

# ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS for 150th 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 150th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho was held at:  
Wyndham Garden Boise Airport Hotel on September 21, 22, 23, 2017 with:

18 Grand Lodge Officers,  
18 Past Grand Masters,  
10 District Deputy Grand Masters,  
48 Chartered Lodges in attendance out of 49 Lodges,

The following Lodges were not represented with voting members at this 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication:  
(From Credentials report)

Spirit Lake No. 57

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In accordance with Regulation No. 53 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest, this Abstract of the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Proceedings has been prepared and has been sent to the lodges and placed on the Grand Lodge website.

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# GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

## Elected and Appointed for 2017-2018

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W. Grand Historian	Jerry Parsons	<a href="mailto:gh@idahomasons.org">gh@idahomasons.org</a>	C: (208) 841-8983
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### District Deputy Grand Masters for 2017-2018

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Thirteenth	Darryl W. Chitwood	<a href="mailto:d13dgm@idahomasons.org">d13dgm@idahomasons.org</a>	H: (208) 704-7275

## Results on Resolutions for 2017

#1	Passed
#2	Passed
#3	Passed
#4	Passed as amended
Deleted the words “regulations 132 masonic code and digest”	
#5	Failed

## Masonic Trial Appeals

Appeals & Grievances committee, recommend that the penalty for **Robert C. Troxel Jr.** of un-masonic conduct should be changed from suspension to expulsion.

*The brethren attending the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication voted to affirm the committee on Appeals & Grievances recommendation on Robert C. Troxel Jr.*

*Status of Robert C. Troxel Jr. is “Expelled”*

Appeals & Grievances committee has determined that **Daniel Gautney** is no longer eligible to advance beyond the Entered Apprentice degree. Thus, Daniel Gautney's masonic journey has come to an end.

*The brethren attending the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication voted to affirm the committee on Appeals & Grievances determination on Daniel Gautney.*

*Status of Daniel Gautney is “Rejected for Masonry”*

Appeals & Grievance Committee, determined that the trial of **George Blickenstaff** will be complete after the penalty ordered by the Trial Commission has been completed, George Blickenstaff should be restored to full Masonic Standing.

*The brethren attending the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication voted to affirm the committee on Appeals & Grievances determination on George Blickenstaff.*

*Status of George Blickenstaff is “Mason under charges until reprimand is read as per Code & Digest”*

## Report of Accounts and Finance

The proposed budget, which was sent to the lodges for review, was passed.

Grand Lodge assessment stayed at \$60.00

## **Report of the Board of Custodians of the Work.**

### **Requests sent to the Board of Custodians of the Work 2017.**

#### **Request #1**

**Request:** A request was received to allow alternate music to be played during the circumambulation in the 3rd degree. A sample of the proposed music was submitted and the board deemed it appropriate

**Fact:** In the esoteric work it only states that marching and music. There is no mention of what music should be played.

**Ruling:** That each lodge should be allowed to use any appropriate music that is approved by its Lodge

#### **Request #2**

**Request:** The entire Idaho Monitor is placed electronically on the Grand Lodge Website.

**Ruling:** The Board of Custodians ruled that Code and Digest section 39 concerns only with the use and safeguard of the work not the control and distribution. The board has also ruled that rulings of the Board of Custodians Idaho work rule E has been suspended. The current rulings as of 9/20/2017 is that the current Idaho monitor as printed will be placed electronically on the Grand Lodge Website for immediate access to all members

The report was received by the Grand Lodge but referred to Jurisprudence to review and report on.

### **Jurisprudence reply:**

**Question 10:** “Can the entire Idaho Monitor be placed electronically on the Grand Lodge Website?”

**Committee’s response:** The Jurisprudence Committee finds there is no clear direction concerning electronic copies of the Idaho Monitor. Regulation 39 needs to be rewritten to be brought into the electronic age. We, however, find that the Grand Master has the authority to direct that the Idaho Monitor be placed on the Grand Lodge Website. See Regulation 39 #1, “The Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Grand Master. . .” Without direction from the Grand Master, a resolution to revise Regulation 39 that specifically allows the Idaho Monitor be placed on the Grand Lodge Website must be passed by Grand Lodge.

*For further information please refer to the complete reports of each of the committees to be published in the proceedings.*

### **Standing Committees appointments:**

#### **(1) - JURISPRUDENCE**

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1 year Chairman	Greg Winther
2 year	
3 year	Skip Owen
Senior Grand Warden	Steven L. Hall
Senior Grand Deacon	Russ W. Smith
Senior Grand Steward	John B. Johnson

## **(2) - APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES**

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Chairman	James Voyles
Junior Grand Deacon	H. Sherman Burger III
Junior Grand Steward	Rick L. Holloway

## **(3) - ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES**

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1 year Chairman	Bruce Wethered
2 year -	Max Hemmert
3 year	
Junior Grand Warden	H. Sherman Burger III
Grand Marshal	Gary A. Labruyere

## **(4) - FRATERNAL RELATIONS**

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Chairman	Shawn Gibbons
WM Idaho Lodge of Research	?
Grand Historian	Chris Williams
Jr. Grand Deacon	H. Sherman Burger III
Jr. Grand Steward	Rick L. Holloway
Grand Pursuivant	Cliff Kramer

## **(5) - MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**

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Chairman, SGW	Steven L. Hall
Senior Grand Deacon	Russ W. Smith
Junior Grand Deacon	H. Sherman Burger III
Junior Grand Steward	Rick L. Holloway
Grand Pursuivant	Cliff Kramer
Member	Andrew T. Evenson
Member	

## **(6) - MASONIC TEMPLE PRESERVATION**

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Grand Sword Bearer	George J. White, Chairman
Grand Orator	Justin Boyer

## **BOARD OF CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK**

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1 Year Term	David E. "Skip" Owen Jr.
2 Year Term	Jay A. Leonard
3 Year Term	Keith C. Brooks
4 Year Term	Michael A. Sutton
5 Year Term	G. Arthur Shoemaker
6 Year Term	John E. Warner
7 Year Term	James A. Hensley

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

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1 Year Term, Chairman	Arthur Shoemaker
2 Year Term	Michael Pearson
3 Year Term	
Sr. Grand Warden	Steven L. Hall
Grand Treasure, Ex Officio	N. Randall King
Grand Secretary, Ex Officio	Monte Bollar
Grand Master, Ex Officio	William "Bill" Curtis Jr.

Youth Committee

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1 Year Term, Chairman	Jesse Laduke
2 Year Term	David G. Stonhill
3 Year Term	
Junior Grand Deacon	H. Sherman Burger III
Jr. Grand Steward	Rick L. Holloway
Job's Daughters DeMolay Rainbow for Girls	

**Awards**

**Mason of the Districts:**

- 1 Douglas J. Hammond
- 2 Michael D. Silver
- 3 Weslie B. Koopin
- 4 Jeffery A. Wade
- 5 Carl B. Johnston
- 6 Von L. Edwards
- 7 Daniel D. Siddal
- 8 Leonard M. LaTour
- 9 Edwin A. Dohrmann
- 10 William B. West
- 11 Wayne M. Sprouse
- 12 Timothy C. Clark
- 13 Dwain D. Valez

**Grand Lodge Mason of the year:** Douglas J. Hammond

**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:

Rev. Edgar R. Simmons  
Grand Chaplain  
2626 E 95Th N  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401-5576  
[pastored96@cableone.net](mailto:pastored96@cableone.net)  
H: 524-1245 C: 351-6869

**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 down load a copy from the ROLLS Info Center tab.

**Invitation to the 151st Annual Communication**

The Nez Perce Lodge No. 10, 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 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication to take place September 20th, 21st, 22nd, 2018

Place to be held:

**Red Line Hotel Lewiston**  
621 21<sup>st</sup> St.  
Lewiston, ID 83501  
(208) 799-1000

<https://www.redlion.com/lewiston>

General Arrangement Chairman

Timothy H. Krueger, General Arrangement Chairman

This Abstract is issued in compliance with Regulation No. 53 and by order of the M.: W.: Grand Master, James E. Hensley

This 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017

Fraternally



Monte Bollar

Grand Secretary

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## **Lodge Secretaries:**

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

Monte Bollar  
Grand Lodge of Idaho  
219 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Boise, Idaho 83702

I \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Attest that the Abstract for the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication has been presented at the first Stated  
Communication after receiving the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Abstract

Date of Stated Communication \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Secretary

Attach Lodge Seal:



# REPORT DEATH OF LODGE MEMBER (2017 / 2018)

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

**Rev. Edgar R. Simmons**  
Grand Chaplain  
2626 E 95Th N  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401-5576  
[pastored96@cableone.net](mailto:pastored96@cableone.net)

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

*(Please use the back of this form if necessary)*