



GRAND LODGE
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA MASONIC MEMORIAL TEMPLE
1111 CALIFORNIA STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94108-2284
(415) 776-7000

October 4, 2009

To: All Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Lodge Officers,
Inspectors, Committeemen and Lodges

Brethren:

Herewith for your information are the results, in summary form, of the actions taken at the 160th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, F.& A.M. of California:

GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS:

Decision No. 1:	YES	830	87.3%	AFFIRMED
Guidelines for Use of Alcoholic Beverages	NO	121	12.7%	
Decision No. 2:	YES	877	89.6%	AFFIRMED
Moral Turpitude	NO	102	10.4%	
Decision No. 3:	YES	875	89.4%	AFFIRMED
Guidelines for Restoration	NO	104	10.6%	
Decision No. 4:	YES	892	91.5%	AFFIRMED
Use of Social Networks	NO	83	8.5%	

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1:	YES	550	55.0%	CARRY- OVER
Two Grand Organists and Two Grand Tilers	NO	450	45.0%	
Recommendation No. 2:	YES	739	74.0%	CARRY- OVER
Personal Service of Grand Master's Edict	NO	260	26.0%	
Recommendation No. 3:	YES	923	93.4%	PASSED
Executive Powers of Grand Lodge	NO	65	6.6%	
Recommendation No. 4:	YES	910	91.1%	PASSED
Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Grand Lodge of Iran (In Exile)	NO	89	8.9%	
Recommendation No. 5:	YES	625	62.7%	CARRY- OVER
Procedure on Ballot Box Rejection	NO	372	37.3%	

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS - CONTINUED

Recommendation No. 6:	YES	794	79.2%	CARRY- OVER
Modification of Fund Raising Rules	NO	208	20.8%	
Recommendation No. 7:	YES	853	85.0%	PASSED
Unmasonic Conduct and Resulting Penalties	NO	150	15.0%	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – 2007

Recommendation No. 4:	YES	909	90.4%	PASSED
Hazing	NO	97	9.6%	
Resolution No. 08-08:	YES	619	61.9%	FAILED
Distributions from Life Membership Funds	NO	381	38.1%	
Resolution No. 08-09:	YES	748	74.8%	PASSED
Increasing the Fee Paid by Applicants to the George Washington Masonic Memorial	NO	252	25.2%	

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION – 2009

Resolution No. 09-01:	YES	560	56.2%	CARRY- OVER
Creates the Hiram's Pillar Award	NO	436	43.8%	
Resolution No. 09-02:	YES	896	89.2%	PASSED
Simplifies and Clarifies Lodge Financial Reporting and Budgeting	NO	108	10.8%	
Resolution No. 09-03:	YES	834	83.4%	PASSED
Expands Maximum Size and Composition of Grand Lodge Committee on Investments	NO	166	16.6%	
Resolution No. 09-04:	YES	300	29.8%	FAILED
Requires Member Retention Committee Interview Before Suspension for Nonpayment of Dues	NO	708	70.2%	
Resolution No. 09-05:	YES	746	74.0%	CARRY- OVER
Allows Return of Unused Dues Without Lodge Consent	NO	262	26.0%	

Resolution No. 09-06: Acknowledges Former Masters During the Opening of Research Lodges	YES NO	692 315	68.7% 31.3%	CARRY- OVER
Resolution No. 09-07: Allows a Brother to Serve as Secretary of More Than One Lodge	YES NO	208 799	20.7% 79.3%	FAILED
Resolution No. 09-08: Entitles Secretary and Inspector to a Vote at Grand Lodge	YES NO	270 734	26.9% 73.1%	FAILED
Resolution No. 09-09: Expands Permitted Fund Raising by Masonic Organizations	YES NO	590 415	58.7% 41.3%	CARRY- OVER
Resolution No. 09-10: Expands Permitted Fund Raising by Shrine Centers	YES NO	447 546	45.0% 55.0%	FAILED

In addition to the above, the following actions were also taken:

In accordance with California Masonic Code §407.050, the budget of Grand Lodge for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, as proposed by the Deputy Grand Master, was adopted.

The per capita assessment for the fiscal year November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011, as proposed by the Senior Grand Warden, was adopted and is fixed at \$33.00.

The petition for a charter from Prometheus Lodge U.D. in San Francisco was granted. A charter will be issued and the lodge will be entered into the Registry of this Grand Lodge as Prometheus Lodge No. 851.

A resolution was adopted to extend an offer of mutual recognition to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.& A.M. of Delaware.

Total registration for the 160th Annual Communication was 1,352, with 289 of 332 chartered lodges represented. *(The number of chartered lodges does not include four Research lodges, two lodges Under Dispensation, and two lodges which are temporarily suspended.)*

The elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge duly installed for the Grand Lodge year commencing on October 4, 2009 are:


ELECTED OFFICERS

Kenneth G. Nagel..... Grand Master
William J. Bray IIIDeputy Grand Master
Frank Loui..... Senior Grand Warden
John F. Lowe.....Junior Grand Warden
Glenn D. Woody Grand Treasurer
Allan L. Casalou Grand Secretary
Paul D. Hennig..... Grand Lecturer

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Irwin M. Fershleiser..... Grand Chaplain
M. David Perry..... Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division I
Bruce R. Galloway..... Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division II
Bud Ramsey Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division III
David S. Allmuth Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division IV
Vernon M. Dandridge Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division V
Cline C. “Cub” Jack, Jr. Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division VI
Douglas B. Eichen Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division VII
Jack M. Rose..... Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division VIII
James A. Kurupas Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division IX
John W. Herring..... Grand Orator
James E. Banta Assistant Grand Secretary
H. John Fletcher Grand Marshal
David L. Chesebro Grand Standard Bearer
Michael L. Lambert Grand Sword Bearer
Charles P. Cross Grand Bible Bearer
John L. Harris..... Senior Grand Deacon
W. Joseph Ryland Junior Grand Deacon
Andrew C. Spencer Senior Grand Steward
John Cover Spear Junior Grand Steward
Richard K. Pierce Grand Pursuivant
Stephen R. Miller Grand Organist
Donald R. Taylor, Sr. Grand Tiler
John A. Gonsalves Assistant Grand Organist
Arthur Porter Assistant Grand Tiler

Fraternally,


ALLAN L. CASALOU
Grand Secretary