



## 171st ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Salem, Oregon

June 3, 2021

Due to the abbreviated nature of the 171st Annual Communication in response to the COVID pandemic, all proposed Amendments to the Code have been held over to the following year. Only the Resolutions to the Code will be considered. The following 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 Resolutions Committee and are now presented for the preview of the Delegates of the 171st Annual Communication.

### RESOLUTIONS

#### I

#### **Consolidated and Updated Guidelines for the Hiram Award**

**(For consideration at the 171st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon)**

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 & 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 be designed by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, which 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 awarding 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 — Members 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. “A majority of all votes cast, excluding blanks, shall be necessary” to select a recipient. Only one Hiram Award may be awarded by any one Lodge in one Masonic year, which begins on December 27<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 26<sup>th</sup> of the following 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.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the following Resolutions are repealed:

RESOLUTION FOR VOTING ON THE HIRAM AWARD - ADOPTED JUNE 2, 2017

THE "HIRAM AWARD" - ADOPTED JUNE 2, 1995

RESOLUTION THE "HIRAM AWARD" LAPEL EMBLEM - ADOPTED JUNE, 4 1993

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## II

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

In keeping with his wishes and as provided for by Section 7 of its Code,

#### **BE IT RESOLVED:**

Should Right Worshipful Brother Mark L. Posler 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-Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon shall be held in Bend, Oregon, on the first Thursday in June of 2023.

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. Lee Ransdall, Past Master of Bend Lodge No. 139; W.B. Richard C. Southard, Past Master of McEwen Lodge No. 125, Cove Lodge No. 91 and Grand Ronde Valley Lodge No. 56; and W.B. Michael D. Sullivan, Past Master of Blanco Lodge No. 48 and North Bend Lodge No. 140.

#### **Postscript**

*We expect the customary Resolution to Confer Honorary Membership to be presented at the 171st Annual Communication. These require a simple majority vote to be adopted.*