



169th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Seaside, Oregon
June 6 & 7, 2019

This is the original and complete Legislation for the 2019 Annual Communication. The following proposed Amendments and Resolutions to the Code have been properly received in the Grand Secretary's office, signed by the required number of members of Grand Lodge, duly checked by the Code Committee and Resolutions Committee and are now presented for the preview of the Delegates to the 169th Annual Communication.

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Sec. 168. Masonic Outreach —
NOW READS: [No existing Sec. 168]

Sec. 168. Masonic Outreach —
PROPOSED TO READ:
Sec. 168. Masonic Outreach —

1. Definition —

Masonic Outreach is a program founded by The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon, and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Oregon, for the purpose of caring for those in need. Master Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, their wives, mothers, mothers-in-law, minor children; and the widows, mothers, mothers-in-law, and minor children of deceased Master Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, and Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star of this Grand Jurisdiction, their mothers and minor children; and the mothers and minor children of deceased Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star of this Grand Jurisdiction are eligible for outreach programs as established by the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board. The Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board may from time to time admit those who meet the above qualifications on a temporary or permanent basis, who would pay for a portion of their care. By agreement by and between the two bodies above mentioned, as set out on pages 71 to 73 inclusive, of the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1923, the title to all property and funds of Masonic Outreach is and shall be in the name of The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon, and it shall manage and control the various funds for the use and benefit of Masonic Outreach.

2. How Managed —

The management of Masonic Outreach is and shall be by a Board known as the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board, composed of five representatives of this Grand Lodge and three representatives from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Oregon.

3. Representatives of Grand Lodge on Board —
The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and Immediate Past Grand Master shall be the representatives of this Grand Lodge on such Board.

4. Supervision —
The Home Board shall maintain, operate and direct the Masonic Outreach program.

5. Rules and Regulations —
The Home Board shall adopt rules and regulations for conducting the business of Masonic Outreach, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge Trustees of the Grand Lodge, which shall be in conformity with the agreement by and between this Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Oregon, as set forth on pages 71 to 73 inclusive, of the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1923.

6. Discretionary Powers —
The Home Board shall prescribe the requirements for receiving aid and assistance from Masonic Outreach as provided in Subdivision 1 hereof and may accept such applicants therein as it deems entitled to acceptance and may make and enforce rules for government of those accepted, subject to the approval of this Grand Lodge or the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

When a Lodge is opened on the Master Mason Degree, the Senior Warden states that he became a Master Mason so that he could come to the aid of distressed worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans. As a Fraternity, we can partially fulfill that obligation through the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. Outreach programs further assist worthy Master Masons, members of the Order of the Eastern Star and specified family members as designated that do not require the services of the Home. This proposed legislation codifies Masonic Outreach; identifies the Brothers, Sisters and family members who are eligible for assistance; describes management and representatives serving on the Board; recognizes rules, regulations and powers of the Board members. There is a long history of Masonic outreach to the Masonic fraternity, members of the Order of the Eastern Star and their families. This legislation will support the Board in its effort to expand charitable work with Masonic Outreach.

Sponsored by M.W.B. Dennis Johnson, P.G.M. (2007), Past Master of Salem Lodge No. 4; W.B. Gregory A. Hinkelman, Grand Sword Bearer and Past Master of Clatskanie Lodge No. 133; and W.B. Matthew A. Wand, Worshipful Master of Milwaukie Lodge No. 109.

LATE LEGISLATION

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Sec. 202. Officers of a Lodge —

NOW READS:

The officers of a Lodge shall be:

A Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Tyler, Chaplain, and it may have a Marshal and Organist.

Sec. 202. Officers of a Lodge —

PROPOSED TO READ:

The officers of a Lodge shall be:

A Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Tyler, Chaplain, and it may have a Marshal and, Organist and Historian.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

Existing reference to a Lodge “Historian” is presently referred to in The Officers Handbook, page 83 “Miscellaneous Committees” Paragraph “E. Lodge History” which states in part “The Worshipful Master should appoint a historian”. In addition, our Ritual, inside the front cover, on the Lodge Floor Plan, shows the location of the Lodge Historian between the Marshal and Senior Steward.

Presently, our Constitution and By-Laws do not reference a “Lodge Historian”. They do, however reference a “Grand Historian”. In looking at the main paragraph of Section 202 in our Constitution and By-Laws, it does allow for two optional officers, those of Marshal and Organist.

It seems reasonable therefore, to add a “Lodge Historian” as a third optional officer of a Lodge to afford that office legal or authorized status as an Officer of the Lodge and to recognize the Office as described in The Officers Handbook and our Lodge Floor Plan.

The approval of this proposed amendment to Section 202 will provide Lodges the authority that they may appoint a Lodge Historian if they so choose.

Sponsored by M.W.B. David H. Fryday, P.G.M. (2014), Past Master of Salem Lodge No. 4; W.B. Mark L. Posler, Senior Grand Deacon, Past Master of Marys River Lodge No. 221; W.B. Gregory A. Hinkelman, Grand Standard Bearer, Past Master of Clatskanie Lodge No. 133; and W.B. Thomas D. Pierce, Past Master of Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207.

RESOLUTIONS

I

Consolidated and Updated Guidelines for the Hiram Award (For consideration at the 2019 Annual Communication)

WHEREAS, the Hiram Award is among the highest honors which can be conferred upon a Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction; AND

WHEREAS, Lodges should have access to a reference which clearly articulates the purpose, form, and administration of the Hiram Award; AND

WHEREAS, the current guidelines concerning the Hiram Award are limited in nature and divided into several parts; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following guidelines are adopted for governance and administration of the Hiram Award:

1. **PURPOSE** — The Hiram Award is to be awarded to members of Oregon Lodges, who by precept and example, have exhibited outstanding qualities of service and leadership to the Craft well above what is considered normal.
2. **DESCRIPTION** — The Hiram Award shall consist of a Medallion, Lapel Emblem, and Certificate of Award.

The “Hiram Award Medallion” shall be of solid metal, silver in color, circular, 2 inches in diameter. The front of the medallion will feature an emblem containing a square and compasses wreathed in Acacia, encircled by the words “HIRAM AWARD” (above) and “Dedicated Service” (below). The emblem will be wreathed in laurel. The reverse of the medallion will contain the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, sized to fit. The medallion is to be worn around the neck of the recipient, suspended by a blue cord.

A suitable lapel emblem, square in shape, will contain the word “Hiram” above the square and compasses, and the word “Award” below the square and compasses.

A Certificate of Award designed by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will accompany the Hiram Award Medallion, signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, with the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed, and countersigned by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the recipient’s Lodge, together with the seal of said Lodge.

3. **WHEN WORN** — The medallion is to be worn at official Masonic functions only. The lapel emblem may be worn whenever desired by the recipient so long as the location and occasion for wear do nothing to discredit the fraternity.
4. **WHO ELIGIBLE** — Master Masons in good standing of Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are eligible to receive the Hiram Award subject to a favorable ballot. Previous recipients of a Hiram Award from this Grand Jurisdiction are not eligible for an additional award.

Lodges may apply additional eligibility requirements in accordance with their customs or By-Laws.

5. **BALLOTING** — Recipients shall be elected by written ballot, without nomination. The written ballots upon the award of the Hiram Award shall be cast at a Stated Communication, in accordance with Section 208 of The Code. Only one “Hiram Award” shall be awarded by any one Lodge in one Masonic year.

In order to preserve the secrecy of the ballot and to maintain a sense of surprise for the eventual recipient, the Master alone is responsible for disposition of the ballots. He may, according to his dictates or Lodge custom, assign the task of counting the ballots to a member of the Lodge or appoint a Committee to perform that function.

6. **APPLICATION** — The application for the Hiram Award will be submitted in the form and manner prescribed by the Grand Secretary.
7. **PRESENTATION** — The Hiram Award must be presented in person by a Master or Past Master of the Lodge making the award or by an Officer of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. The award may be presented in Open Lodge, at a fitting public event, or in a private ceremony befitting the high honor being bestowed. When appropriate, family and friends of the recipient should be encouraged to participate in the presentation of the award.

If a recipient departs this Grand Jurisdiction before their award can be presented, dispensation may be granted for a courtesy presentation by a Master, Past Master, or Grand Lodge Officer of another Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted: W.B. Christopher C. Warren, Grand Pursuivant, Past Master of La Grande Lodge No. 41 and Silverton Lodge No. 45; W.B. Marvin C. Hardin, Worshipful Master of Silverton Lodge No. 45; W.B. Kristopher L. Fahndrich, Junior Warden and Past Master of Ainsworth Lodge No. 201; W.B. Jason C. Tate, Past Master of Silverton Lodge No. 45; and W.B. Robert G. Olson, Past Master of Cornerstone Lodge No. 157.

II

Masonic Publication

(For consideration at the 2019 Annual Communication)

WHEREAS, in answer to a motion passed at the 133rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, the Trustees have developed a publication titled “Oregon Masonic News” as a monthly publication devoted to the needs of this Grand Lodge and constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees have in fact carried out the terms of the motion referenced above on a monthly basis except for the months of July and August, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The publication “Oregon Masonic News” having been named as the official organ of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon, be published on a bi-Monthly basis and distributed to all members of the Masonic Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will continue in force until a future session of this Grand Lodge shall alter or revoke it.

Respectfully submitted: R.W.B. Ronald J. Eggers, Deputy Grand Master, Past Master of Waluga Lodge No. 181; R.W.B. Michael J. McGuyer, Senior Grand Warden, Past Master of Molalla Lodge No. 178; R.W.B. Gregory A. Jenkins, Junior Grand Warden, Past Master of Rickreall Lodge No. 110; and M.W.B. W. Myles McMillan, I.P.G.M. (2017), Past Master of Pearl Lodge No. 66.

III
Resolution to Record Lodge Histories Annually
(For consideration at the 2019 Annual Communication)

WHEREAS, There is a rational and urgent need for Lodges to document their histories; and,

WHEREAS, Many Lodges do not regularly record their Lodge history; and,

WHEREAS, Lodges have been encouraged by Grand Lodge to appoint a Lodge Historian; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That in the spirit of maintaining written Lodge histories annually, each Lodge Master will provide a report of at least one paragraph historically documenting their past year, preferably at the last Stated Communication of his year as Master. This report is to be submitted to the Lodge Secretary to be filed with the minutes and a copy then sent to the Grand Historian for the archives of the Grand Lodge. The Master may appoint the Historian or another Brother with the authority to complete this historical report. The effective date of this Resolution will be with the 2019 Lodge year.

REASON FOR PROPOSED RESOLUTION: To preserve and promote the regular recording of Lodge histories and to encourage the appointment of Lodge Historians.

Respectfully submitted: R.W.B. Jim Akers, District Deputy No. 5, Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 46; M.W.B. Hunt Compton, P.G.M., (2013), Past Master of Union Lodge No. 3; W.B. Michael D. Robinson, Grand Historian, Past Master of Esoterika Lodge No. 227; and W.B. Daniel K. Gray, Past Master of Beaverton Masonic Lodge No. 100 and Research Lodge No. 198.

The following Resolutions are proposed by the Resolutions Committee and require a simple majority vote to be adopted:

Resolution to Confer Honorary Membership

WHEREAS during this, its One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Annual Communication, The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon is honored by the presence of many distinguished visitors from other Grand Lodge jurisdictions and it is appropriate that they be accorded distinct recognition,

BE IT RESOLVED:

that during the course of this communication, the distinguished visitors from other Grand Lodge jurisdictions shall have honorary membership in this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted: W.B. Thomas F. Burke, Chairman on Resolutions, Past Master of Myrtle Lodge No. 78; W.B. Edward A. Meyer, Past Master of North Bend Lodge No. 140; W.B. W. Lee Ransdall, Worshipful Master of Bend Lodge No. 139; W.B. William P. Russell, Past Master of Bandon Lodge No. 130; and W.B. Michael D. Sullivan, Past Master of Blanco Lodge No. 48 and North Bend Lodge No. 140.

**Resolution Designating the Convening of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons of Oregon In Its One Hundred and Seventy-first Annual Communication**

In keeping with his wishes and as provided for by Sections 7.1 and 275.2(c) of its Code,

BE IT RESOLVED:

Should Right Worshipful Brother Michael J. McGuyer have been elected to serve as, and at that time be, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Oregon, the One Hundred and Seventy-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon shall be held in Salem, Oregon, on the first Thursday in June of 2021.

Respectfully submitted: W.B. Thomas F. Burke, Chairman on Resolutions, Past Master of Myrtle Lodge No. 78; W.B. Edward A. Meyer, Past Master of North Bend Lodge No. 140; W.B. W. Lee Ransdall, Worshipful Master of Bend Lodge No. 139; W.B. William P. Russell, Past Master of Bandon Lodge No. 130; and W.B. Michael D. Sullivan, Past Master of Blanco Lodge No. 48 and North Bend Lodge No. 140.

**Resolution Designating the Convening of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons of Oregon In Its One Hundred and Seventy-second Annual Communication**

In keeping with his wishes and as provided for by Sections 7.1 and 275.2(c) of its Code,

BE IT RESOLVED:

Should Right Worshipful Brother Gregory A. Jenkins have been elected to serve as, and at that time be, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Oregon, the One Hundred and Seventy-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon shall be held in Salem, Oregon, on the first Thursday in June of 2022.

Respectfully submitted: W.B. Thomas F. Burke, Chairman on Resolutions, Past Master of Myrtle Lodge No. 78; W.B. Edward A. Meyer, Past Master of North Bend Lodge No. 140; W.B. W. Lee Ransdall, Worshipful Master of Bend Lodge No. 139; W.B. William P. Russell, Past Master of Bandon Lodge No. 130; and W.B. Michael D. Sullivan, Past Master of Blanco Lodge No. 48 and North Bend Lodge No. 140.