

## 2009 GRAND LODGE LEGISLATION

### CARRY-OVER LEGISLATION FROM 2008

#### Grand Master Hopper's Recommendation No. 4 Hazing

For the past few years, several California Masons have either witnessed, participated in or experienced candidate hazing. In some instances, the hazing occurred while the candidate was in the preparation room or in other areas of the Masonic Center. In others, the hazing came about as an illegal extension of our degree ritual. The hazing has also occurred during all three degrees themselves, but primarily during the Second Section of the Third Degree. Traditional methods of persuasion to correct these abuses have been met with varying degrees of success and have been in some instances unsuccessful.

Hazing is intolerable in our fraternity. The Ritual of this jurisdiction as taught by the Grand Lecturer, Assistant Grand Lecturers and District Inspectors leaves no room for physical or mental injury or humiliation to a candidate. Accidents can and do occur during degrees even though the performance of Ritual work is taught so as to minimize such from happening. Unintended and unforeseeable injury can occur simply by walking down the street. However, this is not hazing. Hazing is the intentional infliction of physical or mental injury or humiliation on a candidate, preliminary to, during or following a degree, and it will not be tolerated.

So that the relatively few brothers who have been guilty of hazing will clearly understand that such actions will have serious consequences, I propose that our law be modified to add all hazing as unmasonic conduct. The most serious kinds of hazing are Masonic offenses already. Any action during a degree which is likely to cause serious bodily injury is a violation of our Ritual and involves moral turpitude. Such action is already unmasonic conduct under CMC Section 1401.010.C. However, I believe that all intentional inflicted injury, whether serious or not, is against our Ritual, and our law must clearly prohibit it also.

If you adopt this recommendation, Section 1401.010 of the Code would be amended to add as unmasonic conduct any intentional infliction of physical or mental injury or humiliation on a candidate, preliminary to, during or following a degree. Section 1401.020 of the Code would be amended to make clear that accidental or unforeseeable injury or humiliation to a candidate will not be considered unmasonic conduct.

If you adopt this recommendation, Section 1401.010 of the Code would be amended to read as marked:

#### **§1401.010. UNMASONIC CONDUCT.**

The following acts constitute unmasonic conduct sufficient to support the filing of a charge against a Mason:

- A. Any violation, before or after initiation, of the criminal laws of the United States or of any other governmental entity involving moral turpitude;
- B. Any violation, before or after initiation, of any portion of the moral law;
- C. Any action or failure to act in violation of the requirements of this Code, the General Regulations of Masonry or the Ritual which involves a breach of faith or other moral turpitude;
- D. Any action or failure to act in violation of the requirements of this Code, the General Regulations of Masonry or the Ritual, after receipt from the Grand Master of a notice requiring that Mason to act in accordance with those requirements;
- E. Intentional infliction of physical or mental injury or humiliation on a candidate, preliminary to, during or following a degree;

ƆF. The following acts committed against a Mason, or the wife, or child, or widow of such a Mason:

- 1. Use of defamatory, vile, indecent, profane, abusive or threatening language,
- 2. Habitual intemperance and drunkenness,
- 3. Personal violence,
- 4. Falsehood, treachery and deceit, or
- 5. Actions similar to those offenses listed herein;

EG. The following acts committed against his Lodge or the Master thereof:

1. Misrepresentation of any fact in an application for degrees, affiliation or restoration,
2. Attempted resignation from or renunciation of Masonry,
3. Reducing secret work to writing or use of a cipher ritual during a tiled meeting,
4. Refusal to obey the Master's authority properly exercised,
5. Refusal to sign the Lodge's Bylaws upon request,
6. Improper use of ballot or objection to candidate's advancement without proper cause, or
7. Actions similar to those offenses listed herein;

FH. The following acts committed by a Mason against Grand Lodge or the Grand Master:

1. Knowingly refusing to obey an edict of the Grand Master,
2. Electioneering as prohibited by this Code,
3. Membership in any organization advocating the violent overthrow of the government or an organization whose tenets are in conflict with the basic principles and tenets of Masonry, or
4. Actions similar to those offenses listed herein;

GI. Declaration that he does not believe in a Supreme Being;

HJ. Except as otherwise permitted in this Code, knowingly having Masonic Communication with or vouching for any person other than a Mason of a Lodge chartered by or holding allegiance to this Grand Lodge or to a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge, who has not demitted, withdrawn, been expelled or been suspended from Masonry;

HK. Acts or actions in breach of the obligations of the degrees; or

JL. The use of the Masonic name or emblems for other than legitimate Masonic purposes.

Section 1401.020 of the Code would be amended to read as marked:

**§1401.020. NOT UNMASONIC CONDUCT.**

The following do not constitute unmasonic conduct sufficient to support the filing of a charge against a Mason:

- A. A business dispute not involving fraud or one that involves the innocent inability to pay a just debt as promised;
- B. Political differences and acts in respect thereto;
- C. A possible conflict of interest arising from a transaction between a Mason in his private capacity and his Lodge or Masonic Hall Association where a full disclosure of the possible conflict has been made prior to the transaction; ~~or~~
- D. Actions allegedly violating the laws of other fraternal or social organizations, including Masonic Organizations; or
- E. Accidental or unforeseeable injury or humiliation to a candidate, preliminary to, during or following a degree.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-08: DISTRIBUTIONS FROM LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUNDS**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to change the manner in which the optional annual distribution from a Life Membership investment account is calculated.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, widely accepted investment best practices are available to be applied to the investment of a Lodge's Life Membership fund and are allowed under the existing provisions of the *California Masonic Code*; and

**WHEREAS**, prudent investment theory endorses a conservative investment program with an objective of total return, accompanied by a sound distribution policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Section 809.150 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§809.150. LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND.**

The original amounts paid for life memberships shall be forever kept and maintained as and for a separate and permanent Life Membership Fund. A Lodge may invest its Life Membership Fund as provided in Section 809.130 of this Code, if such investments are kept separate and apart from all other Lodge assets. ~~Only interest or dividends paid in cash on~~ An annual amount up to four percent of the prior year-end fair market value of the assets held in the Life Membership Fund shall be available for general Lodge use.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Russell E. Charvonia, PM, No. 214

s/ C. Richard Hutchinson, PM, No. 247

s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-09: INCREASING THE FEE PAID BY APPLICANTS TO THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to increase the fee paid by applicants to the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, the George Washington Masonic Memorial located in Alexandria, Virginia, has continually represented the Masons of the United States since its dedication in 1932 and has overlooked our Nation's Capital exhibiting all facets of Masonry to countless visitors since it's opening; and

**WHEREAS**, the age of the memorial demands increasing levels of maintenance and requires an assured level of funding to continue to accomplish its mission; and

**WHEREAS**, all Master Masons in the United States are members of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association by virtue of their membership in a constituent Lodge in their respective jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the only source of funding for the George Washington Masonic Memorial is through donations by Grand Lodges, Lodges and individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Lodge of California currently supports the George Washington Masonic Memorial be a contribution of \$5.00 paid by each applicant for the degrees of Masonry; and

**WHEREAS**, this donation of \$5.00 per applicant has been our practice and at the same rate for many, many years; and

**WHEREAS**, applicants for the degrees of Masonry in this jurisdiction should contribute more than a nominal amount to the future of this magnificent memorial to our First President whose dedication to Freemasonry set this country on the path of liberty and freedom.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 804.265 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§804.265. NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND MEMORIAL TEMPLE CONTRIBUTIONS.**

Each applicant for the degrees shall contribute \$15 ~~\$5~~ for the Endowment Fund of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and \$9 for the California Masonic Memorial Temple, unless he shall have paid such contributions with a former application to a Lodge of this Jurisdiction. Any contribution required under this section shall accompany the application or it cannot be received by the Lodge. All such contributions shall be transmitted by the Lodge to the Grand Secretary at the time and in the manner specified on forms provided for that purpose.

The Grand Secretary shall pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer to be held subject to allocation and payment by order of the Grand Master.

If the application is rejected or withdrawn, the Lodge shall return any such contribution paid to the applicant. Such contributions shall be non-refundable upon such applicant's election to receive the degrees.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Anthony P. Wordlow, PM, No. 3  
s/ Frederick L. Sorsabal, PM, No. 26  
s/ Kenneth G. Nagel, PM, No. 299

#### RESOLUTIONS FOR 2009

##### RESOLUTION NO. 09-01: CREATES THE HIRAM'S PILLAR AWARD

The proponents of this Resolution seek to create the designation of Hiram's Pillar for the loved one of a Hiram Award recipient.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F.& A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, the Hiram Award is given to Brethren who have consistently and selflessly given invaluable service and time to their Lodges and the Fraternity; and

**WHEREAS**, Brethren who receive the Hiram Award in recognition usually do so with the incredible support of a loved one; and

**WHEREAS**, that loved one rarely receives the recognition they richly deserve for their equally selfless support of and sacrifice to the recipient and his Lodge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 408.020 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

##### **§408.020. HIRAM AWARDS.**

The Grand Lodge, upon request of a Constituent Lodge under its jurisdiction, shall furnish a certificate honoring the Master Mason designated by the Lodge as a recipient of the Hiram Award. The certificate shall be delivered to the Lodge for presentation to the recipient. The Grand Lodge shall make available for purchase a medallion and lapel pin for recipients of the Hiram Award.

The Lodge may only designate for the Hiram Award a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. Service as an officer or as Master of a Lodge shall not be in itself sufficient qualification for the award nor shall it be a disqualification. The award should be based on what the recipient has done, not what positions he has held.

The Hiram Award shall be considered the highest honor for service that can be bestowed upon a member by a Constituent Lodge. The presentation should be made with appropriate ceremony. When a selection has been made, it should be announced so the recipient may invite family and friends to the award presentation. To maintain the prestige and importance of the Hiram Award, a Lodge may present only one Hiram Award in any one calendar year. Such limitation should not suggest that this award should be presented every year.

The Grand Lodge, upon request of a Hiram Award recipient, shall furnish a certificate honoring an individual designated by such recipient as a Hiram's Pillar. The certificate shall be delivered to such recipient's Lodge for presentation to the individual so designated as a Hiram's Pillar. The Grand Lodge shall make available for purchase a pin for those designated as Hiram's Pillars.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ John Lamb, WM, No. 87  
s/ Leo Paule, PM, No. 5  
s/ Dennis Kalis, WM, No. 55

Amendment to Ordinances.  
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.  
Leo Paule and Dennis Kalis are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-02: SIMPLIFIES AND CLARIFIES LODGE FINANCIAL REPORTING AND BUDGETING**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to eliminate the requirement that Lodges submit their six month financial reports to Grand Lodge and to clarify that Lodges use the calendar year for financial reporting and budgeting purposes.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F.& A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, the California Masonic Code requires that a lodge make a semi-annual report to the Grand Lodge of its income, expenses, assets and liabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, an annual report of the income, expense, assets and liabilities provides sufficient information to the Grand Lodge; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Masonic Code requires that a lodge adopt a budget for the following 12 months at the first Stated Meeting after the installation of officers of the Lodge, which in some cases requires a lodge to adopt a budget in the second month of its fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal year of a lodge is January 1 through December 31, but this is not made clear in the California Masonic Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 805.230 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§805.230. DUTIES OF SECRETARY.**

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- A. Record all proceedings at each meeting proper to be written, under the direction of the Master, and to transcribe the same in a minute book to be kept for that purpose, and at the next Stated Meeting to read the minutes to the Lodge and, after they are approved, to present them to the Master for his signature. After approval no change may be made except by appropriate motion properly recorded;
- B. Present to the Lodge at each August Stated Meeting, a statement of income and expenditures, assets and liabilities, on a form promulgated by the Grand Master, for the six months ended on the preceding June 30th, and at each February Stated Meeting a similar statement for the 12 months ended on the preceding December 31<sup>st</sup>, ~~and to~~ The Secretary shall submit a copy ~~thereof of this 12 month statement~~ to the Inspector of the district to which the Lodge is assigned and to the Grand Master or before the following March 15<sup>th</sup>;
- C. Prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or of any part thereof, to Grand Lodge, when required;
- D. Receive all monies due the Lodge, and pay the same monthly or more frequently as necessary, to the Treasurer; or shall deposit the same not less frequently than monthly to the credit of the Treasurer of the Lodge, in some bank or trust company designated by the Lodge, taking duplicate deposit tags or receipts therefor, one to be immediately delivered to the Treasurer, the other to be kept by the Secretary as a voucher;
- E. Keep the seal of the Lodge and affix it with his attestation to all papers issued under its authority or in obedience to all the requirements of this Code;
- F. Transmit a Certificate of Election, accompanied by a copy of the dispensation, if required, when the election is held at a time other than that prescribed, to the Grand Secretary, immediately after each election in the Lodge;
- G. Transmit reports to the Grand Secretary in such form and with such frequency as the Grand Secretary shall determine, but in no event more frequently than monthly nor less frequently than annually;
- H. Transmit with the annual report to the Grand Secretary the number of life members, the amount of the fund thus created, and the manner in which the fund is invested;
- I. Transmit with the annual returns to the Grand Secretary the names, dates of initiation, passing and raising, and the dates of death of all permanent members of Grand Lodge;
- J. Report all rejections for the degrees, demits, withdrawals, expulsions, suspensions, and restorations to the Grand Secretary, immediately after their occurrence, in the forms provided;
- K. Promptly notify an applicant who is not elected in writing of his rejection, and refund all fees and contributions paid;

- L. Furnish to the Fraternal Support Services Committee such information pertaining to matters affecting or relating to his Lodge as may be requested from time to time;
- M. Send the required notification to those Lodge members who are delinquent in their dues;
- N. Keep, in such form as may be provided, the following books of the Lodge;
  - 1. A minute book, in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge proper to be written of all Stated and Special Meetings;
  - 2. A book of Bylaws, for the signatures of the members in the order of their admission, in which he shall see that each member signs his name in full, or if such member cannot sign his full name, then his mark attested to by two members of the Lodge other than the Secretary. All entries shall be in ink or other permanent writing;
  - 3. A roll book, in which he shall record, upon pages alphabetically arranged, the:
    - a. Full name or names of all members of the Lodge;
    - b. Dates of their initiation, passing, raising, or affiliation;
    - c. Name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated last were members;
    - d. Age and occupation of each when received; and
    - e. Dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration;
  - 4. A register, to be kept in the Tiler's room, in which all members and all visitors shall record their names, and the names, numbers, and locations of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge. All entries shall be in ink or other permanent writing; and
  - 5. A set of such account books as may be necessary to present clearly:
    - a. The account of each member with the Lodge;
    - b. The receipts of the Secretary which provide a clear and permanent record of all monies received and from whom received with accounts outstanding, if any;
    - c. His payments to the Treasurer;
- O. Preserve the California Masonic Code which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed proceedings; and
- P. Perform such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the Bylaws of the Lodge or this Code may require or the Lodge may direct.

The Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may direct.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a new Section 809.000 be added to the *California Masonic Code* to read as follows:

**§809.000. LODGE FISCAL YEAR.**

For financial reporting and budgeting purposes, a Lodge shall use a fiscal year beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on the following December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Section 809.510 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§809.510. LODGE BUDGET.**

A Lodge shall adopt a budget for the following 12 months each fiscal year no later than at its January at the first Stated Meeting for that fiscal year held after the annual installation of the officers of the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Allan L. Casalou, PM, No. 480  
s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380  
s/ James E. Banta, PM, No. 247

Amendment to Ordinances.  
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.  
Allan L. Casalou and Glenn D. Woody are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-03: EXPANDS MAXIMUM SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to change the maximum number of members who can be appointed to serve on the Grand Lodge Committee on Investment from nine to twelve and to allow up to 30% of the committee to be California Master Masons who are not members of Grand Lodge.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, managing the investment portfolios of the Grand Lodge of California, Masonic Homes of California and other Masonic entities has grown more complex and will require members having a greater degree of investment experience as well as expertise in one investment method; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee on Investment will require more involvement from members of the Committee to adequately supervise and monitor the various investment managers and consultants hired by the Grand Lodge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee on Investment will require more flexibility in determining the size and composition of the Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 406.045 of the California Masonic Code be amended as follows:

**§406.045. INVESTMENTS.**

The Committee on Investments shall consist of not less than five nor more than ~~nine~~ twelve members. It shall invest and reinvest the funds of Grand Lodge and any other entity thereof or under control of Grand Lodge, except Constituent Lodges, Masonic Hall Associations, and Masonic Cemeteries. All such activities shall require a majority number of the members to be present as a quorum.

The Committee shall consist of ~~nine~~ members appointed by successive Grand Masters ~~from among the members of Grand Lodge~~ with experience in the broad field of investments. Each Grand Master shall designate one of the members of the Committee as chairman and another as vice-chairman to serve during the tenure of the Grand Master and until a successor, in that capacity, is designated. Each Grand Master ~~shall~~ may also appoint three no more than one-third of the authorized number of members to the Committee to serve thereon for a three year term. Any vacancy occurring on the Committee shall be filled by the Grand Master, the appointee to serve thereon for the remainder of the unexpired term of his predecessor. The Grand Master may appoint the Grand Treasurer or representatives of any Grand Lodge entity to the Committee.

The Grand Secretary shall serve as Secretary of the Committee, attend its meetings, keep its minutes, and handle its correspondence but shall not have a vote unless he is an appointed member. If the Grand Treasurer and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance are not members of the Committee, they shall be given ample notice of the meetings of the Committee and may attend and participate, but shall not have a vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Russell E. Charvonia, PM, No. 214  
s/ C. Richard Hutchinson, PM, No. 247  
s/ Joe Winchell, PM, No. 42  
s/ Glenn D. Woody, PM, No. 380

Amendment to Ordinances.  
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.  
Russell E. Charvonia and Joe Winchell are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-04: REQUIRES MEMBER RETENTION COMMITTEE INTERVIEW BEFORE SUSPENSION FOR NONPAYMENT OF DUES**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to require the Member Retention Committee to interview a member in an effort to retain him before he can be suspended for nonpayment of dues.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, member retention is not only critical to the survival of our fraternity but enables us to fulfill our Masonic obligations to our brother Master Masons; and

**WHEREAS**, every year 1/5% to 2% of our members are suspended for nonpayment of dues; and

**WHEREAS**, far too often long standing members are suspended for nonpayment of dues at a time in their lives when they need our assistance the most, yet their suspended status makes them ineligible for programs like the Masonic Outreach Services or admission into the Masonic Homes in Union City and Covina; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 806.000.C of the California Masonic Code states, "The Master, at the Stated Meeting next succeeding his installation, shall appoint a Member Retention Committee to personally, or otherwise, interview each delinquent member, ascertain the cause, and work closely with the Master and officers in a continuing effort to effect the retention of all deserving members unable to pay"; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Lodge Member Retention Committee were required to interview a member before he could be suspended for nonpayment of dues we would be better enabled to retain a worthy brother and, if necessary, provide him relief.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 809.370 of the California Masonic Code be amended as follows:

**§809.370. SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.**

If a member has not paid his dues during a period of 12 months, the Secretary shall notify him that he will be ~~suspended~~ subject to suspension for non-payment of dues unless ~~at the Lodge's next Stated Meeting~~ within thirty days either his dues have been paid or sickness or inability to pay is shown as the cause for the failure to pay. The notice shall be given either by certified mail, with return receipt requested, addressed to his last known address, or by actual service of notice, duly certified by the Tiler. The Secretary shall promptly provide a copy of the notice to the Lodge's Member Retention Committee which shall interview the delinquent member and evaluate whether he is deserving and unable to pay. At the Stated Meeting following the end of the thirty day period, the Member Retention Committee shall submit its report on the delinquent member to the Lodge. If all dues due and payable have not been paid by the time of ~~the Lodge's next~~ that Stated Meeting, ~~he~~ the delinquent member shall be declared suspended by the Master after the Lodge has received the report on the member from the Member Retention Committee, unless for special reasons shown the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for payment. A member shall not be expelled from Masonry for non-payment of dues.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Sean P. Finney, PM, No. 122  
s/ Gary L. Peterson, PM, No. 672  
s/ John Cover Spear, PM, No. 804

Amendment to Ordinances.  
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.  
Sean P. Finney and Gary L. Peterson are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-05: ALLOWS RETURN OF UNUSED DUES WITHOUT LODGE CONSENT**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow the payment of unused dues, without Lodge consent, of a deceased Mason or a Mason who has discontinued his membership.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, Section 809.350 of the California Masonic Code requires the return of dues in the event of the member's death, demit, or discontinuance of his multiple membership; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 809.520 of the California Masonic Code does not include the return of dues as an exception to the requirement of Lodge consent before an expenditure may be made; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirement to obtain the consent of the Lodge causes a delay of up to a month in returning the dues to the member or his heirs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 809.520 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§809.520. EXPENDITURES.**

Lodge funds are trust funds set apart for the payment of the necessary, discretionary and social expenses of the Lodge and for the special calls for charity.

No Lodge funds shall be expended without the express consent of the Lodge, even though included in a Lodge budget, except that funds may be expended without Lodge consent when:

- A. Dispensed by the Charity Committee;
- B. Due Grand Lodge; ~~or~~
- C. Required to pay the taxes or other charges of local, State or Federal governmental agencies; or
- D. Required under Section 809.350 of this Code as a return of dues.

Lodges may approve bills against the Lodge only when the bills are supported by proper documentation, such as an invoice or receipt. No warrant shall be drawn unless there are sufficient funds to honor it.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Edgar A. Owre, PM, No. 579  
s/ David S. Allmuth, PM, No. 830  
s/ Wilson S. Moses, PM, No. 117

Amendment to Ordinances.  
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.  
Edgar A. Owre and David S. Allmuth are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-06: ACKNOWLEDGES FORMER MASTERS DURING THE OPENING OF RESEARCH LODGES**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow the Master of a Research Lodge to invite former Research Lodge Masters to seats in the East.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, Research Lodges open all their meetings on the Third Degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Masters of Research Lodges upon completion of their term of office are not entitled to the benefits or title of a Past Master; and

**WHEREAS**, it is only fair and proper that their Research Lodge acknowledge their service as former Masters; and

**WHEREAS**, regular Blue lodges as well as Research lodges properly and ritually welcome all Masters and Past Masters to seats in the East; and

**WHEREAS**, no such recognition is presently made in Research Lodges recognizing former Masters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that when opening a Research Lodge the wording of the invitation to seats in the East shall be changed from, "All Masters and Past Masters are cordially invited to seats in the East" to "All Masters, Past Masters and Former Masters, are cordially invited to seats in the East." This change shall only apply to the opening of Research Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Luis J. Orozco II, PM, No. 712  
s/ Alvie K. Hartsog, PM, No. 346  
s/ Ross K. Fuller, WM, No. 844  
s/ John A. Myers, Jr., PM, No. 346  
s/ Edward H. Carmona, PM, No. 210

Amendment to Ritual.  
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.  
Luis J. Orozco II is authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-07: ALLOWS A BROTHER TO SERVE AS SECRETARY OF MORE THAN ONE LODGE**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow a Master Mason to serve as Secretary of more than one lodge.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary plays a vital role in the administration of a lodge; and

**WHEREAS**, there are essential skills and experience necessary for a brother to effectively perform the duties of a Secretary; and

**WHEREAS**, not every lodge is able to find a qualified brother to willingly serve as Secretary; and

**WHEREAS**, technology has streamlined many of the important processes that a Secretary manages; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Masonic Code provides for the appointment of an Assistant Secretary and such appointment provides for a more experienced Secretary to train a brother for sufficient time in order that he might assume the role of Secretary in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, some brothers are capable of serving as Secretary of more than one Lodge and some Lodges could benefit from the service of these brothers; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Masonic Code §805.010 currently does not allow one brother to be the Secretary of more than one lodge at the same time even though this may be necessary and the qualified brother may be available for such service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 805.010 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§805.010. OFFICERS.**

The officers of a Lodge are Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Marshal, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Tiler and other officers as the Lodge may deem proper to appoint. The Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected in conformity with this Code. The other officers shall be appointed by the Master. Any Master Mason in good standing, whether or not a member of the Lodge, may be appointed Tiler or Organist. All other officers shall be members in good standing of the Lodge.

A member may not be Master; or a Warden ~~or Secretary~~, or any combination thereof, of more than one Lodge at the same time.

The title of Master applies not only to him who has been elected and installed as Master, but to either of the Wardens while acting as Master.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Donald B. McClary, PM, No. 35  
s/ Robert R. Watkins, PM, No. 576  
s/ Jerry T. Pennington, PM, No. 657  
s/ Frederick G. Kleyn, PM, JW, No. 846  
s/ Howard R. Freelove, PM, No. 837  
s/ Robert E. Winterton, Sr., PM, No. 576  
s/ LaFrance Bragg, PM, No. 576  
s/ Bernardo P. Domingo, PM, No. 837

Amendment to Ordinances.  
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.  
Donald B. McClary is authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-08: ENTITLES SECRETARY AND INSPECTOR TO A VOTE AT GRAND LODGE**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to allow Lodge Secretaries and District Inspectors a separate vote at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, Lodge Secretaries and District Inspectors are generally very knowledgeable about Lodge activities, as well as its finances, typically for multiple years, and are, therefore, uniquely suited to an understanding of how legislation will affect their respective Lodges; and

**WHEREAS**, Lodge Secretaries and District Inspectors are more likely to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge if they had an ownership in the voting process; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing Lodge Secretaries and District Inspectors to have a vote at Grand Lodge would encourage timely communication of balloting results to their respective members; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing approximately 339 Lodge Secretaries and 101 District Inspectors a vote would not jeopardize current voting block of 1,356 Lodge delegates (Master, Wardens and Past Master votes); and

**WHEREAS**, allowing Lodge Secretaries and District Inspectors to join the voting team at Grand Lodge would ensure that the face of Masonry at the Lodge level is always represented on the floor of Grand Lodge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 403.075 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§403.075. VOTES.**

Except as provided in Sections 403.080 and 403.085 of this Code, the following shall each be entitled to one vote only:

- A. Elective and appointive Grand Lodge Officers except the Grand Tiler and the Assistant Grand Tiler;
- B. Past Grand Officers;
- C. Inspectors;
- D. Masters, Senior Wardens, and Junior Wardens and Secretaries of chartered Lodges; and
- ~~D-E.~~ Past Masters collectively of each chartered Lodge.

If neither the Master nor either of the Wardens nor the Secretary of a Lodge has registered, the elected representative of the Lodge may cast the votes of Master, ~~and~~ Wardens and Secretary of the Lodge.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Section 403.080 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§403.080. CUMULATIVE VOTING.**

If one or more of the Master, ~~and~~ Wardens and Secretary of a Lodge has not registered, or has registered and is not present, the senior such officer registered, in addition to his own vote, may also cast the vote of the absentee or absentees. If an incumbent officer of Grand Lodge, ~~or~~ a Past Grand Officer or an Inspector is also a Master, Warden, Secretary or elected representative of a Lodge, he may cast all votes to which such positions entitle him, but he shall not be entitled to cast the vote afforded the Past Masters of a Lodge. If the elected representative is a Past Master but not an incumbent officer of Grand Lodge, ~~or~~ a Past Grand Officer or an Inspector, he may also cast the vote afforded the Past Masters of a Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ John L. Channon, PM, No. 259  
s/ Franklin R. Lee, PM, No. 314

s/ William H. Branch, PM, No. 780  
s/ Rodney T. Laderas, PM, No. 780

s/ Merritt E. Read, PM, No.207  
s/ Philip D. Collins, PM, No. 207  
s/ H. Donald Young, PM, No. 289  
s/ Russell L. Baldauf, PM, No. 524  
s/ John Allen, WM, No. 338  
s/ Randall T. Freeman, PM, No. 289  
s/ Andrew B. Pippin, WM, No. 192  
s/ William F. Parker, PM, No. 626  
s/ David D. Johnson, PM, No. 807  
s/ Howard I. Smith, PM, No. 807  
s/ Walter E. McCurry, WM, No. 314  
s/ James D. Nighswonger, PM, No. 273  
s/ Gordon C. Westervelt, PM, No. 635  
s/ Lee J. Cleveland, SW, No. 635  
s/ Eugene H. Bowman, Sr., PM, No. 246  
s/ Nonato M. Palomar, PM, No. 352  
s/ Donald L. Griffiths, PM, No. 278  
s/ Charles H. Zern, PM, No. 272  
s/ George G. Sanchez, SW, No. 378  
s/ Reuben B. Zari, PM, No. 614

s/ Sho C. Tay, SW, No. 278  
s/ Ivan M. Forbes, PM, No. 343  
s/ Richard A. Johnson, PM, No. 343  
s/ Emmett R. Van Ness, PM, No. 614  
s/ Dan R. McQuitty, PM, No. 614  
s/ Leslie MacWillie, PM, No. 343  
s/ Roger V.V. Sherman, PM, No. 343  
s/ Victor M. Ropac, Jr., WM, No. 259  
s/ Charles L. Scalf, SW, No. 259  
s/ Robert L. Everett, PM, No. 259  
s/ Ronald R. Dudeck, WM, No. 804  
s/ Manuel I. Blanco, PM, No. 804  
s/ John Cover Spear, PM, No. 804  
s/ Patrick V. Janitell, SW, No. 804  
s/ Michael A. Fehner, PM, No. 419  
s/ R. William Keel, PM, No. 300  
s/ Larry H. Wuertz, PM, No. 473  
s/ Ted L. Morris, PM, No. 473  
s/ Richard P. Harlan, PM, No. 178  
s/ George E. Whitmore, PM, No. 427

Amendment to Ordinances.

5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.

John Channon and Frank Lee are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09: EXPANDS PERMITTED FUND RAISING BY MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to expand the fund-raising activities allowed for Masonic Organizations.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F.& A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, we are members of Al Bahr Shrine, a Masonic Organization governed by Part 12 of the California Masonic Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Masonic Youth Orders have the privilege to hold certain fund raising activities pursuant to Section 1300.030 of the California Masonic Code; and

**WHEREAS**, we the members of Al Bahr Shrine, a Masonic Organization, request that it be given the same privilege as the youth orders to hold the same fund raising for the operation of its centers and charitable programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 1200.010 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

#### **§1200.010. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.**

All members of Masonic Organizations within this Jurisdiction shall be subject to the same standards of conduct and propriety as are or may be imposed upon Master Masons in this Jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided in this Part 12. Neither a Masonic Organization nor any of its members shall, directly or indirectly, engage in or give any aid or support to any causes, organizations, business or entertainment schemes or other activities which would reflect adversely on Masonry or violate this Code.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Section 1200.035 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

#### **§1200.035. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

A Masonic Organization may solicit and receive financial support for its fraternal operations and charitable activities from the following additional sources:

- A. A Masonic Organization may hold periodic activities to which tickets are sold to its members and their families and friends, as well as to the general public, when done within the bounds of propriety and when fair prices are charged. ~~No tickets to such an activity may be sold to the general public nor may there be any other public solicitation of support for such an activity.~~ The sponsor shall disclose that any profits from the activity will be used for the sponsor's fraternal and not

charitable purposes, if such is the case. In the event that such disclosure is not given, through inadvertence or otherwise, all proceeds from the activity shall be given to a recognized Masonic charity;

B. A Masonic Organization may solicit and receive financial support for its fraternal operations and charitable activities from its members and their families and friends, as well as from the general public, if the sponsor observes the following guidelines:

1. The square and compass, the words "Mason", "Masonic", "Masonry," "Freemasonry", "Freemason" and any variation of any such words may not be used in connection with the activity or any publicity associated with it;
2. The activity may not be unethical, fraudulent, misleading or illegal under applicable state and federal laws;
3. The sponsor shall disclose that any profits from the activity will be used for the sponsor's fraternal and not charitable purposes, if such is the case. In the event that such disclosure is not given, through inadvertence or otherwise, all proceeds from the activity shall be given to a recognized Masonic charity;
4. Solicitation of support shall not occur on the premises of any Constituent Lodge.

Permitted fund-raising activities shall include the solicitation of advertising from any individual or business;

C. A Masonic Organization may participate in local community fairs, celebrations and similar community events by sponsoring, occupying and operating booths for selling food or non-alcoholic beverages to persons attending or participating in such events; and

D. A Masonic Organization may participate in any other activity which has been approved by the Grand Master.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Section 1200.050 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§1200.050. GAMBLING.**

~~Neither a Masonic Organization nor any of its members shall, directly or indirectly, give or attempt to give the aid or countenance of Masonry to, or participate in, the conduct or preparation of any raffle, lottery or other form of gambling, conducted in the name of, or directly or indirectly for the monetary benefit of, any Lodge or of any Masonic Organization. A Masonic Organization shall not accept any of the proceeds or profits of any raffle, lottery or other gambling enterprise. Prizes may be awarded if not purchased from monies collected as admission fees and if no separate charge is made for the chance to win.~~

~~The foregoing notwithstanding,~~ Masonic Organizations and their members may conduct raffles, lotteries and bingo games for the benefit of their charities and for the financial support of their fraternal operations, if:

- ~~A.~~ eConducted strictly in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws;
- ~~B.~~ and Conducted strictly in accordance with the provisions hereunder related to financial support;
- ~~C.~~ Conducted within the bounds of propriety; and
- ~~D.~~ Fair prices are charged.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Section 1200.055 of the *California Masonic Code* which now reads as follows be repealed:

**~~§1200.055. BINGO.~~**

~~A Masonic Organization may sponsor a bingo game, if the sponsor observes the following rules:~~

- ~~A. Attendance at the event is limited to the sponsor's members, their families and friends;~~
- ~~B. There are no signs or other advertising visible to the general public referring to the game;~~
- ~~C. No donation, admission fee, meal purchase or other charge is accepted or required for the opportunity to participate; and~~
- ~~D. Prizes of minimal value may be awarded if purchased by the sponsor or donated.~~

Respectfully submitted,  
s/ Randall L. Brill, WM, No. 35  
s/ Christian P. Quimpo, WM, No. 442  
s/ Asmus P. Krickhuhn, WM, No. 580  
s/ Jose J. DeLuna, PM, No. 837  
s/ Jerry T. Pennington, PM, No. 657  
s/ A. Dale Bergen, PM, No. 35  
s/ Phillip A. Johnson, PM, No. 736

Amendment to Ordinances.  
5/6 affirmative vote required for adoption.  
Randall L. Brill and Christian P. Quimpo are authorized to represent and act for the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-10: EXPANDS PERMITTED FUND RAISING BY SHRINE CENTERS**

The proponents of this Resolution seek to expand the fund-raising activities allowed for Shrine Centers.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of California:*

**WHEREAS**, we are members of Al Bahr Shrine, a Masonic Organization governed by Part 12 of the California Masonic Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Masonic Youth Orders have the privilege to hold certain fund raising activities pursuant to Section 1300.030 of the California Masonic Code; and

**WHEREAS**, we the members of Al Bahr Shrine, a Masonic Organization, request that it be given the same privilege as the youth orders to hold the same fund raising for the operation of its centers and charitable programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 1200.010 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§1200.010. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.**

All members of Masonic Organizations within this Jurisdiction shall be subject to the same standards of conduct and propriety as are or may be imposed upon Master Masons in this Jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided in this Part 12. Neither a Masonic Organization nor any of its members shall, directly or indirectly, engage in or give any aid or support to any causes, organizations, business or entertainment schemes or other activities which would reflect adversely on Masonry or violate this Code.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Section 1200.035 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§1200.035. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

A Masonic Organization may solicit and receive financial support for its fraternal operations and charitable activities from the following additional sources:

A. A Masonic Organization may hold periodic activities to which tickets are sold to its members and their families and friends. The sponsor shall disclose that any profits from the activity will be used for the sponsor's fraternal and not charitable purposes, if such is the case. In the event that such disclosure is not given, through inadvertence or otherwise, all proceeds from the activity shall be given to a recognized Masonic charity;

B. If the Masonic Organization is a Shrine Center, it may hold periodic activities to which tickets are sold to its members, their families and friends, and the general public, when done within the bounds of propriety and when fair prices are charged. It may solicit support for such an activity. The sponsor shall disclose that any profits from the activity will be used for the sponsor's fraternal and not charitable purposes, if such is the case. In the event that such disclosure is not given, through inadvertence or otherwise, all proceeds from the activity shall be given to a recognized Masonic charity;

CB. A Masonic Organization may solicit and receive financial support for its fraternal operations and charitable activities from its members and their families and friends, as well as from the general public, if the sponsor observes the following guidelines:

1. The square and compass, the words "Mason", "Masonic", "Masonry," "Freemasonry", "Freemason" and any variation of any such words may not be used in connection with the activity or any publicity associated with it;

2. The activity may not be unethical, fraudulent, misleading or illegal under applicable state and federal laws;
3. The sponsor shall disclose that any profits from the activity will be used for the sponsor's fraternal and not charitable purposes, if such is the case. In the event that such disclosure is not given, through inadvertence or otherwise, all proceeds from the activity shall be given to a recognized Masonic charity;
4. Solicitation of support shall not occur on the premises of any Constituent Lodge.

Permitted fund-raising activities shall include the solicitation of advertising from any individual or business;

~~DE.~~ A Masonic Organization may participate in local community fairs, celebrations and similar community events by sponsoring, occupying and operating booths for selling food or non-alcoholic beverages to persons attending or participating in such events; and

~~ED.~~ A Masonic Organization may participate in any other activity which has been approved by the Grand Master.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Section 1200.050 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§1200.050. GAMBLING.**

Neither a Masonic Organization nor any of its members shall, directly or indirectly, give or attempt to give the aid or countenance of Masonry to, or participate in, the conduct or preparation of any raffle, lottery or other form of gambling, conducted in the name of, or directly or indirectly for the monetary benefit of, any Lodge or of any Masonic Organization. A Masonic Organization shall not accept any of the proceeds or profits of any raffle, lottery or other gambling enterprise. Prizes may be awarded if not purchased from monies collected as admission fees and if no separate charge is made for the chance to win.

The foregoing notwithstanding, Masonic Organizations and their members may conduct raffles for the benefit of their charities, if conducted strictly in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and with the provisions hereunder related to financial support.

Alternatively, Shrine Centers and their members may conduct raffles, lotteries and bingo games for the benefit of their charities and for financial support of their fraternal operations, if conducted strictly in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and with the provisions hereunder related to financial support.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Section 1200.055 of the *California Masonic Code* be amended as marked:

**§1200.055. BINGO.**

A Masonic Organization may sponsor a bingo game not covered under Section 1200.050, if the sponsor observes the following rules:

- A. Attendance at the event is limited to the sponsor's members, their families and friends;
- B. There are no signs or other advertising visible to the general public referring to the game;
- C. No donation, admission fee, meal purchase or other charge is accepted or required for the opportunity to participate; and
- D. Prizes of minimal value may be awarded if purchased by the sponsor or donated.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Randall L. Brill, WM, No. 35

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