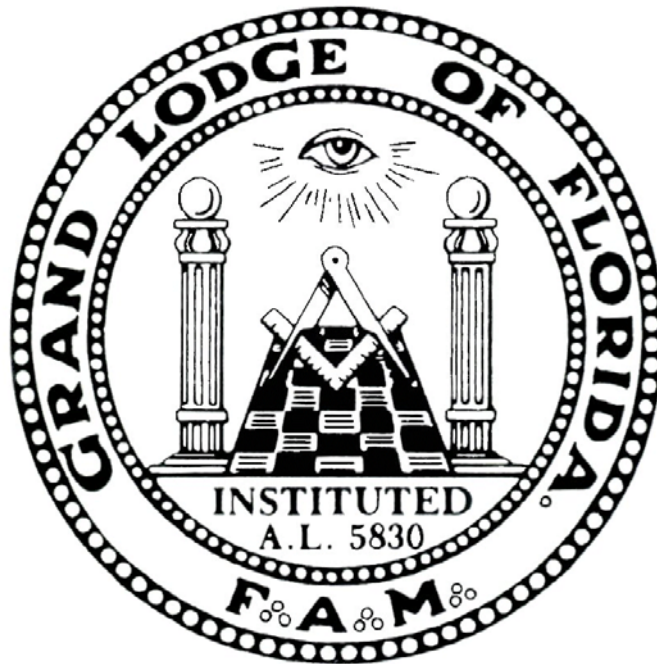


The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
of
Free and Accepted Masons of Florida



PROPOSED LEGISLATION

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

AND

PROPOSED BUDGET

2018

M.:W.: RICHARD G. HOOVER, GRAND MASTER

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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 Chairman
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-B
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. Rodriguez, 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 ELIGIBILITY OF
SENIOR WARDENS OF PARTICULAR LODGES**

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., Holyrood 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 Education Committee

R.: W.: William J. "Joe" Paul, Zone 1 Chairman, 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 Committee

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 SIMILAR 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 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 ON REQUIREMENT OF AMENDING CLUBS AND
SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS' 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.: Brian R. Poole, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: R. James Rocha, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: D. Mark Small, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: F. 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 adopted 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, Chairman

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.: Michael L. Lample, Zone 2-A

R.: W.: David A. Lane, Zone 2-B

R.: W.: Frederick J. Latsko, General Service Panel Member assigned 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. Rodriguez, Spanish Instructor

(Jurisprudence had no recommendation.)

**RESOLUTION TO UPDATE LODGE BY-LAWS TO CONFORM 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., Friendship Lodge No. 53
W.: Joseph P. Morgan, P.M., Friendship Lodge No. 53
W.: Dwight N. Ridgeway, P.M., Friendship Lodge No. 53

**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 PAPER 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.)

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Pursuant to Chapter 14, Regulation 14.12, 2(d), of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, the Proposed Budget for the 2018-2019 Grand Lodge fiscal year is attached.

Below are summaries of the expenses anticipated and income needed to fund both the Grand Lodge Administrative Budget (“A” Budget) and the Masonic Home of Florida Budget (“D” Budget) for the Grand Lodge Year ending March 31, 2019.

GRAND LODGE ADMINISTRATIVE “A” BUDGET:

The proposed Grand Lodge Administrative Budget for 2018-2019 totals \$1,603,521 which does not include the contingency reserve of \$287,913, and calculates an increase in expenditures of \$92,063. The total budget including the contingency reserve is \$1,891, 434. The value of the Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund as of March 15, 2018, is \$1,738,487 and the value of the Perpetual Membership Fund as of March 15, 2018, is \$13,672,842.

We currently have approximately 7,046 Brothers that are exempt from paying dues, which affects our gross income and revenues. We have approximately 34,363 members; however, of this number only approximately 27,314 pay dues which include Perpetual Members.

The Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Lodge Staff continue to do an outstanding job in controlling costs and at the same time providing an extremely high level of service to the Craft.

MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA “D” BUDGET:

The Proposed Budget for the Masonic Home of Florida for 2018-2019 totals \$8,018,065; this does not include the contingency reserve of \$580,769. The total budget including the contingency reserve is \$8,598,834. It is important to know that the Masonic Home of Florida is funded by voluntary contributions. No monies from dues or per capita tax fund the Masonic Home. Our investments are at an all-time high with the Bull Market. We must keep in mind that a High Market does not necessarily mean additional income to the Masonic Home. We can only budget income derived from Realized Capital Gains and Dividends. The combined value of the Masonic Home Invested Funds as of March 31, 2017, was \$65,824,924 and as of March 15, 2018, is \$67,899,604. Aging equipment continues to be challenging; however, the Board of Trustees reviews the requirements for repair and replacement endeavoring to stay within the budgeted projections.

Our Administrator and her staff, the members of the Board of Trustees, and the Masonic Home Budget Committee are to be commended for their efforts in providing and maintaining a well-run facility.

The Corporate Board will continue to review the Proposed Budgets until our Grand Lodge Communication in May of 2018 when the Finance and Accounts Committee will finalize any changes in the revenue and expense figures.

The Proposed Budgets have been reviewed and recommended by the undersigned members of the Corporate Board of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and is presented to the Particular Lodges and their Delegates for consideration and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Richard G. Hoover

M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Grand Master

s/John E. Karroum

R.: W.: John E. Karroum, Deputy Grand Master

s/John W. Westerman, III

R.: W.: John W. Westerman, III, Senior Grand Warden

s/Thomas L. Turlington, Jr.

R.: W.: Thomas L. Turlington, Jr, Junior Grand Warden

s/Rudin "Rudy" J. Boatright

R.: W.: Rudin "Rudy" J. Boatright, P.D.D.G.M., Grand Treasurer

s/Stanley L. Hudson

M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M.

s/Glen B. Bishop

R.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.D.D.G.M.

**BUDGET INCOME FOR “A” GENERAL FUND
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
APRIL 1, 2018 THRU MARCH 31, 2019**

	INCOME AVAILABLE <u>2017-2018</u>	ANTICIPATED INCOME <u>2018-2019</u>
REVENUES:		
Current Assessments	656,586	646,586
G.W.N.M.A. @ \$5 Each Initiation	4,830	4,830
Fees Collected	3,417	3,417
Computer Services	9,585	10,902
Sale of Publications	19,303	19,777
Sale of Merchandise	1,104	1,063
Miscellaneous	2,936	5,908
Parking Lot Rent	33,696	13,288
Postage - Reimbursement	14,088	14,063
Checking & Savings Interest	- 0 -	- 0 -
Investment Income G/L Endowment	30,807	31,783
Investment Income Curr Rev (Cash Mgmt Fd)	- 0 -	- 0 -
Investment Income Budget (Cash Mgmt Fd)	9,496	12,430
Investment Income “C” Reserve (30 Fund)	- 0 -	- 0 -
Investment Income “F” Fund	- 0 -	- 0 -
Gains/(Loss) Grand Lodge Endowment	123,564	31,311
Cash Mgmt Gains/Loss	42,618	5,727
Investment Income “C” Reserve (Cash Mgmt Fd)	<u>35,279</u>	<u>9,679</u>
 SUBTOTAL:	 <u>987,309</u>	 <u>810,762</u>
 Due from Masonic Home/Grand Lodge Admins.	 553,666	 538,613
Unexpended Funds 2017-2018 Budget	293,398	342,059
Funds from “F” Accounts	- 0 -	- 0 -
Funds from Store	- 0 -	- 0 -
Loan from FA-100	- 0 -	200,000
 LESS:		
Perpetual Membership Trf to G/L Endow.	- 0 -	- 0 -
Return of Investments to Endowment	- 0 -	- 0 -
Repayment of Loan from FA-100	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
 Funds Available for “A” General Fund:	 <u>1,834,373</u>	 <u>1,891,434</u>

*“Anticipated” Income figures WILL change at the Annual Grand Communication due to the figures being estimated prior to the close of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.

**BUDGET EXPENSES FOR "A" GENERAL FUND
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
APRIL 1, 2018 THRU MARCH 31, 2019**

	<u>BUDGET</u> 2017-2018	<u>BUDGET</u> 2018-2019
<u>A-1 GRAND COMMUNICATION EXPENSES:</u>		
101 P/D & Mileage - Representatives-Lodges	60,000	60,000
102 P/D & Mileage - Committees	12,000	12,000
103 P/D & Mileage - Grand Lodge Officers	20,000	20,000
104 Officers & DDGM'S to be Installed	6,400	6,400
119 G.S. Personnel & Court Reporter	7,000	7,000
121 Distinguished Guests Rooms	10,000	10,000
122 Grand Master's Banquet & Luncheons	19,000	19,000
123 Grand Master's Banquet Entertainment	1,000	1,000
125 Ladies Entertainment	4,000	4,000
126 Auditorium & Bus Rental	- 0 -	- 0 -
120 Printer, Supplies, Rentals, & Office Space	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
<u>Total Grand Communication Expense:</u>	<u>155,400</u>	<u>155,400</u>
<u>A-2 GRAND OFFICERS EXPENSES:</u>		
200 Grand Master	9,000	9,000
200A Promotional	8,000	8,000
201 Grand Master's Secretary	3,000	3,000
202 Deputy Grand Master	7,000	7,000
202A Deputy Grand Master's Secretary	2,000	2,000
203 Senior Grand Warden	7,000	7,000
204 Junior Grand Warden	7,000	7,000
205 Grand Secretary	5,000	5,000
206A Grand Treasurer	5,000	5,000
206 Other Grand Lodge Officers	4,000	4,000
208 D.D.G.M. Expense Allowance	- 0 -	- 0 -
209 D.I. Expense Allowance	- 0 -	- 0 -
207 D.D.G.M. Organization Meeting	14,000	14,000
211 Masonic Conferences of North America	10,000	10,000
210 Southeastern Masonic Conference	5,500	8,000
212 Tri-State Degree	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>Total Grand Officers Expense:</u>	<u>87,000</u>	<u>89,500</u>
<u>A-3 EXPENSE OF COMMITTEES:</u>		
301 Corporate Board	16,000	16,000
302 Finance and Accounts	800	800
303 Masonic Jurisprudence	3,000	3,000
303A Foreign Relations	800	800
304 Committee on Work	6,000	6,000
305 District Instructor School	- 0 -	- 0 -
307 Masonic Education	5,000	5,000
308 Public Education & Citizenship	3,000	3,000
309 Museum and History	500	500
310 Masonic Youth Activity	200	200
311 Legal Advisory Panel	15,000	15,000
312 Workshop for Lodge Sec/Officers	500	500
313 Penal Affairs Panel	8,000	8,000
314 Masonic Youth Association	1,000	1,000
315 Masonic Youth Scholarship	10,500	11,500

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018-2019</u>
316 Publicity Committee	1,000	1,000
319 Grand Master's Charity	500	500
321 Perpetual Membership	200	200
323 Insurance Committee	1,000	1,000
325 G.L. Fraternal Administrative Endowment (FA-100)	500	500
326 Positive Membership	- 0 -	- 0 -
328 Masonic Leadership Training	2,000	2,000
329 Masonic Medical Research Lab	- 0 -	- 0 -
330 Child ID	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<u>Total Committee Expense:</u>	<u>76,500</u>	<u>77,500</u>
 <u>A-4 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:</u>		
400 Salary - Grand Secretary	69,000	69,000
402 Salary - Grand Treasurer	20,000	20,000
403 Other Salaries	410,000	410,000
409A Taxes - Med FICA	7,400	7,400
409 Taxes - FICA	30,938	30,938
410 Taxes - Unemployment Compensation	1,750	1,750
410A Workers Compensation Insurance	822	822
419 Employee Group Insurance	48,137	63,000
424 Employee Retirement Fund	13,586	13,586
425 Employee Retirement Admin	3,400	3,400
430 Training and Education	1,000	1,000
416 Audit	10,000	15,000
428 Computer Consultant & Management	70,000	70,000
418 Jewels, Badges, Aprons	13,000	13,000
413 Relief Association Dues	500	500
414 Masonic Service Assoc. of U.S.	2,500	2,500
421 Monuments & Memorials	3,000	3,000
427 Grand Lodge Library	125	125
432 G.M. Conference Foreign Relations	100	100
415 George Washington Memorial Assn.	9,300	9,300
417 Other Expense	5,000	5,000
438 Investment Fees	5,500	10,000
499 Depreciation Provision (Art. XIV, Sec. 9)	- 0 -	- 0 -
423A Office Supplies & Expense	5,000	5,000
429 Computer Software	11,000	6,000
423 Computer Supplies	5,000	5,000
406 Postage & Shipping	34,000	40,000
404 Telephone & Telegraph	20,000	22,000
408 New Equipment	6,000	5,000
411 Rental/Lease Equipment	25,000	25,000
422 Repairs/Maintenance Office Equipment	2,000	2,000
405A Printing Administrative Needs	5,000	5,000
405B Printing G/L Publications Free	20,000	20,000
405C Printing G/L Publications for Resale	10,000	10,000
405D Print Shop	13,000	13,000
407 Florida Mason Publication	40,000	40,000
437 Travel	700	700
420 Insurance Premium	30,000	35,000
412 Bond Premium Grand Lodge/Lodges	5,700	5,700
436 Corporate Filing Fee	<u>300</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<u>Total Administrative Expense:</u>	<u>957,758</u>	<u>989,821</u>

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018-2019</u>
<u>A-5 GRAND LODGE BUILDING & GROUNDS:</u>		
501 Electricity	38,000	30,000
502 Water and Sewage	10,000	10,000
503 Gas Furnace/Fuel	5,000	5,000
506 Air Conditioner Maintenance	106,000	160,000
512 Plants and Landscaping	3,000	3,500
510 Janitorial Service	11,000	11,000
509 Supplies	1,800	1,800
505 Repairs/Maintenance/Alterations	20,000	20,000
504 Insurance	30,000	40,000
511 Taxes: State and County	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Total G.L. Building & Grounds Expense:</u>	<u>234,800</u>	<u>291,300</u>
SUBTOTAL:	<u>1,511,458</u>	<u>1,603,521</u>
<u>A-6 CONTINGENCY:</u>		
600 Budget Reserve	<u>322,915</u>	<u>287,913</u>
GRAND TOTAL:	<u>1,834,373</u>	<u>1,891,434</u>

**BUDGET INCOME FOR “D” MASONIC HOME AND RELIEF FUND
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019
APRIL 1, 2018 THRU MARCH 31, 2019**

	INCOME AVAILABLE <u>2017-2018</u>	INCOME AVAILABLE <u>2018-2019</u>
REVENUES:		
Residents Fee Earned	2,390,873	2,383,027
Resident Guest Admission Fee	9,500	15,600
Private Pay	1,153,287	1,084,419
Miscellaneous	42,645	89,231
EA Initiation Home Building	4,830	4,830
Grand Chapter Operations	38,272	32,429
OES Deceased Guest Balance	- 0 -	- 0 -
Interest on Checking/Savings	- 0 -	- 0 -
Investment Income Budget Fund (Csh Mgmt Fd)	6,468	8,672
Investment Income Resident Fund	58,312	- 0 -
Investment Income “C” Fund	79,908	100,451
Capital Gains/Loss “C” Fund	5,011	11,969
Investment Income “C” Fund (Csh Mgmt Fd)	111,921	21,932
Cash Management Gain/Loss “C” Fund	21,704	18,085
Investment Income “E” Fund	729,804	766,506
Capital Gains/Loss from “E” Fund	1,813,254	1,284,011
Investment Income MH Endowment Fund, Inc.	565,751	548,932
Gains/Loss MH Endowment Fund, Inc.	<u>1,465,508</u>	<u>1,117,388</u>
 SUBTOTAL:	 <u>8,497,048</u>	 <u>7,487,482</u>
 Unexpended Funds Previous Year	 87,161	 1,116,182
Transfer from Endowment	- 0 -	- 0 -
Repayment of Loan	(200,000)	- 0 -
Transfer from “F” Accounts	- 0 -	- 0 -
 Less:		
EA Initiation Home Bldg. (Reg. 14.03)	(4,830)	(4,830)
Return of Earnings Endowments	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
 SUBTOTAL:	 <u>8,379,379</u>	 <u>8,598,834</u>
 Funds Available for “D” Masonic Home:	 <u>8,379,379</u>	 <u>8,598,834</u>

*“Anticipated” Income figures WILL change at the Annual Grand Communication due to the figures being estimated prior to the close of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.

**BUDGET EXPENSES FOR “D” MASONIC HOME AND RELIEF FUND
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019
APRIL 1, 2018 THRU MARCH 31, 2019**

	<u>BUDGET</u> 2017-2018	<u>BUDGET</u> 2018-2019
<u>D-1 ADMINISTRATION:</u>		
100 Salary - Administrator	149,766	152,000
103 Other Salaries	195,000	195,000
409A Taxes - Med FICA	4,946	5,000
115 Taxes - FICA	20,445	20,000
114 Unemployment Compensation	840	467
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	9,870	7,500
118 Employees Group Insurance	18,142	20,000
116 Employees Retirement Fund	9,600	10,000
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	3,200	4,000
125 Training and Tuition	1,020	1,000
130 Employee Tuition Reimbursement	- 0 -	- 0 -
124 Employee Incentives	5,100	5,000
119 Employment Recruiting	3,090	3,000
119A Drug Testing	3,090	3,000
122 Audit	22,440	25,000
128 Computer Consultant	55,000	50,000
129 Electronic Payroll MGMT	10,000	20,000
108 Legal Fees and Expense	2,550	10,000
107 Trustee Expense	31,613	25,000
107A Trustee Training	2,000	5,000
113 Dues/Professional Organizations	1,000	1,027
131 MH Publication	5,000	5,000
132 Advertising	40,000	95,000
123 Grand Lodge Admin. Charges	553,666	538,613
105 Office Supplies	5,000	5,000
104 Postage and Shipping	5,000	5,000
106 Telephone	18,360	18,000
105A Office Equipment	3,060	2,500
112 Travel Expense	5,000	4,000
109 Facility Insurance Premium	400,000	360,000
120 License Audit Life Care	510	250
121 License Fee - City, County, State	10,000	10,000
105B Office Equipment, Lease, & Maintenance	9,180	8,276
110 Life Insurance Resident Guests	6,180	7,718
111 Burial Expense	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<u>Total Administration Expense:</u>	<u>1,629,668</u>	<u>1,641,349</u>
<u>D-2 DIETARY:</u>		
200 Salary	560,000	580,000
409A Taxes - Med FICA	8,216	8,147
115 Taxes - FICA	33,960	34,000
114 Unemployment Compensation	2,415	2,500
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	9,621	9,000
118 Employees Group Insurance	71,773	71,543
116 Employees Retirement Fund	15,950	15,000
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	7,800	4,000
209 Training and Tuition	510	500

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018-2019</u>
208 Uniforms	4,080	4,000
203 Kitchen and Dining Room Equip.	5,140	5,000
201 Staple Food	291,940	280,000
202 Replacement of Expendables	6,931	7,000
204 Paper and Plastic Supplies	13,420	14,000
205 Cleaning Supplies and Chemicals	11,360	11,000
206 Linen Rental	- 0 -	- 0 -
<u>Total Dietary:</u>	<u>1,043,116</u>	<u>1,045,690</u>
 <u>D-3 NURSING:</u>		
300 Salaries	1,850,000	1,950,000
409A Taxes - Med FICA	26,445	26,975
115 Taxes - FICA	109,360	115,000
114 Unemployment Compensation	5,250	7,500
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	30,969	30,000
118 Employees Group Insurance	156,105	162,000
116 Employees Retirement Fund	49,010	45,000
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	8,800	8,000
312 Uniforms	- 0 -	- 0 -
302 Medical Director Stipend	20,808	21,000
301 Physician Consulting Service	60,000	95,000
306 Req. School Tuition	2,040	2,000
308A Copier Leasing & Maint	3,605	3,839
303 Prescription Drugs	150,000	150,000
304 Medical Supplies	71,400	65,000
305 Hospital Outpatient Service	- 0 -	- 0 -
307 Medical Equipment	20,400	35,000
308 Medical Office Supplies	4,080	7,500
309 Transportation	1,530	2,500
310 Medicare Supplemental Insurance	105,000	100,000
<u>Total Nursing:</u>	<u>2,674,802</u>	<u>2,826,314</u>
 <u>D-4 HOUSEKEEPING:</u>		
400 Salaries	270,000	270,000
115A Taxes - Med FICA	4,113	4,000
409A Taxes - FICA	17,832	15,000
114 Unemployment Compensation	1,155	1,500
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	4,830	5,000
118 Employees Group Insurance	24,042	25,000
116 Employees Retirement Fund	7,250	7,500
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	- 0 -	- 0 -
406 Training and Tuition	255	250
410 Uniforms	1,530	2,000
403 Dry Cleaning	618	500
404 Supplies	60,000	72,017
405 Housekeeping/Laundry Equipment	3,000	2,000
407 Lease/Purchase Equipment	- 0 -	- 0 -
408 Linen Replacement	6,000	6,588
<u>Total Housekeeping:</u>	<u>400,625</u>	<u>411,354</u>

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018-2019</u>
<u>D-5 RECREATION:</u>		
501 Salaries Recreation	150,000	160,000
409A Taxes - Med FICA	2,127	2,218
115 Taxes - FICA	8,793	9,483
114 Unemployment Compensation	420	400
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	2,491	2,420
118 Employees Group Insurance	18,040	36,481
116 Employees Retirement Fund	4,510	4,500
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	2,700	2,500
510 Training and Tuition	612	500
502 Allowance Resident Guests	33,000	33,000
503 Treats	9,888	10,967
504 Chapel	4,000	4,000
505 Newspaper/Magazines	1,800	1,500
506 Equipment/Supplies	5,500	5,000
507 Beauty and Barber Supplies	2,060	2,000
508 Dry Goods/Clothing	2,575	2,000
509 Volunteer Services	721	500
<u>Total Recreation:</u>	<u>249,237</u>	<u>277,469</u>
 <u>D-6 MAINTENANCE - BUILDING & GROUNDS:</u>		
600 Salaries Maintenance	140,917	170,000
600A Salaries - Security	101,233	105,000
409A Taxes - Med FICA	3,632	3,817
115 Taxes - FICA	15,013	16,319
114 Unemployment Compensation	1,050	1,000
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	4,253	4,000
118 Employees Group Insurance	29,949	32,000
116 Employees Retirement Fund	7,880	7,500
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	2,000	2,000
613 Training and Tuition	510	500
614 Uniforms	3,000	2,500
698 MH Depreciation (Art. XIV, Sec. 9)	54,000	54,000
607 Electric	375,000	375,000
608 Water	96,900	104,813
605 Fuel, Natural Gas, and Propane	90,000	75,000
606 Fuel/Diesel	10,200	12,394
610 Equipment Purchase	2,000	2,000
615 Lease/Purchase Equipment	- 0 -	- 0 -
616 Lease/Cable TV	52,000	55,000
603 Equipment (Maintenance or Replacement)	40,000	50,000
609 Auto Expense - Fuel	6,210	6,000
609A Auto Expense - Repairs	4,150	4,522
611 Grounds Maintenance/Equipment	49,500	50,466
612 Masonic Home Improvement	600,000	405,000
602 Building Maintenance	100,000	85,000
604 Supplies	12,450	12,000
<u>Total Building and Grounds Maintenance:</u>	<u>1,801,847</u>	<u>1,635,831</u>
 <u>SOCIAL SERVICE:</u>		
750 Salaries Social Service	53,000	54,000
409A Taxes - Med FICA	777	769
115 Taxes FICA	3,213	3,288

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018-2019</u>
114 Unemployment Compensation	170	150
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	910	1,000
118 Employees Group Insurance	6,036	6,500
116 Employees Retirement Fund	1,550	1,600
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	- 0 -	- 0 -
760 Training and Tuition	510	500
770 Office Supplies	<u>206</u>	<u>250</u>
<u>Total Social Service:</u>	<u>66,372</u>	<u>68,057</u>
 <u>D-7 NON-RESIDENT RELIEF:</u>		
701 Non-Resident Relief	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Total Non-Resident Relief:</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
 <u>D-8 EMERGENCY RELIEF:</u>		
802 Emergency Relief	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<u>Total Emergency Relief:</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
 <u>D-9 HOSPITAL SERVICE FUND:</u>		
902 Hospital and Medical Care	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<u>Total Hospital and Medical Care:</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
 <u>Total Masonic Home Operations/ Non-Resident Expense:</u>	 <u>7,881,667</u>	 <u>7,922,065</u>
 MASONIC HOME PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES:		
 <u>D-10 ENDOWMENT AND BUILDING FUND:</u>		
1001 L.Y.P.M.G.C. Committee	3,000	1,500
1002 Wills and Gifts Committee	2,000	500
1003 MH-100 Committee	2,000	500
1004 Endowment & Investment Committee	4,000	2,500
1005 Investment Fees	4,000	2,500
1006 Legal Expenses	20,000	18,000
1007 Fundraiser	<u>12,000</u>	<u>10,500</u>
Total MH Promotional Expenses:	<u>47,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>
 <u>Total Home Operations & Relief Appropriations:</u>	 <u>7,928,667</u>	 <u>7,958,065</u>
 <u>D-11 PROPERTIES COMMITTEE:</u>		
1101 Properties Committee	2,000	2,000
1102 Properties Management and Expense	<u>50,000</u>	<u>58,000</u>
Total Properties Committee:	<u>52,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
 SUBTOTAL:	 <u>7,980,667</u>	 <u>8,018,065</u>
 <u>D-12 BUDGET RESERVE:</u>		
1200 Adjusted D-1200 Contingency Reserve	<u>398,712</u>	<u>580,769</u>
 SUBTOTAL:	 <u>8,379,379</u>	 <u>8,598,834</u>
 <u>Total Home Operations & Relief Appropriation:</u>	 <u>8,379,379</u>	 <u>8,598,834</u>