

DIGEST OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 147th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
M. W. GRAND LODGE F. & A. M. OF NEVADA
NOVEMBER 14th, & 15th, 2011

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nevada, the One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was convened at the Convention Center, Elko, Nevada.

The Public Opening was called to order by Worshipful Brother Murlyn Ronk, Past Master of Elko Lodge No. 15 on Monday morning, November 14, 2011 at 8:30 A.M. Members of Grand Commandery of Nevada presented the Colors.

M. W. Reed R. Moseley, Grand Master, welcomed the assembly. The Invocation was given by V. R. Fred W. Wilson, Grand Chaplain.

The tribute to the Flag of the United States of America was delivered by Worshipful Brother Louis J. Castle, II, P.M. of Daylite Lodge No. 44. Worshipful Brother Richard M. Graver, Jr., P.M. of Reno Lodges No.13, gave the tribute to the Flag of Canada, and Worshipful Brother Thomas A. Collins, P.M. of Golden Lodge No. 50 presented the tribute for the Flag of the State of Nevada. After the tributes to each Flag the appropriate anthem was sung by all present.

The Honorable Chris Johnson, Mayor of Elko gave a warm welcome to the delegation present.

The Grand Marshal, Worshipful James K. Byars, Past Master of Elko Lodge No. 15, was directed to present and introduce the honored guests.

The Heads of Concordant and Appendant Bodies in Nevada were presented at the Altar. They were:

David J. Morgan, P.G.M., 33rd Degree Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Nevada.

James G. Kelley, P.G.M., Right Pre-eminently Distinguished Grand Governor, Sovereign York Rite College for Nevada.

Kenneth L. Morris, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar.

James K. Byars, Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Nevada.

Most Excellent, Gerald L. Ogle, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons.

Frank D. Foote, Eminent Prior, Nevada Priory Number 50, Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

W. Wayne Perkins. P.G.M., Eminent Preceptor St. Matthais Tabernacle No. 57 Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests.

Gordon F. Wessell, P.G.M., Intendent General, Red Cross of Constantine.

Charles A. "Andy" Anderson, Illustrious Potentate, Kerak Temple Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Reno

Michael L. Rodgers, Illustrious Potentate, Zelzah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Las Vegas.

The response was given by David J. Morgan, P.G.M., 33rd Degree Sovereign Grand Inspector General Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Nevada.

The National Masonic Organization Officers were presented at the Altar. They were:

M.W. William G. Roberts, P.G.M., Chairman of the, Masonic Service Association.

M.W. James G. Kelley, P.G.M., Nevada's Ambassador to the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

M.W. Earl J. Washburn, P.G.M. of Vermont, Executive Director of the National Masonic Foundation for Children.

M. W. H. Wayne Kingsley, P.G.M., Vice President of the National Masonic Foundation for Children.

W. Ted P Bendure, Nevada Ambassador General Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

W. Gerald L. Ogle, Nevada Ambassador General Council Cryptic Masons International

The response was given by M. W. H. Wayne Kingsley, P.G.M.

Leaders of the Ladies and Youth Groups were at this time introduced and each brought greetings and a short message to the Grand Lodge. Introduced were:

Mrs. Janet Vick, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Miss Jenaveve Lester, Miss Nevada Job's Daughters, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Miss Katherine Kirk, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Brother Kevin D. LaRue, State Master Councilor, Nevada DeMolay.

Mrs. Joanie Jacka, Supreme Immortality, Supreme Inspector in Nevada, International Order of Rainbow Girls.

M.W. Reed R. Moseley presented Miss Lester, Miss Kirk, and Brother LaRue each with \$254.00 or one-third share of the \$762.00 collected at the Grand Master's Banquet. The donation was made for our Masonic youth and to be given in Worshipful Brother John Singleton's name.

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. William G. Roberts, P.G.M., Chairman of the, Masonic Service Association presented a plaque of appreciation to M.W. Reed R. Moseley, Grand Master of Masons in Nevada for his leadership and service for 2010-2011. He also presented a plaque to Boulder City Lodge No. 37, the Mark Twain Award of Excellence. The Award was received by sitting Worshipful Master Daniel Erickson and Past Master William F. Albin and several members of Boulder City Lodge. M.W. Roberts was joined by M.W. Carl L. "Bud" Banks, P.G.M., to present a special achievement award to Worshipful Brother Leo Walls, P.M. for his services as representative of the Masonic Services Association to the Veterans Hospital in Reno. Brother William R. Hesser, Senior Warden of Washoe Lodge No. 35, accepted the award for Brother Walls.

The Grand Master thanked the guests for attending and then closed the public portion of the Grand Lodge Ceremony.

OPENING OF GRAND LODGE

The Grand Lodge was formally called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Worshipful Ross A. "Judge" Frazier, P.M., Master of Elko Lodge No. 15. The Grand Lodge Officers entered and assumed their stations and places.

The roll of the Lodges was called and all but two was represented.

The roll of the Grand Lodge officers was called and all were present or accounted for.

Worshipful Brother Robert Peterson, P.M. of Elko Lodge No. 15, filled in as Grand Junior Deacon.

The roll of the Past Grand Masters was called and all who were not present were excused.

Grand Lodge was then opened in Ample Form.

Grand Secretary, Larry W. Darling, introduced the Resolutions. He then moved to dispense with reading of the published resolutions and refer the resolutions to the Jurisprudence Committee. It was seconded and carried.

The Past Grand Masters of Nevada were introduced and accorded Private Grand Honors and given a hearty welcome. Grand Master Moseley and Deputy Grand Master Scheurer welcomed all. M.W. Lee H. Griswold, P.G.M., gave the response.

Distinguished Guests from other Jurisdictions were received and introduced under the direction of W. James Byars, Grand Marshal. There were representatives from Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Nevada Jurisdictions, Inc, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.

M.W. William G. Roberts, P.G.M., chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, moved to grant Honorary membership to the distinguished guests in attendance. The motion was seconded and carried. M.W. Roberts then gave a preliminary report on the resolutions; no deficiencies were noted.

The Credentials Committee gave a Preliminary report.

An invitation for the 148th Annual Communication to be held in Reno, Nevada on November 12 & 13, 2012 at the Atlantis Hotel and Casino was extended by Thomas A. Collins, P.M., Golden Lodge No. 50.

Officers were appointed to tally the votes on the resolutions.

Tellers were appointed for the election of the 2011-2012 Grand Officers.
Ballot for the election of the 2011-2012 Grand Officers was opened.

M. W. Reed R. Moseley, Grand Master, delivered his message. During the Necrology section of the message, the Altar was draped in respect for the 144 Nevada Brethren lost through death during the year and special tribute was given to the three Grand Lodge officers lost; Worshipful Brother John C. Singleton, Most Worshipful George P. "Pat" Williams, P.G.M., and Most Worshipful David J. Guinan, P.G.M. The Grand Master's Message was received and referred to the Committee on Distribution. The Committee on Distribution reported as to the proper committees to which the Grand Master's message should be distributed.

The meeting was called to refreshment for lunch.

The Monday afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Lino Mattioni, Worshipful Master of Winnemucca Lodge No. 19. The Grand Lodge officers entered and assumed their stations.

M.W. Ovid Moore, P.G.M. was presented his Fifty year pin and certificate by M.W. Reed R. Moseley and given a standing ovation.

W. Michael Rodgers presented the preliminary Finance report.

M.W. David Morgan, P.G.M., presented the Legitimacy of Grand Lodges report and it was adopted and will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.

V. W. Larry W. Darling delivered the Grand Secretary's report. It was received and will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.

Attending Worshipful Masters were assembled West of the Altar and presented to the Grand Lodge and Grand Master Moseley and Deputy Grand Master Scheurer welcomed them. Clifford J. Gordon, Worshipful Master of Carson Lodge No. 1 gave the response.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment.

Paul H. Ortiz, Worshipful Master of Churchill Lodge No. 26 called the Grand Lodge to order for the second afternoon session. The Grand Lodge officers entered and assumed their stations.

W. Robert Hall, P.M. gave the Grand Trustee's report. It was received and will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.

W. Gerald L. Ogle, P.M., Grand Historian, gave his report. It was received and is to be printed in the Annual Proceedings.

V. W. Michel P. Aurnague, delivered the Grand Treasurer's report. It was received and will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.

M. W. James G. Kelley, P.G.M., Grand Lecturer presented his report. He then presented the 2010 Silver State Awards of Excellence to the following:

Carson Valley Lodge No. 33 for the eighth year, "Duke" Johnson, Worshipful Master, Dylan M. Zigenis, Secretary.

Washoe Lodge No. 35 for the fourth year, John L. Walter, Worshipful Master, Klaus Wohlgemuth, P.M., Secretary.

Nellis Lodge No. 46 for the fourth year, Michael J. Clark, P.M., Worshipful Master, James T. Greely, III, P.M., Secretary.

Pyramid Lodge No. 43 for the second year, James A. Grabsky, Worshipful Master, J. Rod Stahl, P.M., Secretary.

Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 45 for the second year, Jasper A. Jacobs, Worshipful Master, Stephen V. Robison, Jr., P.M., Secretary.

M. W. Reed R. Moseley extended his congratulations to all.

M.W. Kelley then presented the Ritual and Standard Work Committee Report. It was adopted and will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.

R.W. John M. Buffington, Junior Grand Warden, upon direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master called to craft from labor to refreshment to resume labor at 8:30 AM, Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Grand Lodge was called to order by Worshipful "Duke" Johnson, Master of Carson Valley Lodge No. 33.

The Grand Lodge Officers entered and assumed their stations. M.W. Moseley entrance was accompanied with the background music of "Happy Trails" by Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

Worshipful Michael L. Rodgers, Grand Orator, presented his oration, which was received with a standing ovation.

Worshipful Brother David W. Bolshazy, Junior Warden of Oasis Lodge No. 41, was called west of the Altar to receive his certificate and pin for completing the Officer Training Course. M.W. Ovid A. Moore, P.G.M. and M.W. Reed R. Moseley made the presentation. Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment.

Grand Lodge was called to order by Worshipful Rod Lampa, Master of King Solomon Lodge No. 58.

The Final Credentials Committee Report was presented by W. Paul H. Ortiz. A motion was made and seconded to be received and adopted. The motion carried.

All of the remaining Committee Reports as printed or presented were received, adopted and will be printed in the Annual Proceedings.

M. W. William G. Roberts, P.G.M., gave the Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Then he proceeded to present the Resolutions for the action of the Grand Lodge as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2011(Research Lodges)
RESOLUTION NO. 2-2011(Support of GWMM)

REJECTED
CARRIED OVER TO 2012

A motion was made and seconded for the completed report from the Jurisprudence Committee to be received and adopted. The motion carried.

M.W. Moseley declared the **Ballot Box Closed**.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment for Lunch.

Grand Lodge was called to order by Worshipful John L. Walter, Master of Washoe Lodge No. 35 for the afternoon session.

The Final report of the Finance Committee was read and the proposed budget was presented. On motion, duly made and seconded, the proposed budget was adopted.

The election of officers was conducted in regular form, and following the Grand Master-elect, Hans J. Scheurer, announced the Appointive Grand Officers and presented his remarks. A List of Grand Lodge Officers for 2011-2012 will be found on pages five of this Digest.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:00 P.M. to resume Labor for Installation of 2011-2012 Grand Officers.

M. W. Reed R. Moseley, Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to order at 7:00 P.M. and welcomed the members, relatives and friends attending the Open Installation. He then introduced the Installing team as follows:

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| Installing Master: | M.W. W. Wayne Perkins, P.G.M. |
| Installing Marshal: | M.W. William G. Roberts, P.G.M. |
| Installing Marshal: | M.W. Arthur K. Cronin, P.G.M. |
| Installing Secretary: | M.W. David O. Martinez, P.G.M. |
| Installing Chaplain: | M.W. David J. Morgan, P.G.M. |
| Keeper of the Jewels: | M.W. James G. Kelley, P.G.M. |

The Officers as shown on pages five were installed into their offices according to Ancient Craft Ceremony with prayer and proclamation.

After the Grand Lodge Officers for 2011-2012 were installed, the Most Worshipful Grand Master made his remarks and directed the Grand Secretary to prepare and have printed the Annual Proceedings and to pay all outstanding expenses resulting from this 147th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Nevada. Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form by Most Worshipful Hans J. Scheurer, Grand Master, at 8:30 P.M.

A reception followed.

Fraternally,



Larry W. Darling
Grand Secretary

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2011-2012

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| M.W. Hans J. Scheurer | Grand Master |
| R.W. Richard M. "Mike" Hoaglin | Deputy, Grand Master |
| R.W. John M. Buffington | Senior Grand Warden |
| R.W. Dan I. Newman | Junior Grand Warden |
| V.W. Michel P. Aurnague | Grand Treasurer |
| V.W. Larry W. Darling | Grand Secretary |
| V.W. James G. Kelley, P.G.M. | Grand Lecturer |
| W. Mark L. Mancha | Senior Grand Deacon |
| W. Gerald L. Ogle | Junior Grand Deacon |
| V.R. J. David Miller | Grand Chaplain |
| W. Joseph E. "Jay" Dini, III | Grand Orator |
| W. Michael L. Rodgers | Grand Marshal |
| W. Louis J. Castle, II | Grand Standard Bearer |
| W. Mark A. Marsh | Grand Sword Bearer |
| W. Eric E. Benson | Grand Bible Bearer |
| W. Stephen V. Robison, Jr. | Grand Steward |
| W. W. Lamar Walters | Grand Steward |
| W. John M Feustel | Grand Organist |
| W. Fred W. Wilson | Grand Pursuivant |
| W. Richard M. Graver, Jr. | Grand Historian |
| W. Marion O. "Babe" Rodgers | Grand Tyler ** |
| W. Paul E. Lunsford | Assistant Grand Tyler |
| W. Michael Giles | Grand Trustee |
| W. Robert J. Hall | Grand Trustee |
| W. S. Barton Jacka | Grand Trustee |
| W. Thomas A. Collins | Grand Trustee |
| W. Craig A. Phillips | Grand Trustee |
| W. Dale K. Porray | Grand Webmason |
| M.W. Reed R. Moseley, P.G.M. | Junior Past Grand Master |

** Appointed but not installed