



## 158th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Salem, Oregon  
June 5 & 6, 2008

### LATE LEGISLATION

The following legislative proposals were received at the Grand Lodge Office after the deadline for action at this Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

#### I

##### NOW READS:

Section 131 Duties of Committee in Masonic Instruction-

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To devise means to disseminate the approved esoteric work of the Grand Lodge.

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24-3c Change must be reviewed by the Committee on the Code and Jurisprudence

111-20 There seems to be no impact on this Section.

113-A There seems to be no impact on this Section.

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141 There seems to be no impact on this Section.

161 There seems to be no impact on this Section.

213-33 There seems to be no impact on this Section.

CHANGE PROPOSED:

Section 131-2 Custodians of the Work-

Make the secret work available to the Worshipful Masters of each constituent lodge and District Deputies of the Grand Master.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

Section 131-2 Custodians of the Work-

The purpose of improving Ritual within the Grand Jurisdiction by allowing District Deputies and Worshipful Masters to use un-coded copies of the secret work for the purpose of instruction to all members who want to learn the Ritual and be able to answer correctly any Ritual questions, should they arise.

Respectfully submitted by W.B. Dan Bauer; R.W.B. Steve McCathern, District Deputy No. 8 and W.B. David Fryday, Grand Orator

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