

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. of IDAHO

147th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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Steven O. Zimmerman

W. Grand Chaplain

23810 Highway 30

Caldwell, ID 83607

szimmerman@speedyquick.net

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147th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

*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 147th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho was held at:
Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn, 506 W. Appleway Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
on September 18, 19, 20, 2014 with:

19 Grand Lodge Officers,
12 Past Grand Masters,
12 District Deputy Grand Masters,
49 Chartered Lodges in attendance out of 52 Lodges,

the following Lodges were not represented with voting members at this Communication: (*From
Credentials report*)

Buhl No. 53
Jerome No. 61
Paul No. 77

(Necessary to read only name and title of the following)

2014-2015 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS A.F. & A.M. OF IDAHO

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W.: Grand Chaplain	Steven O. Zimmerman (39) Kathie 23810 Highway 30	szimmerman@speedyquick.net Caldwell, ID 83607	Phone: (208) 724-2747
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11th District	Russ L. Graves (17,32) Kate Pesho 924 S Logan St	russ@decagon.com Moscow, ID 83843	Phone: (208) 882-7464
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Grand Lodge Committees 2014-2015

STANDING COMMITTEES

(By-Laws, Part One, Article IV, Section 401)

Section 401 **Standing Committees** The Grand Master shall appoint the following standing committees consisting of not less than three or more than five members to serve during his term: (Revised Sept. 1999)

1. Jurisprudence.
2. Appeals and Grievances.
3. Accounts and Finances.
4. Fraternal Relations.
5. Masonic Research and Education.
6. Masonic Temple Preservation. (See Section 405)
7. Returns of Lodges

(1) **JURISPRUDENCE**

1 year Chairman DGM input	James V. Voyles
2 year – SGW input	Michael A. Sutton
3 year – JGW input	Richard C. Broemeling
Senior Grand Warden	James A. Hensley
Senior Grand Deacon	Kent R. McCandless.
Senior Grand Steward	Russ W. Smith

(2) **APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES**

Chairman	James C. Herndon
Junior Grand Deacon	Steven L. Hall
Junior Grand Steward	H. Sherman Burger III

(3) **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES**

1 year Chairman DGM input	Michael Pearson
2 year – SGW input	Richard E. Kaiser
3 year – JGW input	Jeremy C. Vaughn
Junior Grand Warden	Williams K. Curtis
Grand Marshal	Robert C. Troxel

(4) **FRATERNAL RELATIONS**

Chairman	Jon C. Rich
Master Idaho Lodge of Research 1965	Shawn V. Gibbons
Member	Robert L. Bouy
Grand Historian	Jerry D. Parsons
Grand Marshal	Robert C. Troxel
Grand Sword Bearer	Jon C. Rich
Grand Pursuivant	John B. Johnson
Advisor	

(5) **MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION
(MENTORING, MEMBERSHIP & MASONIC RENEWAL)**

Chairman	David C. Triplett
Senior Grand Warden	James A. Hensley
Senior Grand Deacon	Kent R. McCandless
Junior Grand Deacon	Steven L. Hall
Junior Grand Steward	H. Sherman Burger III

(6) **MASONIC TEMPLE PRESERVATION**

Chairman, Grand Sword Bearer	Jon C. Rich
	George J. White Jr.
Grand Orator	Barry E. Newell

(7) **CONDITIONS OF LODGES**

Chairman	John F. Lawicki
	All DDGM's
Grand Pursuivant	John B. Johnson
Advisor (Grand Lecturer)	Thomas W. Gough

SESSION COMMITTEES

(By-Laws, Part One, Article IV, Section 402)

Section 402. **Session Committees.** Prior to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint the following session committees, consisting of not less than three nor more than five members, to serve until the close of that Communication: (Revised Sept. 1999)

1. Credentials.
2. Distribution.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. Lodges under Dispensation.
5. Necrology.
6. Examination of Visitors.
7. Courtesy.
8. Time and Place

Session Committees will be announced closer to the 148th Annual Communication.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

(By-Laws, Part One, Article IV, Section 403)

Section 403. Special Committees.

The Grand Master may appoint special committees whenever deemed necessary

Section 504 TRUSTEES OF GRAND LODGE RELIEF FUND (Investment Committee)

(Annually thereafter the Grand Master shall appoint one Trustee for a term of three years)

The Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio members, with equal vote, and the Trustees shall select a Chairman from among the appointed members to serve as the presiding officer. (See Sec. 509 for selection of Secretary.) (Revised Sept. 2001)

Mark V. Graybill	1 Year Term
To be appointed	2 Year Term
Gregory L. Winther	3 Year Term
James A. Hensley	Sr. Grand Warden
Randy King	Ex-Officio, Grand Treasurer
Monte B. Bollar	Ex-Officio, Grand Secretary
G. Arthur Shoemaker	Ex-Officio, Grand Master

Section 508 BOARD OF RELIEF

(The Grand Master shall appoint one Board member to serve for a term of three years.)

The Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio members, without vote, on the Board of Relief; and the Board members shall select a Chairman from among the appointed members to serve as the presiding officer. (For duties, see Section 510.) (See Section 509 for selection of Secretary.)

David Thomas	1 Year Term
Ronald Scott	2 Year Term
Ralph K. Nichol	3 Year Term
Randy King	Ex-Officio, Grand Treasurer
Monte B. Bollar	Ex-Officio, Grand Secretary
G. Arthur Shoemaker	Ex-Officio, Grand Master

Section 605 Charitable Trust Management Board (The Idaho Freemason Foundation)

By Resolution # 2 145th Annual Communication 2012

The Charitable Trust shall be managed by a separate Charitable Trust Management Board named: Grand Lodge AF &AM of Idaho Charitable fund, Inc. and governed by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Incorporated as a 501(c) (3) Nonprofit Corporation pursuant to the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act, Chapter 3, Title 30 Idaho Code.

Purpose statement of: "To support the education, safety and well being of children."

Section 802 BOARD OF CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

There shall be a Board of Custodians of the Work consisting of seven members, who shall be authority on the Idaho Work.

Jim V. Voyles, PGM	1 Year Term
Richard E. Kaiser, PGM	2 Year Term
David C. Triplett, PGM	3 Year Term
David "Skip" Owen, PGM	4 Year Term
Jay A. Leonard, PGM	5 Year Term
Keith C. Brooks, PGM	6 Year Term
Daniel B. Heberling, PGM	7 Year Term

Section 1417 (1) Executive Council (PREPAID LIFE)

Three Master Masons who hold a Prepaid Life Membership in a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be nominated and elected by the delegates at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. They shall serve without compensation for a term of one year or until their successors are elected, and if reelected they may succeed themselves in office. The three so elected shall select from within their own number a Chairman and a Secretary who shall preside over and record the actions of the Executive Council. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be the other two members of the Executive Council.

	Chairman (TBD)
Mark Smith (47)	
Ronald Berto, (60)	
Blake Titus (13))	
Randy King	Grand Treasure
Monte B. Bollar	Grand Secretary

Low Twelve Fund Trustees (As per Low Twelve by-laws)

Kent McCandless	Junior Grand Deacon – President of the Board
Steven Hall	Grand Marshal
Robert C. Troxel Jr	Senior Grand Steward
Russ W. Smith	Junior Grand Steward
H. Sherman Burger III	Grand Sword Bearer
David A. Smith	Secretary/Treasurer
Monte B. Bollar	Ex-Officio, Grand Secretary
Steven O. Zimmerman	Ex-Officio Grand Chaplin

CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS, 2014-2015

John E. Warner)	Chairman
Pocatello Lodges	As Assigned by John E. Warner

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

George Decker	Chairman
Monte B. Bollar	Grand Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS, INFORMATION & MASONIC PUBLICATIONS
(Press Releases etc..)

	Chairman
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MASONIC FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

George J. White Jr.	Chairman
James A. Hensley	Senior Grand Warden
Jesse Laduke	Advisor

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Gary A. Labruyere	DGM Appoints, Chairman
Bill Sperjank	SGW Appoints
Donald Nelson	JGW Appoints
Steven L. Hall	Jr. Grand Deacon
Russ W. Smith	Sr. Grand Steward
George Butters?	Job's Daughters
Will Votaw Sr.	DeMolay
Max Newcomer	RainBow

IDAHO MASONIC CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

G. Arthur Shoemaker	Chairman
Robert W. Barnett	
Ray J. Sackett	

SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

John E. Warner	Co-Chairman
James A. Hensley	Co-Chairman
Jerry D. Parsons	Grand Historian
N. Randall King	
William K. Curtis Jr.	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Kent McCandless	Senior Grand Deacon
Steven Hall	Junior Grand Deacon
Robert C. Troxel Jr	Grand Marshal
Russ W. Smith	Senior Grand Steward
H. Sherman Burger III	Junior Grand Steward

Resolution Index 2014

Resolution	Topic	Pass	Fail
1	<p>Article # XIV Membership</p> <p>Section #1402 Fifty Year Membership</p> <p>Paragraph</p> <p>Sub Paragraphs</p> <p>Changes: Grand Lodge issues 50 year status to member after he attains 50 years of service and issues only one Certificate and Pin and sends Membership(s) cards to all lodges the member belongs to. The Lodge still must elect Member to be exempt from dues as before</p>	P A S S	
2	<p>Article # I General Provisions</p> <p>Section # 103 Annual Communications</p> <p>Sub Paragraph 1&2</p> <p>Add: Change rotation of 150th Annual Communication in 2017 so it will be held in Boise, Idaho and 151st Annual communication in 2018 will restart rotation in the 10th, 11th, 12th or 13th district.</p>	P A S S	
3	<p>Article # XX Petitions, Balloting, Conferring Degrees</p> <p>Section # 2005 Petition for Degrees, Must Ballot, Exception</p> <p>Paragraph</p> <p>Add: if Investigating committee report is Unfavorable, petition is rejected without ballot and recorded on monthly report.</p> <p><u><i>In conflict with Section 2013, which states, "Balloting on petitions affecting Masonic standing shall not be postponed. The ballot shall be taken on each petition immediately after the report of the investigating committee is read, and when commenced must be completed and results declared."</i></u></p>		

Invitation to the 148th Annual Communication

The Pocatello Lodges, 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 148th Annual Communication to take place September 17th, 18th, 19th, 2015.

Place to be held:

Red Lion Hotel Pocatello

1555 Pocatello Creek Road
 Pocatello, Idaho 83201
 Tel: (208) 233-2200
 Fax: (208) 234-4524
pocatelloales@redlion.com

General Arrangement Chairman

John E. Warner, DGM

Time & Place Committee Schedules

YEAR	GRAND MASTER	PLACE	DISTRICTS	CHAIRMAN
2006 139 th	James Herndon	Sun Valley	1,2,3,4 or 5	Ted Angle
2007 140 th	Michael A. Sutton	Nampa	6,7,8, or 9	Randy King
2008 141 st	Robert B. Cargill	Moscow	10,11,12, or13	Richard Crossler
2009 142 nd	Richard E. Kaiser	Idaho Falls	1,2,3,4 or 5	Robert Mohny
2010 143 rd	David C. Triplett	Boise	6,7,8, or 9	Dave A. Smith-Ron Lowe
2011 144 th	David A. Owen	Sandpoint	10,11, 12,or13	Ron McCormick
2012 145 th	Jay A. Leonard	Twin Falls	1,2,3,4 or 5	James Hensley
2013 146 th	Keith C. Brooks	Boise	6,7,8, or 9	Brian Recznek
2014-147 th	Daniel B. Heberling	Coeur D'Alene	10,11,12, or13	Paul Telebar
2015-148 th	G. Arthur Shoemaker	Pocatello	1,2,3,4 or 5	John Warner/Mike Sutton
2016-149 th	<i>John E. Warner</i>	Boise	6,7,8, or 9	Randy King (Silver City 13)
2017-150 th	<i>James A. Hensley</i>	Boise	<i>By Resolution</i>	
2018-151 st	<i>William K. Curtis, Jr</i>	Lewiston	10,11,12, or13	
2019-152 nd	<i>Kent McCandless</i>		1,2,3,4 or 5	
2020-153 rd	<i>Steve Hall ?</i>		6,7,8, or 9	
			10,11,12, or13	

Section 103. Annual Communication.

An Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held each year, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on the Third Thursday in September. (Revised Sept. 1989) The 139th Annual Communication shall be held in the area of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th Masonic Districts; the 140th Annual Communication shall be held in the area of the 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th Masonic Districts; and the 141st Annual Communication shall be held in the area of than 10th, 11th, 12th, or 13th Masonic Districts; and the same consecutive area rotation shall be maintained thereafter. (Revised, Sept. 2005)

Change rotation of 150th Annual Communication in 2017 so it will be held in Boise, Idaho and 151st Annual communication in 2018 will restart rotation in the 10th, 11th, 12th or 13th district. (Revised, Sept. 2014)

REPORT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

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**Report of the Committee on Accounts and Finances 147th
Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho
(As a mended on the floor on motion to accept)**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Brethren:

Since the publishing of the proposed 2015 budget to the Lodges in April of this year, the committee on Accounts and Finance has met and reviewed the budget again and has received no further requests for funding, allocations, clarification or information. We would remind everyone that all requests for budgetary consideration should be submitted to the Accounts and Finance Committee as close to the beginning of the Masonic year as possible.

We recommend passage of the Grand Lodge Budget as currently proposed with the following amendment and correction:

#1745 Grand Treasurer Expense - \$3000.00, is deleted.

AMENDED-

#1745 Grand Treasurer Expense- \$3000 is reinstated into the budget per amended motion to accept this report.

#3586 State Youth Leaders -(100*4) - \$800 is corrected to:

#3586 State Youth Leaders -(200*4) - \$800

Overall, the 2015 Grand Lodge Budget saw increases in following areas:

Conferences Budget - \$400 for Mason of the Year Awards;

Grand Lodge Office Budget- \$3000 for Professional Fees (Auditing of the General Fund), \$385 for Insurance and Bonds, \$800 for Postage and, \$600 for Telephone.

Charitable Giving Budget - \$400 for State Youth Leaders (per request of the Dep. Grand Master)

Overall it increased \$5985, less \$3000 in adjustments for a total increase of \$2985 over 2014.

AMENDED-

After reinstatement of the \$3000 for Gr. Treasurer Expense the overall increase in the Budget from 2014 is now \$5985.

There is no need for an increase in per capita.

The Committee also makes the following recommendations for the future:

We recommend that future Accounts and Finance Committees maintain the practice of drawing no more than 5% from the Interest Relief Fund.

We strongly recommend, for good continuity, maintaining the practice of the Jr. Grand Warden making a 3-year appointment to the Accounts and Finance Committee. Further, that great consideration be given, either through directive or legislation, that the specific roles of the elected Grand Lodge Officers and the members of the Accounts and Finance Committee be clearly defined and direction given as to who has what responsibilities and authority when drafting the Grand Lodge Budget.

Next, as advocated by your previous Accounts and Finance Committee, we recommend continuing to pursue income generating activities. The costs of doing business continue to rise and it is only a matter of time before we may again have to consider increasing per capita or cutting operations to the point that we might only resemble the shell of a Grand Lodge.

Lastly, keeping in mind the previous recommendation, the travel budget for Grand Lodge Officers has been cut severely over the last few years. When we consider the expectations we have of our Grand Lodge Officers and the amount of travel their duties require, what is currently budgeted hardly begins to reimburse them for their costs out of pocket. We recognize that our Officers expected to incur some personal sacrifice when they accepted their positions. However, if we do not budget enough to reimburse them at a reasonable level, there is a disincentive to serve in these very important positions. We strongly suggest that in the future, the elected Grand Lodge Officers to the extent possible, submit budget requests at the outset of the Masonic year and that those requests be given serious consideration by the Accounts and Finance Committee.

Your Committee on Accounts and Finance sincerely thanks the Grand Master and Brethren for this opportunity in service to you.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Blickenstaff, PM Chairman,
Accounts and Finances

Committee members:

Michael Pearson, PM Richard E.
Kaiser, PGM
James A. Hensley, Jr. Gr. Warden Steven L.
Hall, Gr. Marshal

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CUSTODIANS of the WORK

(Received)

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho

Brethren,

During the past year, no formal requests were received by this Board that needed to be addressed. However at this Annual Communication, some topics were brought to the table.

Dividing the Lectures into Segments for Proficiency

The Board was asked to review the customary practice of requiring proficiencies for Worshipful Master's Certificates of Proficiency to include one or more lectures to be given, in their entirety, at one time. The question was whether we might be allowed to deliver our lectures in segments, over some longer period of time.

What is the best for the individual and what is best for the fraternity? There are as many arguments for making this change as there are arguments against it. After a great deal of discussion, it was the general agreement of the Board of Custodians that under some conditions, this should be allowed. It is the unanimous feeling of the Board that the ability to deliver each lecture in its entirety is our goal, and that is what we should strive for.

The Board has ruled that it shall be acceptable to deliver any of the three degree lectures in two segments, as opposed to being done at one time, as we have in the past. It is the ruling of the Board that each of the lectures may be broken into up to two parts. In the EA degree, the second section and the third section of the Entered Apprentice degree may be delivered separately. In the Fellowcraft degree, the break shall be between the description of the pillars and the beginning of the flight of winding stairs. In the Master Mason degree, the break shall be between the history of the degree and third section of the lecture.

The Board further rules that a time limit of one year be imposed to complete the lecture. The time of one year should begin when the brother delivers the first part of the lecture, for proficiency.

Preparing the candidate for the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees

The question was asked whether the candidate had to be divested according to our ritual, as in the first degree. It is the decision of the Board that yes, the candidate must be divested for all three of the degrees. The traditional form of the candidate proficiency reiterates this fact, and we feel that it does not need to be altered.

Adherence to the Idaho Work

In many of our lodges, variations have been made and non-Idaho ritual has been added to the point where the ritual across the jurisdiction is becoming quite non-standard. Some lodges have add prayers, soliloquies, additional charges, presentations and other additions and modifications to the work, and the Board is seriously concerned about the integrity of our work.

The approved Idaho work is contained, in its entirety, in the Idaho Monitor, and that is what our lodges need to follow. In the event that a lodge desires to deviate from the approved Idaho work, it is necessary that they obtain a dispensation for such deviation, or they are required to adhere to the Idaho work.

If a lodge desires to add to the Idaho work, it may be appropriate, but it should not be done as a part of, or appearing to be a part of the conferral of the degrees on the candidate. Also, bits and pieces of

ritual observed in other jurisdictions should not be imported to Idaho, simply because we feel that it looks impressive. Our Idaho work is beautiful and it is complete, and it does not lend itself to innovation.

Summary

This committee appreciates the opportunity to serve this Grand Jurisdiction, this past year.

Fraternally submitted,

James V Voyles (60), Acting Chairman

Michael A. Sutton (18, 42)

Jay A. Leonard (30, 80)

Keith C. Brooks (45, 68)

David C. Triplett (93)

Richard E. Kaiser (19, 33)

David E. Owen, Jr. (21, 30, 80)

CONFORMITY WITH REGULATION NO. 53

When this Abstract is read in your Lodge, **PLEASE** report the reading date in the **COMPLIANCE SECTION** on your next Monthly Report.

Issued in compliance with Regulation No. 53 and by order of the M.: W.: Grand Master, G. Arthur Shoemaker

This 23th day of September, 2014;

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monte Bollar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Monte Bollar

Grand Secretary

REPORT DEATH OF LODGE MEMBER (2014 / 2015)

When a member of your Lodge passes away, during the above time frame, immediately send this notice (form) to:

Steven O. Zimmerman
Grand Chaplain
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Please designate someone in your lodge to perform this service.

After receipt of the information below, the Grand Chaplain will write
to the nearest relative and express the sympathy of the Masons of Idaho.

Submitted to Grand Chaplain by: _____

<p><i>(Information about Deceased Brother)</i></p>	<p><i>If possible enclose Newspaper clipping (Obituary Notice)</i></p>
<p>(Name of Deceased) of _____ Lodge No. _____</p>	
<p>Date of Death: _____</p>	
<p>Place of Death: _____</p>	
<p>Place of Burial: _____</p>	
<p>Lodge Offices Held: _____</p>	
<p>_____</p>	<p>Was deceased a Plural Member: _____</p>
<p>Was this Brother in regular attendance at Lodge functions? Yes _____ No _____</p>	<p>If yes, which Lodges: _____</p>
<p>List other Masonic Memberships (If known)</p>	<p>No: _____</p>
<p>_____</p>	<p>Were other Lodges notified: Yes _____ No _____</p>
<p>_____</p>	<p>Were the following items presented to the Widow:</p>
<p>_____</p>	<p>Tribute of Affection: Yes _____ No _____</p>
<p>_____</p>	<p>Widow's Certificate: Yes _____ No _____</p>
<p>Name of Surviving Widow: (Or other nearest relative)</p>	<p>Widow's Pin: Yes _____ No _____</p>
<p>_____</p>	<p>Were Masonic Rites performed: Yes _____ No _____</p>
<p>Address: _____</p>	<p>By which Lodge: _____</p>
<p>_____</p>	<p>No: _____</p>
<p>(Zip Code)</p>	

(Please use the back of this form if necessary)