

GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEVADA



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BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE
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Greetings:

Listed below are the seven resolutions and one carryover resolution submitted for consideration by the 145th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Nevada on November 8, 9, and 10, 2009.

Resolution 1-2009

Whereas, Section 9.040 of the Nevada Masonic Code refers to " ... a means to promote unity and the coordination of work for Masonic Events or programs sponsored by one or more constituent Lodges in this jurisdiction ... " does not, by any stretch of the imagination, refer to Masonic Funerals and ...

Whereas, the loss of Michael Kandt as the Mason in charge of Masonic Funerals in Southern Nevada for sojourning Masons has taken away the one Mason who could be contacted by funeral homes in regard to sojourning Masons, and ...

Whereas, the same problem exists throughout the Nevada jurisdiction in regard to Masonic Funerals for sojourning Masons and ...

Whereas, the funeral homes need one representative to call in reference to Masonic Funerals for sojourning Masons and ...

Whereas, the awesome responsibility of having so many sojourning Masons pass away in our state without the Grand Lodge even knowing how many of these types of funerals there are, and...

Whereas, the Masters and Wardens Association does not have the authority to create that "one" representative to call in reference to Masonic Funerals for sojourning Masons...

Therefore be it resolved that the following changes be made to the Nevada Masonic Code:

1. After Section 1.150 (y) all following to be paragraph (1)
2. Add paragraph (2) The Grand Master shall appoint one Past Master in each district to be the Official Representative of the Grand Lodge to assume the duties of putting on Masonic Funerals for Sojourning Masons. The title shall be Deputy Masonic Services Director.

Add paragraph (3) Each Deputy Masonic Services Director will report to Grand Lodge on a monthly basis all the activities of his office.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. John Benson, PM
Clyde Redding
W. Leon Baghdadilian, PM
W. Bill Brzezinski, PM

Resolution 2-2009

Whereas, the position of Organist is not accurate in our current environment since few lodges have an Organ (either Pipe or Electrical) and even fewer can play and operate the pedals and controls effectively,

Whereas, most musical selections are now performed on state-of- the- art keyboards, and future technology may alter the requirements of our musical representatives,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the term Organist be revised to read Musician and the following sections of the Masonic Code of Nevada be amended to reflect this terminology:

Sec. 2.050 Code (pg 2-2) Composition of Grand Lodge
1 (q) Grand Organist-change to Grand Musician
No further changes

Sec. 2.075 Code (pg 2-4) Station of Grand Lodge Officers
Grand Organist: --- change to Grand Musician at instruments or Musicians place

Index (pg P-32) Grand Organist change to Grand Musician

Sec. 3.380 (pg2-14) Grand Organist: Duties --- change to Grand Musician: Duties

The Grand Organist-change to The Grand Musician shall preside at the place at the opening and closing of the Grand Lodge, and when required, conduct its music upon all occasions of ceremony.

Respectfully submitted:
Carl L. "Bud" Banks, PM (18-55)

Resolution 3-2009

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nevada:

Whereas, the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nevada, Article 6, Section 6.160, forbids membership in any order or society

not sanctioned, endorsed, or recognized by this Grand Lodge where the requirement for admission into such order or society as being a Master Mason, and

Whereas, the same Masonic Code, Article 9, Section 9.020 listing the orders or societies sanctioned, endorsed, or recognized by this Grand Lodge does not include the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (AAONMS), also known as the Shrine of North America and Shriners International, hereafter referenced as the Shrine, and

Whereas, it is not, nor has it been, intended or implied by this Grand Lodge that the Shrine is a clandestine order or society, and

Whereas, at the 2000 Imperial Shrine Session the requirement that a petitioner for Shrine membership must be a 32nd degree mason was repealed in favor of the requirement for the petitioner for Shrine membership must be a Master Mason in good standing, and

Whereas, all Master Masons in this jurisdiction who have joined, or intend to join, the Shrine since said Imperial Shrine Session are, or will be, therefore guilty of committing a Masonic Offense,

It is resolved that the Shrine should be an endorsed and recognized order by this Grand Lodge and that the Masonic Code, Article 9, Section 9.020, should be amended as follows:

Subsection 5 titled "Concordant Bodies, recognized," should be renumbered to become subsection 6;

A new subsection 5 should be inserted to read:

5. Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, a.k.a., the Shrine of North America, a.k.a., Shriners International

Fraternally submitted,
Franklin E. Merica, Jr., P.M. (46/54)
Deputy Grand Lecturer for District 9

Resolution 4-2009

Ancient Landmark XXX says that it is "the duty as well as the right of every warranted Lodge to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication."

Whereas, Section 2.260, which says, "A Lodge which has failed to make its annual returns as provided in Section 4.250 is not entitled to representation at the next Annual Communication", is in direct conflict with Landmark XXX,

Therefore be it resolved, that the wording in Section 2.260 of our Nevada Masonic Code be deleted, and the wording "Abrogated by virtue of conflict with AL XXX" be added in its place.

Fraternally submitted,
Michael F. Lintner, P.G.M.
Ross A. Frazier, Grand Trustee

Resolution 5-2009

WHEREAS: Section 4.230-3 of the Nevada Masonic Code currently reads: "All business shall be conducted in a Degree which will allow all Brethren who are present to attend the meeting of the Lodge and witness the proceedings thereof. The examination of candidates and conferring of degrees shall be conducted in the appropriate Degree. Only Master Masons who are members of the Lodge shall be eligible to vote;"

WHEREAS: Ancient Landmark XXVII reads: "Every Master, before closing his Lodge, must give, or cause to be given, a lecture on Masonry, or a part thereof;"

WHEREAS: Ancient Landmark XV, which cannot be changed or abrogated, reads "Initiation makes a man a Mason, and when he receives the degree of Master Mason he becomes a member of the Lodge conferring it;"

WHEREAS: The principles of Masonry are Brotherhood, Charity and truth;

WHEREAS: It is difficult for the Worshipful Master to impart Masonic truth and education in the lectures that are to be presented prior to closing a stated meeting when he is limited to topics in the Entered Apprentice, or Fellow Craft Degrees;

WHEREAS: It is still only Master Masons who can vote and Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are not members of the Lodge;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That section 4.230-3 be deleted and replaced with "All business shall be conducted on the Master Mason Degree."

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Hultin, PM (40)

Resolution 6-2009

WHEREAS, Section 4.050 Consolidation of Lodges provides that there must be a unanimous vote of approval of voting members of each lodge seeking consolidation.

WHEREAS, the requirement of a unanimous approval results in a consolidation being defeated by even one dissenting vote in either of the consolidating lodges.

WHEREAS, the result of this provision which allows the defeat of consolidation by only one voting member is an unfair and prohibitive burden on lodge members who have determined that consolidation is a constructive move.

WHEREAS, in some instances the alternative for a lodge seeking consolidation may be to surrender its charter.

WHEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: That Section 4.050(b) be amended to read:

From (current provision):

" (b) The vote upon such proposed consolidation is taken by secret ballot and is unanimous. "

To (proposed provision):

" (b) The vote upon such proposed consolidation is taken by secret ballot and is approved by a ninety percent majority vote."

Respectfully submitted:
David K. Baba P.M. (40)
Ralph H. Emerson II P.M. (40)

Resolution 7-2009

RESOLVED, by the Grand Lodge F&AM of Nevada that Section 8.020 of the Nevada Masonic Code be amended to read as follows:

"After the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is received, if the vote in favor of the proposed Amendment is [90 percent] *two-thirds* or more of the votes cast thereon, the Amendment shall be declared adopted, and from the close of that communication shall become a part of the Constitution."; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Subsection 1 of Section 8.030 of the NMC be amended to read as follows:

"1. If the vote in favor of a proposed amendment is not [90 percent] *two-thirds* or more, but there is a majority there for, it shall lie over for one year, and shall be published with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge under the caption 'Proposed Amendments to the Constitution. '"

Respectfully submitted,
Will Crocket, PM (47)

CARRYOVER RESOLUTION 4 -2008

PURPOSE: To provide a financially solvent Grand Lodge, this resolution is to increase the \$10 per degree to \$15 and having it paid one time after the conferral of the First Degree in an amount of \$45.

WHEREAS, the operating costs of the Grand Lodge continue to rise; and,
WHEREAS, continued good fiscal management of the Grand Lodge of the State of Nevada requires revenues consistent with inflation;

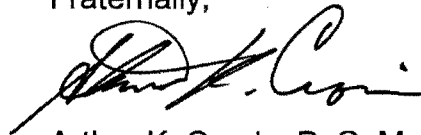
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section 2.500 paragraph 1, a, of the Masonic Code be changed to read:

For each First degree conferred by or for the Lodge during the year ... \$45.

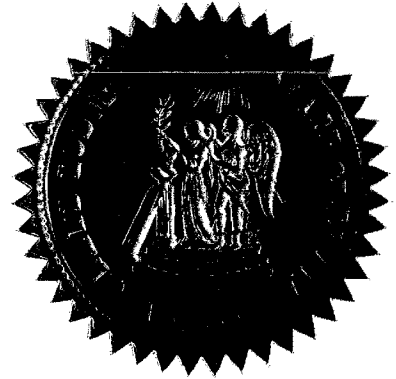
Respectfully Submitted:
Grand Lodge Finance Committee,
Michael L. Rodgers, Chairman

Your careful consideration of these resolutions is a benefit to Nevada Masonry.
Looking forward to greeting you at the 145th Annual Communication.

Fraternally,



Arthur K. Cronin, P. G. M.
Grand Secretary



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