets, exclusive of Lodge Masonic property, Lodge Masonic Hall Association securities, Life Membership Fund and Lodge revolving funds, as follows:

- A. At least 20% of the assets available for investment, as valued at the time of deposit or purchase, must be in:
 - 1. Cash or cash equivalents;
 - 2. Accounts of depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, including but not limited to checking accounts, savings accounts and certificates of deposit;
 - 3. Obligations of the United States Government or obligations whose payment is pledged by the full faith and credit of the United States Government;
 - 4. Short-term evidences of indebtedness with a maturity of not greater than one year and whose issuer holds a credit quality of Prime A1, A2 or A3, as determined by a nationally-recognized credit rating organization, including but not limited to commercial paper, bankers acceptances, repurchase agreements, certificates of deposit and comparable securities; or
 - 5. Investment companies or investment trusts that invest in the above referenced financial instruments.
- B. Up to 80% of the assets available for investment, as valued at the time of deposit or purchase, may be invested in:
 - 1. Evidences of indebtedness, preferred stock and common stocks which must be fully registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and whose issuers have a market capitalization of at least \$500 million; or
 - 2. Investment companies or investment trusts that invest in the above referenced financial institutions; or
 - 3. Such other prudent and appropriate investments as may be approved from time to time by the Grand Master after consultation with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Lodge Committee on Investments.

A Lodge may only invest its Life Membership Fund in cash equivalents, savings accounts, certificates of deposit, investment grade bonds and conservative growth investments which are designed for total return (defined as any investment returns, including capital gains/appreciation and losses/depreciation – realized or unrealized – and all dividends and interest). A Lodge’s Life Membership Fund may not be used to secure or fund any loan to a Lodge or Hall Association, nor may it be used as collateral for a mortgage or promissory note to or for the benefit of any entity or person.

A Lodge shall not invest any of its funds in any manner or obligate itself in any way for the purpose of acquiring land or building a Masonic hall except upon compliance with the provisions of this Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 809.150 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§809.150. LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND.

- A. All amounts paid for a life membership shall constitute a permanent Life Membership Fund, which shall be segregated into one or more accounts which are separate from all other Lodge funds, investments and assets.
- B. A Lodge may only invest its Life Membership Fund as provided in Section 809.130 of this Code. ~~However, all investments of the Life Membership Fund described in Section 809.130.B of this Code must be conservative growth investments which are designed for total return (defined as any investment returns, including capital gains/appreciation and losses/depreciation – realized or unrealized – and all dividends and interest).~~

~~A Lodge’s Life Membership Fund may not be used to secure or fund any loan to a Lodge or Hall Association, nor may it be used as collateral for a mortgage or promissory note to or for the benefit of any entity or person.~~

- C. A Lodge may withdraw the income from its Life Membership Fund for the general use of the Lodge at any time. For this purpose, income means all interest and dividends received in cash with respect to investments held as part of the Life

Membership Fund. However, no Lodge is obligated to take withdrawals from its Life Membership Fund. Interest and dividends received during a calendar year must be withdrawn on or before December 31st of the following calendar year. Otherwise, they shall be added to principal and may not thereafter be withdrawn.

- D. A Lodge may, at its option, retain the Grand Lodge to manage the investment and administration of its Life Membership Fund on behalf of the Lodge. Such action may be taken at any Stated Meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present. Such proposed action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. It shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master. The Secretary of the Lodge shall note in the minutes of the Lodge the notice of the proposed action when made. When transmitting the action for approval, he shall forward a certificate, under seal, showing that the law has been complied with and that the action has received the required vote.

Upon approval by the Grand Master, the Lodge shall transfer its entire Life Membership Fund, including all principal and then undistributed income, to the Grand Treasurer, to be placed in a Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund. The Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund shall be physically segregated from all other funds, investments and assets of the Grand Lodge and shall be invested and administered by the Grand Lodge as provided in this Code for a Lodge Life Membership Fund. The Grand Treasurer may pool all Lodge Life Membership Funds under its management as one common fund for investment purposes, provided that there is a separate accounting and valuation of each individual participating Lodge's funds at least semi-annually.

The Grand Lodge shall distribute annually in March to each participating Lodge for its general use its permissible withdrawal, calculated as of the last market day of the prior calendar year, from its separate share of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund.

All future payments for life memberships purchased by any member of a participating Lodge shall be recorded by the Secretary in the Lodge's membership and financial records and then immediately transferred to the Grand Treasurer, to be placed in such Lodge's separate share of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund. A Lodge participating in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund may not keep or administer a separate Life Membership Fund.

A Lodge may terminate Grand Lodge's management of the investment and administration of its Life Membership Fund by a majority vote of the members present at a Stated Meeting; and the Secretary shall note the same in the minutes of the Lodge and forward a certificate, under seal, notifying the Grand Secretary of this action, whereupon the Grand Treasurer shall return to the Lodge its full interest in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Trust Fund.

No Lodge shall be required to participate in a Life Membership Fund administered by the Grand Lodge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-13 and Resolution 13-11 be adopted, the modifications of Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* as enacted by both of these Resolutions shall be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-13 and one or both of Resolutions 12-04 and 12-07 be adopted, the modifications of Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* as enacted by any and all of these Resolutions shall be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-13 and any of Resolutions 12-04, 12-07 or 13-11 be adopted, the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized to arrange the provisions of Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* by paragraphs and subparagraphs, lettered and numbered as appropriate, as and to the extent that the committee shall determine.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35
s/ Alexander J. Teodoro, PM, No. 136
s/ Russell E. Charvonja, PM, No. 214
s/ M. William Holsinger, PM, No. 259
s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332
s/ Ray Schmalz, PM, No. 356
s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

Amendment to the Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

Glenn D. Woody and Russell E. Charvonja are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-14: CORRECTS OMISSIONS FROM RESOLUTION 11-06

The proponents of this Resolution seek to correct certain omissions from Resolution 11-06 which provided for Stated Meetings in a Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons.

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

WHEREAS, there is no longer a need for reprimands of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons to be given at a Special Meeting when they may attend Stated Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of Resolution 11-06 made it impossible to have a closed Lodge installation with the Private Grand Honors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 807.010 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§807.010. SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Except as provided in Section 807.020 of this Code, a Lodge may hold such Special Meetings in addition to its Stated Meeting on such dates and at such times as it determines or the Master shall direct. No Special Meeting shall be held on the same day as a Stated Meeting. A postponed Stated Meeting shall not be considered to be a Special Meeting.

Only the following business may be conducted at a Special Meeting:

- A. Collections or appropriations for charity;
- B. Examining a candidate in the Candidate's Lecture of any degree;
- C. Conferring of degrees;
- D. Funeral service;
- E. Installation;
- F. Electing a representative to the Annual or a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge; or
- ~~G. Delivering the penalty of a reprimand to an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft as provided in Part 14; or~~
- G. After dispensation from the Grand Master:
 - 1. Balloting for and conferring the degrees upon an applicant without reference to a committee, or
 - 2. Receiving and acting upon the application of a rejected applicant within less than 12 months after the date of his rejection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 807.020 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§807.020. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO MEETINGS.

- A. Sunday Meetings. No Stated or Special Meetings of a Lodge shall be held on Sunday except for the annual Installation of Officers or funeral services. If the Stated Meeting of a lunar Lodge falls on a Sunday, the Stated Meeting shall be held on the following day.
- B. Work to be Done in Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons. All business, except examinations in the Candidate's Lecture of the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees, the conferring of the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees, and the consideration of relief of a worthy Mason, shall be done in a Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons. At the option of the retiring Master, the Lodge may be opened either on the First Degree or on the Third Degree for the purpose of installing officers. A Lodge of Master Masons may be called down for examinations in the Candidate's Lecture of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. A Lodge of Fellow Craft Masons may be called down for examinations in the Candidate's Lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree.
- C. Quorum. A Lodge shall not be opened, nor shall any work be done or business transacted, except by, or in the presence of, and under the continual direction of the Master, the ranking Warden, the Grand Master or the Grand Master's designated

representative. No Lodge shall transact any business with fewer than five members of the Lodge present except the conferring of degrees. The Tiler is present while he is at his post in the Tiler's room.

- D. Presence of Charter. No meeting shall be conducted by a Lodge unless the Charter of the Lodge is present. A photocopy of the Charter may be made under the direction of the Grand Secretary at the request and expense of the Lodge. The Grand Secretary shall attach thereto a certificate with the seal of Grand Lodge affixed that the copy is a true copy of the Lodge's Charter. The copy may be used by the Lodge instead of the original Charter at any time.
- E. Presence of Flag. The Flag of our country shall be displayed at all meetings of a Lodge. At the annual election of officers, and at such other meetings as may be deemed desirable by the Master, the Flag shall be formally presented at the Altar and received in the manner prescribed in the Ritual. The Altar of a Lodge shall not be decorated with any flag.
- F. No Smoking. Smoking is forbidden in the Lodge room at all times when the Lodge is in session.
- G. No Adjourned Meetings. There shall be no adjourned meeting. Each meeting of a Lodge must be closed when the business proposed for transaction has been concluded, but in no event later than the close of the day on which it was opened.
- H. Good Standing Requirement. No member may make a motion, second a motion, speak on a motion, vote on a motion, recommend anyone for membership or ballot on membership at a Lodge meeting unless he is then a member in good standing of that Lodge. He must present a current dues receipt to the Tiler to demonstrate that he is a member of the Lodge in good standing or be verified by the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary or Assistant Secretary as a member of the Lodge in good standing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 1404.630 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.630. NOTIFICATION OF VERDICT AND IMPOSITION OF ANY PENALTY.

The Grand Secretary shall notify the Accused of the findings and the penalty, if any, fixed at trial, by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the Accused's last known address as shown in the Grand Lodge's records. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Accuser and the Accused's Lodge of these results. If the Accused is a member of more than one Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall provide notification of these results to every Lodge of which the Accused is a member, as shown in Grand Lodge's records.

At the next Stated Meeting of each Constituent Lodge receiving the Grand Secretary's notification, the Master shall announce the Trial Master's findings and the penalty, if any, fixed. The Master shall admonish the members present that the name of the Accused, any charge or evidence against him, the Trial Master's findings and the penalty imposed may not be disclosed, either directly or indirectly, to any person not otherwise entitled to the same. The Secretary shall record in the minutes of the meeting the Trial Master's findings and the penalty fixed.

If the penalty includes suspension or expulsion, it shall be effective immediately upon the Grand Secretary's receipt of the written report fixing the penalty. The notice to the Accused shall include an explanation of his status as a suspended or an expelled Mason.

If the penalty is reprimand, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused, ~~if a Master Mason,~~ to appear at a Stated Meeting of any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master of which the Accused is a member. If the Accused is not a member of a Constituent Lodge, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused to appear at a Stated Meeting of any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master. ~~If the penalty is reprimand and the Accused is an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused to appear at a Special Meeting of the Accused's Lodge, if a Constituent Lodge, and if not a Constituent Lodge, then any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master.~~ The Trial Master or his designee shall deliver the reprimand.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Kenneth G. Nagel, PM, No. 299
s/ Allan L. Casalou, PM, No. 480
s/ James E Banta, PM, No. 247

Amendment to the Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
Kenneth G. Nagel and Allan L. Casalou are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-15: CLEANS UP AND CLARIFIES PORTIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

The proponents of this Resolution seek to clean up and clarify portions of the California Masonic Code.

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

WHEREAS, Fourth Edition of the California Masonic Code became effective at the close of the 2006 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on October 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, since then, users of the Fourth Edition have identified a number of places where the language of the Fourth Edition should be cleaned-up or clarified; and

WHEREAS, this resolution addresses those places found since the adoption of Resolution 12-12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 804.530 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§804.530. OBJECTION BY A MEMBER AFTER INITIATION.

If objection to advancement is made by any Mason member of the Lodge after the candidate's initiation, before being raised, the cause for the objection must be stated. If no cause is stated, the Master may disregard the objection and proceed to confer the remaining degree or degrees. If the cause seems insufficient to the Master, he shall relate the matter to the Lodge at its next Stated Meeting, and the Lodge shall then decide, by majority vote, whether or not further investigation shall be made. If the objection seems to the Master to be sufficient or to merit investigation, or if the Lodge shall so decide, the Master shall:

- A. Appoint a committee to inquire into the cause of the objection;
- B. Fix the time and place for its meeting;
- C. Have the objector and the applicant notified thereof; and
- D. Have Masons whose statements seem necessary or proper summoned to appear.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 804.560 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§804.560. OBJECTION BY A NON-MEMBER.

A Lodge must give immediate attention to a proper objection made by another Lodge, a Mason of ~~another~~ any Lodge or a non-Mason to the election for the degrees, initiation or advancement of an applicant or candidate. The Master should appoint a committee to investigate and report on the validity of the objection. If the committee determines that the objection is proper and valid, proceedings should be taken as provided for elsewhere in this Article as if the objection had been made by a member of the Lodge. If the committee determines that the objection is not proper and valid, no further action is required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 804.860 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§804.860. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF AND PROHIBITIONS ON ENTERED APPRENTICES AND FELLOW CRAFTS.

An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft may sit in the Lodge in which he has received the degree or degrees, or in a Lodge with which he has affiliated, when open in a degree taken by him, while he conducts himself with due order and propriety. He may speak but may not vote on any matter coming before the Lodge. He may advance after satisfactorily passing a strict examination in a tiled Lodge. He may visit another Lodge working in a degree taken by him, with the consent of the Master of his Lodge and the consent of the Master of the Lodge visited, if accompanied by a Master Mason who has sat with him in a tiled Lodge and vouches for him.

He may be buried with Masonic honors upon the request of his family, unless he was a demitted, withdrawn, suspended or expelled Mason at the time of his death. Neither he nor his widows or orphans are entitled to relief from the Lodge.

He shall not exercise any control over Lodge funds for charity or for other purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 805.230 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§805.230. DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- A. Record all proceedings at each meeting proper to be written, under the direction of the Master, and to transcribe the same in a minute book to be kept for that purpose, and at the next Stated Meeting to read the minutes to the Lodge and, after they are approved, to present them to the Master for his signature. After approval no change may be made except by appropriate motion properly recorded;
- B. Present to the Lodge at each August Stated Meeting, a statement of income and expenditures, assets and liabilities, on a form promulgated by the Grand Master, for the six months ended on the preceding June 30th, and at each February Stated Meeting a similar statement for the 12 months ended on the preceding December 31st. The Secretary shall submit a copy of this 12 month statement to the Inspector of the district to which the Lodge is assigned and to the Grand Master on or before the following March 15th;
- C. Prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or of any part thereof, to Grand Lodge, when required;
- D. Receive all monies due the Lodge, and pay the same monthly or more frequently as necessary, to the Treasurer; or shall deposit the same not less frequently than monthly to the credit of the Treasurer of the Lodge, in some bank or trust company designated by the Lodge, taking duplicate deposit tags or receipts therefor, one to be immediately delivered to the Treasurer, the other to be kept by the Secretary as a voucher;
- E. Keep the seal of the Lodge and affix it with his attestation to all papers issued under its authority or in obedience to all the requirements of this Code;
- F. Transmit a Certificate of Election, accompanied by a copy of the dispensation, if required, when the election is held at a time other than that prescribed, to the Grand Secretary, immediately after each election in the Lodge;
- G. Transmit reports to the Grand Secretary in such form and with such frequency as the Grand Secretary shall determine, but in no event more frequently than monthly nor less frequently than annually;
- H. Transmit with the annual report to the Grand Secretary the number of life members, the amount of the fund thus created, and the manner in which the fund is invested;
- I. Transmit with the annual returns to the Grand Secretary the names, dates of initiation, passing and raising, and the dates of death of all permanent members of Grand Lodge;
- J. Report all rejections for the degrees, demits, withdrawals, expulsions, suspensions, and restorations to the Grand Secretary, immediately after their occurrence, in the forms provided;
- K. Promptly notify an applicant who is not elected in writing of his rejection, and refund all those fees and contributions paid which are refundable under this Code;
- L. Send the required notification to those Masons of the Lodge who are delinquent in their dues and notify all Masons of the Lodge at least annually of the consequences of not being in good standing;
- M. Keep, in such form as may be provided, the following books of the Lodge;
 - 1. A minute book, in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge proper to be written of all Stated and Special Meetings;
 - 2. A book of Bylaws, for the signatures of the members in the order of their admission, in which he shall see that each member signs his name in full, or if such member cannot sign his full name, then his mark attested to by two members of the Lodge other than the Secretary. All entries shall be in ink or other permanent writing;
 - 3. A roll book, in which he shall record, upon pages alphabetically arranged, the:
 - a. Full name or names of all members of the Lodge;
 - b. Dates of their initiation, passing, raising, or affiliation;

- c. Name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated last were members;
 - d. Age and occupation of each when received; and
 - e. Dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration;
4. A register, to be kept in the Tiler's room, in which all ~~members~~ Masons of the Lodge and all ~~visitors~~ visiting Masons of other Lodges shall record their names, and the names, numbers, and locations of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge. All entries shall be in ink or other permanent writing; and
5. A set of such account books as may be necessary to present clearly:
- a. The account of each member with the Lodge;
 - b. The receipts of the Secretary which provide a clear and permanent record of all monies received and from whom received with accounts outstanding, if any;
 - c. His payments to the Treasurer;
- N. Preserve the *California Masonic Code* which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed proceedings; and
- O. Perform such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the Bylaws of the Lodge or this Code may require or the Lodge may direct.

The Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may direct.

All Lodge records more than 5 years old may be copied in permanent, retrievable electronic format and the originals thereof may then be discarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 809.110 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§809.110. POWER AND CONTROL OVER LODGE ASSETS.

A Lodge must retain control of and hold title to keep all monies, property and other assets of the Lodge with the power to acquire, mortgage, sell and convey property and to invest and reinvest its funds, except as follows:

- A. A Lodge may create a Trust and elect a minimum of three and a maximum of seven designated members of the Lodge to serve as trustees who shall hold, manage and distribute those Lodges assets delivered to them in trust, as follows:
 - 1. Title to all assets to be held as part of the Trust Estate shall be in the name of the Lodge or a nominee for the benefit of the Lodge, as provided in this section;
 - 2. All net income earned shall be reinvested as part of the Trust Estate;
 - 3. The Trust Estate or any portion of it shall be distributed from time to time only as the Lodge may direct;
 - 4. The Trustees shall have the power to acquire, mortgage, sell and convey property comprising the Trust Estate and shall have the power to invest and reinvest the Trust Estate, if done strictly in accordance with Section 809.130 of this Code and other investment guidelines established from time to time by the Lodge;
 - 5. The term of office of a Trustee shall be a minimum of three and a maximum of five years, and the terms shall be staggered so that the terms of office of no more than two Trustees shall expire in the same year. A Trustee who has served as such for two consecutive terms shall not be eligible for election as a Trustee until the lapse of one year. The terms of office of Trustees shall expire at the November Stated Meeting, at which Trustees shall be elected to succeed those Trustees whose terms of office have then expired. Trustees in office may be removed at any time. Any vacancy in a Trustee's position may be filled by the Lodge. No member may be elected or continue in office as a Trustee if he acts as trustee under any other trust agreement by the terms of which the Lodge has a present or future interest, whether direct or indirect;
 - 6. This Trust may be revoked at any time by the Lodge;

7. The Trustees shall act by majority vote;
 8. The Trustees shall keep books in which all financial transactions of the trust are correctly and plainly set forth. They shall render complete written statements of receipts and disbursements made by them, with vouchers, semiannually at the stated meeting of the Lodge in August and February in each year;
 9. The Trustees shall serve without compensation and without bond;
 10. The Trustees shall at all times be governed by all pertinent provisions of the *California Masonic Code* and, where such Code is silent, by the laws of the State of California; and
 11. The Lodge shall exercise its rights under this Trust pursuant to the authorization of a majority of the members of the Lodge present at any duly called meeting of the Lodge at which a quorum is present, such authorization to be conclusively presumed by written instruments, executed by the Worshipful Master or Secretary of the Lodge;
- B. All Lodge's investments (other than cash, cash equivalents, checking accounts, savings accounts, ~~and~~ certificates of deposit and shares of stock or memberships in a Masonic Hall Association) not administered by trustees as provided in paragraph A above shall be administered by an investment committee appointed by the Master. Title to all assets to be administered by the Lodge investment committee shall be in the name of the Lodge or a nominee for the benefit of the Lodge, as provided in this section. The Lodge investment committee shall have the power to invest and reinvest the assets to be administered by it, if done strictly in accordance with Section 809.130 of this Code and other investment guidelines established from time to time by the Lodge. The foregoing notwithstanding, a Lodge may, at its option, retain Grand Lodge to invest and administer its Life Membership Fund on behalf of the Lodge, as provided in Section 809.150;
- C. Lodge assets may be held in the name of a nominee or in the name of a custodian nominee as the depository for such securities or in the name of the Lodge in bank or trust company safe deposit vaults, all as selected by the Lodge. A nominee shall always be a bank or trust company chartered by the United States of America or the State of California or a securities brokerage firm covered by Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC); and
- D. A Chartered Lodge may, after receiving consent from the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Properties, cause the incorporation of a Masonic Hall Association for the purpose of purchasing, erecting or maintaining and holding title to real estate for a building for Lodge uses and purposes and invest Lodge assets in such corporation. A Lodge or Lodges may hold shares of stock or memberships in such corporation. Space in such building may be rented for commercial and other uses consistent with the purposes of the Lodge or the corporation and not in violation of this Code.

A Lodge shall not incorporate itself. A Lodge shall not establish or form a foundation, trust, corporation or other entity separate from the Lodge with power to receive, hold, administer, invest or reinvest Lodge assets, except as otherwise provided in this section.

A Lodge shall not sell any Lodge assets for less than their fair market value.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ R. Stephen Doan, PM, No. 369
s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35
s/ Jeffrey L. Bear, PM, No. 520

Amendment to the Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

R. Stephen Doan and Jack R. Levitt are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-16: MODIFIES MASONIC TRIAL PROCEDURES

The proponents of this Resolution seek to modify some of the procedures applicable to trials of individual Masons to provide notification to the Master and Inspector of the accused's lodge, witness segregation, commissioner impartiality and verdict affirmation.

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

WHEREAS, the trial procedures were substantially rewritten as a result of the adoption of Grand Master Nagel's Recommendation No. 3 in 2010; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of these changes, improvements and clarifications in the trial procedures have been identified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 1404.310 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.310. PRESENTATION OF CHARGES.

Any charge of unmasonic conduct shall be presented to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall provide the Grand Master and the Committee on Jurisprudence with a copy upon receipt. The Grand Secretary shall notify the Accused, the Master of the Accused's Lodge and the Inspector assigned to the Accused's Lodge of the filing of each such charge. If the Accused is a member of more than one Lodge, the notification shall be given to the Master of every Lodge of which the Accused is a member, as shown in Grand Lodge's records, and the Inspector assigned to each such Lodge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 1404.315 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.315. REVIEW OF THE CHARGES BY THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence shall review all charges and specifications received by the Grand Secretary, strike out those portions of any charge which are not supported by a clear and precise specification of unmasonic conduct and revise those portions of any charge which are incorrect, ambiguous or insufficient, based on the specifications. The committee may work with the Accuser during its review. The committee shall append to the charge or charges a statement setting forth the portion or portions of Section 1401.010 under which each charge is being brought and every essential factual element of the unmasonic conduct specified which must be proven at trial in order for the Accused to be found guilty of that specification. After its review, the Committee on Jurisprudence shall provide the Grand Secretary with the charge or charges as they may have been revised by the committee. The Grand Secretary shall provide the Grand Master with a copy of the charge or charges as revised by the committee upon receipt.

If in the judgment of the Committee on Jurisprudence all of the facts set forth in any of the charges and specifications, if true, would not warrant a verdict of unmasonic conduct, then any such charge shall be dismissed by it and the committee shall so advise the Grand Secretary. Such a dismissal shall not prevent any subsequent filing of a charge with more evidence. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall prepare a written report on its action and file it with the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall provide the Grand Master with a copy upon receipt. The Grand Secretary shall notify the Accuser and the Accused of the action taken, as well as the Accused's Lodge and the Inspector assigned to the Accused's Lodge. If the Accused is a member of more than one Lodge, the notification shall be given to every Lodge of which the Accused is a member, as shown in Grand Lodge's records, and the Inspector assigned to each such Lodge. The Grand Master may at his discretion appoint one or more Master Masons to mediate any dispute giving rise to the filing of any dismissed charges of unmasonic conduct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 1404.320 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.320. TRIAL MASTER'S APPOINTMENT.

Upon being advised by the Grand Secretary that the Committee on Jurisprudence has completed its review and provided the Grand Secretary with the pending charge or charges as they may have been revised by the committee, the Grand Master (or his authorized designee) shall appoint a Trial Master and refer each such charge to him.

The Trial Master shall be appointed from a list maintained by the Committee on Trial Review of qualified Master Masons, each of whom then is and has been for a period of not less than five years a member in good standing of a Constituent Lodge and who is skilled in Masonic Law. A member of the Accused's Lodge or of any other Lodge of which the Accused is a member is disqualified to serve as the Trial Master. A Master Mason who cannot fairly try the matter, or who is a potential witness, is disqualified to serve as Trial Master with respect to any such matter.

Upon being advised of the appointment, the Grand Secretary shall send a notification of the Trial Master's appointment, together with each such charge as he has received them from the Committee on Jurisprudence, to the Trial Master, to the Accuser, ~~and~~ to the Accused's Lodge and to the Inspector assigned to the Accused's Lodge. If the Accused is a member of more than one Lodge, the notification and charges shall be given to every Lodge of which the Accused is a member, as shown in Grand Lodge's records, and the Inspector assigned to each such Lodge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 1404.410 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.410. PROCEDURE IF THE ACCUSED FAILS TO PLEAD.

If the Accused fails, within 30 days as required, to file a statement in writing containing a plea of guilty, not guilty or no contest, the Trial Master shall, without further notice to the Accused:

- A. Personally make a complete investigation, including, but not limited to, a review of documents and interviews to gather relevant information as to guilt or innocence of the Accused and the penalty, if guilty;
- B. Determine whether the charge and specifications are true;
- C. Cause the facts relating thereto to be reduced to writing;
- D. Make a finding as to the guilt or innocence of the Accused; and
- E. If the Trial Master makes a finding of guilty, fix the penalty under Section 1404.620 of this Code. No other penalty may be imposed.

The Trial Master shall prepare a written report of his investigation, the verdict and the penalty fixed, if any, including the facts upon which he relied in fixing the penalty. The Trial Master shall sign the written report and provide a signed copy to the Grand Secretary. The Trial Master shall cause his signed written report to be made a part of the trial record.

The Grand Secretary shall notify the Accused of the findings and the penalty, if any, fixed by the Trial Master, by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the Accused's last known address as shown in the Grand Lodge's records. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Accuser, ~~and~~ the Accused's Lodge and the Inspector assigned to such Lodge of these results. If the Accused is a member of more than one Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall provide notification of these results to every Lodge of which the Accused is a member, as shown in Grand Lodge's records, and the Inspector assigned to each such Lodge.

At the next Stated Meeting of each Constituent Lodge receiving the Grand Secretary's notification, the Master shall announce the Trial Master's findings and the penalty, if any, fixed. The Master shall admonish the members present that the name of the Accused, any charge or evidence against him, the Trial Master's findings and the penalty imposed may not be disclosed, either directly or indirectly, to any person not otherwise entitled to the same. The Secretary shall record in the minutes of the meeting the Trial Master's findings and the penalty fixed.

If the penalty includes suspension or expulsion, it shall be effective immediately upon the Grand Secretary's receipt of the Trial Master's written report fixing the penalty. The notice to the Accused shall include an explanation of his status as a suspended or an expelled Mason.

If the penalty is reprimand, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused, if a Master Mason, to appear at a Stated Meeting of any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master of which the Accused is a member. If the Accused is not a member of a Constituent Lodge, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused to appear at a Stated Meeting of any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master. If the penalty is reprimand and the Accused is an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused to appear at a Special Meeting of the Accused's Lodge, if a Constituent Lodge, and if not a Constituent Lodge, then any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master. The Trial Master or his designee shall deliver the reprimand.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 1404.420 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.420. PROCEDURE IF THE ACCUSED PLEADS GUILTY OR NO CONTEST.

If the Accused files, within 30 days as required, a statement in writing containing a plea of guilty or no contest, the Trial Master shall, without further notice to the Accused:

- A. Personally make a complete investigation, including, but not limited to, a review of documents and interviews to gather relevant information as to guilt or innocence of the Accused and the penalty, if guilty;
- B. Determine whether the charge and specifications are true;
- C. Cause the facts relating thereto to be reduced to writing;
- D. Make a finding as to the guilt or innocence of the Accused; and

- E. If the Trial Master makes a finding of guilty, fix the penalty under Section 1404.620 of this Code. No other penalty may be imposed.

The Trial Master shall prepare a written report of his investigation, the verdict and the penalty fixed, if any, including the facts upon which he relied in fixing the penalty. The Trial Master shall sign the written report and provide a signed copy to the Grand Secretary. The Trial Master shall cause his signed written report to be made a part of the trial record.

The Grand Secretary shall notify the Accused of the findings and the penalty, if any, fixed by the Trial Master, by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the Accused's last known address as shown in the Grand Lodge's records. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Accuser, ~~and the Accused's Lodge~~ and the Inspector assigned to such Lodge of these results. If the Accused is a member of more than one Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall provide notification of these results to every Lodge of which the Accused is a member, as shown in Grand Lodge's records, and the Inspector assigned to each such Lodge.

At the next Stated Meeting of each Constituent Lodge receiving the Grand Secretary's notification, the Master shall announce the Trial Master's findings and the penalty, if any, fixed. The Master shall admonish the members present that the name of the Accused, any charge or evidence against him, the Trial Master's findings and the penalty imposed may not be disclosed, either directly or indirectly, to any person not otherwise entitled to the same. The Secretary shall record in the minutes of the meeting the Trial Master's findings and the penalty fixed.

If the penalty includes suspension or expulsion, it shall be effective immediately upon the Grand Secretary's receipt of the Trial Master's written report fixing the penalty. The notice to the Accused shall include an explanation of his status as a suspended or an expelled Mason.

If the penalty is reprimand, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused, if a Master Mason, to appear at a Stated Meeting of any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master of which the Accused is a member. If the Accused is not a member of a Constituent Lodge, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused to appear at a Stated Meeting of any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master. If the penalty is reprimand and the Accused is an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused to appear at a Special Meeting of the Accused's Lodge, if a Constituent Lodge, and if not a Constituent Lodge, then any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master. The Trial Master or his designee shall deliver the reprimand.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 1404.430 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.430. PROCEDURE IF THE ACCUSED PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

If the Accused files, within 30 days as required, a statement in writing containing a plea of not guilty, the Trial Master shall proceed as follows:

- A. If the Accused has requested, in writing, that the trial be held before the Trial Master sitting with Commissioners, the Trial Master shall notify the Grand Master (or his authorized designee) that the trial shall be held before Commissioners, whereupon the Grand Master (or his authorized designee) shall promptly appoint as Commissioners for the trial two, four or six disinterested Master Masons in good standing, each of whom resides in this Jurisdiction and has been a member in good standing of a Constituent Lodge for not less than five years. No Commissioner may be appointed from ~~the Accused's Lodge or from any other Lodge of which either the Accuser or the Accused is a member~~. The Grand Secretary shall notify the Trial Master and the Commissioners of these appointments, whereupon the Trial Master shall proceed to trial as provided in Section 1404.510 of this Code; and
- B. In all other cases, the Trial Master shall proceed to trial as provided in Section 1404.510 of this Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 1404.525 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.525. DISQUALIFICATION OF COMMISSIONERS AND VACANCIES.

Objections may be made to any Commissioner at or before the Pre-Trial Conference, and the reasons for objection must be stated at the time thereof. No person who acted as a witness or Commissioner at a prior trial of the Accused may act as a Commissioner. The Trial Master shall decide and rule upon the validity of all objections. One who cannot fairly try the matter may not act as a Commissioner.

A Commissioner is automatically removed if he fails to attend on the date appointed by the Trial Master, or if he fails to attend on any adjourned date.

Any vacancy among the Commissioners, because of an objection, failure to attend, resignation or otherwise, may be filled by the Trial Master with a disinterested Master Mason in good standing who resides in this Jurisdiction and has been a member in good standing of Constituent Lodge for not less than five years. There shall not at any time be any fewer than two Commissioners, regardless of the number of Commissioners originally appointed. No Commissioner may be appointed by the Trial Master from ~~the Accused's Lodge or from any other Lodge of which either the Accuser or the Accused is a member~~. If a vacancy occurs after the start of the first evidentiary hearing in the trial, then the vacancy may only be filled by a Master Mason who has been present during all evidentiary hearings before his appointment or all evidence introduced before his appointment must be introduced again.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 1404.530 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.530. TRIAL PROCEDURES, GENERALLY.

- A. The Trial Master shall ensure that the trial is conducted in all respects in accordance with this Code and with due order and propriety.
- B. The Trial Master or A a disinterested Master Mason, appointed for the purpose by and acting under the supervision of the Trial Master, shall keep a full record of the trial proceedings and the verdict, under the supervision of the Trial Master. An electronic recording of the testimony and other proceedings at the trial, properly monitored and certified, may be used in place of a written record. The testimony and other proceedings at the trial shall be electronically recorded or shall be recorded and transcribed by a certified shorthand reporter who is a Master Mason. The written record shall include the names of those called to testify and the ~~The~~ originals or copies of the documentary testimony, including answers to interrogatories, depositions and affidavits, ~~shall also be made part of the record~~ marked for identification and identified as to whether each was received as evidence.
- C. There shall be no communication, direct or indirect, by the Accuser, the Accused and/or their respective counsel with any Commissioner regarding the merits of any issue in the proceeding, except at a trial hearing. Neither the Accuser, the Accused nor their respective counsel shall communicate with the Trial Master on any matter other than procedure and practice without notification to and an opportunity for all of the Accuser, the Accused and their respective counsel to participate in the communication.
- D. The Trial Master may adjourn a trial at any time to a specified time for his convenience or for the convenience of any or all of the Commissioners, or for sufficient cause shown by the Accuser or the Accused. A reasonable continuance should be allowed the Accuser or Accused for good cause shown. The trial shall be concluded within 30 days of its scheduled start unless the Trial Master grants further time for good reason.
- E. When the charge is for an offense that is the subject of proceedings in court or a pending appeal, the Masonic trial may, in the discretion of the Trial Master, be deferred until such court proceedings are concluded.
- F. Any Master Mason in good standing may be present at all times at a Masonic trial. However, the Trial Master may, for good cause and in the interest of justice, exclude any Master Mason whose presence is not necessary to the actual conduct of the trial. Under no circumstances shall one who is not a Master Mason in good standing (other than the Accused) be permitted to be present at a Masonic trial, except for the limited purpose of testifying. Except for good cause shown, all each potential witnesses (whether or not Master Masons other than the Accused, the Accused, the counsel for each and such other Master Mason designated by the Accuser's counsel to assist in the presentation of the evidence and approved by the Trial Master) shall be excluded from the trial room until they testify he testifies.
- G. The Trial Master shall advise all in attendance at a Masonic trial of the requirements of Section 1401.030 of this Code regarding confidentiality.
- H. The Trial Master may, at any time before the matter is submitted for decision, allow amendments to any charge which will tend toward justice and shall afford the Accused sufficient time to gather and present evidence on the amended charges.
- I. At any time before a verdict is rendered, the Accused may change his plea of not guilty to one of guilty or no contest. The Trial Master shall then dismiss the Commissioners, if any, and proceed in the manner provided for in Section 1404.420 of this Code, as if a guilty or no contest plea had been originally entered by the Accused.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 1404.570 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.570. DISMISSAL.

If in the Trial Master's judgment all of the evidence introduced at trial, taken together, would not warrant a guilty verdict on a charge of un-masonic conduct, then he shall dismiss such charge. The trial record shall set forth the dismissal and the Trial Master's reasons for it. Such a dismissal shall not prevent any subsequent filing of the same or similar charge but with more evidence.

The Trial Master shall notify the Grand Secretary of such dismissal and the reasons for it. The Grand Secretary shall then notify the Accuser and the Accused of the action taken, as well as the Accused's Lodge and the Inspector assigned to such Lodge. If the Accused is a member of more than one Lodge, the notification shall be given to every Lodge of which the Accused is a member, as shown in Grand Lodge's records, and the Inspector assigned to each such Lodge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 1404.630 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.630. NOTIFICATION OF VERDICT AND IMPOSITION OF ANY PENALTY.

The Grand Secretary shall notify the Accused of the findings and the penalty, if any, fixed at trial, by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the Accused's last known address as shown in the Grand Lodge's records. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Accuser, ~~and~~ the Accused's Lodge and the Inspector assigned to such Lodge of these results. If the Accused is a member of more than one Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall provide notification of these results to every Lodge of which the Accused is a member, as shown in Grand Lodge's records, and the Inspector assigned to each such Lodge. The notification to the Accused shall include a copy of Section 1404.910 of this Code.

At the next Stated Meeting of each Constituent Lodge receiving the Grand Secretary's notification, the Master shall announce the Trial Master's findings and the penalty, if any, fixed. The Master shall admonish the members present that the name of the Accused, any charge or evidence against him, the Trial Master's findings and the penalty imposed may not be disclosed, either directly or indirectly, to any person not otherwise entitled to the same. The Secretary shall record in the minutes of the meeting the Trial Master's findings and the penalty fixed.

If the penalty includes suspension or expulsion, it shall be effective immediately upon the Grand Secretary's receipt of the written report fixing the penalty. The notice to the Accused shall include an explanation of his status as a suspended or an expelled Mason.

If the penalty is reprimand, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused, if a Master Mason, to appear at a Stated Meeting of any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master of which the Accused is a member. If the Accused is not a member of a Constituent Lodge, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused to appear at a Stated Meeting of any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master. If the penalty is reprimand and the Accused is an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, the Trial Master shall summon the Accused to appear at a Special Meeting of the Accused's Lodge, if a Constituent Lodge, and if not a Constituent Lodge, then any Constituent Lodge selected by the Trial Master. The Trial Master or his designee shall deliver the reprimand.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 1404.910 of the California Masonic Code be amended as marked:

§1404.910. GRAND LODGE REVIEW.

All trial records under Chapters 3 and 4 of this Part 14 shall be reviewed by Grand Lodge, as follows:

- A. All trial records received by the Grand Secretary under this chapter or under Chapter 3 of this part shall be forwarded by him to the Committee on Trial Review for review.
- B. If in the opinion of a majority of the members of the Committee on Trial Review a verdict of guilty and/or a penalty is not supported by substantial evidence, the Committee may postpone the effectiveness of the penalty pending Grand Lodge action on the trial record. The committee may take this act with or without a request from the Accused.
- BC. If either an Accused or Accuser desires to have any evidence considered that could not have been produced before the verdict was rendered, a written statement setting forth the substance of such evidence and explaining why it was not produced before the verdict was rendered may be filed with the Grand Secretary not later than 15 days prior to the commencement of the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Any arguments or representations which the Accused, the Accuser, or any other Mason desires to present must be in writing and filed with the Grand Secretary not later than 15 days prior to the commencement of the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.
- CD. The Committee on Trial Review shall examine each trial record together with such statements or arguments in writing, if any, as may be presented and shall report its recommendations at the next succeeding Annual Communication.

1. The Committee shall review the record to determine whether the verdict is supported by substantial evidence. All evidentiary conflicts and all legitimate and reasonable inferences that may be drawn from the trial record shall be in favor of sustaining the verdict. Where the evidence supports more than one inference, the Committee may not substitute its determination in place of the determinations made by the trier of fact. The Committee may recommend that the verdict be overturned only if the verdict is not supported by substantial evidence. If the Committee recommends that the verdict be overturned, it shall include in its report the specific facts contained in the trial record upon which it makes such recommendation.
2. Based on its review of the record, the Committee may recommend that the penalty be modified for good cause and in the interest of justice. If the Committee recommends that the penalty imposed should be modified in any respect, it shall include in its report the specific facts contained in the trial record upon which it makes such recommendation.

DE. After receipt of the report of the Committee on Trial Review, Grand Lodge may affirm, modify, or reverse the verdict and/or penalty, remand the matter to the Trial Master with instructions or make such other order as it deems proper. The Grand Secretary shall send a copy of the Grand Lodge action to the Trial Master as soon as possible. Without the consent of the Accused, Grand Lodge may not affirm the verdict and/or penalty until a period of forty-five days has elapsed since the Grand Secretary's notification to the Accused under Section 1404.630 of this Code.

EF. Pending Grand Lodge action on the trial record, no Lodge may take action upon the restoration of a Mason under penalty of suspension.

Respectfully submitted,
 s/ R. Stephen Doan, PM, No. 369
 s/ Jack M. Rose, PM, No. 428
 s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35

Amendment to the Ordinances.
 5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
 R. Stephen Doan and Jack M. Rose are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-17: ALLOWS ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFT MASONS TO VISIT LODGES UNDER THE SAME TERMS AS MASTER MASONS

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons to visit Lodges under the same terms as Master Masons.

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

WHEREAS, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons are now permitted to attend stated meetings of their lodges; and:

WHEREAS, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons are now required to pay dues to their lodges; and

WHEREAS, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons are increasingly encouraged to participate more fully in Freemasonry and in the life of their lodges; and:

WHEREAS, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons should be encouraged to visit other lodges to learn more about Freemasonry; and

WHEREAS, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons can only visit other lodges if accompanied by a Master Mason who has previously sat in lodge with them; and

WHEREAS, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons now have a dues receipt showing that they are in good standing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 804.860 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§804.860. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF AND PROHIBITIONS ON ENTERED APPRENTICES AND FELLOW CRAFTS.

An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft may sit in the Lodge in which he has received the degree or degrees when open in a degree taken by him, while he conducts himself with due order and propriety. He may speak but may not vote on any matter coming before

the Lodge. He may advance after satisfactorily passing a strict examination in a tiled Lodge. He may visit another Lodge working in a degree taken by him, ~~with the consent of the Master of his Lodge and the consent of the Master of the Lodge visited, if accompanied by a Master Mason who has sat with him in a tiled Lodge and vouches for him~~ under the same terms and conditions as set forth in Chapter 8 of Part 8 of this Code for Master Masons.

He may be buried with Masonic honors upon the request of his family, unless he was a demitted, withdrawn, suspended or expelled Mason at the time of his death. Neither he nor his widows or orphans are entitled to relief from the Lodge.

He shall not exercise any control over Lodge funds for charity or for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ John L. Cooper III, PM, No. 467
s/ William J. Miklos, PM, No. 35
s/ Russell E. Charvonia, PM, No. 214
s/ M. David Perry, PM, No. 93
s/ Ray Schmalz, PM, No. 356

Amendment to the Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
John L. Cooper III and William J. Miklos are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-18: ALLOWS LODGES TO SEND MINUTES TO MEMBERS BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow Lodges to send minutes to members by electronic mail.

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

WHEREAS, traditionally, Freemasonry has been a bastion of innovative learning and with the advent of the Internet, Tablets and Smartphones, Lodges in California may greatly benefit by providing minutes to their members in electronic form which allows for greater transparency and member inclusion; and

WHEREAS, lodges need active and involved members in order to be relevant; and

WHEREAS, lodges can use electronic minutes to reach more of their non-participating brethren which may enable greater participation; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to involve ALL members in lodge activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 805.230 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§805.230. DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- A. Record all proceedings at each meeting proper to be written, under the direction of the Master, and to transcribe the same in a minute book to be kept for that purpose, and at the next Stated Meeting to read the minutes to the Lodge and, after they are approved, to present them to the Master for his signature. After approval no change may be made except by appropriate motion properly recorded. If authorized by a standing resolution of the Lodge, the Secretary shall provide electronically all minutes of meetings of the Lodge to the electronic mail address of record for each Mason of the Lodge. Each such transmission shall include a reminder of the confidentiality requirements of Section 804.840 of this Code;
- B. Present to the Lodge at each August Stated Meeting, a statement of income and expenditures, assets and liabilities, on a form promulgated by the Grand Master, for the six months ended on the preceding June 30th, and at each February Stated Meeting a similar statement for the 12 months ended on the preceding December 31st. The Secretary shall submit a copy of this 12 month statement to the Inspector of the district to which the Lodge is assigned and to the Grand Master on or before the following March 15th;
- C. Prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or of any part thereof, to Grand Lodge, when required;

- D. Receive all monies due the Lodge, and pay the same monthly or more frequently as necessary, to the Treasurer; or shall deposit the same not less frequently than monthly to the credit of the Treasurer of the Lodge, in some bank or trust company designated by the Lodge, taking duplicate deposit tags or receipts therefor, one to be immediately delivered to the Treasurer, the other to be kept by the Secretary as a voucher;
- E. Keep the seal of the Lodge and affix it with his attestation to all papers issued under its authority or in obedience to all the requirements of this Code;
- F. Transmit a Certificate of Election, accompanied by a copy of the dispensation, if required, when the election is held at a time other than that prescribed, to the Grand Secretary, immediately after each election in the Lodge;
- G. Transmit reports to the Grand Secretary in such form and with such frequency as the Grand Secretary shall determine, but in no event more frequently than monthly nor less frequently than annually;
- H. Transmit with the annual report to the Grand Secretary the number of life members, the amount of the fund thus created, and the manner in which the fund is invested;
- I. Transmit with the annual returns to the Grand Secretary the names, dates of initiation, passing and raising, and the dates of death of all permanent members of Grand Lodge;
- J. Report all rejections for the degrees, demits, withdrawals, expulsions, suspensions, and restorations to the Grand Secretary, immediately after their occurrence, in the forms provided;
- K. Promptly notify an applicant who is not elected in writing of his rejection, and refund all those fees and contributions paid which are refundable under this Code;
- L. Send the required notification to those Masons of the Lodge who are delinquent in their dues and notify all Masons of the Lodge at least annually of the consequences of not being in good standing;
- M. Keep, in such form as may be provided, the following books of the Lodge:
 - 1. A minute book, in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge proper to be written of all Stated and Special Meetings;
 - 2. A book of Bylaws, for the signatures of the members in the order of their admission, in which he shall see that each member signs his name in full, or if such member cannot sign his full name, then his mark attested to by two members of the Lodge other than the Secretary. All entries shall be in ink or other permanent writing;
 - 3. A roll book, in which he shall record, upon pages alphabetically arranged, the:
 - a. Full name or names of all members of the Lodge;
 - b. Dates of their initiation, passing, raising, or affiliation;
 - c. Name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated last were members;
 - d. Age and occupation of each when received; and
 - e. Dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration;
 - 4. A register, to be kept in the Tiler's room, in which all members and all visitors shall record their names, and the names, numbers, and locations of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge. All entries shall be in ink or other permanent writing; and
 - 5. A set of such account books as may be necessary to present clearly:
 - a. The account of each member with the Lodge;
 - b. The receipts of the Secretary which provide a clear and permanent record of all monies received and from whom received with accounts outstanding, if any;

c. His payments to the Treasurer;

- N. Preserve the *California Masonic Code* which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed proceedings; and
- O. Perform such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the Bylaws of the Lodge or this Code may require or the Lodge may direct.

The Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may direct.

All Lodge records more than 5 years old may be copied in permanent, retrievable electronic format and the originals thereof may then be discarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 807.030 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§807.030. ORDER OF BUSINESS AT STATED MEETINGS.

The order of business at every Stated Meeting of the Lodge shall be as follows:

- A. Reading of the minutes;
- B. Reports of investigating committees;
- C. Balloting;
- D. Reception of applications;
- E. Miscellaneous and unfinished business; and
- F. Conferring of degrees.

If the minutes of a meeting have been distributed previously by electronic mail pursuant to a standing resolution of the Lodge, any member may move that the reading of those minutes be dispensed with and that they stand approved as so distributed. If such a motion has been duly seconded and approved by a unanimous vote of the members present, the minutes shall stand approved as so distributed.

All official communications from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary shall be read at the Stated Meeting next following their receipt, or at a time otherwise directed therein. No such communication shall be published unless specifically authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the *Monitor and Officers Manual* be amended as marked:

STATED MEETING

READING OF THE MINUTES

(No change until the following:)

If errors or omissions are reported and the minutes are corrected, use this language.

If there are no further errors or omissions, they will stand approved as corrected. (Pause) There being none, Brother Secretary, it is so ordered. *

If the minutes of a meeting have been distributed previously by electronic mail pursuant to a standing resolution of the Lodge, any member may move that the reading of those minutes be dispensed with and that they stand approved as so distributed. If such a motion has been duly seconded and approved by a unanimous vote of the members present, the minutes shall stand approved as so distributed.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ William J. Miklos, PM, No. 35
s/ James E. Banta, PM, No. 247
s/ Eric Hixson, PM, No. 20

s/ Mario Balbiani, PM, No. 58
s/ William Parker, PM, No. 173

Amendment to the Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
William J. Miklos and James E. Banta are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-19: MODIFIES THE PRIVATE GRAND HONORS FOR THE ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFT DEGREES

The proponents of this Resolution seek amend the Ritual relative to the delivery of private Grand Honors.

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

WHEREAS, *California Masonic Code* §405.020 requires a lodge to provide Grand Honors to the Inspector upon his official visit as the representative of the Grand Master in his District; and

WHEREAS, the *Monitor and Officers Manual* provides ritual relative to “private” Grand Honors that involves the due guard and signs of all three degrees given only to the Grand Master, the Inspector of the District on official visits, or to a Grand Lodge Officer making a visitation to a lodge by direction of, and representative of, the Grand Master; and

WHEREAS, the Inspector’s official visits are customarily conducted at a Stated Meeting; and

WHEREAS, §807.020 of our Code now requires Stated Meetings to be conducted in the First Degree where private Grand Honors would be inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, the ritual of the Installation Ceremony for private or closed ceremonies also allows private Grand Honors to be given to the newly-installed Master when the lodge had been previously opened in the 3rd Degree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Monitor and Officers Manual* be amended as marked:

RECEPTION OF A GRAND LODGE OFFICER

(No change until the following:)

The Marshal takes the left arm of the Grand Officer and conducts him to a position between the Deacons. As the Deacons interlace rods over the Grand Officer, the Master calls up the Lodge.

*** Together, Brethren.

LODGE OPENED ON THE THIRD DEGREE -

All go on the First Degree sign in unison. The Second Degree sign is given in unison as the Grand Officer approaches the Altar, and the last sign is given in unison with the Grand Officer at the Altar.

LODGE OPENED ON THE SECOND DEGREE -

All go on the First Degree sign in unison as the Grand Officer approaches the Altar, and the Second Degree sign is given in unison with the Grand Officer at the Altar.

LODGE OPENED ON THE FIRST DEGREE -

All go on the First Degree due guard in unison as the Grand Officer approaches the Altar, and the sign is given in unison with the Grand Officer at the Altar.

*Marshal - Worshipful Master, I have the honor to present the Most Worshipful,
Grand Master of Masons in California.*

The Master makes an address of welcome and then instructs the Marshal to conduct the Grand Officer to a seat in the East.

Brother Marshal, you will conduct the Grand Master to a seat in the East.

(No additional change until the following paragraph:)

The private Grand Honors are to be given only to the Grand Master, the Inspector of the District on official visits, or to a Grand Lodge Officer making a visitation to a lodge by direction of, and representative of, the Grand Master.

The private Grand Honors are the signs of the three degrees. Except as provided below, the private Grand Honors may only be given in a Lodge of Master Masons or in a Communication of the Grand Lodge, and then only to the Grand Master or Lodge Master at his installation, to a visiting Grand Master or his representative when received in a Communication of the Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Master or his representative when received in a Lodge of Master Masons upon his official visitation. If a Grand Master or his representative shall be received in a Lodge of Fellow Craft Masons upon his official visitation, the private Grand Honors shall be limited to the signs of the first two degrees. If a Grand Master or his representative shall be received in a Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons upon his official visitation, the private Grand Honors shall be limited to the sign of the first degree.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Jack M. Rose, PM, No. 428
s/ Wesley W. Daniels, PM, No. 57
s/ Bruce R. Galloway, PM, No. 254
s/ Jeffery M. Wilkins, PM, No. 218
s/ Ricky L. Lawler, PM, No. 635
s/ Lynn R. Wallingford, PM, No. 807
s/ Cline C. Jack, PM, No. 366
s/ Roy R. Pool, PM, No. 446
s/ Franklin R. Lee, PM, No. 314
s/ James A. Kurupas, PM, No. 407
s/ Douglas B. Eichen, PM, No. 273

Amendment to the Ritual.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
Jack M. Rose and Bruce R. Galloway are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-20: CREATES PROCEDURES TO AUTHORIZE CEMETERY INTERMENT

The proponents of this Resolution seek to clarify that the Charity Committee of the Lodge may authorize the use of a Lodge's cemetery property for the interment of an eligible Mason or family member.

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

- WHEREAS**, is the right of every eligible Mason to a Masonic memorial service; and
- WHEREAS**, it is the obligation of a Lodge to bury or inter an eligible Mason; and
- WHEREAS**, it is the obligation of a Lodge to pay for the necessary expenses of burial or interment of a deceased member's widow and orphans when financial circumstances require it; and
- WHEREAS**, a necessary part of burial or interment may require the utilization of cemetery property; and
- WHEREAS**, many Lodges own cemetery property; and
- WHEREAS**, it is sometimes impracticable to wait for a Lodge meeting to authorize use of Lodge cemetery property; and
- WHEREAS**, there should be a standard authority or committee outside of a Lodge meeting to authorize interment in cemetery property owned by the Lodge; and
- WHEREAS**, the Charity Committee of the Lodge is charged to act with discretion in the performance of its duties; and
- WHEREAS**, it should be within the authority of the Charity Committee – as an extension of its duties – to authorize the interment of eligible persons in cemetery property owned by the Lodge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 804.820 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§804.820. RIGHT TO BURIAL.

It is the right of every Mason, other than a demitted, withdrawn, suspended or expelled Mason, to a Masonic memorial service or ~~burial interment~~ with Masonic honors. The foregoing notwithstanding, a demitted Master Mason has the right to a Masonic memorial service or ~~burial interment~~ with Masonic honors if he dies within a year after receiving a Demit.

It is the duty of the Lodge to ~~bury inter~~ an eligible Mason of that Lodge, wherever he may have died, and an eligible Mason of another Lodge in this or any other Jurisdiction who dies within the vicinity of the Lodge. If such deceased Mason's financial circumstances require it, the Lodge shall pay the necessary expenses of the ~~burial interment~~, even if the deceased Mason's Lodge refuses to reimburse the Lodge for such expenses. The Lodge shall reimburse any other Lodge for the reasonable expenses incurred by it in suitably ~~burying interring~~ one of its deceased Masons. No Lodge shall fix in advance the amount to be paid for such ~~burial interment~~.

When financial circumstances require it, it is also the duty of the Lodge to pay all the necessary expenses of the ~~burial interment~~ for one of its deceased member's widow and orphans dependent upon her and to reimburse any other Lodge for the reasonable expenses incurred by it in suitably ~~burying interring~~ them. No Lodge shall fix in advance the amount to be paid for such ~~burial interment~~.

When financial circumstances require the Lodge to pay the necessary expenses of interment, the Charity Committee may, in its discretion, authorize the interment of the decedent in any cemetery property owned by the Lodge. Additionally, when financial circumstances require it, the Charity Committee may, in its discretion, authorize the interment of the deceased spouse, widow, child, orphan, parent or sibling of a living or deceased Mason of the Lodge in any cemetery property owned by the Lodge. The Charity Committee shall provide a written report to the Secretary of the Lodge to authorize any such interment, signed by a majority of the members of the Charity Committee, upon receipt of which the Lodge Secretary shall execute as the agent of the Lodge any documentation required of the Lodge for the interment.

The Charity Committee shall provide a written report to the Lodge of any and all of their actions under this section, signed by a majority of the members of the Charity Committee. Such report shall be presented by the Charity Committee at the next Stated Meeting of the Lodge and included with the minutes.

A Lodge may, in its discretion, conduct Masonic funeral or memorial services for a Mason of the Lodge suspended for non-payment of dues, if there is no other Masonic offense established against him, but it shall not pay the expenses of the ~~burial interment~~.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-20 be adopted, the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized to arrange the provisions of Section 804.820 of the *California Masonic Code* by paragraphs and subparagraphs, with or without headings, lettered and numbered as appropriate, as and to the extent that the committee shall determine.

- Respectfully submitted,
- s/ Robert E. Winter, PM, No. 8
- s/ Wesley W. Daniels, PM, No. 57
- s/ Frank Loui, PM, No. 120
- s/ Rodney L. Smiley, PM, No. 196
- s/ Russell E. Charvonia, PM, No. 214
- s/ Joshua G. Belk, PM, No. 222
- s/ Douglas J. Rader, PM, No. 256
- s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332
- s/ Roger C. Rider, PM, No. 341

Amendment to the Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
M. Shawn Donohugh and Joshua G. Belk are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-21: CREATES PROCEDURES TO AUTHORIZE FUNERAL EXPENSES

The proponents of this Resolution seek to clarify that the Charity Committee of the Lodge may authorize the payment of funeral expenses of an eligible Mason or family member.

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

WHEREAS, our laws currently require the Lodge to suitably bury or inter an eligible Mason; and

WHEREAS, our laws also currently require the Lodge to suitably bury or inter the widow or orphans of a Mason when financial circumstances require it; and

WHEREAS, our laws currently allow the Charity Committee to pay for the relief of a distressed worthy Mason and the wife, widow or orphan of a Master Mason; and

WHEREAS, sometimes the expense of suitably burying someone may be beyond the financial resources of a Mason or the wife, widow or orphan of a Master Mason; and

WHEREAS, a necessary part of suitably burying someone would reasonably include the necessary professional services of a funeral home, casket urn or cremation container, and necessary required cash advance items; and

WHEREAS, it is sometimes impracticable to wait for a Lodge meeting to authorize such expenditures; and

WHEREAS, there should be a standard authority or committee outside of a Lodge meeting to authorize such expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Charity Committee of the Lodge is charged to act with discretion in the performance of its duties; and

WHEREAS, it should be within the authority of the Charity Committee – as an extension of its duties – to authorize the payment of funeral expenses permitted under our law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 804.820 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§804.820. RIGHT TO BURIAL.

It is the right of every Mason, other than a demitted, withdrawn, suspended or expelled Mason, to a Masonic memorial service or ~~burial interment~~ with Masonic honors. The foregoing notwithstanding, a demitted Master Mason has the right to a Masonic memorial service or ~~burial interment~~ with Masonic honors if he dies within a year after receiving a Demit.

It is the duty of the Lodge to ~~bury inter~~ an eligible Mason of that Lodge, wherever he may have died, and an eligible Mason of another Lodge in this or any other Jurisdiction who dies within the vicinity of the Lodge. If such deceased Mason's financial circumstances require it, the Lodge shall pay the necessary expenses of the ~~burial interment~~, even if the deceased Mason's Lodge refuses to reimburse the Lodge for such expenses. The Lodge shall reimburse any other Lodge for the reasonable expenses incurred by it in suitably ~~burying interring~~ one of its deceased Masons. No Lodge shall fix in advance the amount to be paid for such ~~burial interment~~.

When financial circumstances require it, it is also the duty of the Lodge to pay all the necessary expenses of the ~~burial interment~~ for one of its deceased member's widow and orphans dependent upon her and to reimburse any other Lodge for the reasonable expenses incurred by it in suitably ~~burying interring~~ them. No Lodge shall fix in advance the amount to be paid for such ~~burial interment~~.

When financial circumstances require the Lodge to pay the necessary expenses of interment, the Charity Committee may draw upon the funds of the Lodge to pay only the necessary and required expenses for the interment of the decedent and then only in such amount as shall be determined appropriate in the discretion of the Charity Committee. Additionally, when financial circumstances require it, the Charity Committee may, in its discretion, pay only the necessary and required expenses for the interment of the deceased spouse, widow, child or orphan of a living or deceased Master Mason of the Lodge. These necessary and required interment expenses shall be limited to the basic itemized professional fees of a funeral home; the casket, urn or cremation container (and grave liner if required); a grave marker; and any additional necessary and required cash advance items. These interment expense payments are exempt from any expenditure limitations of this Code and any limitations in the standing resolution of the Lodge for charity expenditures. The Charity Committee shall provide a written report to the Secretary of the Lodge to authorize any such payments, signed by a majority of the members of the Charity Committee, upon receipt of which the Lodge Secretary shall execute as the agent of the Lodge any documentation required of the Lodge for a funeral and/or interment under these provisions.

The Charity Committee shall provide a written report to the Lodge of any and all of their actions under this section, signed by a majority of the members of the Charity Committee. Such report shall be presented by the Charity Committee at the next Stated Meeting of the Lodge and included with the minutes.

A Lodge may, in its discretion, conduct Masonic funeral or memorial services for a Mason of the Lodge suspended for non-payment of dues, if there is no other Masonic offense established against him, but it shall not pay the expenses of the ~~burial interment~~.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 806.000 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§806.000. COMMITTEES.

- A. The Master and Wardens shall be a Charity Committee, and shall have the power to draw upon the ~~Treasurer funds of the Lodge~~ funds of the Lodge for any sum, not exceeding \$100 at any one time (or such greater amount as the Lodge may from time to time provide by a standing resolution), for the relief of a distressed worthy Mason and the wife, widow or orphan of a Master Mason.
- B. The Master, at the Stated Meeting next succeeding his installation, shall appoint an Auditing Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts presented against the Lodge and the books and records of the Treasurer and Secretary. Neither the Treasurer nor Secretary may serve on the Audit Committee.
- C. The Master, at the Stated Meeting next succeeding his installation, shall appoint a Member Retention Committee to personally, or otherwise, interview each delinquent member, ascertain the cause, and work closely with the Master and officers in a continuing effort to effect the retention of all worthy brothers unable to pay.
- D. The Lodge may have such other committees as the Master or the Lodge may deem proper to appoint. All committees shall be appointed by the Master, unless the Lodge provides otherwise.
- E. All reports of committees shall be in writing.
- F. Only members of the Lodge in good standing may serve on a Lodge's committees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, should this Resolution 13-21 be adopted, the Committee on Jurisprudence be authorized to arrange the provisions of Section 804.820 of the *California Masonic Code* by paragraphs and subparagraphs, with or without headings, lettered and numbered as appropriate, as and to the extent that the committee shall determine.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Robert E. Winter, PM, No. 8, 187
s/ Wesley W. Daniels, PM, No. 57
s/ Frank Loui, PM, No. 120
s/ Rodney L. Smiley, PM, No. 196
s/ Russell E. Charvonia, PM, No. 214
s/ Joshua G. Belk, PM, No. 222
s/ Douglas J. Rader, PM, No. 256
s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332
s/ Roger C. Rider, PM, No. 341

Amendment to the Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
M. Shawn Donohugh and Joshua G. Belk are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-22: CREATES RULES GOVERNING CEMETERY PROPERTY

The proponents of this Resolution seek to establish procedures on how Lodges may purchase, acquire, own and sell cemetery property.

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

WHEREAS, it is a legitimate expense of the Lodge to purchase cemetery property for the use of suitably burying an eligible Mason and a deceased member's widow and orphans when financial circumstances require it; and

WHEREAS, a Lodge should not be able to speculate in the buying and selling of cemetery property; and

WHEREAS, many Lodges have cemetery property that may be, or has been, donated to the Lodge, but without an established system on how to handle such donations; and

WHEREAS, there are no current limitations or recommendations on what cemetery property a Lodge should own; and

WHEREAS, there are no established guidelines for how a Lodge might exercise its interment rights for cemetery property that it owns; and

WHEREAS, there are no established guidelines for how a Lodge might sell or dispose of cemetery property that it owns; and

WHEREAS, it would be desirable for the Grand Lodge to act as a clearing house to keep a record of cemetery property available for use by Masons of this Jurisdiction or Masons who may reside in this Jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 406.060 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§406.060. MASONIC PROPERTIES.

The Committee on Masonic Properties shall consist of not less than five nor more than twenty members. It shall examine and approve all details regarding any contract involving a Lodge, Masonic Hall Association, committee, partnership or corporation or other entity representing itself to be Masonic in character, or operating for the benefit of a Constituent Lodge or Constituent Lodges for:

- A. Any option or contract for the purchase of real property, except a contract or contracts for individual cemetery plots, crypts or niches located in a cemetery, cemetery parcel, columbarium or mausoleum with an annual expenditure limit of \$15,000 in aggregate;
- B. The encumbrance of real property;
- C. The lease of real property, as lessor or lessee, for more than three years;
- D. A contract for or commencement of the construction, alteration, improvement, replacement, repair, or maintenance of real property if the expected cost is in excess of \$25,000; and
- E. Any option or contract regarding the sale or listing for sale of real property.

The committee shall, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, establish rules and regulations governing the processing of applications for committee approval.

The committee shall review the reports of transactions of Masonic Hall Associations submitted to the Grand Secretary as provided in Section 900.050 of this Code and may give counsel and advise concerning the operation of those Masonic Hall Associations.

The committee shall also advise Lodges and the Grand Lodge on matters of taxation with respect to income, property, sales and employment taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 809.130 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.130. LODGE INVESTMENTS.

Exclusive of a Lodge investment in an incorporated Masonic Hall Association, Masonic cemetery property or any Lodge revolving funds, a Lodge may invest its funds only as provided in this section. The Lodge's investments allowed under this section (other than cash, cash equivalents, checking accounts, savings accounts and certificates of deposit) shall be administered either by an investment committee appointed by the Master or by trustees as provided in Section 809.110 of this Code. No investment committee or trustee administration shall be required for the Lodge's cash, cash equivalents, checking accounts, savings accounts or certificates of deposit.

Lodge funds shall be invested with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the Lodge, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims to accomplish the purposes of the Lodge.

Through the Lodge investment committee or trustees, the Lodge shall confer and counsel as to any proposed or contemplated investments under this section with a Registered Investment Advisor of its choice. A Lodge may freely choose to accept or reject any and all recommendations made to it by the Advisor. Alternatively, a Lodge may retain a Registered Investment Advisor operating as an investment manager who offers standardized portfolios through a managed investment account.

A Lodge may invest its assets, exclusive of Lodge Masonic property, Lodge Masonic Hall Association securities and Lodge revolving funds, as follows:

- A. At least 20% of the assets available for investment, as valued at the time of deposit or purchase, must be in:
 - 1. Cash or cash equivalents;

2. Accounts of depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, including but not limited to checking accounts, savings accounts and certificates of deposit;
 3. Obligations of the United States Government or obligations whose payment is pledged by the full faith and credit of the United States Government;
 4. Short-term evidences of indebtedness with a maturity of not greater than one year and whose issuer holds a credit quality of Prime A1, A2 or A3, as determined by a nationally-recognized credit rating organization, including but not limited to commercial paper, bankers acceptances, repurchase agreements, certificates of deposit and comparable securities; or
 5. Investment companies or investment trusts that invest in the above referenced financial instruments.
- B. Up to 80% of the assets available for investment, as valued at the time of deposit or purchase, may be invested in:
1. Evidences of indebtedness, preferred stock and common stocks which must be fully registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and whose issuers have a market capitalization of at least \$500 million; or
 2. Investment companies or investment trusts that invest in the above referenced financial institutions; or
 3. Such other prudent and appropriate investments as may be approved from time to time by the Grand Master after consultation with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Lodge Committee on Investments.

A Lodge shall not invest any of its funds in any manner or obligate itself in any way for the purpose of acquiring land or building a Masonic hall except upon compliance with the provisions of this Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a new Section 809.160 be added to the *California Masonic Code* to read as follows:

§809.160. MASONIC CEMETERY PROPERTY.

- A. A Lodge shall have the power to purchase, acquire, create and own cemetery property, as follows:
1. A Lodge shall retain exclusive control of all cemetery property owned by it. Title to all cemetery property owned by the Lodge shall be in the name of the Lodge and not in the name of any individual person or other nominee;
 2. A Lodge may not purchase any cemetery property once it holds aggregate interment rights equal to 2% of the then number of members of the Lodge, rounded up to the next whole number. Any purchase of cemetery property shall be subject to approval by the Committee on Masonic Properties once the aggregate expenditures for such purchases in any one calendar year exceeds \$15,000, as provided in Section 406.060 of this Code;
 3. At its option, a Lodge may receive donations of cemetery property, without limit, from its members or their families only. The Lodge may execute any appropriate documents required in connection with any such donation. The Charity Committee may authorize and pay any fees, or fraction thereof, associated with the transfer of title, provided that the sum does not exceed the limits of the Lodge's standing resolution for dispensing charity;
 4. A Lodge shall forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of the contract and title document by which it has acquired cemetery property, along with the number of available interment rights associated with such property, in a manner required by him; and
 5. If a Lodge creates additional interment rights on cemetery property owned by it, it shall forward to the Grand Secretary the number of any additional interment rights created.
- B. A Lodge shall have the power to use and to sell and convey, or otherwise dispose of, its cemetery property, as follows:
1. Lodge cemetery property may be used for interring an eligible Mason and a Mason's spouse, widow, child, orphan, parent or sibling when financial circumstances require it. Lodge cemetery property may not be used for any other purpose. Lodge cemetery property may be sold to a Mason or any other person in the discretion of the Lodge;
 2. Interment rights may be traded for other interment rights within the same cemetery property, if such a trade shall result in a net increase in interment rights;

3. Proceeds from the sale of any donated cemetery property occurring within five years of the date of its receipt shall be placed in a permanently restricted Lodge account and kept separate and apart from all other Lodge assets. The income and principal of such account shall be used exclusively for the benefit of Masonic charity, Masonic Youth Orders and charitable programs in the community;
4. Proceeds from the sale of any donated cemetery property occurring more than five years after the date of its receipt shall be placed among the general funds of the Lodge;
5. Proceeds from the sale of any other cemetery property owned by the Lodge shall be placed among the general funds of the Lodge; and
6. A Lodge that sells, conveys or uses for interment any cemetery property shall notify the Grand Secretary of such event, in a manner required by him. The Grand Secretary shall keep records of all cemetery property available for interment within this Jurisdiction in a manner determined by him.

C. For purposes of this Code, cemetery property shall mean an entire cemetery, a cemetery parcel, an exclusive section within a cemetery, and an individual cemetery plot, crypt, niche or other interment right. For purposes of this Code, cemetery property shall be considered real property.

Respectfully submitted,
 s/ Robert E. Winter, PM, No. 8
 s/ Wesley W. Daniels, PM, No. 57
 s/ Frank Loui, PM, No. 120
 s/ Rodney L. Smiley, PM, No. 196
 s/ Russell E. Charvonja, PM, No. 214
 s/ Joshua G. Belk, PM, No. 222
 s/ Douglas J. Rader, PM, No. 256
 s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332
 s/ Roger C. Rider, PM, No. 341

Amendment to the Ordinances.
 5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
 M. Shawn Donohugh and Joshua G. Belk are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-23: EXEMPTS VALLEY LODGE NO. 135 FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF MAJORITY HALL ASSOCIATION OWNERSHIP

The proponents of this Resolution seek to exempt Valley Lodge No. 135 from the requirement that it own its interest in its Masonic Hall through a corporation in which it has majority control.

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

WHEREAS, Valley Lodge No. 135 received its charter from the Grand Lodge of California, Free and Accepted Masons, in 1860 and Scio Lodge No. 102 was instituted by the Grand Lodge of California, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in 1861; and

WHEREAS, the community leaders who owned the real property upon which the original Lodge Hall was erected were members of both Scio Lodge No 102, I.O.O.F. and Valley Lodge No. 135, F.& A.M., a tradition which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, these community leaders directed their heirs to see that the Lodge Hall property in Linden, California was preserved for the use of the local fraternal organizations, in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, over time, many of these fraternal organizations ceased to exist, leaving only Scio Lodge No 102, I.O.O.F. and Valley Lodge No. 135, F.& A.M., as the co-owners of the property, which ownership relationship dates back to 1904; and

WHEREAS, when it became necessary to replace the antiquated Lodge Hall in the 1950s, our Trustees attempted to obtain controlling interest in the property, in order that Valley Lodge No. 135 might come into compliance with the existing statutes of the *California Masonic Code*; and

WHEREAS, neither of the two Lodges were able to come to an accord at that time, and our recent efforts to do so have met with no better success; and

WHEREAS, our Grand Secretary, the Very Worshipful Allan Casalou has informed us that our co-ownership relationship is unique in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Section 809.110 of the *California Masonic Code* stipulates that “A Lodge must retain control and hold title to all money, property and other assets of the Lodge ...”; and

WHEREAS, Section 809.140, Paragraph A, of the *California Masonic Code* further defines and limits Lodge Hall ownership to “... membership or shares in a Masonic Hall Association wherein a Lodge or Lodges collectively hold a majority of memberships or shares or a controlling interest by such investment”; and

WHEREAS, certain Lodges have been granted exemptions from various *California Masonic Code* statutes, for reasons of inclement weather, the use of foreign languages in their Degrees or the use of Holy Writings other than the Christian Bible; and

WHEREAS, Valley Lodge No. 135, F. & A. M. seeks to preserve a fraternal relationship that was initiated over 150 years ago and that continues harmoniously to the present, by “grandfathering” the equal, co-ownership relationship between Scio Lodge No. 102, I.O.O.F. and Valley Lodge No. 135, F. & A. M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, any provision of the *California Masonic Code* to the contrary notwithstanding, Valley Lodge No. 135, F.&A.M. may own directly an undivided one-half interest in real property commonly known as 4971 North Mill Street in Linden, California, together with Scio Lodge No. 102, I.O.O.F. as the owner of the other undivided one-half interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, during the period of such ownership, Valley Lodge No. 135, F.&A.M. shall not be required to own such interest through a corporation.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Jeffery R. Harper, PM, No. 135
s/ E. Dale Armstrong, PM, No. 303
s/ John L. Baker, PM, No. 19

Amendment to the Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
Jeffery R. Harper and E. Dale Armstrong are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-24: REQUIRES THE TREASURER TO COMPLETE HIS PROFICIENCY IN THE CANDIDATE’S LECTURE OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE BEFORE INSTALLATION

The proponents of this Resolution seek to require the Treasurer to complete his proficiency in the Candidate’s Lecture of the Master Mason Degree before his installation.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that a new Section 805.543 be added to the *California Masonic Code* to read as follows:

§805.543. CONDITIONS TO INSTALLATION OF THE TREASURER-ELECT.

Before a Treasurer-elect can be installed, there shall be presented to the Installing Officer a Certificate of Qualification of the Grand Lecturer, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of the division in which his Lodge is situated, or the Inspector of the district in which his Lodge is situated, certifying that he has received a Certificate of Proficiency in the Candidate’s Lecture of the Master Mason Degree.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Thumper Bloomquist, PM, No. 618
s/ Norman A. Furman, PM, No. 406
s/ Travis Robinson, PM, No. 368

Amendment to the Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
Thumper Bloomquist and Norman A. Furman are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-25: REQUIRES THE SECRETARY TO COMPLETE HIS PROFICIENCY IN THE CANDIDATE'S LECTURE OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE BEFORE INSTALLATION

The proponents of this Resolution seek to require the Secretary to complete his proficiency in the Candidate's Lecture of the Master Mason Degree before his installation.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that a new Section 805.546 be added to the *California Masonic Code* to read as follows:

§805.546. CONDITIONS TO INSTALLATION OF THE SECRETARY-ELECT.

Before a Secretary-elect can be installed, there shall be presented to the Installing Officer a Certificate of Qualification of the Grand Lecturer, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of the division in which his Lodge is situated, or the Inspector of the district in which his Lodge is situated, certifying that he has received a Certificate of Proficiency in the Candidate's Lecture of the Master Mason Degree.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Thumper Bloomquist, PM, No. 618
s/ Norman A. Furman, PM, No. 406
s/ Travis Robinson, PM, No. 368

Amendment to the Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
Thumper Bloomquist and Norman A. Furman are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-26: REQUIRES THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO COMPLETE HIS PROFICIENCY IN THE CANDIDATE'S LECTURE OF THE MASTER MASON DEGREE BEFORE INSTALLATION

The proponents of this Resolution seek to require the Assistant Secretary to complete his proficiency in the Candidate's Lecture of the Master Mason Degree before his installation.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that a new Section 805.555 be added to the *California Masonic Code* to read as follows:

§805.555. CONDITIONS TO INSTALLATION OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY-ELECT.

Before an Assistant Secretary can be installed, there shall be presented to the Installing Officer a Certificate of Qualification of the Grand Lecturer, the Assistant Grand Lecturer of the division in which his Lodge is situated, or the Inspector of the district in which his Lodge is situated, certifying that he has received a Certificate of Proficiency in the Candidate's Lecture of the Master Mason Degree.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Thumper Bloomquist, PM, No. 618
s/ Norman A. Furman, PM, No. 406
s/ Travis Robinson, PM, No. 368

Amendment to the Ordinances.
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.
Thumper Bloomquist and Norman A. Furman are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-27: MODIFIES MINIMUM DUES

The proponents of this Resolution seek to modify the minimum dues of a Lodge.

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

WHEREAS, the minimum dues of a Lodge have not been changed since 1948; and

WHEREAS, it is important to retain the value of a Lodge membership; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the economic viability of our Lodges be sustained; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 809.310 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§809.310. DUES.

A Lodge's dues shall be established in its Bylaws. The minimum annual dues shall be \$12, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the total thus determined rounded up to the next whole dollar. The Lodge Secretary shall issue to each Mason paying his dues a receipt using, without change, the uniform receipt for dues available from the Grand Secretary.

Dues shall commence with the first day of the month next following the conferring of the Entered Apprentice Degree or as provided in Sections 804.740 or 804.750 of this Code for Masons joining the Lodge by affiliation.

If a Lodge increases its dues, the increase shall become effective upon the start of fiscal year of the Lodge following the Grand Master's approval of the increase. Masons of the Lodge who have paid their dues in advance for such fiscal year must pay the increase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall not take effect until January 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35

s/ M. David Perry, PM, No. 93

s/ Russell E. Charvonias, PM, No. 214

s/ M. William Holsinger, PM, No. 259

s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332

s/ Ray Schmalz, PM, No. 356

s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

s/ John R. Heisner, PM, No. 442

s/ Allan L. Casalou, PM, No 480

s/ John L. Cooper III, PM, No. 641

Amendment to the Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

Russell E. Charvonias and Ray Schmalz are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-28: MODIFIES MINIMUM FEE FOR DEGREES

The proponents of this Resolution seek to modify the minimum Fee for Degrees.

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

WHEREAS, the minimum fee for degrees is \$75; and

WHEREAS, the minimum fee of \$75 was established in 1851; and

WHEREAS, \$75 in 1851 is equivalent to more than \$2,000 today; and

WHEREAS, raising the minimum Fee for Degrees will help lodges to be more financially sound; and

WHEREAS, potential new Masons should view membership as having a greater value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 804.245 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§804.245. FEE FOR DEGREES.

A Lodge shall not confer the three degrees for a fee less than ~~\$75~~ \$300. If the applicant has received the Entered Apprentice degree, or the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, in another Lodge, the fee for the remaining degrees or degree shall be that portion of the fee for the three degrees as the Bylaws of the Lodge shall prescribe.

No application for the degree or degrees may be received by the Lodge unless it is accompanied by the required fee for such degree or degrees. If the application is rejected or withdrawn, the Lodge shall return any such fee paid to the applicant. Such fee shall be non-refundable upon such applicant's election to receive a degree or the degrees, except as provided below. A Lodge shall not donate a fee back to an applicant under any pretext whatever.

If the applicant is elected to advance and receive a degree or the degrees in another Lodge in this or another Jurisdiction, under a Waiver of Jurisdiction or Demit issued by his Lodge, or dies before receiving a degree, the Lodge, if such information comes to its attention within seven years after the applicant was initially elected to receive the degrees, shall return to the applicant or to the legal representative of the applicant the sum fixed in the Bylaws for the degree or degrees not conferred.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 804.255 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

§804.255. GRAND LODGE CONTRIBUTIONS.

No application may be received by the Lodge unless it is accompanied by all contributions required under Sections 407.030, 804.210, 804.260 and 804.265 of this Code. These contributions must be received in addition to the Fee for Degrees described in Section 804.245 of this Code and established in the Bylaws of the Lodge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these resolutions shall not take effect until January 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jack R. Levitt, PM, No. 35

s/ M. David Perry, PM, No. 93

s/ Russell E. Charvonia, PM, No. 214

s/ M. William Holsinger, PM, No. 259

s/ M. Shawn Donohugh, PM, No. 332

s/ Ray Schmalz, PM, No. 356

s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

s/ John R. Heisner, PM, No. 442

s/ Allan L. Casalou, PM, No 480

s/ John L. Cooper III, PM, No. 641

Amendment to the Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

Russell E. Charvonia and Ray Schmalz are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.