



175th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Lincoln City, Oregon
June 5 & 6, 2025

This is the amended and complete Legislation for the 2025 Annual Communication. The following proposed Amendments and Resolutions to the Code have been properly received in the Grand Secretary's office, signed by the required number of members of Grand Lodge, duly checked by the Code, Resolutions, and Jurisprudence Committees and are now presented for the preview of the Delegates to the 175th Annual Communication.

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NOW READS:

Sec. 128. Powers and Duties of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge —

1. Presiding Officer - The Grand Master shall preside as Chairman, and, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master shall preside, and, if both are absent, the Senior Grand Warden shall preside.
2. Time and Place of Meetings - The Trustees shall hold monthly meetings on such dates and at such hours and places as the Grand Master shall order. They may hold special meetings at the order of the Grand Master or on written call of two Trustees. Each Trustee shall have not less than five days written notice of the time and place of each meeting.
3. Supervision of Funds and Properties - They shall designate one or more banks as depositories for evidence of investments and other valuable papers belonging to the Grand Lodge. Access thereto shall be invested in such persons as may be authorized by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.
4. Titles to Property - The Trustees shall take and hold title to all real, personal and mixed property in the name of "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon."
5. Investment of Funds - (a) It shall be the duty of the Trustees to supervise the purchase of investments from the funds or trust funds of the Grand Lodge. The purchase of State, County, School and Municipal Warrants shall not be permitted. All investments shall be made, primarily, with a view to the safety of the principal rather than the amount of income. It shall also be the duty of the Trustees to supervise the sales of securities or other properties of the Grand Lodge when deemed advisable or necessary, and the reinvestment of proceeds derived from the sale, payment or redemption of securities or other properties of the Grand Lodge. The Trustees shall adopt appropriate criteria for the Investments of the Grand Lodge.
(b) Capital gains or losses created in the sales of securities shall be distributed to the principal

account of the participating fund on the basis of the percentage of participation of each fund as of the end of each fiscal year.

6. Auditing Bills, Etc. - The Trustees, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, shall examine all bills and claims against the Grand Lodge, and, if allowed, order checks to be drawn in payment of same.

7. Educational Assistance - The Trustees shall examine into the merits of any case brought to their attention by the Master of any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, or by other Masonic information, in which any resident or nonresident children or grandchildren of a Master Mason of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall require assistance to obtain an education in public school K through 12, or post high school through age 22. The Trustees shall determine whether such case is proper for assistance, and, if so, shall appropriate from the income of the Educational Fund such amount or amounts as may be necessary and available.

8. Masonic Relief - The Trustees of the Grand Lodge shall investigate all applications for assistance made to the Grand Master, or the Trustees, and appropriate from the General Fund such amounts as they shall determine to be necessary and proper.

9. Reimbursing Lodges for Relief - When Masonic relief shall have been afforded by a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to a Master Mason in good standing in a Lodge in a Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge, or to his widow or orphans, the Lodge affording the relief should apply for reimbursement to the Lodge of which the Master Mason is or was a member. Should reimbursement not be made, the Lodge may present to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge a claim for reimbursement, together with such proofs and correspondence as are available, and certified as correct by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge.

10. To Establish Masonic Service Bureaus - (a) To provide for the relief of distressed worthy sojourners, to insure proper investigations of requests for relief, and to perform other duties essential to the proper functioning of Freemasonry in the area, the Trustees of the Grand Lodge are empowered to establish a Masonic Service Bureau in any area of this Grand Jurisdiction when requested to do so by a majority of the Lodges in such area; to direct the activities thereof; and to provide such funds for the support thereof as may be determined by the Grand Lodge. The foregoing shall not in any way affect the boundaries of any existing Masonic Service Bureau. (b) Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and regulations of a Bureau so established shall be approved by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

11. Reimbursing Boards of Relief or Masonic Service Bureaus - When Masonic relief shall have been afforded by a Board of Relief or a Masonic Service Bureau 2024 Legislation - Page 2 in this Grand Jurisdiction under the conditions set forth in Subdivision 9 of this Section, such Board of Relief or Masonic Service Bureau may present a claim for reimbursement to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge. Such claim shall be certified as correct by the President and Secretary of the Board of Relief or Masonic Service Bureau and shall be supported by such proofs and correspondence as are available, and action thereon shall be as provided in Subdivision 12 of this Section.

12. Claims, Lodges or Boards of Relief - All claims presented to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge in conformity with Subdivisions 9 and 11 of this Section, shall be audited by them and, if found correct and approved, they shall appropriate from the General Fund such amounts as may be approved by them.

13. Printing Contracts - The Trustees shall provide for all printing of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Secretary's office.

14. Masonic and Eastern Star Home - The Trustees shall be the representatives of this Grand Lodge on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board.

15. Annual Report on Management of Funds - The Trustees shall at each Annual Communication, make a report to the Grand Lodge setting forth in detail all their acts in the management and control of the several funds of the Grand Lodge and of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

16. Annual Report on Loans and Investments - The Trustees shall, at each Annual Communication, report the loans and investments made during the year, and may make suggestions and recommendations relating to the property and financial interests of the Grand Lodge as to them may seem necessary and advantageous.

17. Compensation of Employees - Compensation for persons employed to perform services in connection with the business of the Grand Lodge shall be paid in the same manner as are other claims against the Grand Lodge.

18. Expenses of Trustees - The Trustees shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties as Trustees.

19. Forms - The Trustees shall examine and approve all forms required for use by Constituent Lodges, or the Grand Lodge, as prescribed in this Code.

20. Appointment of Auditor - The trustees shall employ a Certified Public Accountant, or Accountants, who shall examine and report upon income, expenditures and all other matters relating to the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. The report of the Auditor shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, together with a certificate that such audit has been made, and said certificate shall be included in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

21. Blanket Bond - The Trustees shall procure a blanket bond for the bonding of Secretaries, Treasurers, Trustees and members of Lodges who may have custody of funds or property of Lodges and who are not otherwise bonded as provided in Sec. 213-6.

22. Liability Insurance - The Trustees shall procure blanket Liability Insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance for the protection of the Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges in such sum and under such conditions as they may determine.

23. Determining Salary of Grand Secretary - The Trustees shall determine the salary of the Grand Secretary as provided in Sec. 160-1.
24. Expenses - The Trustees shall provide expenses to the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and the Deputy Grand Master to attend the annual Conference of Grand Masters and the annual Conference of Grand Secretaries.
25. Assistant Grand Secretary - The Trustees of the Grand Lodge shall appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary, who shall have the full right and authority under the suspension of the Grand Lodge Trustees, to act for or on behalf of the Grand Secretary, in the absence or inability of the Grand Secretary, and shall perform such other duties as may be determined by the Grand Secretary or the Grand Lodge Trustees.
26. Approve Manuscripts - All manuscripts for publication by Grand Lodge shall be approved by Grand Lodge or the Trustees before publication.
27. Retention of Records - Operative business records and documents of the Grand Lodge having no historical value and which are no longer useful may be disposed of at the discretion of the Trustees.
28. Retirement Program for Employees - The Trustees of the Grand Lodge shall establish and fund a pension plan for the Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Secretary and full time employees of the office of the Grand Secretary, which complies with applicable statutes and administrative rules of the Federal and State governments.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 128. Powers and Duties of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge —

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REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

Our current workers compensation policy includes grandfathered coverage which provides accident insurance for our members. In the insurance industry today these two coverage types are separate policies. There is a possibility that our current workers compensation company could remove this coverage part from our current policy because of this outdated inclusion and prior claims. The Grand Lodge would then need to have the option of replacing this policy if so desired.

Sponsored by W.B. Brian W. Lackey, Junior Grand Steward; W.B. Richard C. Southard, Junior Grand Deacon; R.W.B. Christopher C. Warren, District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 20.

COMPANION LEGISLATION: SECTION 213

NOW READS:

Sec. 213. Lodges - Powers, Duties and Limitations —

It shall be the duty of a Lodge:

1. To conduct business in strict accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of the Lodge and permit no suspension of any part of its By-Laws, except by Dispensation of the Grand Master.

2. Adopt Uniform By-Laws - To adopt the Uniform Code of By-Laws in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

3. Stated Communications - To hold one and not to exceed two Stated Communications in each month, except that a Lodge may call from labor during either or both the months of July and August or January and February.

4. Suitable Lodge Room - To provide a safe and suitable Lodge Room.

5. Record of Proceedings - To keep a proper and complete record of its proceedings.

6. Bonding of Officers and Members -In addition to the bonding of Secretaries and Treasurers of Lodges, as provided in Sec. 220-1 and Section 221-1 of this Code, each other officer, Trustee or member of a Lodge who shall have custody of funds or property of a Lodge, shall file, with the Master of the Lodge, a bond in such sum as the Lodge may direct, conditioned

that he will faithfully discharge the duties required, and will deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers, securities or other property of the Lodge in his possession. Such bond shall be furnished by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Oregon and approved by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, or may be by participation in a blanket bond to be procured by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge for such purpose. The cost of such bond, or a proportionate part of such blanket bond, shall be paid out of the funds of the Lodge.

7. No Communication on Sunday - Except - A Lodge shall not be convened on Sunday except for funeral purposes, for the purpose of celebrating the Festival of St. John the Baptist (June 24) or St. John the Evangelist (December 27) by appropriate ceremonies in the Lodge room or by attending church on those days or on a Sunday preceding or following such days. For the celebration of either St. John's Day the Lodge shall be opened on the Entered Apprentice degree.

8. Annual Returns - The Grand Secretary shall prepare and transmit to each constituent Lodge an annual return, **to reach constituent Lodge prior to March 31st each year.** The Secretary of each constituent Lodge shall after execution of such return, transmit the same to the Grand Secretary **by April 10th each year.** Such annual returns shall be signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary under seal of the Lodge.

9. Failure to File Annual Returns - A Lodge, whose annual returns are not in the hands of the Grand Secretary **by April 10th,** shall be assessed one dollar for each day delinquent thereafter. Such penalty shall be added, by the Grand Secretary, to the Annual Returns so delinquent and shall be paid from the funds of the Lodge; and during such delinquency such Lodge shall not be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge; provided, upon the Lodge presenting a satisfactory reason for failure to file its Annual Returns, the Grand Lodge may remit the penalty and return the Lodge to representation in Grand Lodge.

10. Charter Arrested for Failure to File Returns - If a Lodge shall fail to file its Annual Returns for two consecutive years, its Charter may be arrested by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, and the effects of the Lodge shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge; provided, that upon such Lodge making full returns and paying all amounts due the Grand Lodge, the Charter and other effects of such Lodge may be restored by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

11. Lodge Register - To keep a Lodge Register, in which shall be entered the names of all members with their Masonic records.

12. Black Book - To keep in a suitable binder the quarterly reports of the Grand Secretary containing the record of rejections, suspensions, expulsions, withdrawals, dropped from the roll, restorations and reinstatements.

13. Monthly Reports to Grand Secretary - To make monthly reports to the Grand Secretary, in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

14. Communications From Grand Officers and Grand Committees - (a) To read all communications from the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, other Grand Lodge Officers

and Grand Lodge Committees at the Stated Communication next following their receipt, and record of such reading shall be noted in the minutes, except as provided in Sec. 213-14 (b). 2024 Legislation - Page 7 (b) **In lieu of reading** the Grand Secretary's Monthly Report of Petitions Received, **it shall** be posted on the Bulletin board of the Lodge, or other space customarily provided for viewing by members of the Lodge.

15. Representation in Grand Lodge - To be represented at every Annual and Special Communication of the Grand Lodge.

16. Roster of Officers to Grand Secretary - Each Lodge shall, within five days after the Annual Installation of officers, transmit to the Grand Secretary a list, duly certified under the Seal of the Lodge, containing the names of the newly installed officers, with the dates of their installation, the name and title of the installing officer, and the post office addresses of the Master and Secretary.

17. Adoption of Seal - To adopt an appropriate Seal.

18. Apron to Entered Apprentices - To present to each candidate at his initiation a Lambskin or other White Leather Apron as described in Sec. 268-1.

19. Signing of By-Laws - To require each member to sign the By-Laws of the Lodge immediately after receiving the Master Mason degree, or after affiliation; provided, if a Brother is raised in another Lodge by courtesy, the Secretary of such Lodge shall transmit the signature of the Brother so raised to be attached to the By-Laws of his own Lodge.

20. Certificate of Membership - To present to each Master Mason, immediately after he shall have been raised and signed the By-Laws of the Lodge, a Certificate of Membership in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and also a copy of the Manual of the Lodge.

21. Uniform Receipts - To use the uniform dues receipts provided by the Grand Lodge for dues paid by members.

22. Funds and Securities - (a) To select a depository in which all funds of the Lodge shall be promptly deposited. (b) To keep all its bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value in a safe deposit box in the name of the Lodge, (c) Or, a Lodge, by resolution, may direct that such bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value may be deposited with a bank or trust company for safe keeping. (d) If no safe deposit company, bank or trust company shall be conveniently accessible to the Lodge, such bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value may be deposited with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge for safe keeping. (e) Access to such bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value shall be had jointly by two or more officers, Trustees or other members of the Lodge, duly authorized by the Lodge.

23. No Money Loaned to Members - A Lodge shall not lend money to a member thereof.

24. Clandestine or Irregular Lodges - A Lodge or member thereof shall not hold Masonic communication within this Grand Jurisdiction with any Lodge or Body claiming to be Masonic (or any member thereof) which has not been recognized by this Grand Lodge. When

visiting or sojourning in a Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction you are subject to the laws and rules of that Grand Jurisdiction while sojourning, provided under no circumstances shall an Oregon Mason visit an irregular or clandestine lodge.

25. To Maintain Membership in Area Service Bureau - Each and every Lodge located in an area where a Masonic Service Bureau has been established shall maintain membership in such Service Bureau, and abide by the By-Laws and regulations thereof.

26. Removal From One Location to Another - If a Lodge shall desire to permanently remove from the city, town, village or place named in its Dispensation, Charter or By-Laws, or from one Lodge room to another: (a) The proposal shall be submitted to the Lodge at a Stated Communication. (b) Further action shall be deferred until a Stated Communication to be held not less than four weeks after the proposal has been submitted. (c) Or to a Special Communication authorized by the Grand Master as provided in Sec. 212-2. (d) Each member shall be notified of the proposed removal and of the date set for final consideration. (e) If, upon final action, two-thirds of the members present shall vote favorably, the Lodge shall then petition the Grand Master for a Dispensation authorizing the removal, and the removal shall not take place until such Dispensation shall have been granted.

27. Special Assessments - A Lodge cannot levy a special tax or assessment except by authority of the Grand Lodge or Dispensation from the Grand Master. Such levy or assessment can be levied only by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Lodge present, and after due notice has been given to all members.

28. Incorporation of Lodges - (a) A Lodge desiring to incorporate shall secure permission of the Grand Lodge or the Trustees of the Grand Lodge. (b) Any Lodge which shall be hereafter incorporated shall include, in the articles of incorporation, a clause to provide that, upon arrest, revocation of charter or upon dissolution of the Lodge for any reason, title to all property, of whatsoever kind, of which the Lodge may be possessed, shall vest in the Grand Lodge, subject to all legal and equitable rights of creditors of such demised Lodge in and to such properties.

29. Lodge Building and Indebtedness - A Lodge shall not undertake the purchase or construction of a Lodge building, or pledge its credit, or issue bonds or debentures or other evidences of indebtedness therefor, or subscribe to or guarantee the stock or bonds of any building association or company, either in the name of the Lodge, or under the name of a building association or company, without the written consent of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

30. Certificate to Family of Deceased - To issue to the family of a deceased Master Mason in good standing at the time of his decease a Certificate showing his Masonic Record, in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

31. No Masonic Clothing in Public Except Under Masonic Auspices - A Mason shall not appear in Masonic Clothing in any public procession, nor in any private or public assembly, unless such is under the auspices of the Grand Lodge or of a Lodge.

32. Appearance in Public - A Lodge may, with permission of the Grand Master, participate in parades or other public functions of general interest.

33. Lodge to Provide Code - Each Lodge shall provide its Master, Wardens, Secretary and Senior Deacon with a copy of the Code which shall be transmitted to their successors in office, upon expiration of their terms of office.

34. Liability Insurance - Each Constituent Lodge shall procure Liability Insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance by participating in a blanket Liability Insurance policy and Workers' Compensation Insurance policy to be secured by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge as set forth in Sec. 128-21 and Sec. 128-22. The cost of such participation shall be prorated according to the membership of each Lodge and shall be paid out of the funds of the Lodge.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 213. Lodges - Powers, Duties and Limitations —

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REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE: Should our current workers compensation company cancel or remove the accident insurance from the existing workers compensation policy the Grand Lodge needs to have the ability to replace or determine if it is feasible to replace this accident coverage. That is the reason for changing this to and or.

Sponsored by W.B. Brian W. Lackey, Junior Grand Steward; W.B. Richard C. Southard, Junior Grand Deacon; R.W.B. Christopher C. Warren, District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 20.

II

NOW READS:

Sec. 128A. Restriction Upon Grand Lodge Trustees —
[There is currently no Section 128A]

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 128A. Restriction Upon Grand Lodge Trustees —
After June 5, 2026, Trustees of the Grand Lodge shall not hold an elective office or be a Trustee in any constituent lodge or in any organization sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Oregon as an appendant or concordant body, other than the Grand Lodge office which qualifies them as a Grand Lodge Trustee. This restriction applies to appendant and concordant bodies at the local, state, and national levels.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

Trustees of the Grand Lodge have a great deal of responsibility and time-consuming duties which require their full and undivided attention while serving in the position. Service in other elected offices is likely to degrade performance in all positions held and presents the potential of problems should the two positions interact in a situation with conflicting interests and allegiances. The Grand Lodge deserves the full and undivided attention of their Trustees.

Sponsored by M.W.B. D. Arthur Bush, Past Grand Master; M.W.B. David H. Fryday, Past Grand Master; and M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, Past Grand Master.

COMPANION LEGISLATION: SECTION 203

NOW READS:

Sec. 203. Eligibility for Office, Constituent Lodges —
1. Office of Master —
The Master of a Constituent Lodge must be a member thereof.

2. The Master of a Constituent Lodge must have been duly elected and installed as Master or Warden in a regularly constituted Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction; provided in case of emergency, the Lodge may elect a member not so qualified, but no member so elected shall be installed except by authority of a Dispensation issued by the Grand Master.

3. A Master of a Lodge Under Dispensation need not have served as a Master or Warden.

4. Eligibility for Other Offices —

Except as provided in Sec. 224-1 any member of a Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge except that of Master. The Chaplain, Musician and Tyler need not be members of the Lodge.

5. Limitation of Office of Master and Warden —

The Master or Warden of a Lodge may not be a Master or Warden of another Lodge at the same time.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 203. Eligibility for Office, Constituent Lodges —

1. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH.

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3. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH.

4. Eligibility for Other Offices —

Except as ~~provided~~ specified in Sec. 128A and Sec. 224-1 any member of a Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge except that of Master. The Chaplain, Musician and Tyler need not be members of the Lodge.

5. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

Companion legislation to the proposal to add Section 128A to the By-Laws Relative to Grand Lodge.

Sponsored by M.W.B. D. Arthur Bush, Past Grand Master; M.W.B. David H. Fryday, Past Grand Master; and M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, Past Grand Master.

III

NOW READS:

Section 201. Lodge, Definition —

A Lodge is a certain number of Brethren duly assembled, with the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, and a Charter or Dispensation authorizing them to do Masonic work.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Section 201. Lodge, Definition —

A Lodge is a certain number of Brethren duly assembled, with ~~the Holy Bible~~ a Volume of the Sacred Law - Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, and a Charter or Dispensation authorizing them to do Masonic work.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

It is not in the power of any man or body of men to make the least innovation to the 25 Landmarks of Freemasonry, adopted by this Grand jurisdiction in 1851, and dating back to the beginnings of Freemasonry. In the Constitution. Sec. 1.21, which is a Landmark of Freemasonry, it states, “That a Book of the Law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge” and the Resolution on Religion adopted June 5, 1998 states “The obligations taken by Freemasons are sworn on the Volume of the Sacred Law” and that “The Volume of the Sacred Law to a Christian is the Bible; to Freemasons of other faiths, it is the book held holy by them.” As Freemasons we accept men of all religions, who profess a belief in a Supreme Deity and an Afterlife, and many religions utilize Books of the Law of God, other than the Christian Holy Bible. Landmark 21 was the only statement on the Holy Book used in Oregon Masonic Lodges from 1851 to 1951. The current Sec. 201 of the By-Laws, was inserted in the 1951 revision, by a small group of men, without specific notice of that addition, and no vote of the membership; it being enacted by an edict of the Grand Master. The insertion of Sec. 201 in 1951, is an innovation counter to the intentions of Landmark 21, as it implies Masonry only recognizes one Book of the Law of God. By the change to “a Volume of the Sacred Law - Holy Bible” it indicates that Volume of the Sacred Law is the rule and Holy Bible is the volume commonly used in this jurisdiction. This brings Sec. 201 of the By-Laws into harmony with the Landmarks of Freemasonry, specifically Landmark 21. Restores consistency with Masonic jurisdictions throughout the world who use other Books of the Law of God, and brings the language of Sec. 201 into harmony with the Resolution on Religion already adopted in 1998, the Ancient Charge, Mentors Manual, Coaches Handbook, and the promises made in our literature. This will provide clarity and respect for the faith of others when the degrees are conferred upon non-Christian men on the book of their faith, and is a visible manifestation of Freemasonry’s dedication to Religious Liberty. (A summation of our rules, literature, and the source of any perceived conflicts is attached.)

Sponsored by W.B. Michael D. Robinson, Worshipful Master Esoterika Lodge No. 227; W.B. Andre Cvitanich, Worshipful Master Eugene Lodge No. 11; and W.B. Scott Slay, Senior Warden Eugene Lodge No. 11; W.B. Brandon Curran, Worshipful Master McKenzie River Lodge No. 195; and W.B. Terin Mueller, Senior Warden McKenzie River Lodge No. 195.

IV

NOW READS:

Sec. 203. Eligibility for Office, Constituent Lodges —

1. Office of Master —

The Master of a Constituent Lodge must be a member thereof.

2. The Master of a Constituent Lodge must have been duly elected and installed as Master or Warden in a regularly constituted Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction; provided in case of emergency, the Lodge may elect a member not so qualified, but no member so elected shall be installed except by authority of a Dispensation issued by the Grand Master.

3. A Master of a Lodge Under Dispensation need not have served as a Master or Warden.

4. Eligibility for Other Offices —

Except as provided in Sec. 224-1 any member of a Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge except that of Master. The Chaplain, Musician and Tyler need not be members of the Lodge.

5. Limitation of Office of Master and Warden —

The Master or Warden of a Lodge may not be a Master or Warden of another Lodge at the same time.

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4. Eligibility for Other Offices —

Except as provided in Sec. 224.1 and Sec. 203.5, any member of a Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge except that of Master. The Chaplain, Musician and Tyler need not be members of the Lodge.

5. Limitation of Office of Master and Warden —

The Master ~~or Warden~~ of a Lodge may not be a Master ~~or Warden~~ of another Lodge at the same time. The Warden of a Lodge may only serve as a Master or Warden of one other Lodge at the same time.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

As originally submitted (in January 2024):

This legislation would permit smaller lodges at risk of forced consolidation to have time to rebuild membership in order to maintain its chartered status.

Sponsored by W.B. Randy L. Kent, Worshipful Master of Belt No. 18; W.B. William J. Rall, District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 16; W.B. Greg Gilbert, Worshipful Master of Grants Pass No. 84; W.B. Jon A. Torbert, Worshipful Master of Rogue River No. 226; W.B. Lewis S. Lyons, Worshipful Master of Sidney Croft No. 206.

As submitted by the Code Committee in 2024:

The authors have proposed that: “The Warden of a Lodge may only serve as a Master or Warden of one other Lodge at the same time”. Section 203.4 states in part that “ ... any member ... shall be eligible to any office ... ”. To avoid this conflict Section 203.4 must now also restrict a Warden of a Lodge to be limited to only being a “Master” or “Warden” of “one other Lodge” and cannot be eligible to any other office in “one other Lodge”.

The Code Committee sought a remedy through “Late Legislation of Sec. 20.3” to strike the word “only” from the Proposal thinking this would improve the reason behind the proposal, that of assisting Lodges at a risk of forced consolidation. This prompted the recommendation to “withdraw” the proposal. However, Section 24.3(c) does not allow either Late Legislation or “withdrawal”. The Code Committee rescinded the recommendation for Section 203.5 to be withdrawn. The new Legislation information is included the Code Committee Report ADDENDUM.

Sponsored by M.W.B. L.L. “Vern” Beito, Past Grand Master; W.B. Gregory A. Hinkelman, Senior Grand Deacon; R.W.B. Tracy M. Harris, Grand Chaplain.

NOW READS:**Sec. 213. Lodges — Powers, Duties and Limitations —**

It shall be the duty of a Lodge:

1. To conduct business in strict accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of the Lodge and permit no suspension of any part of its By-Laws, except by Dispensation of the Grand Master.
2. Adopt Uniform By-Laws — To adopt the Uniform Code of By-Laws in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.
3. Stated Communications — To hold one and not to exceed two Stated Communications in each month, except that a Lodge may call from labor during either or both the months of July and August or January and February.
4. Suitable Lodge Room — To provide a safe and suitable Lodge Room.
5. Record of Proceedings — To keep a proper and complete record of its proceedings.
6. Bonding of Officers and Members — In addition to the bonding of Secretaries and Treasurers of Lodges, as provided in Sec. 220-1 and Section 221-1 of this Code, each other officer, Trustee or member of a Lodge who shall have custody of funds or property of a Lodge, shall file, with the Master of the Lodge, a bond in such sum as the Lodge may direct, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties required, and will deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers, securities or other property of the Lodge in his possession. Such bond shall be furnished by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Oregon and approved by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, or may be by participation in a blanket bond to be procured by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge for such purpose. The cost of such bond, or a proportionate part of such blanket bond, shall be paid out of the funds of the Lodge.
7. No Communication on Sunday, Except — A Lodge shall not be convened on Sunday except for funeral purposes, for the purpose of celebrating the Festival of St. John the Baptist (June 24) or St. John the Evangelist (December 27) by appropriate ceremonies in the Lodge room or by attending church on those days or on a Sunday preceding or following such days. For the celebration of either St. John's Day the Lodge shall be opened on the Entered Apprentice degree.
8. Annual Returns — The Grand Secretary shall prepare and transmit to each constituent Lodge an annual return, **to reach constituent Lodge prior to March 31st each year.** The Secretary of each constituent Lodge shall after execution of such return, transmit the same to the Grand Secretary **by April 10th each year.** Such annual returns shall be signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary under seal of the Lodge.
9. Failure to File Annual Returns — A Lodge, whose annual returns are not in the hands of the Grand Secretary **by April 10th,** shall be assessed one dollar for each day delinquent thereafter. Such penalty shall be added, by the Grand Secretary, to the Annual Returns so

delinquent and shall be paid from the funds of the Lodge; and during such delinquency such Lodge shall not be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge; provided, upon the Lodge presenting a satisfactory reason for failure to file its Annual Returns, the Grand Lodge may remit the penalty and return the Lodge to representation in Grand Lodge.

10. Charter Arrested for Failure to File Returns — If a Lodge shall fail to file its Annual Returns for two consecutive years, its Charter may be arrested by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, and the effects of the Lodge shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge; provided, that upon such Lodge making full returns and paying all amounts due the Grand Lodge, the Charter and other effects of such Lodge may be restored by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

11. Lodge Register — To keep a Lodge Register, in which shall be entered the names of all members with their Masonic records.

12. Black Book — To keep in a suitable binder the quarterly reports of the Grand Secretary containing the record of rejections, suspensions, expulsions, withdrawals, dropped from the roll, restorations and reinstatements.

13. Monthly Reports to Grand Secretary — To make monthly reports to the Grand Secretary, in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

14. Communications From Grand Officers and Grand Committees —

(a) To read all communications from the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, other Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Lodge Committees at the Stated Communication next following their receipt, and record of such reading shall be noted in the minutes, except as provided in Sec. 213-14 (b).

(b) **In lieu of reading** the Grand Secretary's Monthly Report of Petitions Received, **it shall** be posted on the Bulletin board of the Lodge, or other space customarily provided for viewing by members of the Lodge.

15. Representation in Grand Lodge — To be represented at every Annual and Special Communication of the Grand Lodge.

16. Roster of Officers to Grand Secretary — Each Lodge shall, within five days after the Annual Installation of officers, transmit to the Grand Secretary a list, duly certified under the Seal of the Lodge, containing the names of the newly installed officers, with the dates of their installation, the name and title of the installing officer, and the post office addresses of the Master and Secretary.

17. Adoption of Seal — To adopt an appropriate Seal.

18. Apron to Entered Apprentices — To present to each candidate at his initiation a Lambskin or other White Leather Apron as described in Sec. 268-1.

19. Signing of By-Laws — To require each member to sign the By-Laws of the Lodge immediately after receiving the Master Mason degree, or after affiliation; provided, if a

Brother is raised in another Lodge by courtesy, the Secretary of such Lodge shall transmit the signature of the Brother so raised to be attached to the By-Laws of his own Lodge.

20. Certificate of Membership —

To present to each Master Mason, immediately after he shall have been raised and signed the By-Laws of the Lodge, a Certificate of Membership in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and also a copy of the Manual of the Lodge.

21. Uniform Receipts —

To use the uniform dues receipts provided by the Grand Lodge for dues paid by members.

22. Funds and Securities —

(a) To select a depository in which all funds of the Lodge shall be promptly deposited.

(b) To keep all its bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value in a safe deposit box in the name of the Lodge,

(c) Or, a Lodge, by resolution, may direct that such bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value may be deposited with a bank or trust company for safe keeping.

(d) If no safe deposit company, bank or trust company shall be conveniently accessible to the Lodge, such bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value may be deposited with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge for safe keeping.

(e) Access to such bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value shall be had jointly by two or more officers, Trustees or other members of the Lodge, duly authorized by the Lodge.

23. No Money Loaned to Members — A Lodge shall not lend money to a member thereof.

24. Clandestine or Irregular Lodges — A Lodge or member thereof shall not hold Masonic communication within this Grand Jurisdiction with any Lodge or Body claiming to be Masonic (or any member thereof) which has not been recognized by this Grand Lodge. When visiting or sojourning in a Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction you are subject to the laws and rules of that Grand Jurisdiction while sojourning, provided under no circumstances shall an Oregon Mason visit an irregular or clandestine lodge.

25. To Maintain Membership in Area Service Bureau — Each and every Lodge located in an area where a Masonic Service Bureau has been established shall maintain membership in such Service Bureau, and abide by the By-Laws and regulations thereof.

26. Removal From One Location to Another — If a Lodge shall desire to permanently remove from the city, town, village or place named in its Dispensation, Charter or By-Laws, or from one Lodge room to another:

(a) The proposal shall be submitted to the Lodge at a Stated Communication.

(b) Further action shall be deferred until a Stated Communication to be held not less than four weeks after the proposal has been submitted.

(c) Or to a Special Communication authorized by the Grand Master as provided in Sec. 212-2.

(d) Each member shall be notified of the proposed removal and of the date set for final consideration.

(e) If, upon final action, two-thirds of the members present shall vote favorably, the Lodge

shall then petition the Grand Master for a Dispensation authorizing the removal, and the removal shall not take place until such Dispensation shall have been granted.

27. Special Assessments — A Lodge cannot levy a special tax or assessment except by authority of the Grand Lodge or Dispensation from the Grand Master. Such levy or assessment can be levied only by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Lodge present, and after due notice has been given to all members.

28. Incorporation of Lodges —

(a) A Lodge desiring to incorporate shall secure permission of the Grand Lodge or the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

(b) Any Lodge which shall be hereafter incorporated shall include, in the articles of incorporation, a clause to provide that, upon arrest, revocation of charter or upon dissolution of the Lodge for any reason, title to all property, of whatsoever kind, of which the Lodge may be possessed, shall vest in the Grand Lodge, subject to all legal and equitable rights of creditors of such demised Lodge in and to such properties.

29. Lodge Building and Indebtedness —

A Lodge shall not undertake the purchase or construction of a Lodge building, or pledge its credit, or issue bonds or debentures or other evidences of indebtedness therefor, or subscribe to or guarantee the stock or bonds of any building association or company, either in the name of the Lodge, or under the name of a building association or company, without the written consent of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

30. Certificate to Family of Deceased — To issue to the family of a deceased Master Mason in good standing at the time of his decease a Certificate showing his Masonic Record, in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

31. No Masonic Clothing in Public Except Under Masonic Auspices — A Mason shall not appear in Masonic Clothing in any public procession, nor in any private or public assembly, unless such is under the auspices of the Grand Lodge or of a Lodge.

32. Appearance in Public — A Lodge may, with permission of the Grand Master, participate in parades or other public functions of general interest.

33. Lodge to Provide Code — Each Lodge shall provide its Master, Wardens, Secretary and Senior Deacon with a copy of the Code which shall be transmitted to their successors in office, upon expiration of their terms of office.

34. Liability Insurance — Each Constituent Lodge shall procure Liability Insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance by participating in a blanket Liability Insurance policy and Workers' Compensation Insurance policy to be secured by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge as set forth in Sec. 128-21 and Sec. 128-22. The cost of such participation shall be prorated according to the membership of each Lodge and shall be paid out of the funds of the Lodge.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 213. Lodges — Powers, Duties and Limitations —

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12. ~~Black Book — To keep in a suitable binder the quarterly reports of the Grand Secretary containing the record of rejections, suspensions, expulsions, withdrawals, dropped from the roll, restorations and reinstatements.~~ Deleted by Amendment 06-06-2025.
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REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

With Grand View, the process of determining a Brother's Masonic status is extremely easy. There is no longer a need to maintain a Black Book.

Sponsored by W.B. Brian Tipsword, Junior Warden of Sherwood-Midday Lodge No. 164; W.B. Joseph Miluso, Worshipful Master of Sherwood-Midday Lodge No. 164; W.B. Martin Bradford, Junior Warden of Newberg Lodge No. 104; and R.W.B. William T. Burns, District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 6.

NOW READS:**Sec. 237. Committee on Investigation —**

1. Appointment and Record - Each Petition for the degrees accepted by a Lodge, as provided in Sec. 232-2, also each Petition for Affiliation, Reinstatement, Restoration or Advancement, shall be referred to a Committee on Investigation appointed by the Master, consisting of three members of the Lodge, excluding any member of the Lodge who has recommended the Petitioner, or one whose name has been given as a reference. The members of such Committee shall be made known to each other and to the Lodge.
2. Duties - Members of a Committee on Investigation shall diligently inquire into all the qualifications of the Petitioner as required herein. They shall examine the Petitioner in such a manner as prudence may direct and to compare the information thus obtained with the signed statements of the Petitioner. Their investigation must be so thorough that they can intelligently complete the questionnaire which is part of the report.
3. Report, When Due - Reports of members of Investigating Committees on Petitions for Degrees are due within eight weeks after being referred to them, unless extension of time shall be granted by the Master. Reports on all other Petitions are due within four weeks after being referred to them, unless extension of time shall be granted by the Master. If any member of an Investigating Committee shall fail to act, the Master may appoint another member in his place, and such member shall have four weeks in which to report.
4. Majority Report - If, within eight weeks after the Petition has been referred to the Committee on Investigation, two members thereof have reported and the third member has failed to act, or ask for an extension of time, the Lodge may then accept the report of the two members of the Committee and act thereon.
5. Unfavorable Report - If the report of the Committee on Investigation, or any member thereof, shall be unfavorable, the Master shall declare the Petitioner rejected, and record thereof shall be made in the minutes of the Lodge.
6. Reasons for Report Not Required - No one may demand from a Committee on Investigation, or any member thereof, the reasons for the report.

PROPOSED TO READ:**Sec. 237. Committee on Investigation —**

1. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH
2. Duties - Members of a Committee on Investigation shall diligently inquire into all the qualifications of the Petitioner as required herein. They shall examine the Petitioner in such a manner as prudence may direct and to compare the information thus obtained with the signed statements of the Petitioner. Such investigation shall include a criminal background check using the method specified by the Grand Secretary. Their investigation must be so thorough that they can intelligently complete the questionnaire which is part of the report.
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REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

As members of Freemasonry, we uphold high moral and social standards and are committed to ensuring that only men of good character join our fraternity. To support the investigative process, this safeguard is being implemented to verify the honesty of petitioners and ensure they have not been convicted of offenses that could lead to expulsion from membership.

COST OF LEGISLATION:

Fee charged for the criminal background check will be up to the petitioner to pay the processing.

Sponsored By: R.W.B. Jason D. Edmiston, District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 19; W.B. Zachary A. Keirsey, Junior Warden Kenton Lodge No. 145; R.W.B. Gregory A. Hinkelman, Junior Grand Warden.

LATE LEGISLATION
Amendments Proposed Less Than 150 Days Before Grand Lodge

I

NOW READS:

Sec. 265. Charters —

1. Photostatic Copy —

A lodge may, for the better preservation of its original Charter, procure a photostatic copy thereof.

2. Charter Must Be Present —

The Charter of a Lodge, or a photostatic copy thereof, must always be present when the Lodge is open, except when a Lodge is opened for funeral purposes at a place other than its regular meeting place.

3. Replacement of Lost Charter —

Whenever the Charter of a Lodge has been lost, destroyed, stolen or surreptitiously taken and detained, or shall have become so defaced or illegible as to be unfit for use, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to make application to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master for a duplicate Charter. The application shall state in full the cause for making such application, and shall be for a duplicate Charter bearing the original name and number, together with the names of the original Grand Officers and Lodge Officers. Such Charter shall issue without charge.

4. Revocation of Charter, Causes For —

The Grand Lodge may revoke the Charter of a Constituent Lodge:

- (a) For disobedience of the Orders, Rules or Laws of the Grand Lodge.
- (b) For failure to recognize the authority or obey the orders of the Grand Master.
- (c) For a departure from the original plan of Masonry.
- (d) For failure, without sufficient excuse, to meet during a period of six months.
- (e) For failure to be represented at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for two consecutive years.
- (f) For failure to make its Annual Returns and pay its obligations to the Grand Lodge for two consecutive years.
- (g) For a condition of the Lodge as to discipline or otherwise which shall make its further existence deleterious to the honor or usefulness of the Craft.
- (h) For a depreciated condition as to members, finances or interest in the work.

5. Arrest of Charter —

For any of the reasons set forth in the preceding Subdivision of this Section, the Grand Master may arrest the charter of a Constituent Lodge. He shall make a full and complete report of his action to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication.

6. Action by Grand Lodge —

Upon being presented to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master's report on Arrest of Charter or discipline of a Lodge shall be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. Such Committee shall conduct a thorough investigation, during which any officers or other

members of the Lodge whose Charter has been arrested may be heard. Upon submission of the Committee's report, the Grand Lodge may revoke or may return the Charter.

7. Number of Charter Revoked Not Again Used, Except —

When a Charter shall have been revoked by the Grand Lodge, it shall be erased from the Register, and its number shall not be again used, unless the revoked Charter is restored.

8. Grand Lodge May Restore Charter —

(a) The Grand Lodge may restore a revoked Charter, but the restoration must be made to the identical Lodge in name and number and with the right of membership therein to every member thereof at the date of revocation who is yet unaffiliated.

(b) Petition for such restoration shall be signed by not less than twelve former members of such Lodge, and shall be presented at an Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 265. Charters —

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8. Grand Lodge May Restore Charter —

(a) NO CHANGE TO THIS SUBDIVISION

(b) Petition for such restoration shall be signed by not less than twelve former members of such Lodge, and shall be presented at an Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, except as provided in Section 265-8 (c).

(c) Petition for such restoration may be signed by a group of twelve or more Master Masons in good standing. If less than twelve are former members of such lodge, the process shall be as required in Sections 258-263, inclusive. All lodge property shall be returned with the Charter upon its approved restoration. The amount of principal credited to the account of the lodge within the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund at the time of revocation, less those purchases moved to the credit of other lodges afterwards, shall be restored to the credit of the lodge within the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund, as described in Section 154-3 (b).

(d) The term "lodge property" in Section 265-8 (c) is defined as any effects, books, papers, jewels, membership records, furniture, or moneys previously owned by the lodge which are held by the Grand Lodge.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

As the By-Laws currently read, the ability to restore a Charter is nearly impossible and highly improbable given the current requirements for 12 former members to be available to restore their Charter. The basis for this proposed amendment to the By-Laws is to assist in addressing member concerns pertaining to a

revocation or surrender of the Charter of their Blue Lodge. In our experience, Lodges like Belt Lodge No. 18, Rogue River Lodge No. 226, and others across the state are experiencing adversity due to low attendance and low participation and are on the brink of closure. The proposed change will allow the property and documents of any of these Masonic Lodges to be restored to their fullest, inclusive of member history, past master information, historical events, credit within the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund, etc. While this amendment does not prevent revocation, it does support the preservation of the history that brought these Lodges to light.

Sponsored by W.B. Geoffrey Butler, Worshipful Master of Rogue River Lodge No. 226; W.B. Scott Smith, Worshipful Master of Belt Lodge No. 18; and W.B. Donald LeFave, Worshipful Master of Grants Pass Lodge No. 84.

II

NOW READS:

Sec. 269. Jewels —

1. The Jewels of Officers of Lodges shall be as follows:

Master, the Square.

Senior Warden, the Level.

Junior Warden, the Plumb.

Treasurer, the Crossed Keys.

Secretary, the Crossed Quills.

Chaplain, the Open Bible.

Senior Deacon, the Square and Extended Compasses enclosing a Blazing Sun.

Junior Deacon, the Square and Extended Compasses enclosing a Crescent Moon.

Stewards, the Cornucopia.

Marshal, the Baton.

Tyler, the Sword.

Musician, the Lyre.

Historian, an Open Book with Quill.

2. The Jewels shall be of silver.

3. Past Master's Jewel —

The Jewel of a Past Master shall be a pair of Golden Compasses extended to 60 degrees on a Quadrant, and enclosing a Blazing Sun.

PROPOSED TO READ:

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Stewards, the Cornucopia.
Marshal, the Baton.
Tyler, the Sword.
Musician, the Lyre.
Historian, ~~an Open Book~~ the Scroll with a Quill.

2. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

3. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

In 2024, Legislation was presented regarding Section 269 – Jewels adding a Historian jewel “an Open Book with Quill”, which was adopted at the 174th Annual Communication in June 2024.

Since this legislation was adopted, many Lodges are in the process of purchasing Lodge Historian jewels and aprons. A difference was found in that vendors and internet searches for purchasing a Historian jewel / apron has provided the standard which is “Scroll with Quill”. The “Open Book with Quill” would have to be special made at a much higher expense.

This legislation clarifies the Lodge Historian Jewel / Emblem is consistent with many jurisdictions and what is readily available for purchase.

Sponsored by M.W.B. Craig A. Sipp, Past Grand Master; W.B. Darrin T. Ward, Junior Warden of Grande Ronde Valley Lodge No. 56; and W.B. Richard C. Southard, Worshipful Master of Cove Lodge No. 91.

RESOLUTIONS

I

Resolution to add additional reasons for opening a Lodge on each Degree

WHEREAS, the ciphered ritual book states that 'Intentional deviation from the Ritual is a Masonic offense and shall never be permitted', AND

WHEREAS, the only reasons allowed to open in the ritual without intentional deviation are as follows:

- F t d o s b a m r c b i u t ~ u M r
- F t p o c t > d u John Henry Jones
- F t ~ p o e B Jones a t h p i t ~ L o t > d.

AND

WHEREAS it is necessary to open for the following reasons:

- To Perform a Tiled Installation
- To Perform the funeral services for a departed Brother if the Lodge desires to open long form

AND

WHEREAS, opening for business would, in many of the circumstances listed above, be a violation of the Lodge's charter and its stated communication day/time, AND

WHEREAS, there is no appropriate verbiage in the ritual to allow a Lodge to open for these events.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the following verbiage be added to the opening of the Master Mason degree only to be included after the phrase 'F t ~ p o e B Jones a t h p I t ~ L o t > d'.

OR F t ~ p o f p a T I o 0 >

AND BE IT RESOLVED:

That the following verbiage be added to the opening of all degrees to be included after the phrase 'F t ~ p o e B Jones a t h p I t ~ L o t > d'.

OR F t ~ p o f p f s > f B John Henry Jones

Sponsored by W.B. Dale B. Palileo, Grand Lecturer; W.B. Ian M. Cawley, Grand Musician; and W.B. Eric Headley, Grand Marshal.

II

Resolution to Confer Honorary Membership

WHEREAS During this, its One Hundred and Seventy-Fifth Annual Communication, The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon is honored by the presence of many distinguished visitors from other Grand Lodge jurisdictions, and it is appropriate that they be accorded distinct recognition,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That during the course of this communication, the distinguished visitors from other Grand Lodge jurisdictions shall have honorary membership in this Grand Lodge.

Sponsored by R.W.B. Richard S. Nowacki, Chairman on Resolutions, District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 5; W.B. William T. “Billy” Burns, Past Master of Beaverton Masonic Lodge No. 100; W.B. Ted Crocker III, Past Master of Belt Lodge No. 18; W.B. Brian K. Kaufman, Past Master of Cottage Grove No. 51; and W.B. Richard C. Southard, Past Master of Grande Ronde Valley Lodge No. 56.