

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS for 152nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. of IDAHO

*Office of the Grand Secretary
Boise, Idaho*

To: Grand Lodge Officers
District Deputy Grand Masters
Past Grand Masters
Constituent Lodges of Idaho
Grand Lodges in Fraternal Correspondence

The 152nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho was held at:
Hilton Garden Inn, Idaho Falls, Idaho on September 19, 20, 21, 2019 with:

19 Grand Lodge Officers,
13 Past Grand Masters,
09 District Deputy Grand Masters,
41 Chartered Lodges in attendance out of 47 Lodges,

The following Lodges were not represented with voting members at this 152nd Annual Communication:
(From Credentials report)

09 - Mt. Idaho Lodge
10 - Nez Perce Lodge
20 - Coeur D'Alene Lodge
34 - Cataldo Lodge
56 - Kamiah Lodge
97 - Kaniksu Lodge

In accordance with Regulation No. 53 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest, this Abstract of the 152nd Annual Communication Proceedings has been prepared and has been sent to the lodges and placed on the Grand Lodge website.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Elected and Appointed for 2019-2020

Title	Name	Email Address	Phone
Most Worshipful Grand Master	Steven L. Hall	eaglechief57@gmail.com	C: (208) 590-2777
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W. Grand Marshal	Rick Holloway	rickholloway@gmail.com	C: (208) 412-9140
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W. Junior Grand Steward	Clifford R. Kramer	feistcreek@gmail.com	C: (208) 290-4931
W. Grand Sword Bearer	Daniel W. Drefs	dan@idahomovers.com	C: (208) 313-1411
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W. Grand Tyler	Ronald D. McManigal	gomommagopoppa@gmail.com	C: (208) 587-1717

District Deputy Grand Masters for 2019-2020

District	Name	Email Address	Phone
First	Douglas J. Hammond	cvfd1@custertel.net	C: (208) 833-4218
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Fourth	Jeremy C. Vaughn	jvaughn311@gmail.com	C: (208) 339-6849
Fifth	Darren W. Taber	darren@dfonleyfarms.net	C: (208) 308-2830
Sixth	Don J Miller	donlumil@mindspring.com	C: (208) 587-8191
Seventh	Levi D. Billman	leviticusrs@gmail.com	C: (208) 371-6940
Eight	Harold "Howie" Bloom	harold.bloom@gmail.com	C: (208) 559-6195
Ninth	Richard "Greg" Miller	corvt64@cableone.net	C: (208) 550-1436
Tenth	Edward L. Bonham Jr.	eddance@live.com	C: (208) 935-5397
Eleventh	Russ L. Graves	rgravy@live.com	H: (208) 882-7464
Twelfth	Loren Knight	lorenknight@usa.com	C: (208) 512-0522
Thirteenth			

Results on Resolutions for 2019

- #1 **Passed** **Added Provisions for filing a Grievance.**
The purpose of this change is to add a Section 3311 to Part Four (Miscellaneous Provisions), Article XXXIII (General Provisions) to describe how grievances are to be filed, for what reasons they might be filed, and how they are to be prosecuted once filed.
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- #2 **Passed** **Makes all Past Masters voting members of Grand Lodge.**
This change will bring the current By-Laws into compliance with Article II Section I Paragraph 3 of the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho
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- #3 **Failed** **Allow sponsoring Rainbow, Jobs Daughters and Boy Scouts of America.**
As the regulations now read, we are only allowed to sponsor a Chapter of DeMolay. With approval of this resolution, it would allow Lodges in our jurisdiction to sponsor Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and Boy Scouts of America,
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- #4 **Passed** **Allows Masonic Clubs, Orders and Associations**
Amended added the following: “Such organizations do not confer degrees or orders”
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- #5 **Failed** **Serve as Warden and allowed to be elected as Master without certificate.**
After serving one year as a Warden of an Idaho Lodge, he shall be eligible to be elected as Worshipful Master of a Lodge (without a Worshipful Master Certificate) But he will not become a permanent voting member of Grand Lodge unless he has a Worshipful Master Certificate
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- #6 **Passed** **DDGM Must have WM Certificate of proficiency to be a DDGM.**
The purpose of the resolution is to reword Section 206 to make it clear that the District Deputy Grand Master must have a Master’s Certificate of proficiency.
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- #7 **Withdrawn by Author**
Change districts from 13 to 9
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- #8 **Withdrawn by Author**
“Resolution #7 must pass to make this a valid resolution”
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- #9 **Failed**
Delete the requirement of a Plural Member to pay Grand Lodge Assessment but must pay Grand Lodge Assessment for his home lodge.
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- #10 **Withdrawn by Author**
Change districts from 13 to 7
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- #11 **Failed**
Change the committee size allowing more than 5 members to serve on the committee.
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- #12 **Failed**
Allows the Grand Secretary’s office to be relocated to the city of the Grand Secretary’s residence.
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- #13 **Passed**
Deletes the Distribution Committee & renumbers other committees
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- #14 **Withdrawn by Author**
To codify that the right of a member to object to a visitor shall not apply to the Grand Master nor to the District Deputy Grand Master when on official business.
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- #15 **Passed** **Adds Deadlines of Feb 15, Feb 22, April 1, April 15, and April 30**
Deletes and replaces the process of amending the Code and Digest to allow an opportunity for meaningful review by the jurisprudence Committee to allow authors to correct issues with legislation.
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- #16 **Passed** **Allow Grand Lodge Officers to serve in an Historic Lodge.**
When Historic Lodges were created, Section 1603 was amended to allow elected grand lodge officers to serve as Master or a Warden of such historic lodges. The way Section 1802 is currently written, it may be in conflict with Section 1603, and may prevent an elected grand lodge officer from serving in an historic lodge. This cleans up the potential conflicting reading. The other amendments fix grammatical problems with the section as printed
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- #17 **Withdrawn by Author**
Rewrites Regulation 10 to clarify Masonic organizations, social groups and masons being in organizations like Eastern Star, Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite College and others
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- #18 **Passed**
Moves the duties of the District Deputy Grand Master from the Regulations to the Bylaws
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- #19 **Passed**
Deletes the duties of the District Deputy Grand Master from the Regulations as companion to the Resolution to move them to the Bylaws
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- #20 **Failed**
Deletes the exemption from Grand Lodge Assessment for 50-year members. A Lodge may still elect a 50 Year Member as exempt from payment of dues
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The following are Abstracts of the following committees,

The complete reports will be published in the 2018-2019 Proceedings.

Report of Accounts and Finance

Max L. Hemmert, Chairman of Accounts & Finance, moved to accept the 2020 Budget as printed and distributed; It was seconded and passed.

Grand Lodge assessment will remain at \$60.00

Report of the Board of Custodians of the Work.

Three questions/inquiries were presented to the Board for consideration at the annual meeting.

Inquiry #1: When is the Lodge called back to order in the Third degree after being called off in the first section?

Ruling: The board finds this question answered in footnote 79. Following the completion of the Second Section and after the WM states “There is a lecture appertaining to this degree which I will proceed to give you when you are seated in a chair provided for you.” (Footnote 79, states BN remain standing until WM goes to East and gavels which calls the lodge from refreshment to labor.)

(End of Ruling)

Inquiry #2: Is the Master's Congratulations in the Third Degree required to be given from memory?

Ruling: The board rules that the Master's Congratulations should be given from memory. However, when extenuating circumstances require, the Master's Congratulations may be read. When read it must be read well.
(End of Ruling)

Inquiry #3: What is the proper use of the Written out esoteric work? Is it to be strictly used to verify words that are unknown in the esoteric work or can it be used to teach/learn from?

Ruling: The board rules that the "written out esoteric work" is not to be open or used when the Lodge is at labor. If the lodge, while open, chooses to go "at ease" for educational purposes, the written out esoteric work can be used to verify words in the ritual. The written out esoteric work must be closed/put away before the Lodge resumes labor. The Idaho Monitor should be used to teach or learn from. However, the written out esoteric work may be used to verify wording/language. Additional guidance can be found in Regulation 38.
(End of Ruling)

Jurisprudence:

Questions Presented and Decided:

1. A question was raised as to whether the Jurisprudence Committee was lawfully constituted. In consultation with Section 401, it was determined that it was not because it had six members. The MWGM accepted the resignation of one member, bringing the membership in line with the code.
2. A question was presented as how to read Section 1603 due to the difference with Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution regarding a past master retaining a permanent vote in Grand Lodge. The committee opined that where there is conflict, the Constitution controls. A resolution has been offered to remove the conflict.
3. A question was raised as to whether Grand Lodge officers could be considered as "ex officio" members of committees. Since our code specifically provides for "ex officio" members in some cases, it was determined that without a code change other ex officio members could not be appointed where the code doesn't already authorize such.
4. A question was raised as to what the "attesting" of a lodge secretary with regards to a resolution actually means. Does it mean the lodge secretary is endorsing the item attested, or is he merely evidencing that the lodge took or authorized some action? In our opinion, the secretary is assenting to the presentation of any such resolution as the code is written, and thus, cannot be compelled to sign a resolution against their will. Within our code, as written, there is officially no process for a "lodge" to submit a resolution. This is distinct from other matters wherein the signature of the secretary "attesting" the signature of the Master is merely a ministerial act affirming that a certain act is approved or took place.
5. A lodge received a petition for reinstatement from an expelled former member. After following the process in the code, the petition did not receive a 2/3 favorable vote in the lodge. The lodge referred the matter to the Grand Lodge for further action. In accordance with Sections 3203 and 3204, without a favorable vote of the lodge, the Grand Lodge is to take no cognizance of the petition. Therefore, the matter was deemed final and no further action was appropriate.
6. A question was received as to who is a member of Grand Lodge for certain actions. Specifically, can a brother who is not a past master or the installed master (and secretary) or warden sign or submit a resolution or debate a resolution. The question did not ask about voting at Grand Lodge, as the code is clear on who can vote. It was only whether you had to be a "voting" member to submit, sign, or debate a resolution. The decision of the committee is that they cannot. A resolution is akin to a motion to adopt a certain policy. A non-voting member cannot make a motion under any common parliamentary system without specific law authorizing such. The code is clear on who a voting member of the Grand Lodge is.

7. A question was raised as to what the “nearest” lodge is for purposes of requesting a dispensation for the purpose of starting a new lodge. The sections in our code regarding “concurrent jurisdiction” all apply to petitions for membership. For purposes of forming a new lodge, the “nearest” lodge is the geographically closest lodge. If more than one lodge is in the same city, such as in Pocatello or Boise, then Regulation 44 applies, and it is the first lodge contacted.

Committees appointments:

(1) - JURISPRUDENCE

Chairman (1-year)		David E. "Skip" Owen Jr.
Member (2-year)		Mark H. Smith
Member (3-year)		Joe Alexander
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Senior Grand Warden	Russ W. Smith
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Senior Grand Deacon	Gary A.S. Labruyere
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	DDGM	Greg Miller

(2) - APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

Chairman (1 year)		Keith C. Brooks
Member (2 year)		William K Curtis Jr.
Member (3 year)		Greg Johnson
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Junior Grand Deacon	John B. Johnson
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Grand Marshal	Rick Holloway
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Junior Grand Steward	George J. White Jr.
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Grand Sword Bearer	Daniel W. Drefs

(3) - ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Chairman (1-year)		Jesse L. Laduke
Member (2-year)		James V. Voyles
Member (3-year)		N. Randall “Randy” King
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Deputy Grand Master	Steve Zimmerman
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Senior Grand Warden	Russ W. Smith
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Grand Treasurer	N. Randall “Randy” King
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Grand Secretary	Monte Bollar

(4) - FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Chairman (1-year)		Shawn V. Gibbons
Member (2-year)		Clinton Ransdell
Member (3-year)		Howard “Howie” Bloom
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Senior Grand Steward -	George J. White Jr.
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Junior Grand Steward	Clifford R. Kramer
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Grand Pursuivant	Andrew Evenson

(5) - MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Chairman (1-year)		Barry Newell
Member (2-year)		Justin Boyer
Member (3-year)		
Member		
Member	WM of the Lodge of Research	Terry Adsitt
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Junior Grand Warden	H. Sherman Burger, III
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Senior Grand Deacon	Gary A.S. Labruyere

(6) - MASONIC TEMPLE PRESERVATION

Chairman (1 year)		Nathan Bendel
Member (2 year)		G. Arthur Shoemaker
Member (3 year)		James E. Grant
Masters of Historic Lodges		Terry Adsitt
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Junior Grand Deacon	John B. Johnson
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Grand Sword Bearer	Daniel W. Drefs

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

1 Year Term		Keith C. Brooks
2 Year Term		Michael A. Sutton
3 Year Term		G. Arthur Shoemaker
4 Year Term		John E. Warner
5 Year Term		James A. Hensley
6 Year Term		William K. Curtis Jr.
7 Year Term		Kent R. McCandless

Section 504 Trustees of the Grand Lodge Relief Fund (Investment Committee)

Chairman (1 year)		G. Arthur Shoemaker
Member (2 year)		Jerry D. Parsons
Member (3 year)		Greg Winther
Ex Officio (with Vote)	Grand Treasure	N. Randall King
Ex Officio (with Vote)	Grand Secretary	Monte B. Bollar
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Grand Master	Steve L. Hall
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Sr. Grand Warden	Russ W. Smith
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Grand Marshal	Rick Holloway

Youth Committee

Chairman (1 year)		William F. Cook
Member (2 year)		Arlen Marshall
Member (3 year)		Craig McDonald
Representative Job's Daughters		
Representative DeMolay		
Representative Rainbow for Girls		Ronald J. Wood
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Jr. Grand Steward	Clifford R. Kramer
Grand Lodge Officer (Non-Voting)	Grand Pursuivant	Andrew Evenson

Awards

District Masons of the Year are:

- 1-Walt "Red" Hamby
- 2- John C. Trickey
- 3-Kary Peterson
- 4-Skip Howard
- 5-Erich Steinbock
- 6-Jack Riggs
- 7-Seth Van Wassenhove
- 8-Robert "Robbie" Swofford
- 9-Robert Middlebrook
- 10- Vernon W. Agee
- 11-James Soderling
- 12- Bobby Finley
- 13-Douglas H. Fraser

Lodge of Excellence Awards

- 2-Boise
- 9-Mt. Idaho
- 11-Lemhi
- 13-Silver City
- 16-Hailey
- 17-Paradise
- 19-Eagle Rock
- 23-Weiser
- 24-Kootenai
- 28-Washoe
- 29-Ashler
- 30-Elmore
- 37-Butte
- 39-Mt. Moriah
- 41-Rathdrum
- 42-Lakeside
- 45-Twin Falls
- 47-Meridian
- 57-Spirit Lake
- 60-Oriental
- 64-Mt. McCaleb
- 77-Paul
- 78-Hagerman
- 80-Fidelity
- 93-Capital City

PLEASE REPORT ALL DEATHS OF MEMBERS TO OUR GRAND CHAPLAIN.”

Enclosed with this Abstract is the proper form on which to file the report. *Please discard any obsolete forms you may have on hand and use these forms.* When the death of a member occurs, complete the form and **MAIL IT TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN** at the following address:

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Grand Chaplain
3405 E LaShawn Court
Post Falls, ID 83854-5358
email.danlavine@gmail.com
C: (208) 818-8112

PLEASE NOTE

(The Grand Chaplain's address is also included on each form for your convenience)

If additional forms are required, please copy the **enclosed** form!!
Or download a copy from the Grand View Membership Manager (In “Resources/Forms”)

Invitation to the 153rd Annual Communication

The Idaho Lodge No. 1 would like to invite all the Lodges in the State of Idaho and all Masonic Brothers in amity with the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho to the 153rd Annual Communication to take place September 17th, 18th, 19th, 2020

Place to be held:

The Riverside Hotel
2900 W Chinden Blvd,
Boise, ID 83714, USA
TEL: (208) 343-1871
<https://riversideboise.com/>

General Arrangement Chairman

Levi Billman, General Arrangement Chairman

This Abstract is issued in compliance with Regulation No. 53 and by order of the M.:W.: Grand Master, Kent R. McCandless

This 25th day of September 2019

Fraternally



Monte Bollar

Grand Secretary

Lodge Secretaries:

(Please complete the following form, cut on the dotted line and send it to:)

Monte Bollar
Grand Lodge of Idaho
219 N. 17th Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

I _____ Secretary of _____ Lodge No. _____

Attest that the Abstract for the 152nd Annual Communication has been presented at the first Stated
Communication after receiving the 152nd Annual Communication Abstract

Date of Stated Communication _____

Signature of Secretary

Attach Lodge Seal:
