

Ashlar Lodge No. 98 Free and Accepted Masons

St. Augustine, FL

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April 2018



STATED COMMUNICATIONS

Masonic Temple

105 King Street

St. Augustine, FL

1ST & 3RD Thursdays

Meal – 6:30 p.m.

Stated Communication — 7:30 p.m.

DEGREE WORK AND PRACTICE

2nd & 4th Thursdays

CHARITY OF THE QUARTER

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

The first quarter of the year is behind us and I thank you all for making the beginning of 2018 spectacular. We have had good meetings, great dinners, and wonderful fellowship. Thanks to the diligence of the property committee we are staying ahead of the small maintenance items that have cropped up thus far (i.e. filling some nasty potholes in the parking lot and replacing the toilets in both the ladies' and men's rooms upstairs). Our building was tagged with some graffiti at the end of February but has been painted over. I contacted the city to see if their employees were responsible for the repair but they said they no, so if a mystery brother is looking out for the building I give you a big THANK YOU!! from the bottom of my heart.

I would also like to thank those Brothers who attended our Movie Night at Ashlar. Attendance was light but I felt like a good time was had by those who joined us.

Some dates for the calendar:

April 11, is district instruction here at Ashlar where RW Jackie will cover the EA Degree. Officers should try to attend but of course school of instruction is open to all members. 6:30 pm meal, 7:00 pm, instruction.

April 12, we will be conferring the EA degree. Meal at 6:30 pm; degree to begin promptly at 7:30 pm.

May 10, we will have a Lodge Protocol practice on opening in the MM degree and stepping down to a lower degree. Please attend light dinner will be served at 6:30 practice to follow after dinner.

May 16, Our Junior Grand Warden, RW Tommy Turlington, will be at Palatka No. 34 to go over the proposed legislation going before the craft at Grand lodge this year. Light refreshments at 6:30 pm; meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Elected officers should try to attend.

May 17, the proposed legislation will be covered in our lodge meeting. Please attend and give our elected officers your opinion on how we should vote at GL.

May 24, as the meeting on the 17th will be primarily all business, we will have a **family night on Thurs the 24th**, bring friends, wives, and kids and enjoy a meal with us and an interesting program to follow. More specifics about the program in the May TB but mark the date and plan to join us.

May 27-30 is the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Busy next 2 months, but they will be fun!

See you in Lodge,

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April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 OES	3	4 Rainbow Open Book Pineland 86 6-9 pm	5 STATED COMMUNI- CATION 6:30 PM	6	7
8	9	10	11 District Instruction Ashlar 6:30 pm	12 EA De- gree 6:30 pm	13	14
15	16 OES	17 York Rite Chapter/ Council 6:30 pm	18 RAIN- BOW	19 STATED COMMUNI- CATION 6:30 PM	20	21 LOTC Mod. III Ashlar 8:00 am
22	23	24 York Rite Commandery 6:30 pm	25 DIS- TRICT ASSN. BUNNELL 6: 30 PM	26	27	28
29	30					

Masonic Etiquette

- ◆ The rules of order in Freemasonry do not permit side line discussions among members during a Communication. **The member who has anything to say to the Lodge, whether it be to enter discussion or to make or second a motion, must rise to his feet, wait to be recognized by and then address the Worshipful Master.**
- ◆ There is a philosophy in dress as in so many other things, and the dress proper to Masonic occasions is no exception. **Its principle is good taste; its practice is to wear such attire as shows respect to the Brotherhood and expresses the dignity of Masonry.**
- ◆ The proper clothing for a Masonic funeral is black or dark suit, black neck tie, white gloves, and plain white Apron, a band of black crepe around the left arm, above the elbow, and a sprig of evergreen on the coat pocket breast. Only white gloves and white aprons should be worn at Masonic Funerals. This requirement includes present and past Grand Lodge Officers; District Deputy Grand Masters; District Instructors; Worshipful Masters; Lodge Officers; etc. A simple Square and Compasses lapel pin is permissible.
- ◆ All members present in Lodge should behave in a seemly manner with discussion and conduct of business carried only in accordance with the laws of Grand Lodge, the Lodge By-Laws, and the will of the Worshipful Master. No loud talking, jesting, or unnecessary moving about are permitted,. Harmony and dignity prevail. **Sideline chatter is unseemly and serves to disrupt Lodge proceedings.** Prompting during degrees is disruptive.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 RAIN-BOW District Inst. Middleburg	3 STATED COMMUNICATION 6:30 PM	4	5
6	7 OES	8	9	10 Lodge Instruction Protocol and Open/Closing	11	12
13	14	15	16 RAIN-BOW Legislative Palat-	17 STATED COMMUNICATION 6:30 PM	18	19
20	21	22 York Rite Chapter/Council 6:30 pm	23 District Assn. Palatka 34 6:30 pm	24	25	26
27	28 Grand Lodge	29 Grand Lodge Commandery 6:30 pm	30 Grand Lodge	31		

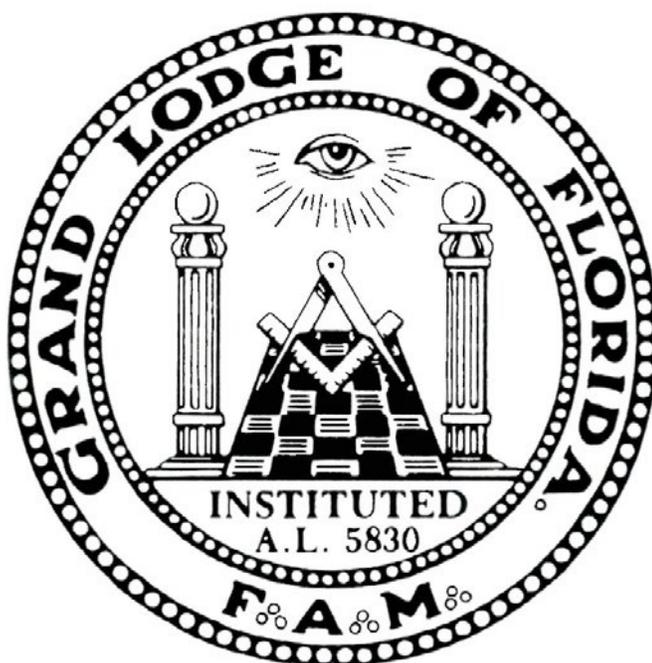
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Truth is the crowning virtue of Masonry. Truth symbolizes divinity. The dictionary defines truth as fidelity to a standard and conformity to fact or actuality. Thus Truth is most often used to mean correspondence to fact or with what actually occurred. As Masons, we should be sincere in all our dealings with others. Society today has a twisted perception of truth. People look for ways to pervert what actually occurred or was said to fulfill their own selfish goals. As Masons, we should stand for truthfulness and abhor the perversion of truth.

Truth includes balance, order, law, morality, and justice. It is honesty in dealing with others and is considered the root of all virtue; a person living an honest life is bound to be virtuous. But an honest person cannot be identified simply as one who tells the truth because it *is* the truth, for one can have the virtue of honesty without being tactless or indiscreet. The honest person recognizes "That would be a lie" as a strong reason for not making certain statements in certain circumstances, and gives due weight to "That would be the truth" as a reason for making them.

Truth is the foundation of every human virtue.

The Most Worshipful Grand
Lodge of
Free and Accepted Masons of Flori-
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PROPOSED LEGISLATION

STATEMENT OF CONDI-

TION AND

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION REGARDING COMMITTEE ON WORK MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Digest of the Masonic Law currently states “the Committee on Work shall be composed of not fewer than ten nor more than fifteen members, of which one must be Spanish speaking”; and

WHEREAS, this has been in effect since 2010, since which time there has been additional sets of books placed in various Lodges throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Craft voted to change the number of Zones from 10 to 7 effective in 2017; and WHEREAS, this change has increased the distance from one corner of a Zone to the other, making it more difficult for one chairman to cover a Zone by himself; and

WHEREAS, the current allowable number of members includes the State Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Spanish Speaking member; and

WHEREAS, traditionally these three members have had their own duties and have not been able to also handle the duties of a Zone Chairman.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the wording in Article IX, Section 7, of the Constitution be amended in part to read “The Committee on Work shall be composed of not fewer than ten nor more than fifteen eighteen members, of which one shall be the State Chairman, another may be a Vice Chairman, and at least one of which must be Spanish speaking.” (2018)

Respectfully submitted by the 2016-2017 Committee on Work,

R.: W.: Jeffery L. Miller,

Chairman R.: W.: Larry

W. Thomas, Vice Chair-

man R.: W.: D. Timothy

Harrell, Zone 1-A R.: W

.: Mark C. Dragon, Zone

1-B R.: W.: Michael L.

Lample, Zone 2-A R.: W

.: David A. Lane, Zone 2

R.: W.: Charles M.

“Scooter” Barr, Zone 3 R

.: W.: Frederick J.

Latsko, Zone 4 R.: W.:

Dennis C. Ricker, Zone 5

R.: W.: Fern E.

“Ed” Street, Zone 6

R.: W.: A. Gary

Cavanaugh, Zone 7

R.: W.: Edgar F.

Lanham, Zone 8 R

.: H.: John J.

Carter, Zone 9 R.:

W.: Joseph M.

Martin, Zone 10

R.: W.: Nestor O. Rodriquez, Spanish Instructor

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

**RESOLUTION AS TO TIME IN FORCE OF THE BLUE PROFICIENCY
CARD**

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the Worshipful Master be proficient in the ceremonies of opening and closing the Three Degrees of Freemasonry and the Esoteric Work of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason Degree; and

WHEREAS, for both the betterment of the Craft and themselves, those appointed to the first positions in the progressive line of a Lodge should learn the Ritual of the Three Symbolic Degrees and their meanings; and

WHEREAS, a journey to the East may take up to seven years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Chapter 37, under Proficiency, Regulation 37.16 (g) (page 281) be revised to read as follows:

37.16 (g) All proficiency cards except the brown, blue, and gold cards shall only be in force for three

(3) years unless renewed by the committee upon examination of such and holder, or unless the holder of such cards has qualified to receive an extra card for proficiency; *provided*, that when any Master Mason is proficient in the esoteric work of all Three Degrees and the lectures thereof and receives a gold card, it shall be good for life, unless revoked by the Grand Lodge. The brown card shall be in force for ten (10) years. The blue card shall be in force for seven (7) years. (2018)

Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: Michael L. Elliott, D.D.G.M. District 17, Merritt

Island Lodge No. 353 R.: W.: Ben S. Schwartz,

P.D.D.G.M., Indian River Lodge No. 90

W.: Christopher Durie, P.M., Melbourne Lodge No. 143

(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)

**RESOLUTION AS TO ELI-
GIBILITY OF SENIOR WAR-
DENS OF PARTICULAR LODG-
ES**

WHEREAS, the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida stipulates and defines the limits of the responsibilities and authority of the principal officers of Particular Lodges; and
WHEREAS, a basic working knowledge of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida will facilitate the principal officers in governing the Lodge; and
WHEREAS, there is a commitment by the principal officers of the Lodge to govern within the boundaries set forth in the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida; and
WHEREAS, since time immemorial it has been the tradition for the Lodges of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida to be governed within the boundaries as set forth in the Digest; and
WHEREAS, the Master Mason Exams I, II, and III provide a basis for familiarization with the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Chapter 19, under Eligibility, Regulation 19.03.2 (page 183) be amended to read as follows:
19.03.2 Every Brother who is nominated and elected to the office of Junior Warden or Senior Warden of any Particular Lodge shall have completed and passed Master Mason Exam I, Master Mason Exam II, and Master Mason Exam III before his installation to that office. (2018)

Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.D.D.G.M., Holy-
rood Lodge No 257 R.: W.: Ben S. Schwartz,
P.D.D.G.M., Merritt Island Lodge No 353

R.: W.: James W. McQuigg, State Chairman, Masonic Educa-
tion Committee R.: W.: William J. "Joe" Paul, Zone 1 Chair-
man, Masonic Education Committee

W.: Robert L. Fitzgerald, Jr., Zone 2a Chairman, Masonic
Education Committee Brother William L. Wiggins, Zone 2b
Chairman, Masonic Education Committee

W.: Michael A. Vickers, Zone 3 Chairman, Masonic
Education Committee W.: Tomas Izquierdo, Zone 4a
Chairman, Masonic Education Committee W.: C.
Pearce Dreadin, Zone 4b Chairman, Masonic Education
Committee

R.: W.: Edward M. Sexton, Zone 5a Chairman, Masonic
Education Committee W.: Robert J. Lippek, Zone 6
Chairman, Masonic Education Committee W.: David E.
Miller, Jr., Zone 7 Chairman, Masonic Education Com-
mittee

R.: W.: Felix Gordillo, Jr., Spanish Speaking Member

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND REGULATIONS
28.06 AND 44.05 AND CREATE NEW
REGULATION 28.06.1**

WHEREAS, Regulations 28.06 and 44.05 prohibit the sale or dispensing of alcohol on Lodge property or premises or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the same Regulations allow the use of wine for Ceremonial purposes on the same property; and

WHEREAS, several Masonic Lodges or the Grand Lodge may lease or rent portions of their property that are never used for Masonic purposes; and

WHEREAS, the types of businesses allowed to lease or rent is limited by this Regulation since many food service businesses (i.e.: restaurants, convenience stores, supermarkets) require the sale or dispensing of alcohol to operate; and

WHEREAS, several of these same Lodges rely financially on these leased or rented “Banquet Halls” to continue Masonic Lodge operations; and

WHEREAS, several other Lodges that are struggling financially might own properties that could be leased or rented so they too can continue Masonic operation, but because of the current wording of these Regulations have not been able to acquire a tenant(s).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulations 28.06, 28.06.1, and 44.05 be amended to allow a Particular Lodge or Grand Lodge to lease or rent properties that are not being used for Masonic purposes to businesses that can sell or dispense alcoholic beverages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Regulation 28.06.1 be amended to define the parameters allowing this activity thus protecting any Particular Lodge or the Grand Lodge from any liability for any legal actions brought against these businesses.

Regulation 28.06, amended to read:

28.06 A Particular Lodge shall not allow or permit its Lodge Room, “Banquet Hall,” or any other room used for Masonic purposes or by Masons for a Particular Lodge or Grand Lodge to be used for the sale or dispensing or serving of alcoholic beverages, except as provided for in 28.06.1, nor for conducting thereon of games of chance, lotteries, or any other form of gambling, with the exception of fundraiser drawings and raffles, nor for any illegal or immoral purposes. These prohibitions shall apply to all Table Lodges but the use of wine for Ceremonial purposes by Allied and Appendant Bodies shall not be prohibited. (2018)

Regulation 28.06.1, amended to read:

28.06.1 Any non-Masonic, legitimate and moral commercial or retail business that leases or rents Lodge property or portions thereof other than the Lodge Room, “Banquet Hall,” or any other room used for Masonic purposes or by Masons for a Particular Lodge or Grand Lodge may sell or dispense alcoholic beverages; *provided* such business has acquired all the proper credentials, licenses, certificates, insurance, and any other documents required, in accordance with all the local, County,

State, and Federal Laws; and *provided further* such lease or rental agreement shall include language which will indemnify a Particular Lodge or Grand Lodge against any legal actions taken by the lessee or its customers, patrons, or any other person or persons directly or indirectly involved with the lessee's business (due to its selling or dispensing alcoholic beverages). (2018)

A Particular Lodge may allow or permit the "Banquet Hall" to be used for non-Masonic, legitimate and moral, commercial or retail business purposes where a fee for lease or rent for such usage may or may not be collected and alcoholic beverages may be permitted only in the "Banquet Hall" and nowhere else inside the building or outside the Lodge property at the time of such activity; provided such business including exclusive booking agents and professional event planners or individual has acquired all the proper credentials, licenses, certificates, insurance, and any other documents required, in accordance with all the Local, County, State, and Federal Laws; and provided further a lease, rental, or usage agreement shall include language which will indemnify a Particular Lodge and Grand Lodge against any legal actions taken by the lessee or its customers, patrons, guests, or any other person or persons directly or indirectly involved with the lessee's business or purpose (due to its selling or dispensing alcoholic beverages); and *provided further* that the Particular Lodge or other Masonic Allied and Appendant Bodies are not meeting in the Lodge Room for any reason including instruction; and *provided further* the event shall be monitored under the supervision of an Officer or Officers of the Particular Lodge and/or their duly authorized representative(s) for compliance of these stipulations. (2018)

Regulation 44.05, amended to read:

44.05 The sale or serving of beer, wine, liquor, or any other alcoholic or intoxicating beverage on any property owned or leased by Grand Lodge or on any property owned or leased by Particular Lodges, including, but not limited to, any Lodge Room, "Banquet Hall," recreation room, dining room, or other structure used for Masonic purposes and located on said property is strictly prohibited, except hereinafter as provided for in Regulation 28.06.1. These prohibitions shall apply to all Table Lodges, but the use of wine for Ceremonial purposes by Allied and Appendant Bodies shall not be prohibited. (2018)

These prohibitions shall not apply to any commercial property owned by the Grand Lodge or a Particular Lodge which is leased to non-Masonic third parties for lawful commercial purposes; to any premises or properties used by the Grand Lodge for its Annual Sessions; to hospitality rooms used by the Grand Lodge, a Masonic District, or a Particular Lodge at a hotel or private residence; nor to picnics or other gatherings held at properties not owned or operated under Masonic authority. (2013)

Respectfully submitted,

W□ David Frimmel, P.M., Jackson Lodge No. 1

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION FOR PROFICIENCY CHANGE

WHEREAS, Regulation 37.12 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida reads in part: “No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft or Master Mason Degree unless and until he shall have passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge upon the catechism of the preceding Degree.”; and

WHEREAS, Regulation 37.14 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida reads: “The golden rule which should govern the advancement of applicants to the Second and Third Degrees is “suitable proficiency” to be demonstrated on examination in open Lodge, and which nothing but a most extraordinary and meritorious case of emergency should ever waive.”; and

WHEREAS, in Regulation 37.12 the word “shall” is used as a directive; and

WHEREAS, in Regulation 37.14 the words “golden rule and should” are used as recommendations; and

WHEREAS, in Regulation 37.14 the words “suitable proficiency” are vague and lead to different interpretations; and

WHEREAS, from Lodge to Lodge there are vast variations in the level of catechism proficiency; and WHEREAS, the word “proficiency” should be explained as a high degree of competence or skilled expertise; and

WHEREAS, prior to delivering the catechism of the preceding Degree candidates should be reviewed for competency; and

WHEREAS, this competency would then be relayed to the Master of the Lodge, with due time, for his decision to confer the next higher Degree; and

WHEREAS, the Catechism Instructor should hold a minimum silver proficiency card or the knowledge of one; and

WHEREAS, a candidate cannot archive proficiency with inadequate instruction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulation 37.14 of the Digest of Masonic Law be amended as follows:

37.14 (a) The golden rule which should government of the advancement of applicants to the Second and Third Degrees, is “suitable proficiency” to be demonstrated on examination in open Lodge, and which nothing but a most extraordinary and meritorious case of emergency should ever waive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that paragraph 37.14 (b) be added to read as follows:

37.14 (b) The definition of proficiency is a high degree of competence, skill, or expertise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that paragraph 37.14 (c) be added to read as follows:

37.14 (c) Catechism Instructors of the Three Degrees of Freemasonry should hold a minimum silver proficiency card or possess the equivalent knowledge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the curriculum of District Schools be broadened to include training of Lodge Instructors of the catechisms of the Three Degrees of Freemasonry. Doing this can only elevate the proficiency of our candidates.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brother Roscoe Love, Brandon Lodge No. 114

(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)

RESOLUTION REQUIRING LODGE SECRETARIES TO NOTIFY APPENDANT AND ALLIED ORDERS OF MEMBERSHIP LOSSES IN PARTICULAR LODGES

WHEREAS, membership in the Appendant and Allied Orders require membership in Good Standing in a recognized Blue Lodge; and

WHEREAS, there is no specific requirement that the Secretaries of Appendant and Allied Orders request of a Particular Lodge Secretary or of the Grand Secretary notification of any losses of membership; and

WHEREAS, there may be Secretaries of Appendant and Allied Orders that are not aware of our Regulation that this information may be provided to them upon request; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in some members who have been removed from a Lodge roll of members and they are still maintaining their membership in Appendant and Allied Orders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulation 9.14 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida be amended to require Particular Lodge Secretaries to notify the Appendant and Allied Orders in their area of losses in membership in their Particular Lodge.

Chapter 9, Grand Secretary, Regulation 9.14, first paragraph, be amended to read:

9.14 The Grand Secretary and the Secretaries of the Particular Lodges, upon request therefore, may shall provide to appropriate officers of appendant, allied, or affiliated orders and organizations lists of names of persons that for any reason have been removed from the Lodge roll of members and the reason for such removal and such other lists of members as may be approved by the Grand Master. (2018)

Respectively submitted,

R.: W.: Russell B. Glendinning, P.D.D.G.M., Sarasota
Lodge No. 147 R.: W.: Luther Bodiford, III,
P.D.D.G.M., J. Edwin Larson Lodge No. 361

W.: William A. Van Dyke, III, P.M., John Darling
Lodge No. 154 R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart,
P.D.D.G.M., Brandon Lodge No. 114

W.: Robert D. Davidson, P.M., Star Lodge No. 78

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE PROCESS OF ELECTING
THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF CLUBS AND SIMI-
LAR ORGANIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 47 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida contains the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Clubs and Similar Organizations that are recognized by the Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.03 of the Uniform Code of By-Laws states that the election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the first meeting of the organization in December of each year in the same manner as officers are elected in Particular Lodges in Florida; and

WHEREAS, not all of these Clubs and Similar Organizations meet on a monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, for many years these Clubs and Similar Organizations have been using a nominating process to elect their Officers and Directors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Chapter 47, Regulation 47.02, Section 5.03, first paragraph, of the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Clubs and Similar Organizations be amended to read as follows:

5.03 Election of Officers and Directors. – The election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the first last meeting of this organization in December of each calendar year in the same manner as officers are elected in Particular Lodges in Florida. No later than the opening of the meeting preceding the last meeting of the calendar year, nominations shall be made in writing to the Secretary and no other nominations will be accepted thereafter. The nominee shall also make a statement in writing stating that he will accept the position if elected no later than the opening of the meeting preceding the last meeting of the calendar year and no other acceptance letters will be accepted thereafter. Regardless of the month in which elections are held, the installation of the new Officers and Directors may not be held prior to December 27th of each year. (2018)

(No change to the rest of

Section 5.03) Respectfully Sub-

mited,

M.: W.: Michael A. Padron, P.G.M., Key West Lodge
No. 64 R.: W.: Russell B. Glendinning, P.D.D.G.M.,
Sarasota Lodge No. 147 R.: W.: Chester A. King,
P.D.D.G.M., Winter Park Lodge No. 239

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

**RESOLUTION ON REQUIREMENT OF AMEND-
ING CLUBS AND SIMILAR ORGANI-
ZATIONS' BY-LAWS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 47 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida pertains to the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Clubs and Similar Organizations and specifically states that any amendments to be made are to be sent in quadruplicate to the Committee on Appendant and Allied Orders for review; and

WHEREAS, it can be encumbering for an Organization's Secretary to make such copies if he does not have easy access to a copy machine for his use; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Secretary's Office does have easy access to a copier; and

WHEREAS, the required copies of amendments or new sets of By-Laws can be made by the Grand Secretary's Office before being forwarded to the Committee on Appendant and Allied Orders for review and there will still be four copies with original signature of approval from the Grand Master for distribution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 11.01 of the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Clubs and Similar Organizations contained in Chapter 47, Regulation 47.02, of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida be amended as follows:

11.01 – Amendments – These By-Laws may be amended only as follows: Any proposal for amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, shall be presented for action at the next regular meeting of this organization. If a majority of the Members present at such meeting approve such proposal, the President shall announce that the proposal will be presented for final approval or rejection at the next regular meeting, and if at such regular meeting such proposal be adopted by three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the Members present, the same original amendment (s) signed by the President and Secretary with the date of approval and date of adoption shown thereon shall be submitted in quadruplicate to the Committee on Appendant and Allied Orders for review and forwarding to the Grand Master for approval or rejection. If approved by the Grand Master, such proposal shall become effective, subject only to review by the Grand Lodge. (2018)

Respectfully submitted,

M.:W.: Michael A. Padron, P.G.M., Key West Lodge
No. 64 R.:W.: Russell B. Glendinning, P.D.D.G.M.,
Sarasota Lodge No. 147 R.:W.: Chester A. King,
P.D.D.G.M., Winter Park Lodge No. 239

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND
CHAPTER 14 GRAND LODGE
REVENUE AND FINANCES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is charged with the operation of the Masonic Home of Florida, serving worthy Brother Master Masons, their wives or widows; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recently, with the faith and trust of fellow Masons extended at Grand Lodge in 2016, completed the renovations to the Guest House and has currently rented nearly all units which were renovated, bringing in a gross annual income of \$200,000.00 to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees faces continued challenges to increase the occupancy of the Masonic Home for non-Masons on the Private Pay Plan; and

WHEREAS, renovations are required to be made to the Masonic Home to accomplish this goal, as well as to continue serving the current residents of the Masonic Home who were admitted under the Life Care or Private Pay Plan; and

WHEREAS, such renovations and major maintenance or repair projects not budgeted cannot currently be undertaken without approval of the Craft at the Annual Grand Lodge Session due to the unavailability of funds to the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, while the often suggested language offered to those seeking to leave a bequest to the Masonic Home reads, “to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization” both Grand Lodge and the Masonic Home continue to receive “undesignated funds” from wills, estates, and/or gifts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the current Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, such “undesignated funds” are required to be added to the principal of the Masonic Home Endowment Fund; and

WHEREAS, prior history of our Grand Lodge, reflects such “undesignated funds” were used for improvements to the Masonic Home as adopted in the 1987 Grand Lodge Proceedings, page 316:

14.09 All bequests and devises made to the Grand Lodge of Florida for the use and benefit of the Masonic Home of Florida, or made to the Masonic Home of Florida, shall be credited and added to the Masonic Home Building Fund, unless specific directions otherwise have been made by the donor, until sufficient funds have been collected to complete and properly furnish all phases of the Masonic Home Replacement Building now under construction. At the time all of the above is accomplished, the Regulation will automatically revert back to the original regulation approved in 1952, page 161.

14.17.1 (5) All funds donated, bequeathed, or otherwise transferred or assigned to the Grand Lodge without specification or purpose, or use, which funds shall be forthwith deposited to credit of the Masonic Home Building Fund, unless specific directions otherwise have been made by the donor, until sufficient funds have been collected to complete and properly furnish all phases of the Masonic Home Replacement Building now under construction. At the time all of the above is accomplished, the Regulation will automatically revert back to the original Regulation approved in 1984, Page 167.

WHEREAS, any expenditure of such funds **will continue** to require the review and approval by the Corporate Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposed changes to excerpts of Chapter 14 be approved by The Grand Lodge of Florida (the Craft) at the next Annual Grand Communication:

14.09 All bequests and devises made to The Grand Lodge of Florida for the use and benefit of the Masonic Home of Florida, shall be credited and added to the Masonic Home Building Fund for use of and at the discretion of the Board of Trustees Endowment Fund unless specific directions otherwise have been made by the donor. (2018)

14.12 3.(b)(10)

(10) All gifts, donations, or bequests of funds, money, or securities for specified purposes shall be accepted only by and with approval of the Corporate Board. Upon acceptance of funds or money for a specified purpose, an account or sub-account thereof shall be set up in the Budget and books of the Grand Lodge. After initial approval by the Corporate Board, additional funds may be expended by Committee, Board, Officer, or Commission having responsibility for the purpose or project for which the gift was given unless otherwise restricted by the Corporate Board.

All such gifts and donations shall be accepted upon condition that if or when the specified purpose of the gift or donation has been accomplished that any remaining funds received for such purpose, shall be used for a similar purpose or project or deposited in the Masonic Home Building Fund for use of and at the discretion of the Board of Trustees Masonic Home Endowment Fund.

14.17 The Finance and Accounts Committee shall prepare a tentative Budget for presentation to the Corporate Board as provided in the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and make report and recommendation to the Grand Lodge on all matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge. Each year the Committee shall review all "F" account funds and other trust funds and report thereon to the Grand Lodge in respect to the purposes or projects for which such funds were given and whether or not such purposes or projects have been accomplished or completed together with recommendations for transfer of such funds to the Masonic Home Building Fund for use of and at the discretion of the Board of Trustees appropriate funds having similar purposes to the purpose for which such funds were originally designated. (2018)

14.17.1 (5) All funds donated, bequeathed, or otherwise transferred or assigned to the Grand Lodge or the Masonic Home without specification of purpose, or use, which funds shall be forthwith deposited to credit of the Masonic Home Building Fund, for use of and at the discretion of the Board of Trustees to be used for extraordinary repairs to the Masonic Home; provided that after March 31, 2005, all funds so received and all such funds placed in the Masonic Home Building Fund and not used as above provided shall be placed in the Masonic Home Endowment Fund or the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., as principal thereof. (2018)

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida,

R.: W.: J. Steven Teal, P.D.D.G.M., Chairman

R.: W.: Ronald E. Peebles, P.D.D.G.M.,

Vice Chairman R.: W.: Michael S. Binder,
P.D.D.G.M.

R.: W.: Michael L. Elliott,
P.D.D.G.M. R.: W.:

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Joseph Smedley,

P.D.D.G.M. R.: W.: B.

Allen West, P.D.D.G.M.

R.: W.: Lawrence A. Williamson, P.D.D.G.M.

(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A “MERGED FLOORWORK/
RITUAL BOOK” AND CORRECTIONS TO THE IRREGULARITIES, GRAMMAR,
AND PUNCTUATION
TO THE CIPHER AND ADOPTED WORK**

WHEREAS, the original “Forms and Ceremonies” were transcribed, written, and doped in 1967; and WHEREAS, this set of books is kept in a safe in the Grand Lodge Building; and

WHEREAS, each of the authorized duplicate copies of the “Forms and Ceremonies” have been made by copying the original books; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Craft voted in favor of the Committee on Work preparing a merged version of the Cipher and the Floorwork Book; and

WHEREAS, when the Committee was working to prepare this merged Work grammatical errors and irregularities were discovered among the different Degrees; and

WHEREAS, the Cipher must be an accurate representation of the “Forms and Ceremonies;” and

WHEREAS, the Committee does not wish to simply create this merged Work without correcting these irregularities and grammatical errors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the merged Work, as prepared by the Committee on Work, including the corrections to the irregularities, grammar, and punctuation be adopted, printed, and distributed by the Grand Secretary’s Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cipher be revised to accurately reflect these corrections, ensuring that the Cipher is an accurate reflection of the Merged Work as adopted.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Work be directed to produce a set of digital copies of the EA, FC, MM1, and MM2 Forms and Ceremonies including the corrections to the irregularities, grammar, and punctuations ensuring that the Forms and Ceremonies accurately reflect the merged Work and the Cipher.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Work be requested and authorized to prepare a digital copy of the other books that are part of the “Forms and Ceremonies.”

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Work be requested and authorized to print all new duplicate copies of the Forms and Ceremonies as they become digitized in order to replace the existing books in the various safes throughout the state.

Respectfully submitted
By The Committee
On Work

R.: W.: Jeffery L. Miller, Chaian
R.: W.: Larry W. Thomas, Vice Chairman
R.: W.: D. Timothy
Harrell, Zone 1-A R.:
W.: Mark C. Dragon,
Zone 1-B R.: W.: Mi-
chael L. Lample, Zone
2-A R.: W.: David A.
Lane, Zone 2-B
R.: W.: Frederick J. Latsko, General Service Panel Member as-
signed to Zone 2-C R.: W.: Charles M. "Scooter" Barr, Zone 3-A
R.: W.: Sebastian
Guarneri, Zone 3-B R
. W.: Fern E. "Ed"
Street, Zone 4-A R.: W
. A. Gary Cavanaugh,
Zone 4-B

R.: W.: Dennis C. Ricker, Zone 5-A
R.: W.: Donald Goolsby, General Service Panel Member assigned to
Zone 5-B R.: W.: Edgar F. Lanham, Zone 6
R.: W.: Albert J. McDonald,
Zone 7-A R.: W.: Joseph M.
Martin, Zone 7-B
R.: W.: Nestor O. Rodriquez, Spanish Instructor

(Jurisprudence had no recommendation.)

**RESOLUTION TO UPDATE LODGE BY-LAWS TO CON-
FORM WITH THE CHANGES TO REGULATION 26.09
ADOPTED AT THE
188th ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION**

WHEREAS, Proposed Legislation was adopted by the Craft at the 188th Annual Grand Communication to change the requirement that a resident of the Masonic Home be placed on the Emeritus rolls of the Lodge only under the Life Care Plan; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 24, By-Law Section 3.05 Emeritus was not amended due to an oversight, therefore making this “housekeeping change” to Chapter 24 necessary.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Chapter 24, By-Law Section 3.05 Emeritus, be amended to include the same changes with reference to Masonic Home residents admitted on the Life Care Plan adopted and amended in Regulation 26.09 as follows:

Regulation 24.05, By-Law Section 3.05, page 207, amended to read:

3.05 Emeritus.-Each year upon written recommendation of its elective Officers a Lodge may, by majority vote, place upon the Emeritus List and remit the dues for such year to those members who from bodily infirmities or misfortune have become unable to pay dues, and in order for the Lodge to be exempt from payment to Grand Lodge of annual revenue on such emeritus members, the Worshipful Master and Secretary must certify on the annual return that each and every member of the Emeritus List is unable to pay dues because of bodily infirmities or misfortune, *provided however*, that any member of this Lodge who is a resident guest of the Masonic Home under the Life Care Plan shall automatically be placed upon the Emeritus List. (2018)

Respectfully submitted by the Jurisprudence Sub-Committee on Masonic Digest,

M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn,
P.G.M., Chairman M.: W.:
Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M.,
Member

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE
PROCESS OF ELECTING THE OFFICERS OF MEMORIAL LODGES**

WHEREAS, Chapter 46 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida contains the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Memorial Lodges that are constituted in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.02 of the Uniform Code of By-Laws was the same as the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Particular Lodges in Chapter 24, Section 7.02, prior to 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Particular Lodges Regulation 24.05, Section 7.02, on the Manner and Method of Election has been amended three times since 2014 and Chapter 46, Section 7.02 of the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Memorial Lodges has not been amended to coincide with the Manner and Method of Elections in Particular Lodges; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Memorial Lodges Regulation 46.11, Section 8.01 Stated Communications, was amended at the 185th Annual Grand Communication in 2014 to allow Memorial Lodges to hold quarterly Stated Communications with the 4th Stated Communication of the year being held in December.

THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED that Regulation 46.11, Section 7.02 of the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Memorial Lodges be amended to read as follows:

Regulation 46.11, By-Law Section 7.02, page 341 amended to read:

7.02 Manner and Method of Election. – In the election of Officers, the Ancient Regulations shall be observed. There shall be no nominations, nor electioneering; and a nominations shall be made in writing to the Memorial Lodge Secretary no later than the opening of the Stated Communication preceding the December Stated Communication and no other nominations will be accepted thereafter. The nominee shall also make a statement in writing stating that he will accept the position if elected no later than the opening of the Stated Communication preceding the December Stated Communication and no other acceptance letters will be accepted thereafter. Discussions regarding nominees for office may take place among Brethren, but not in open Lodge. A majority of all votes cast, respectively, shall determine. In each succeeding ballot for the same office, when more than two members are voted for, the name or names of the Brother or Brethren having the lowest number of votes, shall, by order of the Master, be dropped; and all votes cast in derogation of said order shall not be counted. (2018)

Time of Elections shall be held in accordance to By-Law Section 7.01 of Regulation 46.11 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Uniform Code of By-Laws. (2018)

Respectfully submitted by the Jurisprudence Sub-Committee on Masonic Digest,

M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn,
P.G.M., Chairman M.: W.:
Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M.,
Member

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION ON REQUIREMENT OF AMENDING MEMORIAL LODGE BY-LAWS

WHEREAS, Chapter 46 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida pertains to the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Memorial Lodges and Section 12.01 (2) specifically states that an original and three copies of any amendment proposed and adopted to the By-Laws are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge or its authority for review; and

WHEREAS, it can be encumbering for a Memorial Lodge Secretary to make such copies if he does not have easy access to a copy machine for his use; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Secretary's Office does have easy access to a copier; and

WHEREAS, the required copies of amendments or new sets of By-Laws can be made by the Grand Secretary's Office before being forwarded to the Grand Lodge or its authority for review and there will still be four copies with original signature of approval from the Grand Master for distribution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 12.01 (2) of the Uniform Code of By-Laws for Memorial Lodges contained in Chapter 46 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida be amended as follows:

Regulation 46.11, By-Law Section 12.01 (2), page 342 amended to read:

12.01 (2) Any amendment proposed and adopted to these By-Laws shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge or its authority as follows: The original and three copies of such By-Laws or revision signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary under the Seal of the Lodge, with date of approval and date of adoption shown thereon, shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary. (2018)

Respectfully submitted by the Jurisprudence Sub-Committee on Masonic Digest,

M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn,
P.G.M., Chairman M.: W.:
Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M.,
Member

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION ON THE FEE FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida stipulates that the fee for a criminal background investigation must accompany the petition. The fee received for Initiation shall be returned to the candidate if rejected; however, the fee received for the criminal background investigation shall be retained by the Lodge; and

WHEREAS, it is now possible for a Petitioner/Applicant to order and pay for the criminal background investigation through the Circumscribe database and the Lodge Secretary will receive a copy of the criminal background investigation by email; and

WHEREAS, this process negates the requirement for the Lodge Secretary to secure an Applicant Background Waiver form, to collect the funds for the background investigation, to undertake the background search, and to redact to the Petitioner's social security number from the Applicant Background Waiver form. The Lodge Secretary should, however, continue to obtain and secure the signature of a receipt from the Petitioner/Applicant upon returning the background investigation report; and

WHEREAS, there are Lodge Secretaries that prefer to continue the current process utilizing a company selected by Grand Lodge, therefore, this Resolution is not intended to eliminate that process but rather to extend the option for the Petitioner/Applicant and the Lodge Secretary; and

WHEREAS, this will reduce the necessary processing and record keeping and legal responsibility of the Lodge Secretary.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Article X, Section 13, of the Constitution; Chapter 24 Particular Lodges – By-Laws; Chapter 26 Membership, Rights, Status, and Duties; and Chapter 32 Fees For The Degrees And Refunds Thereof be amended as follows:

Article X, Section 13, of the Constitution page 63 and references on pages 234f and 260, amended to read: Section 13. No Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall confer the Three Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, for a less sum than one hundred dollars, of which a minimum fee of fifty dollars shall be required for Initiation in addition to the fee for a criminal background investigation must accompany the petition or be paid electronically to any processing company selected and approved by the Grand Lodge. The fee received for Initiation shall be returned to the candidate petitioner if rejected, however, the fee received for the criminal background investigation shall be retained by the Lodge, the Grand Lodge, or any processing company selected and approved by the Grand Lodge. The fee for Passing or Raising must be paid to the Secretary before the Degree is conferred; *provided*, that any Lodge may remit monthly or annual dues to members of the Lodge, who from bodily infirmities or misfortune, have become unable to pay them. (2018)

Regulation 24.05, By-Law Section 9.01, page 212 amended to read:

9.01 Fees for the Degrees.—The fee for the Background Check Investigation shall be \$; for Initiation shall be \$; for Passing \$; and for Raising \$. In every case the fee shall be paid to the Secretary in advance, except the fee for the criminal background investigation which may be paid to the Grand Lodge or any processing company selected and approved by the Grand Lodge, without which no petition or application shall be read or announced, and in every case of rejection the fee shall be promptly returned from the treasury, upon the Master’s order; however, the fee for the criminal background investigation shall be retained by the Lodge, the Grand Lodge, or the processing company selected and approved by the Grand Lodge. (2018)

Regulation 33.02, page 262, amended to read:

33.02 Particular Lodges which may desire to print their own form of Petition for the Degrees must first submit the prepared form or copy to the Grand Secretary for his approval as to form and wording. In addition to the Petition, a statement of consent by the candidate to have a criminal background investigation ordered by the Lodge, the Grand Lodge, or the approved processing company selected by the Grand Lodge in addition to an understanding that the Brethren will be making due inquiry into the character and standing of the candidate petitioner. It shall be the responsibility of the Lodge Secretary, the Grand Lodge, or the petitioner to order the criminal background investigative report through the processing company selected and approved by the Grand Lodge via electronic forms. No copies of the criminal background report shall be made nor shall its contents be revealed by or other than to the members of the Investigation Committee. The complete criminal background investigative report shall be returned to the candidate petitioner regardless of whether the candidate petitioner is accepted or rejected and a receipt obtained by the Lodge and made a part of the Lodge record. (2018)

Respectfully submitted,

M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

**RESOLUTION TO PERMIT GRAND LODGE
TO SEND DUES NOTICES ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICULAR LODGES**

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge has developed a new membership database system capable of sending Dues Notices to Lodge Members on behalf of the Particular Lodges; and

WHEREAS, this process would negate the requirement for the Lodge to issue paper dues notices; and

WHEREAS, the membership system allows for mass mailing of dues notices, electronic delivery of dues notices, and direct electronic payment of dues by the Lodge Member; and

WHEREAS, this may reduce delivery time of notices, collection of dues, suspension of non-payment of dues, and some of the time consuming labors of the Lodge Secretary throughout the year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulation 26.06 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida be amended as follows to permit the Grand Lodge or a representative with its authority to send Dues Notices to Lodge Members on behalf of the Particular Lodges:

Regulation 22.06, page 196 amended to read:

22.06 The Secretary of each Particular Lodge shall mail to each member of the Lodge a statement of dues and assessments due to the Lodge between October 15 and December 1, on notices furnished by the Grand Lodge or on printed notices approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Grand Secretary as to form and wording, or sent through the Grand Lodge database via USPS on printed notices or electronic delivery to those members requesting an electronic copy. In all cases of printed or electronic delivery via database, all notices shall be approved by the Grand Secretary as to form and wording and which shall include voluntary contributions of two cents a day to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund - \$7.30. (2018)

Respectfully submitted,

M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

**RESOLUTION TO DEAL WITH THE SUSPENSION OR
REMOVAL OF CHARTERS OF LODGES
IN FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Regulation 6.02 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida currently allows that the Grand Master, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, may in the exercise of proper discretion, restore a suspended or surrendered Charter, or he may arrest or suspend a Lodge Charter until the next Annual Grand Communication; and

WHEREAS, the Brethren of the Jurisdiction recognize his authority to, under many legitimate circumstances, remove Charters of Lodges who are failing to follow the Rules and Regulations as defined in the Constitution and the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in this day of electronic (high speed) communication, fast moving social media, fake news, etc., even the slightest indication of impropriety can have an adverse effect not only on the local Lodge, but Masonry in general at a time when we are already declining in membership; and

WHEREAS, in some instances the “arresting or suspending of Charters” has been based on hearsay, lack of investigation or discussion of the issues and is not in concert with maintaining peace and harmony in the affected and unaffected Lodges around the Grand Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida deserve to have their home Lodges Charters respected, and not be an item which can be held hostage on the basis of petty quips and quarrels just for the sake of expedience to solve a dilemma; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of a Lodge is one of the most sacred tenets of a Masonic Lodge and the Brethren should have a right to be heard and/or the issue that may be small and not affect the entire Lodge, instead, promoting peace and harmony should be the paramount concern of the Grand Master.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that should the Charter of a Particular Lodge be “arrested or suspended” for any reason except those that are laid out within the Constitution or the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, the Grand Master shall have concurrence from any three of the following: the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden, or a Past Grand Master. The Grand Master or Grand Lodge has sole authority to reinstate a Charter.

Regulation 6.02, Page 115 be amended to read:

6.02 The Grand Master, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, may in the exercise of proper discretion, restore a suspended or surrendered Charter, or he may with the concurrence from any three of the following: the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden, or a Past Grand Master, arrest or suspend a Lodge Charter until the next Annual Grand Communication.

Regulation for reference:

17.05 When a Lodge is in contempt its Charter may be arrested.

Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: William A. McKay, P.D.D.G.M., Cypress

Lodge No. 295 R.: W.: Clay W. Taylor,

P.D.D.G.M., Cypress Lodge No.295 R.: W.: Paul

L. Nehring, P.D.D.G.M., Friendship Lodge No. 53

R.: W.: G. Eric Daniels, P.D.D.G.M., Joppa Lodge

No. 4 R.: W.: John R. Story, P.D.D.G.M., Marion-

Dunn Lodge No. 19

R.: W.: Gregory J. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M., Marion-Dunn

Lodge No. 19 W.: Gilbert A. Baxter, P.M., Friend-

ship Lodge No. 53

W.: Joseph P. Morgan, P.M., Friendship

Lodge No. 53 W.: Dwight N. Ridgeway,

P.M., Friendship Lodge No. 53

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CANDIDATES
FOR ELECTIVE GRAND LODGE OFFICE TO USE
ADVERTISING**

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Florida constitutes over 275 Particular Lodges; and WHEREAS, these Lodges are in many different parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, candidates for an Elective Grand Lodge Office want to visit as many Lodges as they can, but doing so is almost impossible within a year period; and

WHEREAS, many Delegates to the Annual Grand Lodge Communication have not seen or talked with all of the candidates; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of our Grand Lodge to elect the most qualified candidates. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulation paragraph 5.02(a) be amended to delete:

“NO OTHER WRITTEN OR PRINTED MATERIAL OR MATTER SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED BY MAIL OR OTHERWISE BY, OR IN BEHALF OF, ANY CANDIDATE OR NOMINEE FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICE.”

And replaced with the following:

“Any candidate for an Elective Grand Lodge Office, may create or cause to be created at their expense, a resume, letters of intent and introduction, business cards, photos, buttons, pins, pamphlets, brochures, or any other item the candidate feels will help introduce them to the Brethren. These items will be circulated and distributed to the Brethren, the Particular Lodges, and Appendant Bodies for the office they are petitioning. Including the use of any and all social media.

Respectfully submitted,

M.:W.: Glenn W. Phillips, II, P.G.M.

(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)

**RESOLUTION ON USING WRITTEN PA-
PER BALLOTS**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Delegates present at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication to feel confident that their vote is accurately counted; and

WHEREAS, the use of illegal, foreign, and unknown electronic devices could be used to alter the correct count of the votes cast by the Delegates; and

WHEREAS, it is proper that a candidate for an Elective Grand Lodge Office to have an observer present during the counting of the ballots.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any ballot that cannot be made by a show of hands vote shall be done by a secret written ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the results of any written ballot may be questioned by a voting Delegate, the actual paper ballots cast will be immediately made available to him and the observers for inspection of the actual votes cast.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Paragraph 5.02 (c) The election shall be by a secret ballot or by voting machine. Be amended to remove, **“or by voting machine”**.

Paragraph 5.02 (c) further states that; Upon registration with the Committee on Returns and Credentials, each Lodge Representative shall be given paper ballot with name of office and nominees for such office printed thereon with appropriate space provided for designating the choice and vote of such representative by checkmark or crossmark. The ballot shall contain specific directions as to the manner of casting the ballot. If voting machines are used the Lodge Representative, upon registration, shall be given and identification slip entitling him to enter a voting machine and cast his ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that paragraph 5.02 (c) be amended to remove, **“If voting machines are used the Lodge Representative, upon registration, shall be given and identification slip entitling him to enter a voting machine and cast his ballot.”**

Respectfully

submitted,

Glenn W.

Phillips, II,

P.G.M.

(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)