



# GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON

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## To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Washington

Dear Brethren:

As provided in the Washington Masonic Code, this Booklet contains the following information regarding business to be conducted at the 167<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication to be held in Wenatchee, Washington on June 14-15, 2024.

1. Resolutions. Resolutions received in accordance with WMC, Sec. 5.06 B.L. were referred to the Code Commission and then to the appropriate Standing Committees, whose reports, received by press time concerning the same, are appended thereto. Some final reports regarding some Resolutions will be made at the Annual Communication by the appropriate Standing Committees.
2. Grand Lodge General Fund Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is included.
3. Statements of Availability. As provided by WMC, Sec. 2.04 B.L., those members of Grand Lodge who have indicated their availability to serve as Junior Grand Warden and Grand Secretary.
4. Statements of Availability. As provided by WMC, Sec. 10.02 B.L., those members of Grand Lodge who have indicated their availability to serve as Trustee on the Washington Masonic Charities Board.
5. Statements of Availability. As provided by WMC, Sec. 8.29 B.L., those members of Grand Lodge who have indicated their availability to serve as Trustee on the Kane Masonic Cemetery of Washington, Inc.
6. Statements of Availability. As provided by WMC, Sec. 8.30 B.L., those members of Grand Lodge who have indicated their availability to serve as Trustee on the Grand Lodge Building Association Board.

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Clinton M. Brown, Jr.  
Grand Secretary



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\* The Proponents of this Resolution have been informed of the reason(s) that this Resolution is Out of Order. Details regarding the reason(s) why the Resolution is out of order will be contained in the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee at the Annual Communication.

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**Carry-Over Resolution 2023-03  
To Amend Sec. 20.10 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To remove the Masonic Development Program (MDP) as a codified alternative to proficiency.

**Resolution:** This would remove the paragraph that suggests the MDP may be offered in place of the Standard Posting Lecture as proof of proficiency.

**Whereas:** The Washington Masonic Code provides the minimum standards for proficiency as; demonstrated knowledge of the obligation, signs, words and grips and all modes of recognition of each Degree (Sec. 20.10 B.L.), and

**Whereas:** The Washington Masonic Code states that the Lodge is the sole judge of proficiency in the preceding Degree, ascertained by examination, either in open Lodge or by a committee appointed by the Master (Sec. 20.10 B.L.), and

**Whereas:** The Masonic Development Program is not only the Degree Education elements, and

**Whereas:** The MDP is intended to further education, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Sec. 20.10 B.L. be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 20.10 B.L.**

**Proficiency in the Degrees.**

No candidate shall be passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft nor raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason without proof of proficiency in the preceding Degree. As a minimum, a candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge of the obligation, signs, words, and grips and all modes of recognition of each Degree.

The Lodge shall be the sole judge of the proficiency of the candidate in the preceding Degree, which shall be ascertained by examination, either in open Lodge or by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge and recorded by the Secretary.

~~(The candidate may be offered the Masonic Development Program approved by the Grand Lodge in place of the Standard Posting Lecture as proof of proficiency at the option of the Lodge.)~~

~~(Regardless of which method of determining proficiency is selected,)~~ Every candidate progressing through the Degrees will be furnished a copy of the Masonic Development Program by his Lodge.

After being raised as a Master Mason the Brother shall pay his dues for the current year as established in the Lodge By-Laws and sign the By-Laws, whereupon he becomes an enrolled member of the Lodge.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
King Solomon Lodge, No. 60**

**William Stephani, Worshipful Master**

**Jonathan Davenport, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a carry-over Resolution this By-Law Amendment requires a simple majority affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred carry-over Resolution 2023-03 has considered the same and reports as follows; this resolution would require a minor edit to the printed Washington Masonic Code and the costs involved would be negligible.



**Carry-Over Resolution 2023-06  
To Add Sec. 13.15 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** This resolution provides a framework for Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Washington to adopt and implement programs for virtual Lodge attendance.

**Resolution:** To add Sec. 13.15 B.L. to authorize and provide guidance regarding virtual Lodge attendance.

**Whereas:** During the global Covid-19 pandemic, Masonic Lodges began to explore options and strategies for virtual Lodge attendance, and Lodges found that virtual attendance helped to make Freemasonry accessible and available to Brothers who are incapable of physically attending Lodge meetings, and

**Whereas:** Virtual Lodge attendance programs need to be carefully adopted and implemented to facilitate Lodge attendance while protecting the secrecy and solemnity of Masonic ritual, and

**Whereas:** The Washington Masonic Code does not presently contain guidance regarding virtual Lodge attendance and, therefore, questions regarding virtual Lodge attendance have been resolved outside of the Code and by each newly installed Grand Master, and

**Whereas:** Making provision for virtual Lodge attendance within the Washington Masonic Code will better enable Lodges to adopt and implement programs for virtual Lodge attendance, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that the following Sec. 13.15 B.L. be added to read as follows:

**Sec. 13.15 B.L.**

**Virtual Lodge Attendance.** The Master of a Lodge may authorize the Lodge to allow Brothers to participate in the discussion of business and educational portions of a Stated or Special Meeting through the use of telephonic, videoconference, or other electronic means (“Virtual Lodge Attendance”). The Master of a Lodge need not declare a Lodge Off-Session to permit Virtual Lodge Attendance.

**A. The Master of a Lodge may permit Virtual Lodge Attendance, subject to the following provisions:**

**1. No Mason who is engaged in Virtual Lodge Attendance shall be permitted to fill an officer’s place or station.**

**2. Before admitting any Brother to Virtual Lodge Attendance, the Master of a Lodge shall satisfy himself that each such Brother is entitled to attend the meeting. The Master of a Lodge shall ensure that all Brothers participating in Virtual Lodge Attendance are noted as having been in attendance in the Tyler’s Register; the Master of a Lodge shall include a notation indicating that those Brothers attended the meeting via Virtual Lodge Attendance.**

**3. Virtual Lodge Attendance shall be permitted solely for discussion of the business and educational portions of a meeting; Virtual Lodge Attendance shall not be permitted during any portion of a meeting wherein Masonic ritual is performed (e.g. opening, calling up/down, balloting, or closing).**

4. The Master of a Lodge shall ensure that no ritual aspects of Lodge attendance are visible/audible by any Brother who is participating in Virtual Lodge Attendance; the Master of the Lodge may accomplish this in any manner that he believes best suited to the circumstances of his Lodge (e.g. placement of camera to ensure that no ritual entrance or departure from the Lodge can be viewed or assignment of a Brother to pause camera transmission during ritual aspects of Lodge attendance).

5. Brothers participating in Lodge by Virtual Lodge Attendance shall not be entitled to introduce any proposal requiring a vote nor vote on any matter put before the Lodge, and a Brother who is participating in Virtual Lodge Attendance shall not be considered in attendance for purposes of Sec. 13.06 B.L., requiring universal balloting on specified matters.

6. The Master of a Lodge shall make provision (whether by camera placement and/or seating position) for any Brother who does not want his likeness to be electronically transmitted while he is in Lodge.

7. No aspect or portion of a meeting may be recorded as a result of Virtual Lodge Attendance, and the Master of a Lodge shall ensure that the recording features, if any, of the software or service used for Virtual Lodge Attendance are disabled.

B. A Brother participating in Virtual Lodge Attendance shall ensure that he is participating from a sufficiently private location that eavesdropping is not reasonably likely.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Manito Lodge No. 246**

**Matthew W. Daley, Worshipful Master**

**Roger B. Nelson, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a carry-over Resolution this By-Law Amendment requires a simple majority affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred carry-over Resolution 2023-06 has considered the same and reports as follows; this resolution, if adopted, would require an edit to the text of the Washington Masonic Code. The costs involved in this would be minimal other than the cost of reprinting the affected pages.

**Carry-Over Resolution 2023-07  
To Amend Sec. 7.03 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To implement the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 1 to ensure adequate funds are available to support the Grand Lodge Budget.

**Resolution:** To increase the annual Grand Lodge assessment charged for each chargeable member and stabilize the funding of Grand Lodge.

**Whereas:** The total number of chargeable members has declined by approximately 45% over the last ten years, and

**Whereas:** Over the last ten years, an average of 48.80% of our funding has come from the Endowment Fund Management Fee, 27.29% has come from the Grand Lodge Membership Fee and 23.91% has come from the Endowed Life Membership Fund, and

**Whereas:** The proportion of funding from the General Fund Fee has been increasing from year to year and the proportion of funding the Grand Lodge Fee has been declining due to the decline in chargeable members, and

**Whereas:** Growth in the market value of our investments between 2012 and 2022 has enabled us to more than offset the decline in income from chargeable members, and

**Whereas:** The Grand Lodge Budget has only increased a total of 33.63% between 2012 and 2022 (3.36% per year). This is in line with the average rate of inflation of 2.64% per year, and

**Whereas:** This change will allow us to reduce our dependence on Endowment Fund Management Fund Fees and Endowed Life Membership Fees as a source of funding, and

**Whereas:** The fiscal impact per assessable member is less than 4 cents per day per year at the end of the four (4) year period, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Section 7.03 B.L. be amended as follows:

**Section 7.03 B.L.**

**Revenue for the General Fund**

A. Every Lodge shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge in support of Grand Lodge general activities the following:

1. through 5. (No Change)
6. A sum to be set annually by the Grand Lodge [but not to exceed (~~twenty-eight dollars and no cents (\$28.00)~~) **thirty-one dollars and no cents (\$31.00) which amount will increase three dollars (\$3.00) each year until it reaches forty dollars and no cents (\$40.00)**] for each enrolled Master Mason, except those whose dues are remitted or not required for any reason. One dollar (\$1.00) shall be designated for contribution to each of the following organizations: the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Washington/Idaho International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters International of Washington and Washington Order of DeMolay. The exceptions are: **Rev. 2017**
  - a. through g. (No Change)
7. (No Change)

B. through D. (No Change)

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a carry-over Resolution this By-Law Amendment requires a simple majority affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred carry-over Resolution 2023-07 has considered the same and reports as follows; if adopted, this resolution will reduce our dependance on income derived from our various investment funds and allow those monies to remain in their respective funds. This will serve to enhance their returns over time.

**Carry-Over Resolution 2023-11  
To Amend Sec. 14.03 Const.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To implement the Grand Master’s Recommendation No. 5 to limit voting on Lodge By-Laws to Members in good standing.

**Resolution:** To ensure that only members of a Lodge who are current in payment of Lodge dues and assessments are entitled to vote on Lodge By-Laws.

**Whereas:** Currently the Washington Masonic Code does not specifically define “good standing”, and

**Whereas:** Resolution 2023-10 addresses proposed By-Law changes related to definition of Good Standing and this resolution addresses Constitutional changes, and

**Whereas:** It is generally understood that only Master Masons who are current on their dues are allowed to be installed as officers of a Lodge because only Master Masons in “good standing” may be officers of a Lodge per Sec. 15.03 B.L., and

**Whereas:** Twenty (20) sections of the Washington Masonic Code currently refer to Masons being in “good standing.” These are Sections 3.05 Const., 4.03 B.L., 7.03 B.L., 13.01 B.L., 14.03 Const., 15.02 B.L., 15.03 B.L., 16.01 B.L., 16.18 B.L., 17.02 B.L., 17.03 B.L., 17.04 B.L., 17.05 B.L., 17.06 B.L., 17.10 B.L., 17.11 B.L., 17.12 B.L., 23.01 B.L., 25.09 B.L., and 28.01 B.L., and

**Whereas:** The Lodge dues are “payable in advance of the first day of January of each year”, and

**Whereas:** A member of a Lodge continues to be so until he is dropped for nonpayment of dues, is suspended or expelled, dimitts, or dies, and

**Whereas:** The failure to pay dues when dues can be a hardship for the Lodge because its budget is predicated upon the timely receipt of dues income, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Sec. 14.03 Const. be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 14.03 Const.**

**By-Laws.**

A. through B. (No Change)

C. A minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by members in good standing must be favorable for the approval of a change of By-Laws, **Rev. 2013**

D. through G. (No Change)

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a carry-over Resolution this Constitutional Amendment requires a two-thirds affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2023-11 has considered the same and reports as follows; this resolution, if adopted, would require an edit to the text of the Washington Masonic Code. The costs involved in this would be minimal other than the cost of reprinting the affected pages.

**Carry-Over Resolution 2023-13  
To Amend Sec. 21.05 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To implement the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 7 to require the approval of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, and the Grand Lodge Real Estate Advisory Committee to approve the purchase, sale, transfer, receipt, or disposal of real property held by a Lodge or Title Holding Corporation.

**Resolution:** To provide the support of the Finance Committee and Real Estate Advisory Committee for Lodges and Title Holding Corporations for the purchase, sale, transfer, receipt, or disposal of real property.

**Whereas:** Currently the Grand Lodge Finance committee is required to review any purchase of any real property, but is not required to review any sale of property, and

**Whereas:** The sale of real property can be complicated with many potential pitfalls with financial and legal consequences that may require professional advice in navigating these issues, and

**Whereas:** Lodges and Title Holding Corporations may not have the expertise or experience with the purchase, sale, transfer, receipt, or disposal of real property, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Section 21.05 B.L. be amended to read as follows:

**Sec 21.05 B.L.**

**Real Property.** A Lodge may acquire and hold real property for its use and benefit, but only when title to the real property is placed in the name of a Title Holding Corporation.

No Masonic corporation shall acquire any real property by means of purchase, donation, inheritance or by any other means until it has obtained a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) that satisfied the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Phase 1 standard, in use and approved at the time it is performed. In obtaining the Phase 1 ESA, the Masonic corporation shall use, and hire, at its sole cost and discretion, one of the environmental consulting firms approved by the Grand Lodge. Upon completion of such Phase 1 ESA and any additional investigation recommended in the Phase 1 ESA, all reports shall be forwarded to the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance for approval. Rev. 2013

Lodges that hold title to real property in the Lodge's name as of June 15, 2007, shall transfer title to such real property to a Title Holding Corporation formed in a manner consistent with Sec 21.08 B.L. Such transfer shall be completed no later than June 1, 2008, unless the Grand Master waives the requirement.

No Lodge or Title Holding Corporation shall ~~(sell, transfer, or dispose of any real property unless approved)~~ undertake the purchase, sale, transfer, receipt, or disposal of any real property without the written approval of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, the Grand Lodge Real Estate Advisory Committee, and the approval of the Lodge and Title Holding Corporation, if applicable, as follows:

- A. Real property that is owned by a Title Holding Corporation requires the approval of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the Trustees present at a meeting of the Trustees at which a quorum is present and two-thirds (2/3) approval of the members of each Lodge that is a member of the Title Holding Corporation. The Lodge shall provide its members at least twenty (20) days advance notice of the stated meeting of the vote.
- B. Real property that is owned by a Lodge requires the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Lodge present at a stated meeting of the Lodge. The Lodge shall provide its members at least twenty (20) days advance notice of such vote. The requirement of twenty (20) days advance notice shall be waived if the transfer of title is to a Title Holding Corporation.

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a carry-over Resolution this By-Law Amendment requires a simple majority affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2023-13 has considered the same and reports as follows; this resolution, if adopted, would add an additional level of review to all Real Estate transactions undertaken by Lodges or Title Holding Corporations. As such, there would be no cost impact per se to the Grand Lodge or the parties involved.

**Carry-Over Resolution 2023-14  
To Amend Sec. 26.09 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To implement Grand Master’s Recommendation No. 8 to allow the Grand Master to determine if charges referred by a Lodge against a Brother constitute un-Masonic conduct.

**Resolution:** To amend Sec. 26.09 B.L. of the Washington Masonic Code (WMC) - Disposition of Charges to allow the Grand Master to determine whether charges levied against a Brother by a Lodge constitute un-Masonic conduct.

**Whereas:** Chapter 26 addresses the procedures of how charges for un-Masonic conduct are preferred in a Lodge, and how they are forwarded to the Grand Master for referral to the Grand Lodge Trial Committee, and

**Whereas:** Chapter 26 provides for a procedure to appeal to the Grand Master if the charges are not accepted by the Lodge (Sec. 26.09 (C) B.L.), and

**Whereas:** Chapter 26 does not provide for a procedure to allow the Grand Master to review the charges referred by a Lodge to determine if, in his opinion, the actions do in fact constitute a Masonic offense (such as probable cause in a criminal court matter), and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Sec. 26.09 B.L. be amended as follows:

**Sec. 26.09 B.L.**

**Disposition of Charges**

- A. and B. (No Change)
- C. The Lodge shall, at the Stated Communication when the charges are presented and read, vote upon the question of whether or not the charges, if proved, constitute a Masonic offense. If a majority of the members present vote that the charges, if proved, constitute a Masonic offense, the charges shall be deemed accepted by the Lodge. In the event that the charges are not accepted, any Mason feeling aggrieved thereby, may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Master, solely upon the question of whether or not the charges as drawn, if proved, constitutes a Masonic offense.

The Grand Master, having received an appeal from an aggrieved Mason under the provisions of this section, and having determined that the charges, if proved, constitute a Masonic offense, shall forward the appeal to the Grand Lodge Trial Committee to try the accused upon the charges. If the charges are not found to constitute a Masonic offense the Grand Lodge Trial Committee will inform the Grand Master, who will then notify the Lodge and the aggrieved Mason of his decision. In addition, upon receipt of the charges from the Lodge, the Grand Master may review the same to determine if the charges preferred constitute a Masonic offense. If the Grand Master determines that they do not constitute a Masonic offense, they shall not be referred to the Grand Lodge Trial Committee but shall be returned to the Lodge for further discussion; and

- D. (No Change)

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom



of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a carry-over Resolution this By-Law Amendment requires a simple majority affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2023-14 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have no impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected sections of the Code.

**Resolution 2024-01  
To Amend Sec. 15.05 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To allow Lodges meeting in early June to elect, and should they wish, install officers during the months of June, July, and August, an ability that is currently allowed few Lodges.

**Whereas:** Section 15.05 B.L. currently provides for the election and therefore the possible installation of Lodge officers starting the Monday following the close of Grand Lodge, and

**Whereas:** Research shows that of a majority of the urban lodges and a number of others as well, hold their stated meeting during the first two weeks of the month, that a great many of these Lodges suspend meetings in July and August, and

**Whereas:** Section 15.05 B.L. excludes these Lodges from electing officers in June and should they so desire, opt for a special communication to install officers until their fall stated meeting, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Section 15.05 B. L. be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 15.05 B.L.**

**When To Elect Officers.** The elective officers of every Chartered Lodge shall be chosen annually at a Stated Communication of such Lodge during the period beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> (~~the first Monday after the close of Grand Lodge~~) and ending December 14. However, officers shall not be installed in their respective offices until the first Monday following the close of the Grand Lodge Annual Session.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Daylight Lodge No. 232**

**Kahlil Blocker, Worshipful Master**

**Dean Willard, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a By-Law Amendment, it requires a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-01 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected section of the Code.

**Resolution 2024-02  
To Amend Sec. 17.21 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To enable ordering length of membership recognition one month prior to the month of eligibility.

**Resolution:** Modify Section 17.21 B.L. to enable ordering length of membership recognition one month prior to the month of eligibility.

**Whereas:** Washington Masonic Code Sec. 17.21 (F.) B.L. permits the presentation of length of membership recognition “at the will and pleasure of the Lodge during the month of eligibility or any time thereafter...”, and

**Whereas:** To guarantee compliance with the Washington Masonic Code, it is the practice of the Grand Lodge Office not to process orders for length of membership recognition until the first day of the month of eligibility, and

**Whereas:** The time required for the Grand Lodge Office to process and the USPS or other carrier to deliver a length of membership recognition is greater than zero (0) days, thus preventing the presentation of a length of membership recognition during any day within the month of eligibility, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Section 17.21 B.L. be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 17.21  
Length of Membership Recognition**

A. through E. (No Change)

F. Length of membership recognition may be requested by the Lodge up to one month prior to the month of eligibility.

~~F~~G. The presentation may be made at the will and pleasure of the Lodge during the month of eligibility or any time thereafter. A Mason of fifty years, or longer membership, shall be eligible for recognition any time after January 1 of the year in which he becomes eligible.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Silver Star Lodge No. 286**

**Matt Stevens, Worshipful Master**

**Ric Bishop, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a By-Law Amendment, it requires a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-02 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected section of the Code.

**Resolution 2024-03**  
**To Amend Section IV, Division VI of the Standard Work**

**Statement of Purpose:** To replace the current Division VI, Funeral Service, Pages 4-39 to 4-57, with an updated, concise, multi-purpose format for the memorial and funeral service.

**Resolution:** The purpose of the memorial or funeral service is to allow the Masons from a Masons Home Lodge, on short notice, if necessary, to perform a relevant and honorable ceremony that demonstrates to the family, friends and fellow Masons the esteem which we hold for the fallen brother.

**Whereas:** The existing options are outdated in terminology and directions and emphasize memory work only, and

**Whereas:** Lodges, and even Districts, cannot provide a fully trained team of Brothers to perform this ceremony on short notice, and

**Whereas:** Freemasons (and society) have adopted very different views of funeral services and the verbiage within the different optional services provides no clear and concise format to present a timely, involving and relevant service to honor a departed Brother, and

**Whereas:** The purpose is to provide a ceremony that Masons can perform well on short notice, in different locations, and is consistent in verbiage and directions, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Section IV, Division VI, Funeral Service, pages 4-39 to 4-57 of The Standard Work be now replaced in its entirety as follows:

Masonic Memorial Service  
Suitable for Lodge, Church, Funeral Home or Graveside

Introduction: Conferring the last degree upon a Brother is one of the greatest privileges we as Masons can perform. It is a celebration of life for a man who lived respected and who has passed regretted. With this in mind, there are many factors that need to be considered prior to conferring it. First: You must receive the blessing of the family. It is about their wishes--not the Lodge's. If they agree, then the Lodge will be demonstrating to his family and friends the respect we have for him—and our thanks to them for sharing him with us. The parts as they are written below are from The Standard Work (TSW), but the sequence has been revised. Several reasons, but mainly, some “services” are too short, while others are too long—and with very archaic words. This is an attempt to consolidate the various Masonic services in TSW into one version which is respectful; engaging to the family; time conscious; demonstrates some of our ritual and symbols; and has a small bit of drama. It will run 12-15 minutes, and with adapting, is suitable for one person or up to six (6) or seven (7) people to perform.

This is not about memorized ritual. There are three main reasons: 1) These services are not performed often enough for memory to be retained; 2) Prompting during a regular degree is bad—during this degree, it is embarrassing; 3) Read well, with sufficient practice, it is more engaging for the team and the family. The family cares about two things: 1) You demonstrate your love and care; 2) You are prepared! Every speaking part should be read aloud twenty-five (25) times in the days prior!

The location for the service will rarely be the same. Arrive early, look at the physical layout, have discussion with his family. Consider options for what may work best: where to stand—usually to one side; a small

table? Who has the Acacia? Plain White Aprons are best. Dark suit and tie. If you are co-officiating with a clergy person because of the wishes of the family, defer to them about sequence—who goes first, etc. With clergy present—it is suggested that the Masonic prayers be shortened. If there is a Military presence—defer to them about going first. At a National Cemetery—the total service is limited to twenty-two (22) minutes. Be prepared to adapt!

It is recommended that the WM for the degree be prepared to speak to those in attendance, before and during the degree, in his own voice and words, some of what the Masons will be doing. Explain briefly that Masonry is taught using symbols and allegories—several of which will be demonstrated today. And that these symbols have a literal meaning but also a more powerful emotional meaning, unique to each person. Remind them that our fallen Brother lived his life according to these ideals.

Done well and with genuine love, the last degree demonstrates our commitment in Brotherhood to each other and is a reminder of what others may also do so for us someday. Make it an integral part of your Lodge culture. Remember--you do not know when the call will come to perform this degree, so be prepared!

*The marks { } in the following text indicate where the degree team may choose to share responsibility for the speaking part with someone else on the team.*

Beginning of Service:

WM: (Brief preparatory remarks, thanks for attendance, turn off cell phones, and thanks to the family for allowing their husband, father to be a part of our lives.)

From time immemorial it has been the custom of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, on proper request, to accompany the remains of a Brother to their final resting place. In conformity with this ancient usage, and in accord with our loving duty to our Brother, we are assembled here as Masons and family to offer tribute of our affection and to testify before the world our faith in the Almighty Father and his beneficent goodness to us, His children.

SW: { } With becoming reverence, then, let us supplicate the divine Grace to insure the favor of that Eternal Being whose goodness and power knows no bounds; that on the arrival of the momentous hour when the fading taper of human life shall faintly glimmer in the socket of existence, our faith may draw aside the sable curtain, and our hope may sustain and cheer the departing spirit.

Chaplain: Almighty and Eternal God—in Whom we live and move and have our being, we beseech Thee to be present with us in this hour and during all the hours of our earthly life; lead us by the hand of love; point out to us the pathway of duty. Pour out Thy continual blessing upon the relatives and friends of our departed brother. Lead them to know that He is waiting to greet them in a world where light and bliss are eternal. {If you need to shorten prayers—stop here} Give wisdom to direct us, strength to support us, and the beauty of holiness to adorn our labors and render them acceptable in Thy sight, so that when our labors here on earth are ended, we may be with Thee amidst the radiant splendor of eternal truth. Amen!

Response: So mote it be.

WM: Brother Senior Warden, in this hour of sorrow what duties devolve upon us as Masons?

SW: To honor the memory of a Brother whom death has taken from us; to contemplate our own approaching dissolution; and, by the remembrance of immortality, to raise our souls above the considerations of this transitory existence.

WM: Brother Junior Warden, what sentiments should inspire the souls of Masons on occasions like the present?

JW: Calm sorrow for the absence of a Brother gone before; earnest solicitude for our own eternal welfare; and firm faith in the wisdom and goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe.

WM: Brother Secretary, has a scroll been prepared, that the memory of our Brother may not depart from us?

SEC: It is hereon written and shall also be preserved in our archives.

WM: You will read the scroll and place it with the remains of our Brother.  
(Secretary reads and deposits scroll. (Retain extra copies for widow/ family/ Lodge)

Chaplain: O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Let Thy mercy, Oh Lord, be upon us according as we hope in Thee. Amen.

Response: So mote it be.

WM: What man is he that liveth and shall not see death?

SW: Man walketh in a vain shadow; he heapeth up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them.

JW: When he dieth he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him.

WM: If a man die; shall he live again?

SW: And they that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.

JW: And ye shall know that I am the Lord when I have brought you up out of your graves.

WM: Where now is our departed Brother?

SW: He is gone to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

WM: Can we offer any precious thing to redeem him?

JW: We have not the ransom. The place that knew him shall know him no more forever.

WM: When our Brother died, did he carry nothing away with him?

Chaplain: He has fulfilled his destiny; naked came he into the world and naked he has departed out of it.

WM: Hear then the conclusion of the whole matter: It is the Lord only Who can give, and it is the Lord only Who hath taken away.

### Lambskin or White Leather Apron:

WM: \* (Explaining this portion of the degree to the family can be done in this manner.) When our Brother first became a Mason, he was presented with certain symbols and tokens. The Apron is a very powerful symbol to all of us, and when he became a Mason, this is some of what was said to him:

(\* Assign this duty to a Brother who can present the lecture from memory with calm and deep feeling—have him address the Brother and the family.)

{ } –My Brother, this lambskin is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason; more ancient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle; and when worthily worn, more honorable than the Star and Garter or any other Order that could be conferred upon him, at this time, or at any future period, by King, Prince, Potentate, or any other person, except he be a Mason. It is hoped that he wore it with equal pleasure to himself and honor to the Fraternity. It was his, his to wear throughout an honorable life and, at his death, to be placed upon the vessel containing his mortal remains, and be with them laid to rest in his final resting-place. Let its pure and spotless surface be an ever-present reminder of a purity of life and rectitude of conduct, a never-ending inspiration for nobler deeds, higher thoughts and greater achievements. And when at last his weary feet have come to the end of life’s toilsome journey, may the record of his life and actions show as pure and spotless as this fair emblem. (Then place the Apron with the scroll.)

### The Sprig of Acacia:

WM: { } (Hold up sprig of Acacia, and ask all Masons to stand): The Evergreen, which once marked the temporary resting-place of one illustrious in Masonic legend, is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By it we are reminded that we have an imperishable, immortal spirit, which survives this death, and which will never, never, never die. By it we are admonished that we too, like our Brother whose remains now lie before us, shall soon be clothed in the habiliments of death; yet, through the loving-kindness of the Supreme Grand Master, we may confidently hope that our souls will hereafter flourish in eternal spring.

(The WM goes to grave/ coffin/ table where the Scroll and Apron are displayed. He raises his right hand to the heavens and lowers his arm in three (3) equal sequences, depositing the Acacia on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The SW and JW follow, repeating the same arm sequence, then the Secretary, Chaplain, and then remainder of the Masons in attendance. Space constraints will determine if the other Brothers come 2x2 or in single file. All remain standing to either side until the last sprig of acacia is deposited.)

### Funeral Grand Honors:

WM—(In former place, but now facing the urn/casket. Team adjusts to follow.)

1) (Raise both arms at a 45 degree angle, palms open and up to the heavens and say): “His Spirit hath ascended on high”---

2) (Lower arms and extend both in front of him, waist high, palms down and say): “We commit his body to the earth”---

3) (Cross both arms over chest and say): “And cherish his memory forever.”

All Masons repeat two (2) more times together on the WM’s lead. (Note well: If all Masons can be taught this beforehand it is best.)



WM: Reverently we commit the body of our Brother: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, and dust to dust. Though our Brother has passed beyond our mortal view, yet we can trustingly leave him in the hands of a beneficent Being, who doeth all things well; who is glorious in His holiness, wondrous in His power, and boundless in His goodness and love.

SW or { }: Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be this earthly bed! Fragrant be the acacia that here shall bloom. May the year's earliest buds unfold their beauties o'er this thy resting-place. May each spring-time renew their loveliness. And here may the sweetness of the summer's last rose linger longest.

WM: With firm faith in the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, we know that we shall meet once more in realms beyond the skies. Until then, dear friend and Brother, until then; Farewell.

CHAP: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift upon us the light of His countenance and give us peace. Amen!

Response: So mote it be.

WM: This concludes the Masonic service for our Brother. On behalf of our Lodge and Brothers, thank you again for allowing us the privilege of sharing in this celebration of life with you.

**Respectively Submitted,**

**Renaissance Lodge, No. 312**

**Gerry O'Brien, Worshipful Master**

**Gene Ulrich, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a Constitutional Amendment, it requires a ninety percent (90%) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-03 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of printing new Standard Work pages and updating Standard Works held in inventory when orders are received. Revised pages could also be uploaded to Grandview and could be accessed at will by the membership as needed.

**Resolution 2024-04  
To Amend Sec. 6.01 Const.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To clarify that it shall be a Masonic offense for any Mason other than the Grand Secretary to reproduce the Standard Work in plain text without limitation to the English language.

**Resolution:** To modify Washington Masonic Code (WMC), Section 6.01 Const. Standard Work, to remove the limitation of English language in the reproduction of the Standard Work in plain text.

**Whereas:** Paragraph B of the WMC Section 6.01 Const. Standard Work, limits reproduction of the Standard Work in plain text by any Mason other than the Grand Secretary to the English language, and

**Whereas:** Our obligations do not impose a limitation of language relative to the keeping the secrets of our fraternity, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that “Section 6.01 Const. Standard Work Paragraph B be amended as follows:

A. (No Change)

B. The Grand Secretary is authorized to make copies of the Standard Work in plain English, including the Esoteric Work, available for use by the Grand Lecturer, elected Grand Lodge Officers, and by Deputies of the Grand Master in their several Districts, subject to the following:

1. (No Change)

2. (No Change)

3. It shall be a Masonic offense for any Mason other than the Grand Secretary to reproduce the Standard Work in plain (~~English~~) text of any language in any medium.

C. (No Change)

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Washington Lodge No. 4**

**Tim Hyclak, Worshipful Master**

**Gordon Johnson, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a Constitutional Amendment, it requires a ninety percent (90%) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-04 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected section of the Code.

**Resolution 2024-05**  
**To Amend Sec. Section 9.05 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** Require that the annual budget of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington (hereafter “Grand Lodge”) be a separately approved piece of business (not simply part of an “n<sup>th</sup> report of the Committee on Finance”) during the Annual Communication.

**Resolution:** Add a line item to Washington Masonic Code (WMC) Section 9.05 B.L. Continuing Proceedings, regarding the presentation and approval of the Annual Grand Lodge Budget, making it its own “piece of business” during the Annual Communication.

**Whereas:** Each year there remains confusion in the Craft regarding process of reviewing and approving the annual budget of the Grand Lodge, and

**Whereas:** Some believe that the “receipt of the n<sup>th</sup> report of the Committee on Finance” is also the “acceptance” of the proposed budget, while others feel the receipt of the Committee’s report is just that, the receipt of the report (which may include various recommendations of the Committee), but NOT the ratification or approval of those recommendations; nor, more specifically, any included proposed budget, and

**Whereas:** Resolution of this confusion is easily accomplished by making the presentation and approval of the annual budget its own line item within the “Continuing Proceedings” section of the WMC, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that a new item be inserted between the current items’ “C.” and “E.” of WMC “Section 9.05 B.L. Continuing Proceedings,” and the subsequent items renumbered, accordingly, to read as follows:

**Sec. 9.05 B.L.**

**Continuing Proceedings.** Business during the several sessions after the convening of Grand Lodge shall include the following:

- A. Through C. (No Change)
- D. Presentation and Approval of the Annual Grand Lodge Budget.
- E. Reports from Grand Officers as required,
- F. Consideration of amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws,
- G. Report of Committee on Credentials in preparation for the election of officers,
- H. Election of officers,
- I. Special orders, if any,
- J. Installation of Grand Officers and Deputies of the Grand Master,
- K. Appointment of Standing Committees,
- L. Other business; and

M. Solemn Ceremonies of Closing the Grand Lodge in Ample Form.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Washington Lodge No. 4**

**Tim Hyclak, Worshipful Master**

**Gordon Johnson, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a By-Law Amendment, it requires a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-05 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected section of the Code.

**Resolution 2024-06**  
**To Amend Sec. 7.03(A) B.L. Revenue of the Grand Lodge**

**Statement of Purpose:** Proposal to increase Grand Lodge “Per-Capita” assessment by the rate of inflation recorded in the June Consumer Price Index (CPI), as published in September, of each year.

**Resolution:** Proposal to increase Grand Lodge “Per-Capita” assessment by the rate of inflation Recorded in the June (CPI), as published in September, of each year.

**Whereas:** It is the responsibility of the Grand Lodge to ensure the financial stability and viability of our organization, and

**Whereas:** The costs associated with maintaining our Masonic principles and supporting our various charitable endeavors have increased over the years, and

**Whereas:** The rate of inflation has a direct impact on the purchasing power of our Grand Lodge assessment and our ability to meet our financial obligations, and

**Whereas:** The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes an index of inflation, referred to as the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is updated each month of the year, and

**Whereas:** The specific CPI for “All Cities” is designated “U.S. BLS:CPI:CUUR0000SA0,” and

**Whereas:** The monthly index values generally “stabilize” within three (3) months of initial publication, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Section 7.03.A B.L. Revenue of the Grand Lodge” be amended as follows:

**Sec. 7.03 B.L.**

**Revenue for the General Fund**

A. Every Lodge shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge in support of Grand Lodge general activities as follows:

1. through 5. (No Change)

6. A sum to be set annually by the Grand Lodge [but not to exceed twenty-eight dollars and no cents (\$28.00)] for each enrolled Master Mason, except those whose dues are remitted or not required for any reason. The Grand Lodge shall institute an annual adjustment to this amount based on the rate of inflation as recorded in the June Consumer Price Index (CPI), as published in September of each year by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (U.S. BLS:CPI:CUUR0000SA0), commencing from the Dues year 2025. The Grand Lodge Finance Committee shall be responsible for obtaining and verifying the CPI data and implementing the adjustment, ensuring transparency and accountability in the process. One dollar (\$1.00) shall be designated for contribution to each of the following organizations: the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Washington/Idaho International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Job’s Daughters International of Washington and Washington Order of DeMolay. The exceptions are: **Rev. 2017**

a. through g. (No Change)

7. (No Change)

B. through D. (No Change)

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Washington Lodge No. 4**

**Tim Hyclak, Worshipful Master**

**Gordon Johnson, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a By-Law Amendment, it requires a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-06 has considered the same and reports as follows; although there is some merit to the idea of factoring in the impact of inflation to our income stream, this could result in a growth rate in per capita which is far higher than most Members would be willing to accept. This is especially true during times of high inflation such as in the recent past.

**Resolution 2024-07**  
**To Amend Appendix J Genealogy Chart**

**Statement of Purpose:** Rationalize/simplify the Grand Lodge Genealogy Chart in Appendix J. of the WMC.

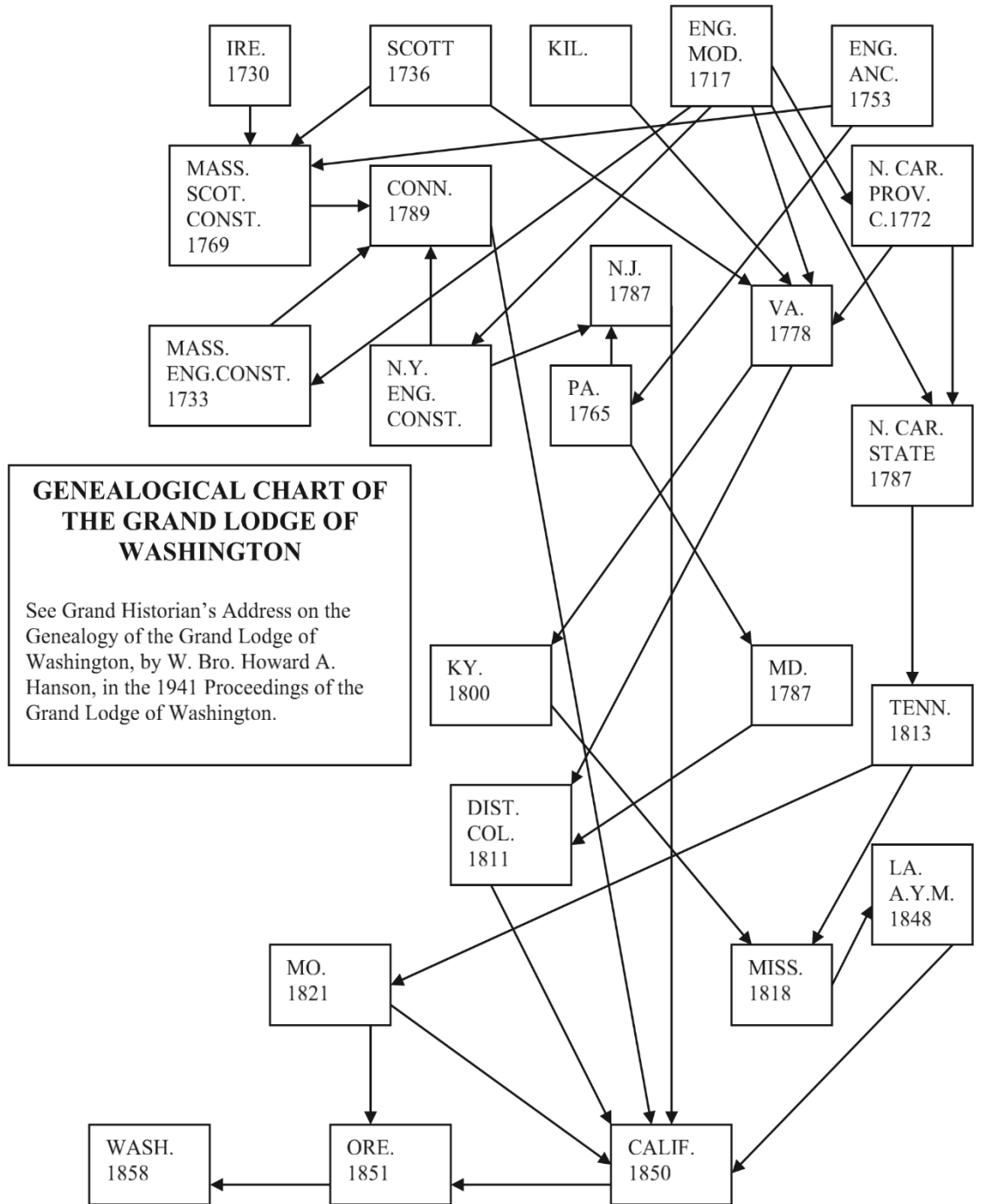
**Resolution:** To replace the existing Genealogical Chart of the Grand Lodge of Washington, found in Appendix J of the Washington Masonic Code (WMC) with a logically equivalent but simplified/rationalized version.

**Whereas:** The WMC contains a graphical chart of the “genealogical history” of the Grand Lodge of Washington tracing said history in a network diagram through twenty-four (24) different Grand Lodges with arrows representing “heredity” relationships between them that cross one another in thirty-eight (38) instances, and

**Whereas:** The same information can be represented in a similar network diagram that has only one (1) instance where lines cross, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that the Genealogical Chart in “Appendix J” of the WMC, shown below as Item A, be replaced in its entirety with the one below, labeled Item B.

Item A:

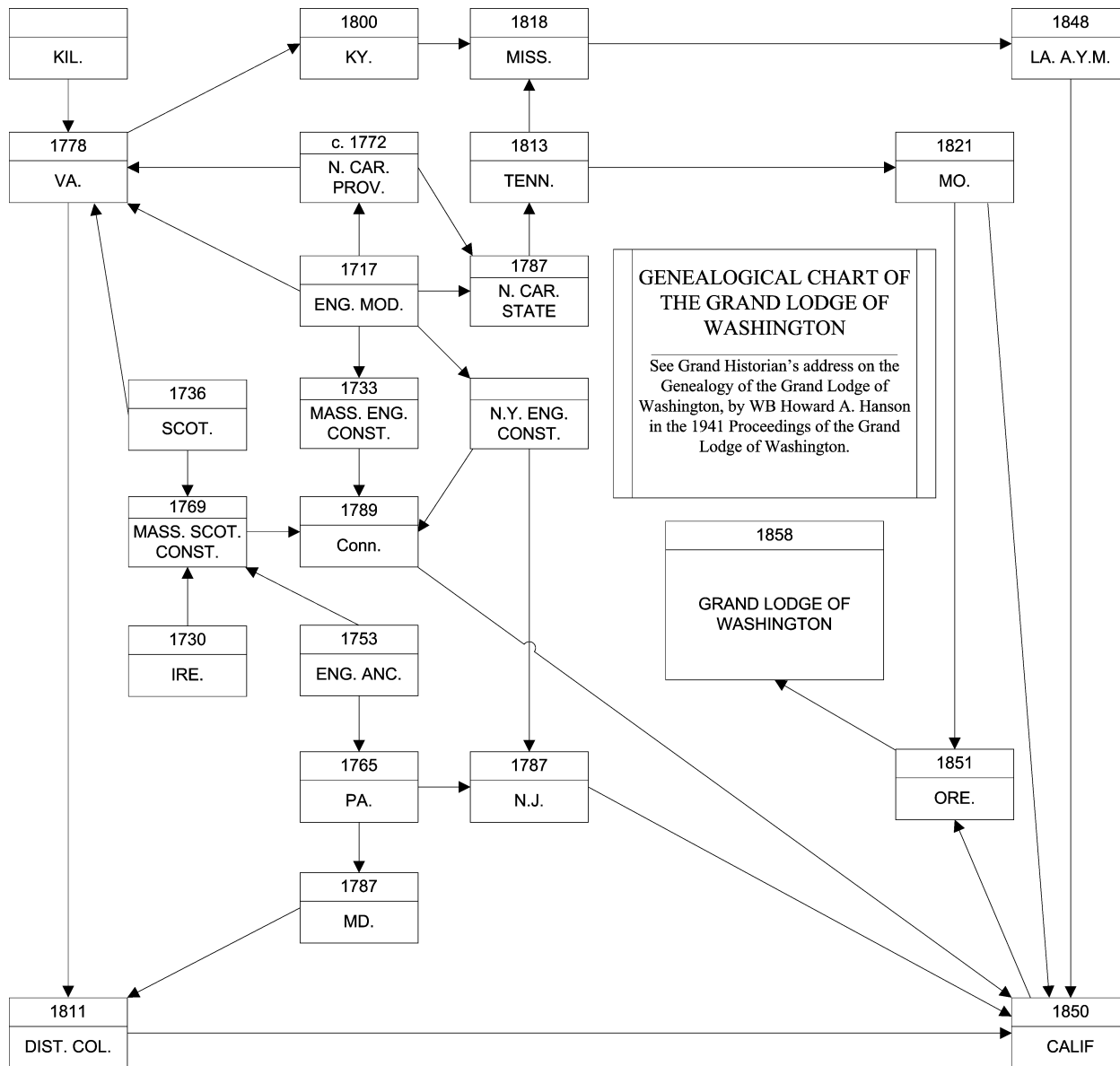


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Item B:

## GENEALOGY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON



**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Washington Lodge No. 4**

**Tim Hyclak, Worshipful Master**

**Gordon Johnson, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As an Amendment to the Appendix of the Washington Masonic Code it requires a simple majority affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-07 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected section of the Code.

**Resolution 2024-08**  
**To Adopt an approved Ceremony for Presentation of a Past Master's Apron**

**Statement of Purpose:** To present for approval at the Annual Communication, a ceremony to be used for presentation of a Past Master's apron, Past Deputy of the Grand Master, or Past Grand Master.

**Resolution:** Currently there is no formal process or ceremony for the presentation and exchange of the Past Master, Past Deputy of the Grand Master, or Past Grand Master's apron. Upon completing the discharge of his official duties, the outgoing Worshipful Master is usually presented with his Past Master's apron by the Lodge after the completion of the Installation Ceremony. The importance of conducting this ceremony with dignity and proper degree of solemnity and impressiveness must not be overlooked.

**Whereas:** We are taught that the apron is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason, and

**Whereas:** It was hoped that we would wear our apron with equal pleasure to ourselves and honor to the Fraternity, and

**Whereas:** We are told it is ours, to wear throughout an honorable life, and

**Whereas:** The apron has long been a symbol of hard work, pride in a job well done and progress, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that the Past Master Apron ceremony be approved for use in this Grand Jurisdiction and a master copy thereof shall be kept on file in the Grand Lodge Office, available to Lodges upon request.

**PAST MASTER APRON CEREMONY**

Upon completing the discharge of his official duties, the outgoing Worshipful Master is usually presented with his Past Master's apron by the Lodge after the completion of the Installation Ceremony.

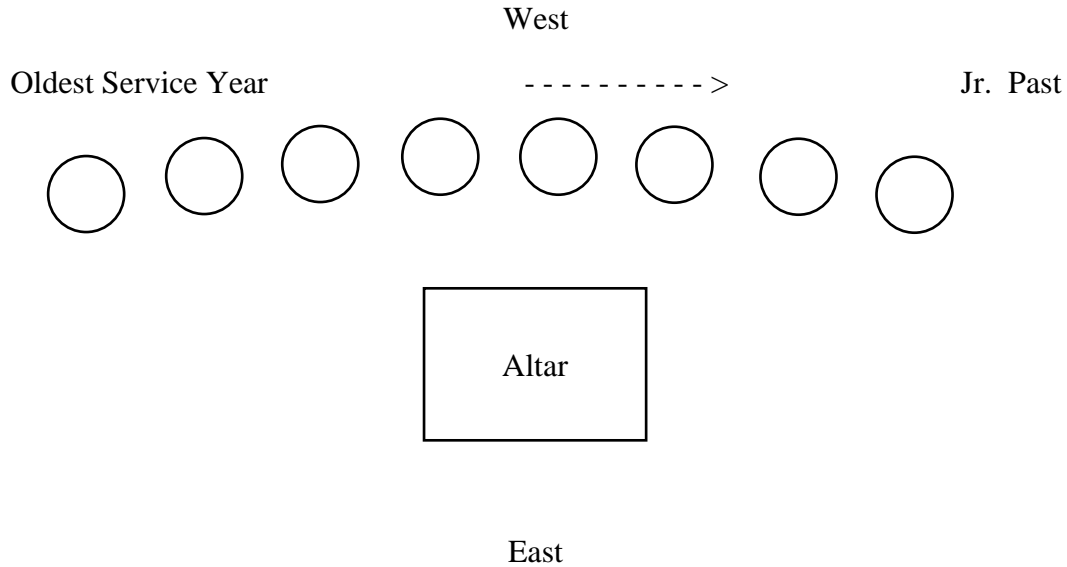
The importance of conducting this ceremony with dignity and proper degree of solemnity and impressiveness must not be overlooked. This ceremony may be conducted in public or in the presence of Masons only.

*NOTE: The language of the ceremony may be modified so that it might be useful for a Past Deputy of the Grand Master or even that of a Past Grand Master as appropriate.*

At the appropriate time, the Worshipful Master (or Installing Master) should request that all Past Masters for this Lodge assemble in the West (or other appropriate area) forming a semi-circle as needed, arranging themselves by year of service or oldest year of service if he has served more than one term.

Once the Past Masters have aligned themselves, the ceremony can begin. The Worshipful Master or Installing Officer should ensure the Jr. Past Master shakes the hands of the Past Masters as he goes, starting with the oldest service year in the South and taking his place at the end as the youngest in service.

EXAMPLE:



**WM/Installing Officer:** \*\*\* Brethren of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_ when we begin our Masonic journey as Entered Apprentice Masons, we are taught that the apron is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason; more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle; and when worthily worn, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other Order than could be conferred upon you at that time, or at any future period, by King, Prince, Potentate, or any other person, except he be a Mason.

It was hoped that you would wear this apron with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity. We are told it is ours, to wear throughout an honorable life and, at our death, to be placed upon the coffin that shall contain our mortal remains and be with them laid up in their final resting place.

The apron has long been a symbol of hard work, pride in a job well done and progress. As a man increases in knowledge and virtue, his responsibility to the Craft changes, consequently, so do the symbols on his apron.

As the Master of the Lodge, the Square is emblazed upon his apron and prompts us to square our actions by the Square of Virtue and to preserve that moral deportment among the members of his Lodge.

As a Past Master, he receives a new apron. Two of the symbols on the Past Master's apron, the Sun (or Star for Deputy of the Grand Master) and the Compasses are familiar. However, there is a peculiar additional device, the Quadrant (and a Square for the Deputy).

*(Installing Master hands the Past Master's apron to the oldest service Past Master and he hands it to the next in line and so on until the apron reaches the Jr. Past Master while he continues with the ceremony below. As he finishes the ceremony, the Installing Master/Worshipful Master then assists in clothing the Jr. Past Master with his apron.)*

(For Past Master or Past Grand Master) The Sun represents Light, the great luminary of nature, which rising in the East regularly diffuses light and luster to all within its circle. As a pattern for imitation, the Master of the Lodge is charged to spread and communicate light and instruction to the brethren of his Lodge.

The Sun also signifies that the Past Master has observed the sun at meridian height, the glory and beauty of the day, the setting sun in the West and the rising sun in the East.

(For Past Deputy of the Grand Master) The Star represents the deputed power and authority vested by the Grand Master. The office of Deputy of the Grand Master is reposed with great confidence in ability, prudence and zeal and he is instructed to visit and assist the Lodges as they may require or desire information and direction.

While we are reminded that every Mason is to symbolically use the Compasses to keep his actions within due bounds, the Quadrant identifies the angle at which the compasses are open, it is the Quadrant that measures those due bounds.

The Quadrant proves the angle of the Compasses are set to 60 degrees, this is the angle of an equilateral triangle, and is a symbol of balance.

The Square teaches you to regulate your actions and harmonize your conduct by the principles of morality and virtue.

As this apron and the symbols upon its surface are presented to you, in recognition of hard work and a job well done, as it is with your white apron, the badge of Masonry, we hope that you would also wear this with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**King Solomon Lodge No. 60**

**John Redmond, Worshipful Master**

**Jonathan Davenport, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. This proposed Resolution requires a simple majority affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-08 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have no impact to the finances of Grand Lodge. The ceremony described could be uploaded to Grand Lodge for distribution.

**Resolution 2024-09  
To Amend Sec. 20.11 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To strike the two-year limitation for reinstatement of failure to advance.

**Resolution:** To modify the language for reinstatement of a Mason declared failed to advance and allow a Lodge to vote to reinstate at any time or require him to re-petition.

**Whereas:** A Brother is a Brother forever, and

**Whereas:** The limitation on the timeline for reinstatement is unnecessary, and

**Whereas:** The Standard Work affirms their obligations can never be repudiated or laid aside, and

**Whereas:** Our Standard Work declares that a Mason's apron as his badge, and it is his, to wear throughout an honorable life, and

**Whereas:** A Lodge is self-governing, and entitled to manage its membership as it sees fit, under the auspices of the Constitutions and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that the Washington Masonic Code, Sec 20.11 B.L. be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 20.11 B.L.**

**Failure to advance.** An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft must show proficiency on that Degree and present himself for advancement to the next Degree within one (1) calendar year of receiving said Degree. That time may be extended by a simple majority vote at a Stated Communication of the Lodge. A candidate who does not meet the requirements to advance within the one (1) calendar year time limit may be dropped from the rolls of the Lodge by a simple majority vote at a Stated Communication of the Lodge and notified of such action.

Candidates dropped for failure to advance may be immediately reinstated (~~within two (2) calendar years~~) by a simple majority vote at a Stated Communication of the Lodge. (~~After that time period,~~) If the vote is not favorable, the Lodge may require that he (must) re-petition for the Degrees.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
King Solomon Lodge No. 60**

**John Redmond, Worshipful Master**

**Jonathan Davenport, Secretary**

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a By-Law Amendment, it requires a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-09 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected section of the Code.

**Resolution 2024-10**  
**To Amend Sec 15.03 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To implement the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 1 to add completion of the Proficiency in Lodge Management exam as a requirement to be Master of a Lodge.

**Resolution:** To Amend Sec 15.03 B.L. to require Proficiency in Lodge Management to be Master of a Lodge.

**Whereas:** There is no current requirement for a Master of a Lodge to be proficient in the Standard work opening and closing, and

**Whereas:** There is no current requirement that a Master must have a basic understanding of the Washington Masonic Code, or how to access the information, even though when he is installed, he is charged with "The Book of Constitutions, you are to search at all times. Cause it to be read in your lodge so that none may pretend ignorance of the excellent precepts it enjoins.", and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that the Sec 15.03 B.L. be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 15.03 B.L.**

**Officer Qualification.** All Officers of a Lodge, either elected or appointed, shall be Master Masons in good standing who are voting members thereof, and who shall have passed a proficiency on the Third Degree. Exception: The Chaplain, Musician, and Tyler, who may be members of other Lodges. The Worshipful Master shall have achieved the Proficiency in Lodge Management Certificate prior to installation or shall have received dispensation from the Grand Master.

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a By-Law Amendment, it requires a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-10 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected section of the Code.



**Resolution 2024-11  
To Amend Sec. 17.11 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To implement Grand Master's Recommendation No. 2 to increase the cost to purchase an Endowed Life Membership through Grand Lodge.

**Resolution:** To modify Section 17.11 B.L. to increase the purchase price of an Endowed Life Membership.

**Whereas:** The cost of the Endowed Life Membership has not kept up with rising inflation, and

**Whereas:** The calculated cost based on the 2023 current minimum wage would be as follows:

1. Age 18 to 35 - \$1250
2. Age 36 to 45 - \$1100
3. Age 46 to 55 - \$950
4. Age 56 to 65 - \$800
5. Age 66 and over - \$650, and

**Whereas:** Lodges struggle financially due to the low cost of Endowed Life Membership, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Sec. 17.11 B.L. be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 17.11 B.L.**

**Life Membership Plans.**

A. through B. (No Change)

C. Any member in good standing of this Grand Jurisdiction may purchase an Endowed Life Membership through the Grand Lodge Sponsored Plan and be hereby relieved from further payment of dues, but not assessments. Provisions of the Grand Lodge Sponsored Plan are as follows:

1. The purchase price for Endowed Life Memberships shall ~~(not be less than)~~ be determined by calculation of the Current Minimum Hourly Wage (CMHW) in the State of Washington on January 1 of each year, rounded to the nearest \$50.

The calculation will be as follows:

- Age 18 to 35, inclusive ~~(\$650)~~ 80 x CMHW
  - Age 36 to 45, inclusive ~~(\$600)~~ 70 x CMHW
  - Age 46 to 55, inclusive ~~(\$500)~~ 60 x CMHW
  - Age 56 to 65, Inclusive ~~(\$450)~~ 50 x CMHW
  - Age 66 and Over ~~(\$400)~~ 40 x CMHW
2. through 14. (No Change)

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a By-Law Amendment, it requires a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-11 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a net positive impact to the finances of constituent lodges by increasing the amount invested in future purchases of life memberships

which will in turn increase the returns generated. It will also allow this cost structure to fluctuate based on a known and recognized methodology based on the prevailing minimum hourly wage.

**Resolution 2024-12  
To Amend Sec. 6.02 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To implement the Grand Master’s Recommendation No. 3 to add Ritual Excellence Award to the Grand Lodge of Washington.

**Resolution:** To modify Section 6.02 B.L. to add recognition of Ritual Excellence in the Grand Lodge of Washington.

**Whereas:** Ritual Excellence should be prioritized and celebrated, and

**Whereas:** Brothers may obtain certification in Ritual Excellence, and

**Whereas:** Tracking of ritual excellence for all Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction to have the ability to reach out when necessary, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Sec. 6.02 B.L. be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 6.02 B.L.**

**Certificates of Proficiency.** A Certificate of Proficiency shall be issued to any Brother who shall pass a satisfactory examination in all or part of the Standard Work before a Deputy of the Grand Master. The Certificate shall be attested by the Grand Master and by the Deputy of the Grand Master in his District and the Grand Secretary shall keep a record thereof. Certificates shall be issued for the periods of time shown:

A. Excellence in Ritual Achievement Award - All the Standard Work.

1. Three years upon an examination with less than ten (10) errors,
2. Two years, upon an examination with less than twenty-five (25) errors,
- ~~3. One year, upon an examination with less than fifty errors.)~~

B. ~~(An individual Degree of the Standard Work.~~

- ~~1. Three years, upon an examination with less than five errors,~~
- ~~2. Two years, upon an examination with less than ten errors,~~
- ~~3. One year, upon an examination with less than fifteen errors.)~~

Master’s Certificate of Proficiency – The Warden’s certificate plus the ability to confer all three degrees as Master and to present the Charge of all three degrees, the Moral Advantage of Geometry Lecture, the Apron Lecture, and at least one Degree Lecture (EA Master’s Lecture, Middle Chamber Lecture, MM Historical Lecture)

1. Three years upon examination with less than ten (10) errors
2. Two years upon examination with less than twenty-five (25) errors

C. Warden’s Certificate of Proficiency – The ability to open/close, call down, resume, labor to refreshment, and refreshment to labor on all three degrees from every station and place in the Lodge.

1. Three years upon examination with less than ten (10) errors
2. Two years upon examination with less than twenty-five (25) errors

D. Proficiency in Lodge Management – The ability to open/close, call down, resume, labor to refreshment, and refreshment to labor on all three degrees as Worshipful Master and successfully passing the written Proficiency in Lodge Management examination.

A reasonable opportunity shall be given during the examination to correct any error made.

**Lifetime Excellence in Ritual Achievement Award.** If any Brother earns the Ritual Excellence Certificate three (3) consecutive 3-year cycles, they will be awarded a Lifetime Ritual Excellence Certificate.

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a By-Law Amendment, it requires a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-12 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected section of the Code.

**Resolution 2024-13**  
**To Amend Appendix I of the Washington Masonic Code**

**Statement of Purpose:** To implement the Grand Master’s recommendation No. 4 to adopt Ancient Landmarks for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington.

**Resolution:** To Amend Appendix I from informational to adopted.

**Whereas:** Sec. 1.09 B.L. lists the requirements that must be satisfied for the Grand Lodge to recognize another Grand Lodge. Subsection E states, in part, that foreign Grand Lodge “Requires of its Constituent Lodges a strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks...”, and

**Whereas:** In 1951, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America created the Commission on Recognition which, in 1952, established guidelines for recognition of foreign jurisdictions. These include “Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks - specifically, a Belief in God, the Volume of the Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the Furniture of the Lodge, and the prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion”, and

**Whereas:** Washington has never adopted Ancient Landmarks, but has included as Appendix I of the Washington Masonic Code the list of Ancient Landmarks formulated by Dr. Albert G. Mackey as well as a shorter list created by Dr. Roscoe Pound. All the items in Dr. Pound’s list are included in Dr. Mackey’s list, and

**Whereas:** In 2007, the Grand Lodge adopted Resolution 2007-01 which deleted a note to Dr. Mackey’s list which stated that Washington did not allow the Grand Master to make a Mason on sight, and

**Whereas:** The charge given to a new Master Mason state, in part, “Our Ancient Landmarks you are to preserve and never suffer them to be infringed”, and

**Whereas:** This charge is difficult to comply with when the Grand Lodge has not provided its members a list of the Ancient Landmarks, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that the Appendix I be amended to read as follows:

**THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS**

~~(The rituals and literature of Freemasonry contain many allusions to “THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS”, the immemorial usages and customs, the foundation stones upon which modern Freemasonry has been erected. A noted American Masonic scholar, Dr. Albert G. Mackey, formulated a list of twenty five landmarks. Opinion as to the fality of his list is not unanimous. Some Grand Lodges adopted his twenty five, some as many as fifty, others fewer in number. Bro. Roscoe Pound, a Past Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts, and for many years Dean of the School of Law at Harvard, promulgated a list of seven.~~

~~The Grand Lodge of Washington never officially adopted a list of Ancient Landmarks. The following lists are included here as educational material only, in order that the origins and traditions, the usages and customs, the heritage of our Fraternity may be preserved.~~

~~THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS as formulated by Dr. Albert G. Mackey)~~ The Grand Lodge adopts the following as the Ancient Landmarks:

1. The modes of recognition.
2. The division of symbolic Masonry into three degrees.
3. The legend of the Third Degree.
4. The government of the Fraternity by a Grand Master elected from the body of the Craft.
5. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over any assembly of the Craft.
6. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensation for conferring degrees at irregular times.
7. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for the opening and holding of Lodges.
8. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight. **[Rev. 2007]**
9. The necessity for Masons to congregate in Lodges.
10. The government of every Lodge by a Master and two (2) Wardens.
11. The necessity of every Lodge when congregated being duly tyled.
12. The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft and to instruct his representatives.
13. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his Brethren, in Lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons.
14. (~~The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge. (SEE NOTE BELOW).~~) The prohibition of the discussion of partisan politics and organized religion in Lodge.
15. No visitor unknown to some Brother present as a Mason can enter a Lodge without undergoing an examination.
16. No Lodge can interfere in the business of another Lodge.
17. Every Freemason is amenable to the Laws and Regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides.
18. Every candidate must be a man, freeborn and of lawful age.
19. Every Mason must believe in the existence of (~~God~~) a Supreme Being as the Grand Architect of the Universe.
20. Every Mason must believe in a (~~resurrection~~) transition to a future life.

21. The “Book of the Law” is an indispensable part of the furniture of every Masonic Lodge.
22. That all men (~~in the sight of God~~) are equal and meet in the Lodge on one common level.
23. The secrecy of the Institution.
24. That Freemasonry consists of a Speculative Science founded on an Operative art.

~~(25. The Landmarks of Masonry can never be changed. [Rev. 2007])~~

~~(NOTE: 14. An objection may be made to visitors. Washington Masonic Code, Sec. 13.10 B.L.~~

~~THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS as enunciated by Dr. Roscoe Pound in an address to the Conference of Grand Masters in North America, Washington, D.C., February 20, 1952:~~

- ~~1. Belief in God.~~
- ~~2. Belief in the persistence of personality, i.e., the immortality of the soul.~~
- ~~3. A “Book of the Law” as an indispensable part of the furniture of the Lodge.~~
- ~~4. The Legend of the Third Degree.~~
- ~~5. Secrecy.~~
- ~~6. The symbolism of the operative art.~~
- ~~7. A Mason must be a man, freeborn, and of age.)~~

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As an Amendment to the Appendix of the Washington Masonic Code it requires a simple majority affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-13 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected section of the Code.

**Resolution 2024-14**  
**To Amend Sec. 13.14 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** To implement the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 5 to add health and safety concerns to cancel stated communications.

**Resolution:** To modify Section 13.14 B.L. to add health and safety concerns as a reason to cancel stated communications.

**Whereas:** The Health and Safety concerns of 2020 caused the necessity of violating the current Washington Masonic Code, and

**Whereas:** There are known and unknown health and safety concerns that can cause lodges to have no other choice but to violate the Washington Masonic Code, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Sec. 13.14 B.L. be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13.14 B.L. Inclement Weather and Cancellation of Stated Communication. The Worshipful Master of a Lodge may cancel a Lodge Stated Communication when inclement weather or other health and safety concerns are (~~is~~) hazardous to the safety of the Brethren.

**Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:** This Resolution is consistent with Masonic Law and Usages and is ready for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The Committee expresses no opinions as to the wisdom of the changes this Resolution proposes. As a By-Law Amendment, it requires a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote for adoption.

**Report of the Committee on Finance:** The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2024-14 has considered the same and reports as follows; this proposal will have a negligible impact to the finances of Grand Lodge other than the cost of editing and reprinting the affected section of the Code.



**Resolution 2024-15  
To Amend Sec. 8.13 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** Our goal is to decisively minimize confusion and significantly enhance decision-making clarity, ensuring a more streamlined and effective proposal of future resolutions.

**Resolution:** To amend Section 8.13 B.L. of the WMC to add an explanation of how an amendment is deemed “Out of Order”. To enhance transparency and understanding, the Jurisprudence Committee will not only identify resolutions deemed “out-of-order” but also provide detailed explanations for their decisions. This resolution aims to clarify the reasoning behind these determinations, ensuring that all Lodges have a clear understanding during their Spring review, and

**Whereas:** Every year, numerous Lodges propose amendments to the Washington Masonic Code and the Standard Work. It's important to note that while some of these resolutions are found to be out of order and not eligible for consideration due to a variety of reasons, they are still included in the resolution packet. We understand that many members are keen to know why certain resolutions are deemed out of order. To address this curiosity and ensure transparency, we are requesting the Jurisprudence Committee to provide detailed explanations for each resolution classified as out of order, so every member can have a clear understanding of the decision-making process, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that 8.13 B.L. be amended and to read as follows:

**Sec. 8.13 B.L.**

**Jurisprudence.** The Committee shall consider and report upon all questions, documents, papers, decisions on Masonic Law and Usage, and proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations. Should any proposed amendments be recommended to be 'Out of Order,' Jurisprudence will ensure transparency and understanding by providing an explanation alongside their decision.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Ashler Lodge No.121**

**Isiah Brazil, Worshipful Master**

**Robert Guild, Secretary**

**Resolution 2024-016  
To Amend Sec. 10.04 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** Resolution for Transparent Financial Disclosures by Washington Masonic Charities (a.k.a. Washington Masonic Services).

**Resolution:** Add sections to Washington Masonic Code (WMC) to require Washington Masonic Charities to transparently report the category and dollar amount of every expenditure.

**Whereas:** Transparency is a core value within the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington (hereafter “Grand Lodge”), promoting trust, accountability, and responsible stewardship of resources, and

**Whereas:** The Grand Lodge seeks to maintain the highest standards of financial integrity and ensure that the outgoing moneys are used exclusively for legitimate and Masonic purposes, and

**Whereas:** The disclosure of outgoing monies purpose and amount will foster greater confidence among the members and the broader Masonic community, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that a new subsection of the Washington Masonic Code be added in “Section 10.04 B.L.” to read as follows:

A. (No Change)

B. Financial Transparency:

1: Disclosure Requirement

a. Washington Masonic Charities (a.k.a. Washington Masonic Services), as the official financial charitable provider for the Grand Lodge, shall be required to annually disclose any and all transactions of outgoing monies.

b. The disclosure shall include details of each transaction, such as purpose and amount, while omitting the names of the receiving parties or entities.

2: Implementation

a. The disclosure shall be made accessible to all members of the Grand Lodge through an official publication, website, or any other suitable means of communication.

b. The annual disclosure shall be made within 90 days of the end of each fiscal year of Washington Masonic Charities

c. The Grand Lodge shall designate a committee responsible for overseeing the disclosure process and ensuring compliance with this resolution.

3: Confidentiality

a. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of the receiving parties or entities, the disclosure shall refrain from including any identifiable information in the outgoing monies transactions.

- b. The designated committee mentioned in Section 2.c shall be bound by a strict code of confidentiality and shall not disclose any sensitive information beyond the scope of their responsibilities.

4: Review

- a. The Grand Lodge shall conduct periodic reviews to evaluate the effectiveness and compliance of this resolution.
- b. Any necessary amendments or improvements to the disclosure process shall be made based on the findings of the reviews.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Washington Lodge No. 4**

**Tim Hyclak, Worshipful Master**

**Gordon Johnson, Secretary**

Out of Order

**Resolution 2024-17**  
**To Amend Sec. 8.08 B.L.**

**Statement of Purpose:** Increase Accuracy of Grand Lodge Financial Reporting.

**Resolution:** To add requirements in the Washington Masonic Code (WMC), Section 8.08 Finance, to require accurate and complete financial statements be provided to its stakeholders, including those stakeholders identified in the WMC Section 1.03 Const., of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington (hereafter “Grand Lodge”).

**Whereas:** The Grand Lodge is a multi-million-dollar organization, which should pride itself on world-class fiscal management practices and reporting, and

**Whereas:** The annual financial reporting provided to the stakeholders of the Grand Lodge in the Annual Proceedings routinely includes formatting and/or calculation errors (examples available upon request), lack complete information and/or explanatory footnotes to provide context and meaning to the financial information provided, and

**Whereas:** The Grand Lodge Committee on Finance routinely states that the Grand Lodge complies with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), yet still various errors recur annually, and

**Whereas:** GAAP includes ten “Key Principles,” including that of “Sincerity” which states that a reporting entity should “...strive to provide an **accurate** and impartial depiction of a company’s financial situation” (emphasis added), and “Materiality” which states a reporting entity “... must strive to **fully disclose all financial data** and accounting information in financial reports” (emphasis added), and

**Whereas:** Although it is “... not required for non-publicly traded companies to file GAAP-compliant financial statements...,” yet the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) strongly encourages it, and it is generally viewed favorably by lenders, creditors, and investors, and

**Whereas:** The pro-forma information provided to Grand Lodge stakeholders each April includes only the current and proposed “budget” for the Grand Lodge, but does not include the Balance Sheet, Income Statement (a.k.a., Profit & Loss), or statement of cashflows for the Grand Lodge, nor does it include any of the financial statements of the related and/or subordinate entities, and

**Whereas:** The financial statements provided in Annual Proceedings do seem to include some additional information, yet lack sufficient clarity or explanation to easily identify the relationships between the various reported entities, and

**Whereas:** The confidence held by many Masons in this jurisdiction in the transparency and accuracy of the Grand Lodge’s finances is low due to the recurring errors, and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** that Section 8.08 B.L. Finance be amended as follows:

**Section 8.08 B.L.**

**Finance.** The Committee shall:

A. (No Change)

B. Examine and compare the books, papers, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary and make detailed GAAP compliant reports thereon and submit the same to the Grand Lodge before the close of each Annual Communication; and report the financial condition

of the Grand Lodge. These annotated reports should include all assets/funds owned or managed by the Grand Lodge or any affiliated or financially associated entity (e.g., various endowment funds, Washington Masonic Charities, etc., along with all incomes and expenses, and include sufficient explanatory information to enable stakeholders to fully understand the information provided.

C. Present, before the close of each Annual Communication, an estimate of the probable expenses of the ensuing year using GAAP compliant reports (giving each class of expenditure under its proper heading), and recommend the appropriation of such sums as it shall deem necessary. These should include an “actual to budget variance” report (not simply prior year and proposed budget) of incomes and expenses for the year.

D. through I. (No Change)

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Washington Lodge No. 4**

**Tim Hyclak, Worshipful Master**

**Gordon Johnson, Secretary**

Out of Order

**Proposed Grand Lodge of Washington  
2024-2025 General Fund Income Budget**

					<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>Fiscal Year Ending</b>	<b>04/30/20</b>	<b>4/30/21</b>	<b>4/30/22</b>	<b>4/30/23</b>	<b>4/30/24</b>	<b>4/30/25</b>
Grand Lodge Fee	\$ 404,842.55	\$ 475,641.51	\$ 547,952.73	\$ 641,271.67	\$ 701,560.61	\$ 782,466.25
Life Membership Fee	\$ 96,209.02	\$ 98,149.17	\$ 105,267.64	\$ 114,796.30	\$ 117,397.72	\$ 123,714.58
Lodge Membership Fee	\$ 279,000.00	\$ 216,000.00	\$ 206,400.00	\$ 199,200.00	\$ 185,112.00	\$ 175,200.00
Petitioners for Degrees	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Petitioners for Affiliation	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Interest Corporate Bonds	\$ 3,484.38	\$ 3,484.38	\$ 3,484.38	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Dividends Common/Preferred Stocks	\$ 6,342.60	\$ 6,342.60	\$ 6,342.60	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 5,400.00
Sale of Supplies / Postage	\$ 41,944.86	\$ 41,944.86	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
George Washington Memorial	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 7,713.00	\$ 7,300.00
Cell Tower Leases	\$ 26,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Youth Programs	\$ 27,900.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 24,900.00	\$ 23,139.00	\$ 21,900.00
Annual Communication Registration	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 909,973.41</b>	<b>\$ 892,512.52</b>	<b>\$ 953,797.35</b>	<b>\$1,038,317.97</b>	<b>\$1,084,772.33</b>	<b>\$1,158,430.83</b>

**Proposed Grand Lodge of Washington  
2024-2025 Operating Budget**

					<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
<b>Fiscal Year Ending</b>	<b>4/30/2020</b>	<b>4/30/2021</b>	<b>4/30/22</b>	<b>4/30/23</b>	<b>4/30/24</b>	<b>4/30/25</b>
<b>GRAND LODGE OFFICERS</b>						
GM Exp Reimbursement	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
GM Regalia	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
DGM Exp Reimbursement	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
SGW Exp Reimbursement	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
JGW Exp Reimbursement	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
GS Exp Reimbursement	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Conference Expense	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Appt GL Off. Travel Exp.	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
District Deputy Travel Exp	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
	<b>\$ 108,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 104,350.00</b>	<b>\$104,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 111,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 119,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 129,900.00</b>
<b>GRAND LODGE OPERATIONS</b>						
<b>Annual Communications</b>						
Arrangements Exp	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sessions Expense	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 46,700.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Session Equip. Replace/Repair	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 57,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 57,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 57,000.00</b>
<b>Grand Lodge Office Operations</b>						
Auditing Expense	\$ 27,650.00	\$ 27,680.00	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Awards & Recognitions	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Computer Exp/Upgrades	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Copier Lease	\$ 10,943.00	\$ 10,943.00	\$ 10,943.00	\$ 10,943.00	\$ 10,943.00	\$ 10,943.00
Data Base Annual Fee	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
Conf Of GM/GS Dues	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Masonic Svc Assoc. Dues	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Masonic Relief Dues US & CA	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00
Equip Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Equipment Replacement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
GL Regalia Replacement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Ins Lodge Liability	\$ 36,997.00	\$ 49,700.00	\$ 49,700.00	\$ 50,555.00	\$ 52,577.20	\$ 70,000.00
Insurance Deputies & Officers	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,210.00	\$ 3,338.40	\$ 3,338.40
Internet	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
Legal Fees	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Portfolio Mgr	\$ 118,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Print & Dist Code Changes	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Printing of Forms, Brochures	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Rent/Lease	\$ 69,444.00	\$ 69,444.00	\$ 70,833.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 78,750.00	\$ 81,900.00
Taxes/Annual Corp Licenses	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Telephone	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 6,100.00
Print/Distribute Proceedings	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Technology	-	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Contract Services, Misc.	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	<b>\$ 350,686.00</b>	<b>\$ 265,819.00</b>	<b>\$ 267,028.00</b>	<b>\$ 275,760.00</b>	<b>\$ 287,160.60</b>	<b>\$ 330,233.40</b>
<b>Salaries &amp; Related Expenses</b>						
GR Sec Salary	\$ 61,915.00	\$ 65,010.75	\$ 66,961.07	\$ 70,309.12	\$ 73,825.00	\$ 77,520.00
Assistant GR Secretary/Office Staff Salaries	\$ 174,415.00	\$ 175,607.00	\$ 180,875.21	\$ 189,919.55	\$ 205,188.00	\$ 217,000.00
Unemployment Comp (SUTA/FUT)	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,870.00	\$ 10,166.10	\$ 10,170.00	\$ 10,170.00	\$ 10,170.00
ESD Pd Family/Medical Lve	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 1,184.77	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,600.00
ESD LTC (Starting 07/2023)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,500.00
FICA Contribution	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,050.00	\$ 22,711.50	\$ 23,900.00	\$ 25,095.00	\$ 26,400.00
State Indust Ins (L&I)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,336.80	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,800.00
Pension, 401K ER-Match	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 8,190.00	\$ 8,435.70	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 9,345.00	\$ 9,820.00
Pension 401K ER - Admin Exp	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,880.00	\$ 6,056.40	\$ 6,060.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,750.00
Taxable Benefits	\$ 37,200.00	\$ 39,060.00	\$ 40,231.80	\$ 42,250.00	\$ 44,370.00	\$ 46,600.00
	<b>\$ 319,630.00</b>	<b>\$ 328,082.75</b>	<b>\$ 337,959.35</b>	<b>\$ 354,928.67</b>	<b>\$ 379,723.00</b>	<b>\$ 400,160.00</b>



<b>Grand Lodge Committees</b>						
Committees Exp Reimb	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Grand Lodge Loan Repayment</b>						
Home Endowment Fund Loan	\$ -	\$ 54,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
		<b>\$ 54,000.00</b>	<b>\$110,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 824,066.00</b>	<b>\$ 806,451.75</b>	<b>\$876,837.35</b>	<b>\$ 954,588.67</b>	<b>\$ 998,783.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,072,293.40</b>
<b>GRAND LODGE PROGRAMS</b>						
Educator Award/Public Schools	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
George Washington Memorial	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 7,713.00	\$ 7,300.00
Grand Master's Pin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
GL Officer Training	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00
Masonic Public Relations	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Masonic Tribune Publication	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Secretary Handbook/Training	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
VA Hospital Visitation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
State Legislative Page Scholar.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Programs	\$ 27,900.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 24,900.00	\$ 23,139.00	\$ 21,900.00
Website Development and Main	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	<b>\$ 87,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 86,060.00</b>	<b>\$ 76,960.00</b>	<b>\$ 83,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 85,912.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,260.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 911,326.00</b>	<b>\$ 892,511.75</b>	<b>\$953,797.35</b>	<b>\$1,037,848.67</b>	<b>\$1,084,695.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,156,553.40</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 909,973.41</b>	<b>\$ 892,512.52</b>	<b>\$ 953,797.35</b>	<b>\$1,038,317.97</b>	<b>\$1,084,772.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,158,430.83</b>
				<b>Projected Surplus</b>		<b>\$ 1,877.43</b>



**POOR MENTAL HEALTH IS A PLAGUE ON OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR SOCIETY. IT IS OK TO NOT BE OK, BUT IT IS NOT OK TO DO NOTHING ABOUT IT. WHEN THE DISENFRANCHISED HAVE NO PLACE TO TURN, WE WILL NEVER STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES.**

# VW WILLIAM A CLARK

## JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

### STATEMENT

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As Freemasons we are taught that "Every human being has a claim upon our kind offices, do good onto all." I have made myself available for the Grand South to promote good mental health.

### GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS

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Deputy to the Grand Master in District 14 2013-14. Grand Marshall, Pro-tem as Junior Grand Steward, Grand Standard Bearer, and Grand Lodge Temple Board Association.

### COMMITTEES

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Long Range Planning and Trial

### MASONIC RECOGNITIONS

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Hiram Award, and 25 year Achievement  
PILM in 2013

### COMMUNITY

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F.O.E. RV Club president 2 years  
Teamster Local 17 Shop Steward 2004-11  
Trustee of Produce Marketing Assoc of Los Angeles

### PROFESSIONAL

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Sales & Procurement of Tropical Fruit for Chiquita Banana  
currently Forklift Operator at Darigold

### MASONIC HISTORY

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Initiated 6/20/83, passed 8/8/83 raised 9/19/83 proficiency 12/5/83 in  
Lebanon Lodge #104.

### LODGE OFFICES HELD

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Marshall, SD, JW, SW, WM, and currently Treasurer at Lincoln Park #80

**William R Hubbard Sr.**  
Statement of Availability for **Junior Grand Warden**

**LODGE MEMBERSHIP**

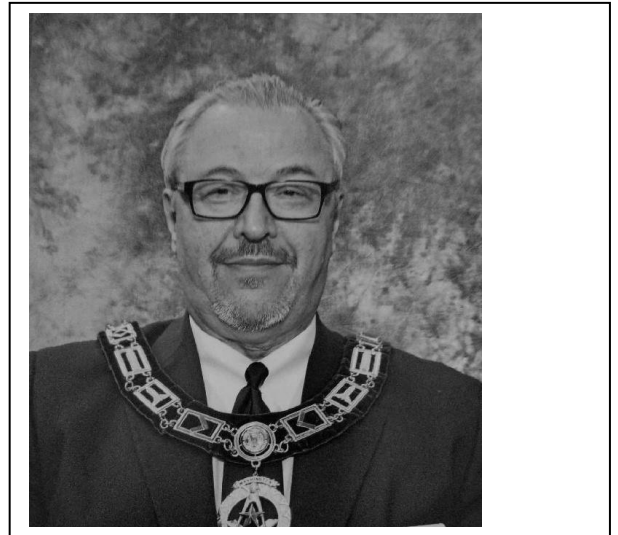
Member of Quilcene-Jefferson Lodge No. 107 - WM 2013 & 2022  
Member of Franklin Lodge No. 5 - Treasurer 2022-current  
Member of Silverdale No. 311  
Member of Grand Mound Historical lodge No. 3 Tumwater

**GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS**

Grand Lecturer 2022  
Grand Lodge Finance Committee 2015 to current  
Past Grand Lodge Arrangements  
Grand Lodge Temple Board Treasurer 2021-current  
Grand Lodge Trials Committee 2021-current

**OTHER MASONIC AFFILIATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

Masonic Charities Trustee 2018-2022 Treasurer 2022-current  
Scottish Rite Bremerton Valley-Treasurer  
Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation-VP Finance  
Knight Commander Court of Honor  
Scottish Rite Sovereign Commander Fellow-2014  
Past Chairman Membership, Scholarship Scottish Rite Bremerton Valley  
Founding member Knights of St Andrew Bremerton Valley Scottish Rite  
Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection  
Proficiency in Lodge Management 2012  
Nile Shrine- Mount Lake Terrace



**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Centrum Foundation- Port Townsend  
Spokane Area Economic Development Council – Past Member

**ACADEMICS AND CAREER**

**Education** 1975–1980 University of Washington Seattle, Wash.

- BA Political Science
- Varsity Letterman Crew Team & USA National Team Representative

**Career:** Entered the working world after college in 1980 in the Insurance and Investment field.

Held positions as Agent, Financial Advisor and District Manager with Farmers Insurance and University Securities. Responsible for Top line and bottom-line results in all areas of operation including production, Service, Loss Ratio, Recruiting, Expense Control Budgets, Promotions, Training, and day to day operations.

Joined Prudential Financial as manager of Financial Services in 1999 to 2004. Achieved Registered Principal and Registered Investment Advisor during that time. Currently own and operate multiple agencies for investments and insurance.

**OTHER:**

Family: My wife and best friend Betsy and I have three children and most recently 3 grandchildren.

Faith, Hope, Charity are not just words from masonic work, they are words to live by and aspire towards.

I enjoy the work as brothers striving towards a common goal of helping each other become better men as well as giving back to our brothers, our families, and our communities in need.

**OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN**  
**Jerrald (Jerry) Parton**

**Initiated 9/10/91**  
**Passed 1/4/92**  
**Raised 3/17/92**

**Masonic Memberships**

Shoreline Lodge #248, Past Master  
Daylight Lodge #232, Life Member  
University Lodge #141, Life Member  
Nile Shrine  
Past member, Everett Valley Scottish Rite SJ  
Teocalli #111, Order of Quetzalcoatl  
Past Master Councilor, TH Little Chapter WA DeMolay

**Grand Lodge Titles and Other Offices Held**

Deputy of the Grand Master, District 5 2020-2022  
Grand Lodge Youth Committee 2015-2018  
Seismic Task Force, Grand Lodge Real Estate Advisory Committee 2022  
Grand Lodge Real Estate Advisory Committee 2023-Present  
Deputy Member, International Supreme Council DeMolay International  
Region Deputy, Cascade Region WA DeMolay 2014-16  
Director, Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation of Washington 2014-2017  
Director, WA State DeMolay Foundation 2017-Present  
Board of Trustees, Order of Quetzalcoatl "Q Foundation for Kids"  
2018-Present  
Past Treasurer, Nile Shrine  
Past President, Past Secretary, Nile Shrine Zem Zem Unit  
Past Chairman, Shoreline Chapter Order of DeMolay  
Past Rainbow Dad, Richmond Highlands Assembly WA/ID Rainbow



**Awards and Recognitions**

Hiram Award 2010  
Grand Master's Achievement Award 2015  
Proficiency in Lodge Management 2015  
Artisan of the Year, T-111 Order of Quetzalcoatl  
Advisor of the Year (Guild of the Leather Apron)  
WA DeMolay  
Chevalier, DeMolay International  
Legion of Honor (Active) DeMolay International

We all enjoy the close friendships we find through Masonry, the bonds we share, the commitments we make to each other and the feelings that can be hard to express on why we all love the Fraternity and being a Freemason. These come with the realization; those experiences and ideals carry the weight of responsibility. A responsibility for each of us to pass down these teachings and passions to future generations. To help mentor our Brothers coming after us to be more successful than ourselves. To think of what sort of legacy we leave behind when we are gone. Grand Lodge \*must\* be a support structure for the Fraternity to accomplish this. We all have our own motivations. Mine is to help others achieve their success.

My professional career is based on service. From proudly serving as a Boatswain's Mate in the United States Coast Guard and Reserves, a small-town police officer in the 90's to currently working in Commercial Property Management, all these paths have things in common. They require empathy, commitment, resolve and a desire to make our surroundings better than what we started with.

My wife, Lynn and I are celebrating our 31st Anniversary this year and are expecting our first grandchild in October. Lynn is a past Advisor for Richmond Highlands Assembly. My daughter, Alison is a past Worthy Advisor of Richmond Highlands Assembly, as well as a past Grand Officer. Both her and her husband Jacob spent time as Advisors for Puyallup Assembly, and our family is supportive of our Masonic youth groups.

## VWB Jeremy B. Yielding

Statement of Availability – Office of the Junior Grand Warden

### Lodge Membership & Offices

Olympia Lodge #1 (Honorary)

Steilacoom Lodge #2, Past Master 2008, 2010, 2019 – current secretary

Grand Mound Historical Lodge #3

Mt. Tahoma Lodge #190

### Grand Lodge Appointments, Achievements, and Awards

Washington Masonic Services Trustee/Secretary – 2021-2024

Leadership Training Committee

- Instructor 2017-2019, 2023-present
- Chairman and Instructor, 2018-2023

Credentials Committee – 2023-present

Deputy of the Grand Master District 15 2012-2013, 2014-2016

Certificate of Proficiency (Full Standard Work, 3 years) 2017, renewed in 2020

Proficiency in Lodge Management



### Other Masonic Affiliations

Valley of Tacoma, AASR

33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Inspector General Honorary

Personal Representative of the SGIG Jan 2016 – April 2018

Member of the Speakers Bureau

### Education and Professional Experience

Cle Elum High School

Cornell University – Government and Archaeology double major, magna cum laude

- PEMCO Insurance – 1995-2014 – Property/Casualty Adjuster, Supervisor, Trainer, Project Specialist, Production Support Project Manager
- QualChoice Health – 2014-2019 – IT Project Manager Lead, IT Development Manager
- Physicians of Southwest Washington – 2020- present – Senior Project Manager, Director of the Project Management Office, VP of Operations, Chief Operating Officer (current role)

### Statement of Intent

Freemasonry is at an inflection point. It is both our privilege and our responsibility as Masons to pass the tenets of our fraternity, pure and unimpaired from one generation to another. I care deeply about that mission and am passionate about the teaching and mentoring that is at the core of what we do.

Some Lodges are having great success – engaging inquirers, vetting them to ensure they are worthy candidates, inspiring them through the degrees, and then walking along side them in their Masonic journey. Others are struggling. Every Lodge has a particular character that makes them unique. We can help each other by sharing best practices and offering resources – but we must stop, listen, and ask our Lodges what they need. I am a firm believer in intentionality and believe that a Lodge must work with a purpose and plan in mind. I know I can help in moving us forward.

**RWB Clinton M. Brown, Jr.**  
**Statement of Availability-Office of Grand Secretary**

**Lodge Memberships and Offices Held**

**Harmony Lodge No. 18**

Secretary	2014-16
Musician	2013
Master	2012
Senior Warden	2011
Junior Warden	2010
Junior Steward	2009

**Grand Mound Historical Lodge No. 3**

Marshal	2013 & 2014
Secretary	2017-current



**Grand Lodge Offices and Appointments**

Grand Secretary	2018-current
Assistant Grand Secretary	2017-2018
Assistant to the Grand Secretary	2016-2017
Deputy of the Grand Master	2015-2017
Long Range Planning Committee	2018-2020
Secretary, Treasurer & Temple Board Governance	2016-current
Grand Lodge Trial Committee	2014-2018
Research and Education Committee	2014-2016
Washington Masonic Grand Lodge Building Association	
President	2014-2015; 2017-2018
Vice-President	2013-2014
Secretary	2015-2017

**Other Masonic Affiliations, Offices Held and Recognition**

Scottish Rite Valley of Olympia - KCCH	
Afifi Temple Tacoma, WA	
Thurston Mason Shrine Club	
President	2012
Vice President	2011
Secretary	2010
Mason of the Year	2020
Grand Master's Achievement Award	2018
Proficiency in Lodge Management	2011

**Education**

Bachelor of Arts - Political Science & Speech Communications-Houston Baptist University-1990  
Juris Doctorate - South Texas College of Law- 1995

**Background**

I practiced law in Houston, Texas as a Trial Lawyer for an Insurance Defense Firm. I still hold my Texas Bar License. I have been working in the Grand Lodge office since May 2016. I am currently married to Dr. Jane Geraci. We have been married for 29 years and have two beautiful daughters, Anna (20) and Abigail (18). In my spare time, I enjoy camping, playing guitar, model railroading and spending time with my family. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve my Lodge and Grand Lodge over the past years.

## Statement of Availability – Trustee for Washington Masonic Services VWB Matthew J. Appel

I look forward to the opportunity to serve Washington Masonic Services. My experience on the boards of several different charitable organizations will enable me to support and advance the goals of WAMS to support those in need and the elderly, invest in our youth, preserve our Washington Masonic heritage at the Museum, and spread Masonic Light through our Library. The recent moves by WAMS toward developing its financial resources and narrowing its concentration on certain aspects of its mission in each of its mandated areas are welcome changes, and I look forward to helping them respond to these issues, as well as working with the Brothers of Washington in making sure we and all of our communities are served well and can benefit from this organization.



### **Relevant Outside Experience:**

- Lynnwood Food Bank Board of Directors member and Treasurer 2015-Present
- Maplewood Presbyterian Church Board member and Treasurer 2007-Present
- Presbytery of the Northwest Coast Budget Director and Treasurer 2022-Present
- Cascade View Presbyterian Church Treasurer 2013-2023
- Bats Northwest Board member and Treasurer 2002-2007

### **Masonic Experience:**

- Grand Orator 2023-Present
- Deputy of the Grand Master in District Two 2018-2020, 2023-Present
- Grand Lodge of Washington Finance Committee 2022-Present, currently serving as Secretary
- Past and present member of multiple Grand Lodge Committees including Finance, Credentials, Masonic Research and Education (chair), and Library and Museum.
- Secretary of Mill Creek Lodge No. 243 2016-Present
- WM of Robert Burns No. 243 in 2011 and 2013
- Grand Master's Achievement Award recipient 2018
- Lodge Secretary of the Year 2018-2019
- Member of Mill Creek No. 243 and Walter F. Meyer Lodge of Research No. 281
- Member of Everett Valley AASR

### **Education:**

- MBA, University of Washington, 2002
- BS in Mathematics and Physics, Washington and Lee University, 1994

### **Other Items:**

- Proud father of a majority Rainbow Girl and a DeMolay and wife to Katie Appel, CPA
- Served in United States Navy for 8 years
- Resident of Lynnwood for 22 years

## TRUSTEE, WASHINGTON MASONIC SERVICES

VWB Kurt Eckhard Gazow

Initiated 10/4/2010, Passed 4/18/2011, and Raised 6/20/2011 in North Bank No. 182 in Washougal, WA

### Lodge Memberships and Offices

- North Bank No. 182  
Junior Warden [2012]; Senior Warden [2013]
- Bellingham Bay No. 44  
Junior Warden [2016]; Senior Warden [2017]  
Worshipful Master [2018]; Secretary [2022+]
- Grand Mound (Historical) No. 3

### Grand Lodge Committees:

Technology Committee (Member 2012-Current)

Credentials (Member 2021; Chairman 2021-Current)

### Grand Lodge Appointments:

Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 10 (2020-2022).



**Appendant & Masonic Affiliated Bodies:** Scottish Rite (Life Member, Valley of Portland; Treasurer, Valley of Bellingham; Member, Scottish Rite Research Society); Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation of Washington (Director, Valley of Bellingham).

**Recognitions:** Hiram Award (North Bank No. 182, 2012); Prof. in Lodge Management (2017); Grand Master's Achievement Award (District No. 10, 2019); Marv Gwinner Award (Bellingham Bay No. 44, 2020); Mason of the Year (Grand Lodge F&AM of Washington, 2021); Knight Commander Court of Honor (Scottish Rite, Valley of Bellingham, 2021).

**Professional & Educational:** 24 years of service in public education leadership in Washington State; I currently serve as Executive Director of Educational Technology for Bellingham Public Schools in Bellingham, Washington. Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington, 1998 (German Lang. & Lit; Comparative Lit.).

**Masonic Philosophy & Statement:** At each lodge meeting, I reflect on our Closing Charge, which provides a beautiful image of our Lodge, the Outer World, and a Masons role in both. As we employ the Working Tools of our Craft in the sacred retreat of our Lodges, their exemplification in our daily lives is also our sacred charge.

**Why Washington Masonic Services?** As the charitable partner of our Grand Lodge, Washington Masonic Services is uniquely placed to server our Lodges in its three pillars of Outreach Services, Youth Investment, and Masonic Education through our Library & Museum. With such strong supports for our Lodges, whether in supporting our members in need, our youth through awards and scholarships, and member access to our rich Masonic History through the library and museum, WAMS can have a meaningful impact on every Lodge and every Mason. My goal in serving our WAMS board is to support our critical work, engage our Lodges and Masons about the work of our Charity and make the three pillars of WAMS (Outreach Services, Youth Investment, Library & Museum) meaningful and relevant in your lodge. Thank you for your consideration; I welcome the opportunity to serve.



## Statement of Availability • Washington Masonic Services Trustee

**Joseph McAlister**

**Trivium Lodge 22** (Life Member) • Past Worshipful Master (2017)

Brethren, I am making myself available for Washington Masonic Services Trustee for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Washington for the upcoming year. I have over 30 years of leadership experience in the United States Army, the BNSF Railway, and numerous Masonic and Fraternal Organizations. My desire is to learn from the past, manage the present, and lead us into the future by utilizing communication, innovation, and technology.



**Grand Lodge Appointments** • Deputy to the Grand Master for District #14 (2019-2021)

**Grand Lodge Committees** • Member of the Research and Education Committee (2016-2022)

**Grand Lodge of Recognition** • Hiram Award Recipient (2020)

### Other Masonic Recognition and Affiliations

**Pierce County Lodge of Past Masters** (Life Member) • Past President/Right Worshipful Master (2018)

**Internet Lodge 9659 United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE)** • Member

**Internet Chapter 9659 Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England (SGC)** • Member

**Valley of Tacoma Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite** (Life Member) 33° Inspector General Honorary (2023)

32° Master of the Royal Secret (2012) • Knight Commander Court of Honor (2017) • Past Venerable Master - Knights of St Andrew (2015)

Past Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection (2017) • Past Wise Master Chapter of Rose Croix (2018)

Past Commander Council of Kadosh (2015) • Past Master of the Kadosh of the Consistory (2020)

Supreme Council VMAP Advisory Board Member (2021-2023) • Building Association President (2018 - 2023)

**Tacoma Chapter #4 Royal Arch Masons** (Life Member) • Past High Priest (2017)

**Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington** • Grand Lecturer (2021-2022)

Deputy of the Grand High Priest for District #5 (2018-2020) • Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze Award Recipient (2022)

**Tacoma Council #1 Royal and Select Masters** (Life Member) • Past Illustrious Master (2017)

**Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Washington** • Deputy Illustrious Grand Master (2023-2024)

Master of the Arch for District #4 (2019-2021) • Ish Sodi Award Recipient (2018) (2021)

**Ivanhoe Commandery #4 Knights Templar** (Life Member) • Past Commander (2020)

**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington** • Grand Captain General (2023-2024)

Deputy Instructor (2020-2022) • Illustrious Knight of the Triangle Award Recipient (2023)

**Evergreen State Priory #41 Knights of the York Cross of Honor** (Life Member) • Herald

**Afifi Shriners** (Life Member) • Past Potentate (2020) • Past Mount Tahoma Club President (2017) • Past Legion of Honor Commander (2020)

**Cabrini International** (Life Member) • Member

**TACOBAT Grotto Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm** • Past Monarch (2017)

Grand Monarch's Chief Justice Award of Excellence (2016) • Grand Monarch's Monarchs Award of Excellence (2017)

**Pacific Council #30 Allied Masonic Degrees** • Past Sovereign Master (2022)

**Tahoma York Rite College #197** (Life Member) • Past Governor (2022)

Gold Honor Award Recipient (2023)

**Puyallup Teocalli #211 Order of Quetzalcoatl** • Past Comaxtli (2020)

**Tahoma Chapel #3 Commemorative Order of St Thomas Acon** (Life Member) • Past Worthy Master (2022)

**Salish Court #96 Masonic Order of Athelstan** • Worshipful Master (2023)

**St Alban Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine** • Junior General (2023)

**Invisible Lodge International** (Life Member) • Member

**Clontarf #69 Knight Masons** (Life Member) • Sentinel (2022)

**Thistle Clan Royal Order of Scotland** (Life Member) • Chieftain (2023)

### Other Fraternal Organizations

**St Joseph the Worker Council #15136 Knights of Columbus** • Past Grand Knight (2005-2006)

**James Shields 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #1168 Knights of Columbus** • Past Faithful Navigator (2015)

**California State Council Knights of Columbus** • District Deputy (2008-2010)

**Delphia Lodge #2, Knights of Pythias** • Vice-Chancellor (2023)

**Ording Aire Fraternal Order of Eagles** • Member

**Professional** • Current 26 year career as a Locomotive Engineer for the BNSF Railway after serving 7 years in the United States Army

**Masonic Philosophy** • I believe education, communication, innovation, and technology will lead us into the future, but our past must be preserved. Our ritual binds us with each other and with every Mason that has lived or will ever live. Masonry is our ritual because that is where the beauty and soul of the Fraternity resides, all of our tenets, philosophies, and wonderful mysteries reside there. Without it, we would simply be another social or charitable club. Ritual makes us unlike any other group of men on Earth. We must admit that *Freemasonry is not, and should never be, for all men*. Masonry is not a path for the lazy or those that wish to remain comfortable in their well-established beliefs, and it is not for the short-sighted, the vain, or the shallow.

VWB Jeremy B. Yielding  
Statement of Availability – Trustee WMC



### Lodge Membership & Offices

Olympia Lodge #1 (Honorary)  
Steilacoom Lodge #2, Past Master 2008, 2010, 2019 – current secretary  
Grand Mound Historical Lodge #3  
Mt. Tahoma Lodge #190

### Grand Lodge Appointments, Achievements, and Awards

Washington Masonic Services Trustee/Secretary – 2021-2024  
Leadership Training Committee

- Instructor 2017-2019, 2023-present
- Chairman and Instructor, 2018-2023

Credentials Committee – 2023-present  
Deputy of the Grand Master District 15 2012-2013, 2014-2016  
Membership Development Committee 2011-2012  
Public Schools Outreach Committee 2009-2011  
Grand Master's Achievement Award 2010  
Certificate of Proficiency (Full Standard Work, 3 years) 2017, renewed in 2020  
Proficiency in Lodge Management

### Other Masonic Affiliations

Valley of Tacoma, AASR  
33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Inspector General Honorary  
Personal Representative of the SGIG Jan 2016 – April 2018

### Education and Professional Experience

Cle Elum High School  
Cornell University – Government and Archaeology double major, magna cum laude

- PEMCO Insurance – 1995-2014 – Property/Casualty Adjuster, Supervisor, Trainer, Project Specialist, Production Support Project Manager
- QualChoice Health – 2014-2019 – IT Project Manager Lead, IT Development Manager
- Physicians of Southwest Washington – 2020- present– Senior Project Manager, Director of the Project Management Office, VP of Operations, Chief Operating Officer (current role)

### Statement of Intent

Masonic charity is at the heart of our purpose both in relation to each other and for the world at large. If we're true to our obligations, we work towards civil dialogue, promote education, and provide for those to the extent that their necessities require and our ability permits.

It has been an honor to have served as Secretary of the Board of Trustees for Washington Masonic Services for the past three years and as chairman of the Library and Museum Program Committee. I wish to continue my service to the fraternity and to help continue to advance the causes that we are so passionate about.

TRUSTEE – KANE MASONIC CEMETERY

**Jonathan E. Caverly**

Lodges of Membership and Offices Held

**Western Cascades 61**

*Thornton F. McElroy 302*

Offices held.

<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Thornton F. McElroy 302</b>	<b>2022 - 2023</b>
Secretary	Western Cascades No. 61	2016 - 2023
Master	Thornton F. McElroy 302	2013 - 2014
Sr. Warden	Thornton F. McElroy 302	2013 - 2013
Jr. Warden	Thornton F. McElroy 302	2011 - 2012
Sr. Deacon	Thornton F. McElroy 302	2010 - 2011
Jr. Deacon	Thornton F. McElroy 302	2009 - 2010
Chaplain	Thornton F. McElroy 302	2016 - 2017



Grand Lodge Offices and Committees

**Kane Cemetery Trustee**

*Elected Kane Cemetery Board Secretary Treasure*

**Technology Committee**

**Credentials Committee**

2019 - Present  
 2019 – Present  
 2014 - Present  
 2017 - 2018

**Employment**

J.E. Caverly Emergency Management Consulting  
*President*

2015 – Present

MultiCare Tacoma General & Allenmore Hospital  
**Emergency Management Coordinator**

March 2021 – October 2022

Providence Health and Services:

*Patient Care Liaison:*

*Systems Support Engineer:*

Masonic Education / Awards

Proficiency in Lodge Management

2017 – 2021  
 2015 – 2017

September 2013

**Education**

BS- Health Care Administration	University of Phoenix	2015
AA- Information Technology	University of Phoenix	2011
Washington State EMT Certificate	Tacoma Community College	1995

**Background**

Grew up in Auburn Washington and married my beautiful wife Martina in 2000 we now live in the Tacoma area. I spent many summers of my youth in rural Northeastern Oregon with my Grand Parents who were in the mortuary business. Growing up in and around the mortuary business you get to know a little about cemeteries. My first summer job was assisting my Grandfather in relocating flowers and other assorted items to the cemeteries after the services in funeral chapel. Currently I am a Volunteer (Out of District) Officer for Okanogan County Fire District 12 and their Emergency Medical Services Supervisor with responsibilities in budgeting, grant writing, and administration, this job requires me to become familiar with the Revised Code of Washington, Washington State Department of Health and various County Regulations and has given me tools that will be helpful in a role of Kane Masonic Cemetery Trustee.

I believe my life experiences provide me the skills needed for this task and I respectfully make myself available for Trustee of the Kane Masonic Cemetery.

## Grand Lodge Building Association Robert A. Thompson



### **Lodges and Offices**

Verity No. 59 – Kent, Wa

*Senior Warden 2022-2023*

*Junior Warden 2021-2022*

Frank S. Land No. 313 – Des Moines, Wa

Peninsular Lodge No. 95 – Everett, Wa **Grand Lodge Offices and Committees**

Grand Chaplain 2023-2024

Grand Lodge Building Association Board 2019-present

(Currently President)

Grand Lodge Youth Committee - Chairman 2022 -Present

### **Masonic Recognition**

25 year member 2019

Hiram Award 2022

### **Education**

AA - Electronics Engineering, DeVry University

Master Electrician – State of Washington

Certified Building Inspector – ICC

Certified Electrical Inspector - ICC

### **Professional**

After college, I spent 15 years in corporate finance, completely unrelated to my education and while this gave me excellent business experience it was not where my heart was. In 2002, with the support of my wife, I made a major career and life decision and became an electrical apprentice where I was able to attain Journeyman status after only 3 years not the typical 4-5 years. In 2008 during the economic recession I started my own electrical contracting business and by the blessing and grace of god have been able to run a successful business, support my family and in turn support 4 other families as well. Most recently, in 2021 I accepted a position with the City of Renton as their Electrical Inspector. I believe that this work experience gives me an exceptional ability to continue to serve the members and Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Washington on the Board of the Grand Lodge Building Association.

### **Family**

I have been married to my best friend and biggest supporter Helen for 25 years. We met over 30 years ago when we were both heavily involved in the Masonic Youth Organizations DeMolay and Rainbow. We have two children Hazel and Dan who are also now involved in the Youth organizations where Helen and I volunteer as advisors.

### **Masonic Philosophy**

I grew up in a Masonic family, My Great Grandfather, My father, My Uncles and almost every male role model that I ever looked up to was a mason. I am a Senior DeMolay, Chevalier, Legion of Honor and past Dad Advisor and Current Dad Advisor at Rainier Chapter as well as Rainbow Dad at Kent Assembly IORG. My Great Grandmother, Grandmother, and Mother have all been members of Eastern Star. So when I petitioned for the degrees at 21 there was no big surprise. I believe every man is on a journey and sometimes that journey takes you down different roads and at 21 my journey was not about Masonry, but in the last decade I have found a renewed zeal for masonry and the deep wisdom contained in its teachings. I am not a great man but a good man trying to be even better and believe that Masonry is the tool to make this rough ashler more perfect.

### **Personal Statement**

Over the past several years it has been my honor to serve the brothers of the Grand Lodge by being a good steward of our property in University Place. With your support I would like to continue to serve on the Grand Lodge Building Association for the 2024-2026 term.

