



THE Masonic Messenger

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May 2018

Message from the Grand Master

Brethren, you have perhaps heard of the differences of opinion between the Grand Lodge Elected line, the Board of Trustees, and some members of the Jurisprudence committee.

I have tried to keep these issues between the Elected officers, the Trustees, and Jurisprudences, except for the select few Brothers from whom I have sought advice.

The Grand Lodge line officers agree that any expense not included in the budget approved by you at the Annual Communication must be approved by the Trustees. However, the Code is clear, it is the Finance Committee who determines if an expense is covered by the budget, and which line item it falls under. The Trustees have no power to refuse payment on an expense if it falls under one of the line items in the budget you approve.

Recently, the Trustees sent a 46-page packet to every Lodge, ostensibly in the name of “openness and transparency”. Ironically, this was done without the knowledge of your Grand Master or other officers. Their packet contains a two-page cover letter and 44 pages of correspondence between

the Grand Master, and the two committees. Considering this packet, I feel you deserve an explanation of several of the incidents and act of the Trustees that led to my actions and directives.

The Grand Lodge Charity fund, managed and controlled by the Trustees has over \$4,000,000.00 in it, and every year, 25 cents of your dues goes into that fund. Every cent of the fund can be spent on charity, if needed. Yet in October 2016, when then Grand Master Rodman asked the Chair of the Trustees whether the Grand Lodge Charity fund might be used to assist 6 Brothers of the Philip Lodge who suffered losses in a prairie fire, the Chair replied “No, that’s not what that fund is for.”

In February 2017, the Line Officers attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees. At that meeting, the Trustees informed your Grand Lodge officers that the five Trustees were going into Executive Session and we could not attend. When Grand Master Rodman informed Chairman Lewis, that as Grand Master, he had a right to attend the Executive Session, Mikal Lewis essentially said, “No, you don’t”.

In March of 2017, the Trustees shifted \$80,000.00 from the General fund to the Memorial fund, without the approval of the Grand Master, an action in direct violation of the Code.

It was the intention of Elected Line officers to have the new plastic dues cards in the hands of the Craft prior to the Annual Communication in 2017, to assist in registration at that meeting. Unfortunately, due to last-minute stonewalling by the Trustees, that didn’t happen. One week after Grand Lodge, I received an email from Trustee Chairman Mikal Lewis informing me that as Chairman, he was putting a hold on the cards and they would remain in the office until an economical way to get them out could be found. Mikal Lewis issued this “order” although he had no authority to do so. It is the Finance Chair, not the Trustees, who determine if an expense is budgeted.

In July of 2017, I learned the Trustees had a conference call with our CPA firm, regarding the annual financial review. I asked for the “call-in” information, so I could take part, if I was available. Mikal replied that this was, not a meeting, and

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Notes from the Deputy Grand Master

The Masonic Code of South Dakota begins with a Table of Contents, lists the Articles of Incorporation, and leads off with the following Declaration:



We, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Dakota, in order to form a more perfect fraternal union, establish order, insure tranquility, provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft and secure to the fraternity in South Dakota the blessedness of Masonic privileges, do hereby affirm our adherence to the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry and furthermore do ordain and establish this Constitution.

Clearly, our Masonic forefathers styled our Declaration after that great document of freedom, The United States Declaration of Independence. Note how prominent the statement is on affirming adherence to the ancient landmarks “... do hereby affirm our adherence to the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry”, continuing with “furthermore do ordain and establish this Constitution”. What this means is that our Masonic forefathers are unequivocally founding South Dakota Masonry upon the ancient landmarks and ordain and establish our Constitution upon them.

The document then goes immediately into the Constitution with Article I: The Principles of Freemasonry: Landmarks; and then listing those landmarks that South Dakota Masonry was founded on. They read:

In which, insofar as they are Landmarks, it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation are as follows:

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 presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the Craft.
5. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the Craft, whatsoever and whenever held.
6. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for conferring Degrees at irregular times.
7. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for opening and holding Lodges.
8. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight.
9. The necessity for Masons to congregate in Lodges.
10. The government of every Lodge by a Master and two Wardens.
11. The necessity that every Lodge when congregated should be duly tiled.
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.
15. That no visitor not known to some Brother present as a Mason can enter a Lodge without undergoing an examination.
16. That no Lodge can interfere in the business or labor of another Lodge.
17. That every Freemason is amenable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides.
18. That every candidate for initiation must be a man, free-born and of lawful age.

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Greetings from the West

Brethren,

It has been my pleasure and honor serving as your Senior Grand Warden this past year.

As I reflect on my year as Senior Grand Warden, I am struck by all the great works that were accomplished: from the Dedication of the DC Booth presentation in Spearfish; to the Rededication Ceremonies of Lodges; to the experiences gained by visiting other Grand Lodge jurisdictions; our Leadership Seminar; participation in SD CHIP events; Longevity



Awards and DeMolay Presentations; updates to MORI and OLP; Civility Award Presentations; and our membership support materials provided in the Path to Brotherhood folders to every Lodge in South Dakota; we have accomplished a lot of support to the Constituent Lodges of which I am very proud.

As Senior Grand Warden this year I focused on Leadership and how we can make better leaders to direct us into the future for Masonry in this jurisdiction. Do not forget the resources available with your District Leadership teams or any of Grand Lodge Officers. Leadership starts with you and to become a better leader you must have initiative and be proactive; passion for your job and the organization; and willingness to

Grand Lodge finances from potential abuse by the Trustees. If they are willing to move monies from one fund to another without the knowledge of the Grand Master as the Code requires, to hide the business of the Trustees from the Grand Master, who is elected to lead the Craft, and even to censure one of their own members for complying with the Grand Master's request, I believe you would expect no less of your Grand Master.

In every directive issued, request made or answer given, I have acted with the best interest of the Craft in mind. You elected the officer and me to lead the Craft and to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Lodges. When five Trustees and three Jurisprudence members feel they are above the Code or do not need to follow the duly ordered directives of the Grand Master, Freemasonry in South Dakota is in trouble. It is evident they intend to run the Grand Lodge by controlling the purse strings, even to the point of trying to refuse payment of expenses authorized by you at the annual communication. My every act has been to preserve the integrity of the Craft and to ensure the programs of the Grand Lodge can continue without interference.

My Brothers, I want you to contact me regarding any of these issues, as I am happy to visit with any of you about these matters.

Thank you for your support and belief in our Craft as we continue to improve Masonry in South Dakota.

Fraternally,
Yancey Smith, Grand Master

put in time to learn the excellent tenants and skills of Freemasonry. Leadership is mostly learned so work with your leaders to make you a better Mason and a better person.

One highlight of the year was attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America held at Indianapolis. In attendance were 64 jurisdictions from around the world and more jurisdictions have petitioned to become recognized for the value gained by sharing of information and especially the great breakout sessions. South Dakota is the Host Jurisdiction for the 2019 Conference of Grand Masters of North America at the Ramkota in Rapid City next February.

If you have not already signed up to be a volunteer and assist with this great event, please consider getting involved. The event may never be held in South Dakota again. Don't miss an excellent opportunity. We are looking for about

250 volunteers to assist as guides, drivers, host, etc. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Grand Lodge Office.

All Brothers need to dust off the South Dakota Masonic Code and read the rules as provided within. Start with the Declaration that precedes the Constitution. Study Article 1: The Principles of Freemasonry: Landmarks. Those 25 principles are the basis on which the Grand Lodge Constitution and By-laws are derived. These Landmarks have served us well since being incorporated into our Code in 1889 in the forming of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

Ensure that your Lodge is adequately represented at the Annual Communication in June. I look forward to seeing my Brothers as I attend meetings and events around the jurisdiction and hope to see you all in June.

RWB Harold Ireland
Senior Grand Warden

Message from the Grand Master/from page 1

I didn't need to be bothered with this, I again requested the information for the call but heard nothing. Eventually a member of the Trustees gave me that information, when I specifically asked. I later learned this Trustee was "blacklisted" by the rest of the Trustees for giving me that information and he was not copied on any Trustee communication for over two months.

Many other instances could be cited but serve these explain why I issued my directives.

I directed that the Elected officers, as Ex Officio Members, would have a vote in the meetings of the Trustees and Jurisprudence committees, which all sources cite as a right/duty of ex Officio members, unless by-laws specify otherwise. This was done to establish a checks and balance on these committees, which were obviously intent on pursuing their own agenda, rather than following the Code and directives of the elected head of the Fraternity

I directed the Trustees and Jurisprudence Committees to include your elected Officers on any communication pertaining to the business of the Grand Lodge. Two Past Grand Masters replied point blank that this was an invasion of their privacy and refused to comply.

The Code dictates that checks are to be signed by the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer/Secretary, and in the absence of one, the Deputy Grand Master. Therefore, I removed the Trustees from the Grand Lodge General Fund Checking account.

These things were done to protect the

Deputy Grand Master/from page 1

19. That every Mason must believe in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.

20. That every Mason must believe in a resurrection to a future life.

21. That a book of the law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge.

22. That all men in the sight of God are equal and meet in the Lodge on one common level.

23. That Freemasonry is a fraternal society in possession of secrets that may not be divulged to the uninitiated.

24. That Freemasonry consists of a speculative science, founded on an operative art.

25. That the Landmarks of Masonry can never be changed.

Brothers, South Dakota Masonry was founded upon the ancient landmarks. They are so paramount to our existence that our Masonic forefathers ordained and established our Constitution upon them and they set the tone for our Masonry and the remainder of our code.

They are of such high importance that they are listed in their entirety to prevent any misunderstanding of what they are. Just prior to the list of our 25 founding principles, our Constitution states "In which, insofar as they are Landmarks, it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation ..."

Masonry is unique from other fraternal organizations in many ways. Paramount among what sets us apart are the sovereignty of the Grand Master to govern all aspects of Masonry, our Rituals and degrees, and adherence to the Landmarks. We have maintained our beliefs and tenants for many centuries, not deviating from our purpose of living a higher life and bringing light to those and the world around us. All of us took an Obligation in sight of our God, on a holy book of law, in the presence of Brothers, and swore to uphold those beliefs.

Respectfully submitted,
DaNiel Wood
Deputy Grand Master

Greetings from the Grand Master

Brethren, it is hard to believe the Masonic year is almost over and another Annual Communication is almost upon us. It seems like only yesterday I was installed as Grand Master, and now it's just about over.



This year's Grand Lodge promises to be another great one. We have lots of speakers and infor-

mational presenters, some great food and some great entertainment planned for you. More information on these speakers can be found elsewhere in the Messenger.

We have a great deal of legislation to get through, as well as elections and dealing with the 8 Lodges who failed to attend last year, after being summoned by Most Worshipful Rod-

man. In all my actions this year, I have endeavored to remember all the obligations I have taken,

and to keep the best interests of the Craft at heart. I have consulted with my elected officers and others on every major decision and have governed as we believe will best benefit the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

I will long remember my time in the Grand East, and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Fraternally,
Yancey Smith
Grand Master

Greetings from the South

One of the most common phrases we use to describe Masonry is "we take good men and make them better".



What is your opinion on this phrase, is it true? I do think there are Lodges in South Dakota that this still holds true, but it certainly does not hold true for every Lodge. It needs to be something we focus more on. If we want our membership and attendance to increase, this is a must.

Becoming a better person is why many men join the fraternity or are interested in joining.

In order to make men better men, we as Masons, need to do more than just hold a business meeting. We need to get back to the basics and practice our tenets and values. More is needed. More charity, more teaching on our Masonic values, more fraternizing, practice more selfless giving, and hold higher standards.

During the North American Conference of Grand Masters in February of this year, one of the biggest eye opening presentations I witnessed was by the Masonic Renewal Committee. There was a short video of past members of Massachusetts. They were past members that were either NPD or demit and several of them explained the reasons they were no longer Masons in good standing.

Even though they may have been

Masons in Massachusetts, many of the same reasons ring true in South Dakota. I hope the video will be shared soon on the Masonic Renewal website, so every Mason can view.

The root cause of the issues comes back to doing what we say we do.

If a Lodge or a Mason wants to improve but doesn't have the tools needed, a great website to go to and get help is the Masonic Renewal Website. The website is www.masonicrenewal.org. This website has numerous tools to assist any Lodge or any Mason.

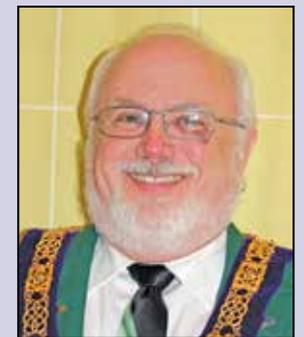
If you enjoy writing and love Masonry, there is an essay contest on the subject "What is the Purpose of the Masonic Fraternity Now and In the Future?" The essay is due November 30, 2018. For the entire list of rules, go to the website, hover over the tab labeled "2018 David R. Bedwell Essay Contest" and click on "Contest Rules".

2017 David R. Bedwell Essay Contest winners and additional entry essays are posted to the website under the same "2018 David R. Bedwell Essay Contest" tab, but click on "Essays". The essays were on the topic of "Masonic Renewal: What does it mean to you now and in the future?" I have only read a couple of the essays, but I would say they are very interesting. They are not lengthy and are easy to read. I do not know how they scored the essays, and I am glad I did not have to be a judge, as every one that I read was great.

Fraternally,
Richard Hagler, JGW

Tidings from the desk of the Grand Treasurer-Secretary

We must keep watch, because we know not when the Master comes. If you've attended a Masonic Funeral Service you have heard a phrase similar to this. Its meaning is clear. It is there to remind us that we don't know how much time we have on Earth. The only thing we can control is what we are doing while we are here.



Are our actions those that build things up or tear things down? Do we let fear and doubt overcome joy and optimism? Can we still pick up the working tool of a Master Mason and spread the cement as we have been instructed or have we forgotten the more noble and glorious purpose for that tool?

Are we sincerely trying to improve ourselves and, by the very nature of the process, improve the world around us? Or, are we chipping away at the very foundation on which we stand? When our time comes and our Brothers gather around, will their recollections of us bring happy memories or will they just sigh, nod their heads, and go on their way?

In times like these, I have more questions than answers. Also in times like these that I am reminded that I'm not supposed to have all the answers. Now is the time to study the designs laid out on the trestleboard, pick up the working tools, and return to the business at hand.

May all Brethren be safe in their travels.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Knutson
Grand Treasurer-Secretary

If you have Lodge news articles for the Messenger, please send them to the Grand Lodge for publication in the next edition.

144th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of South Dakota

Thursday, June 14, 2018

7:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.	Trustees- Breakfast with Meeting to follow
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Registration and Credentials (Pre-function Space)
9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	Jurisprudence Committee
11:00 A.M. to Noon	South Dakota Masonic Charities Meeting
11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.	Lunch on your own
12:00 Noon to 3:30 P.M.	Secretary training, MORI and OLP Training Seminar-Terry Knutson, GTS, Gwen Olson, office manager and Mark Menard, founder and CEO, Enable Labs
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	Ladies Hospitality Open
3:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.	Commission on Masonic Education Life Membership Committee
3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	SD Lodge of Masonic Research with special guest speaker, Dr. S. Brent Morris, author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry"
6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.	Social
6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.	Awards & Recognition Dinner (tickets required) Attire, Business Casual
9:00 P.M. to Midnight	Shrine Hospitality Room

Friday, June 15, 2018

6:30 A.M.	Past Grand Masters Breakfast (PGMs and GMs only)
6:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.	Breakfast Buffet (tickets required) ladies welcome
7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Welcome Center Open-Registration and Credentials (Pre-function Space)
7:45 A.M.	Dignitaries and Guests Assemble to be introduced; Attire: GL Officers – Green Coat, Tie, Jewels and Aprons; Others – Suit, tie, Jewel & Apron (as appropriate); Ladies – to compliment
8:00 A.M.	Public Opening Introductions: Presentation of Flags Welcome Remarks by Representatives of Concordant Bodies Remarks – W.B. Deach Koch, Grand Orator Necrology Service, Dan Patmore, Grand Chaplain Closing Remarks – MWGM Yancey Smith Break
9:30 A.M.	
9:45 A.M.	Tyler and assistants at Grand Lodge Door(s)
10:00 A.M.	Formal Opening of Grand Lodge (Tiled)

12:00 Noon	Joint Luncheon (ticket required) speaker – WB Patrick Craddock, owner of "The Craftsman's Apron" – History of the Masonic Apron
1:00 P.M.	Call from Refreshment to Labor
1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.	Ladies Program – Canvas 2 Paint \$20.00, pre-registration required
2:00 P.M.	Election of Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Members, Presentation and Balloting on Proposals and Resolutions
3:30 P.M.	Call from Labor to Refreshment
4:00 P.M.	Installation of 2018-2019 Grand Lodge Officers
6:00 P.M.	Social – No Host Bar
6:30 P.M.	Grand Master's Banquet; (tickets required) Formal (tux or black suit & tie, jewel) Ladies to compliment Presentations Entertainment – Steve Gilliland, Comedian and motivational speaker Benediction
8:45 P.M.	2018-2019 Grand Lodge Officer Reception and Dessert
9:00 P.M. to Midnight	Shrine Hosted Hospitality Room

Saturday, June 16, 2018

6:30 A.M.	SD Masonic Veteran's Breakfast
6:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.	Breakfast Buffet (tickets required) ladies welcome
7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	Welcome Center Open (Pre-function Space)
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Past Grand Master's wives breakfast Minerva's restaurant; all visiting PGM and GM wives invited
8:30 A.M.	Call from Refreshment to Labor
12:00 Noon	Closing of the 144th Annual Communication by the 2018-2019 incoming Grand Lodge Officers



144th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota

April 13, 2018

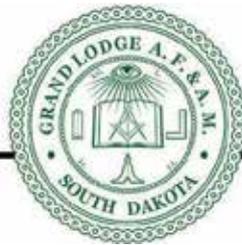
To: The Worshipful Masters of all Lodges in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of South Dakota

You are hereby summoned, with your Wardens and Past Masters (whom you will please notify), to attend the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Dakota to be opened at 10:00 AM (Mountain Daylight Time) on Friday, June 15, 2018 in the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center, 2111 N. Lacrosse, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Worshipful Masters and Wardens unable to attend will appoint qualified Proxies to attend and vote in their stead. All members must show their current 2018 Dues Card, and if attending as a Proxy, they must present a properly signed proxy card. All Master Masons, in good standing, in a recognized Lodge, are cordially invited to attend.

The Secretary of each Lodge shall read this summons in open Lodge at the first meeting after its receipt.

Yancey Smith
Grand Master



Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of South Dakota

GENERAL REGISTRATION FORM

144TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

JUNE 14, 15, & 16, 2018

**All events will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center, Rapid City, SD.
For \$119.99 room reservations, call (605) 343-8550. Indicate you are with the Grand Lodge of Masons 2018.**

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ email: _____
Lodge Name: _____ Lodge No.: _____ Title: _____

Event	Number	Price Each	Amount
Grand Lodge Registration Fee (SD Masons only)	X	\$20.00	=
GL Reception & Awards Dinner Thursday, June 15 th at 6:00 p.m.-No host bar; Dinner- 6:30 p.m. -Wild West Cookout with all beef Angus Hamburgers, Brats, garden salad, wagon trail potatoes, campfire baked beans, sweet corn and brownies	X	\$33.00	=
Breakfast Buffet (open to Masons and spouses) Friday, June 16 th 6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Scrambled eggs, bacon and Sausage, pastries, breakfast potatoes, orange juice and coffee	X	\$17.00	=
Past Grand Masters' Breakfast (PGM's and GM's Only) Friday, June 16 th at 6:30 a.m.	X	\$17.00	=
Joint Lunch (open to Masons and spouses) Friday, June 16 th at Noon-Italian Buffet with classic Italian salad, meat lasagna, chicken broccoli penne pasta in crême sauce, garlic toast, Sicilian vegetable blend	X	\$21.00	=
Ladies Canvas 2 Paint party Leave the event with a beautiful piece of art you have painted yourself, and enjoy a little wine while doing it.	X	\$20.00	=
Grand Master's Banquet Friday, June 16 th No host bar- 6:30 p.m. Dinner-7:00 p.m.-8 oz. char-broiled Top Sirloin, Garden salad, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable, dinner rolls.	X	\$38.00	=
Breakfast Buffet (open to Masons and spouses) Saturday, June 17 th 6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.- Scrambled eggs, bacon and Sausage, pastries, breakfast potatoes, orange juice and coffee.	X	\$17.00	=
SD Masonic Veterans Association Breakfast Saturday, June 17 th at 6:30 a.m.	X	\$17.00	=
Total:			

Make checks payable to **"The Grand Lodge of South Dakota"** at the address below.

Please, no later than May 26, 2018

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Entertainment lined up for the Annual Communication

The 144th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of South Dakota will be held Thursday, June 14 through Saturday June 16 at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center in Rapid City.

This year's annual communication has a great line-up of speakers and entertain-

ment that you will not want to miss.

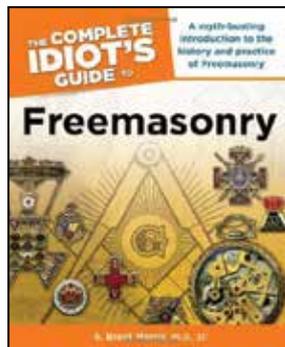
Dr. S. Brent Morris is the editor of The Scottish Rite Journal, and author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry". Dr. Morris is a noted Masonic speaker and was the first American to be

installed as Worshipful Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge #2076, the oldest research Lodge in the world. Dr. Morris will address the Lodge of Masonic Research meeting Thursday afternoon, where he will speak on "Trends Affecting American Freemasonry." He will also be the keynote speaker at the awards banquet Thursday night. That topic will be "The Curious Incident of the Exposure that Wasn't."

Patrick Craddock has spent many years of research and work at creating bespoke Masonic aprons that harken to an earlier age that has permitted him to spread that knowledge and interest to Freemasons around the country. If you have seen



Morris



his handcrafted aprons at The Craftsman's Apron, based on historic, symbolic designs, you know the detail he puts into each one. The result has been his program, "Admit Him if Properly Clothed: Three Centuries of American Masonic Regalia." Brother Patrick will present at the joint luncheon on Friday.

Mark Menard is the founder and CEO of Enable Labs. In 2004, the Grand Lodge of New York came to Enable Labs with an antiquated member management system running in DOS. They wanted to update to a unified web-based system for their internal users and their 600 local lodges.

Enable Labs designed and implemented the Masonic Online Registry Interface (MORI). MORI manages all of the member functions for the Grand Lodge and their 600 local Lodge secretaries. Integrating all of the functionality into a web application greatly decreased the paper work load for the Grand Lodge



Craddock



Menard



significantly lowering their operating expenses.

MORI has since been adopted by the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, the York Rite bodies of Massachusetts and the Order of Eastern Star of New York. MORI manages over 35% of all Masonic records in the United States. Brother Mark will host part of the Secretaries training on Thursday afternoon which begins at noon and will address both MORI and OLP.

The Friday afternoon Ladies

program will feature artistic creativity. Ladies, please join us for a great time on Friday afternoon, starting at 1:00 pm. The staff of Canvas 2 Paint will be on hand to guide you through creating your work of art, which you can take home with you. Enjoy a little wine and have some laughs. Please know that due to the cost, we do need to ask that you pay \$20.00 (less than half the actual cost) and preregister for this event. (Please see registration info elsewhere in this Messenger.) Aprons are provided, but you may want to wear something you don't mind getting dirty, just in case. The picture here is for demonstration only, and may not be the one you paint.

Steve Gilliland is a member of the Speaker Hall of Fame, and is one of the most in-demand and top-rated speakers in the world. Recognized as a master storyteller and brilliant comedian, he can be heard daily on SiriusXM Radio's Laugh USA and

Jeff and Larry's Comedy Roundup. With an appeal that transcends barriers of age, culture and occupation – plus an interactive and entertaining style – Steve shows audiences how to open doors to success in their careers, their relationships and their lives. Presenting to over 250,000 people a year, more than two million have now heard him speak, with audiences encompassing nearly three dozen industries. Steve has the distinction of speaking in all 50 states and in 15 countries. As one newspaper stated, "Steve is what happens when the humor of a stand-up comic collides with the inspiration of a motivational speaker." Steve will be out keynote speaker and entertainment at Friday night's Grand Master's banquet.



Gilliland



Ladies program

The Freemasons of South Dakota engage and inspire good men, who believe in a Supreme Being, to live according to Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Our mission is guided by the core values of our fraternity:

Freedom: Freemasons champion the liberties and values outlined in the founding documents of the United States of America.

Integrity: Freemasons strive to be honest, truthful and reliable, living in a just and upright manner.

Tolerance: Freemasons embrace diversity of opinion, religious, ethnic, cultural, social, and educational differences.

NOMINATIONS

Grand Trustee Yancey P. Smith

Most Worshipful Brother Yancey P. Smith, GM, was raised in Kennebec, South Dakota, and graduated from Lyman High School in 1986. After high school, he attended the University of South Dakota, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology.



After college, he worked for United Vending and Food Service as a cafeteria manager at several IBP plants, and at Gateway 2000, where he was responsible for meeting budget expectations and cost controls, as well as supervising food service and vending staff up to 30 people, before moving to Rapid City in 1994.

In Rapid City he has worked as a cook and kitchen manager at the Hotel Alex Johnson and Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. He also worked as a meat cutter at Western Buffalo Company, and currently works as a lifeguard at the Rapid City YMCA.

He married his wife Jean in 1994. They have two children, Abby, who is attending John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, and Will, (a Brother in Rapid City Lodge #25) who is attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with an Air Force ROTC scholarship.

Yancey has volunteered extensively with the Boy Scouts, serving in several positions, including Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and District Commissioner. He was awarded the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award in 2009, and the Silver Beaver Award in 2013.

Most Worshipful Brother Yancey was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 17, 1997 in Rapid City Lodge #25. He served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 2002-2003 and remains a member today.

Yancey is also a two-time Past Patron of Golden Link #14 OES; a member of Black Hills Chapter #25 Royal Arch Masons, Black Hills Council #3, Council of Cryptic Masons, and Schrader Commandery #9,

Knights Templar; a Past Sovereign of Black Hills Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; an Honorary 33 Degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Deadwood, and a Noble of Naja Shriners in Deadwood.

Most Worshipful Brother Yancey served the Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Deacon in 2003-2004, District 16 Custodian of the Work in 2010-2011 and District Master from June 2011 to June 2014, when he was elected to the Grand Lodge line, serving as Grand Master in 2017-2018.

In his time on the Elected line, he has become intimately familiar with the various financial workings of the Grand Lodge including investments, budgeting, profit and loss and the South Dakota Masonic Charities.

Most Worshipful Brother Yancey is nominated by Rapid City Lodge #25 and Mt. Rushmore Lodge #220.

Junior Grand Warden Jason D. Swindler

Worshipful Brother Jason Swindler was born in Missoula, Montana in May, 1973. His family ranched in Montana for several years before moving to a small farm in Wessington, South Dakota in 1980. In 1986 he moved to Deer Lodge, Montana where he attended Powell County High School.

Jason was involved in many extracurricular activities and was Senior Class President. He attended the University of Montana in Missoula and graduated with a B.S. in Pharmacy in 1996. During his time at U of M Jason was involved in Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity and served in leadership roles in the Chapter on campus.

WB Jason moved to Huron, South Dakota in 1996 where he met his wife Delores (Dee) Roy. They were married in 1997 and relocated to Mitchell where Jason was employed as a Pharmacist at Statz Drug and then Kmart Pharmacy.

In 2001 he accepted the Pharmacy Manager position at Walmart where he worked



until 2012. Jason is currently Chief Pharmacist at Lewis Family Drug in Mitchell. He has three children Avery Roy, Sydney and Aidan.

WB Jason was initiated, passed and raised in November of 2006 in Resurgam Lodge #31 in Mitchell. He is a member of El Riad Shrine, the Corn Palace Shrine Club, the El Riad Clowns, the SD Grand Chapter of Widows Sons, the Yankton Valley Scottish Rite, the York Rite bodies and a SD Civility Ambassador. WB Jason served as Master of Resurgam Lodge for 2013-2014 and District Master from 2014 to 2017. He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon in 2017.

WB Jason was nominated by the Brothers of his home lodge, Resurgam Lodge #31 and Mount Rushmore Lodge #220.

Jurisprudence Committee Richard Foltz

Richard "Dick" Foltz was born on September 29, 1952 in Winner, South Dakota. The Foltz family left Winner in 1953 and moved to Chamberlain where Dick graduated from the high school in 1971.

After high school, Dick attended the University of South Dakota (USD) at Springfield for two years before he transferred to USD in Vermillion where he graduated in 1975 with a B.S. in Government with a Criminal Justice emphasis.

After working as a counselor at the Youth Forestry Camp at Custer State Park, Dick returned to USD in 1976 to attend Graduate School where he completed his M.A. in Counseling through the School of Education in 1976.

Dick went to work for the Unified Judicial System as a Court Service officer in 1977 and retired in 2010.

Dick was raised in Incense Lodge No. 2 in 1993 and has served as its Worshipful Master on seven different occasions. He has served on the Grand Lodge membership committee and served as District Master of



District 1 in 2012-14.

Worshipful Brother Foltz was selected as the first recipient for the South Dakota Mason of the Year in 2011-12. Worshipful Brother Foltz was also Associate Guardian for the Vermillion Bethel of Job's Daughters.

Dick became a member of the Yankton Scottish Rite in 1995 and received his KCCCH in 2009 and his 33rd degree in 2013. He was appointed as a Valley Representative by the SGIG in 2014.

Worshipful Brother Foltz is also a member of the Vermillion York Rite as well as a member of the El Riad Shrine and the Yankton Shrine Club.

WB Richard is nominated by Resurgam Lodge #31.

Grand Treasurer/ Secretary Terry Knutson

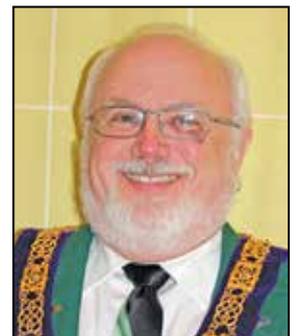
Worshipful Brother Terry Knutson was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on March 22, 1964. He graduated from Washington Senior High School and then earned an Associates Degree from National College in Rapid City.

After college he returned to Sioux Falls where he has lived ever since. He has worked in the computer industry since graduating from college and is currently employed as a computer technician at Children's Home Society.

Terry met his wife, Julia through his sister. The two started their relationship while he was still attending college and have recently celebrated 31 years of marriage. They have one daughter, Aimee, who lives in Sioux Falls with her husband, Caleb.

Terry was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in Trinity Lodge #200 in 1988. He joined the Scottish Rite and the El Riad Shriners that same year. Masonry was something that ran in the family. Several of his Great Aunts and Uncles were active in Masonry and Eastern Star in the Dell Rapids area,

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his father is Past Potentate of the El Riad Shriners, his Mother and wife are members of Ashrama Temple #97 Daughters of the Nile, and his sister Tammy and brother-in-law Jeff are Past Worthy Matron and Past Worthy Patron of Golden Link #14 Order of Eastern Star of Rapid City.

Terry is a life member of Trinity Lodge #200, a member of the Sioux Falls Valley of the Scottish Rite, El Riad Shriners, the El Riad Clowns, Classie Autos, and Ritualistic Unit, and Jasper Chapter #8 of the Order of Eastern Star. He has served on the El Riad Circus Committee for 27 years currently as Concessions Chairman, President (Big Clown) of the El Riad Shrine Clowns in 2002, Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel #1 of Job's Daughters, Associate Grand Guardian of South Dakota Job's Daughters 2005-06, SDJD Board of Trustees, Junior Deacon through Worshipful Master of Trinity Lodge serving as Master in 2013-14, and is currently serving as Venerable Master and Chairman of the Fundraising Committee for the Sioux Falls Valley of Scottish Rite.

Worshipful Brother Terry is nominated for Grand Treasurer-Secretary by Unity #130.

Jurisprudence Committee Jason Glodt

Jason Glodt is the Grand Lodge Historian and has served in that capacity for the past 3 years. He is a Past Master of Pierre Lodge 27 where he was raised a Master Mason in 2005.



Jason has served as a Senior Policy Advisor, lobbyist, and lawyer for Governors Rounds and Daugaard. Before working in the Office of the Governor, he worked as an Assistant Attorney General where he won a dozen Supreme Court cases, gained experience in litigation, and served as the director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Jason currently works as the campaign manager

for the Marty Jackley for Governor campaign.

In 1995 Governor Bill Janklow appointed Jason to serve as the student member of the South Dakota Board of Regents and re-appointed him in 1996. Jason was elected as a Pierre City Commissioner in 2003. He was re-elected to the Commission in 2006. Jason is an Eagle Scout and was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young South Dakotans in 2004.

Jason grew up in Wessington Springs before moving to Spearfish where he graduated high school. He went on to earn a B.S. degree in Political Science from Black Hills State University before earning his Juris Doctorate degree in Law from The University of South Dakota.

Jason and his wife, Michelle, have two children, Carson (10) and Allison (8).

WB Glodt is nominated by Mt. Rushmore Lodge #220.

Junior Grand Warden Daniel A. Nace

My name is Daniel A. Nace, I'm 38 years young. I have lived, and grown up, in Sioux Falls my whole life. I have two boys and two step girls (all but one is in high school) and my Lady Connie which keeps our family on the move.



I graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1998, then went to work for my family in the property management business, which I was a co-owner of until 2016 when we sold the business. I now co-own a business named Big Yeti Custom Creations, L.L.C. in Sioux Falls with a GREAT brother and friend Robert Solorzano, if you are from around Sioux Falls, you would simply know him as "Solo".

In 2012 I was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Unity Lodge #130. I have always strived to do something better in my life, for others and for my family, so becoming a Mason was, obviously, a perfect fit; and having a Great-Grandfather (member of Flandreau) and two uncles

(members of Unity #130 and Trinity #200, both of SF) that were, and are Masons seemed to make sense.

I've been a very active member of Unity Lodge #130, in Sioux Falls, for the last 6 years. I have held various positions in the Lodge, ranging from Tyler to Master, which I currently preside. I am also a member of the El Riad Shrine in Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Valley Scottish Rite 32°, a member of the York Rite Bodies of Sioux Falls, and a member of the York Rite College Pasque Du Prairie #182 of Sioux Falls.

I am running for Junior Grand Warden because I feel, that I can bring a younger, more energetic life to our Grand Lodge and great state of South Dakota. I am also running because I believe we need to work on membership, with a focus on retention and promoting stronger continuing education and participation with newer members, because, as many of you know, Masonry can and does make good men better. I am a strong believer in Freemasonry and its works, and I plan to keep the tenants of Masonry strong. I look forward to working alongside the current Grand Officer line, for all my Brothers and for the betterment of Masonry in South Dakota!

WB Daniel is nominated by Rapid City Lodge #25 and Unity Lodge #130.

Grand Trustee Glendon E. Rice Jr.

Glendon E. Rice, Jr was born on November 7, 1962 in Erie, Pennsylvania. Over the years he has been educated at The University of Alabama, Asbury College, the National Labor College, and finally South Dakota State University.



Glendon moved to Sioux Falls in August of 1987 and has called it home since then. He was an air traffic controller for more than 26 years and has retired from the position. While working for the FAA he was also active with his Union, from holding local officer positions, being a lobbyist in

Washington, DC, and being a collaboration/mediation coordinator when he finally retired.

Glendon is married and has three lovely children (most of the time). Matthew is a sophomore nursing student at SDSU, Lanty is a senior at Lincoln High School, and Arianna is a freshman at Lincoln High School. His wife Dawn is a debit card fraud claims manager for Wells Fargo.

Glendon was a member of the Sioux Falls Jaycees and was given the highest honor a Jaycee can receive when he was made a Senator of the Junior Chamber International. When he aged out of Jaycees, he was looking for something to fill that void and discovered Free Masonry.

He petitioned Unity Lodge on January 12, 2004 and was regularly initiated an Entered Apprentice, passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 28, 2004.

He furthered his education in Free Masonry when he joined the Sioux Falls Valley of the Scottish Rite. Glendon took the long form of degree work and was made a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in May of 2005.

Glendon served his Lodge as Worshipful Master 2008/2009 and has been the Secretary since 2013. He was honored by the Sioux Falls Valley with the Knights Commander of the Court of Honor in 2009 and again in 2013 when he was granted the 33rd Degree in Scottish Rite Free Masonry.

Glendon is an active member of the El Riad Shrine as a member of the Road Runners, Highlanders, Directors Staff, and sometime plays with the Big Band. Glendon is also the current Associate Bethel Guardian for Bethel #1 in Sioux Falls.

His family is equally as active with the Craft. His wife is a member of Ashrama Temple #97, Daughters of the Nile, and is on her second term as Princess Banker. Both of his sons are members of Liberty Chapter of DeMolay and have served as Master Councilor. His daughter is a member of Jobs Daughters Bethel #1, and has served in all the elected offices including Honored Queen.

Glendon is seeking a first term as Trustee of the Grand Lodge. He is nominated by Unity Lodge #130.

The key to great leaders: Listening to subordinates

Those that work under you will literally either make or break your career and/or organization. For all the training that leaders receive, the single most important part of it often is “listen to your subordinates.” Any success that I might have as a leader is a direct reflection on the type of mentorship I received from my subordinates and sage advice from superiors. So that said, here are a few characteristics of highly effective individuals that I’ve observed over the years.

Proactive

Whether you’re on a project or back in the office, an individual that both understands and anticipates implied tasks is worth their weight in gold. As a leader, time is a precious commodity. It’s the subordinates that ensure basic tasks are completed allowing a mission to go forward or to keep an organization running. They are the oil in the machine that is the organization. When people stop being proactive and become reactive, the unit basically grinds to a halt. It’s always painfully obvious when that kind of breakdown occurs. A unit can survive a poor leader; it cannot survive poor subordinates.

Know the Duty Position

It goes without saying, leaders and subordinates have different responsibilities. Just exactly what some of those are and how they are split between the two can be a bone of contention for many people. It’s not just that leaders plan and subordinates execute; there’s more to it. Organizations that understand their leader’s plan and execute it will be successful. Subordinate leaders are the senior advisers for their organizations. If officers are not using them as sounding boards and guideposts, that officer is bound to fail. When officers/leaders and subordinates understand their roles and stay out of each other’s way, it’s a beautiful thing to see. That’s when an organization can function with maximum efficiency.

Mentor Subordinates

Junior leaders are the backbone of an organization.

Subordinate leaders are trainers, confidants, institutional knowledge, conscience, and teachers of any organization. One of the finest young leaders I ever had was a quiet individual who just had the sheer presence of leadership that he carried with him everywhere. He didn’t brag, he didn’t shout; he just was the essence of a good leader. He could most often be found teaching his people everything he knew. In everything, he would work with them one-on-one until he saw the light of understanding come on in their eyes. He was training up a whole team to be like him. And sure enough, those leaders have gone on to excel – and became mentors in their own right.

Know When to Step Back

This one is hard. So many junior leaders are outstanding team leaders, and when they finally achieve a key leadership position, stepping back is a tough adjustment. In order to allow younger leaders to grow, you have to be able to step back. Of course, you can jump in if asked or if things are about to go dramatically sideways, but leaders need to learn by doing. The best junior leaders know as they advance they have to become less hands-on and pass the torch to the new person taking their place.

Guide their Superiors

Leaders should not be afraid to have two way conversations with their subordinates on the best ways to accomplish projects or tasks. Make your subordinates comfortable about asking questions or presenting ideas. This action will portray to them that they are an integral part of the team and are important. Provide clear guidance and discuss plans as to the direction or goals each team is to meet. Then take questions, provide guidance, and input to accomplish the goals. Always strive to ensure subordinates know they are a part of the team in making your organization successful.

Protect their Profession

Leaders ensure their subordinates understand and know

the ethos, values, and creed of your organization. Yes, they should steward our profession, but they should also protect it; protect the profession from those who would undermine it with toxic leadership or by breaking faith with our Brothers and fraternity.

Successful leaders understand that they set the standard that they wish to see. They also take ownership of their roles and guard them fiercely. The overall strength of the company is part of our joint responsibility as leaders at all levels. We must safeguard the profession to make sure that the right people are in the right positions.

Passion

Lastly, all leaders must have a passion for their organization and their job. While this holds true for leaders at all levels, it is especially important for junior leaders. Many subordinate leaders will see their officers but most of the time will not be working directly with them 24/7. The junior leader is the one most see and model their behavior after – or take notes on how not to be when they reach that level. In this way, the team leader and subordinate leader positions are the most powerful for effecting change. Passionate leaders imbue their own people to drive for excellence. Good junior leaders uphold the standards and traditions of the company and are fair disciplinarians, but they also realize the organization is made up of individuals and it is their duty to care for their folks.

Without empathy, they cannot truly connect with their people and make them feel like part of the larger whole. This was by no means an exhaustive list, but when you come across a junior leader that people want to work for and superiors want to work with, they by and large have these characteristics. And they make you want to hang on to them forever.

RWB Harold Ireland
Senior Grand Warden

AWARDS

Silver Star Lodge #4

(Canton, SD)

WB Richard N. Irons was awarded his 60 year pin. The pin and letter of congratulations were mailed to his home in Las Cruces, NM, on March 15, 2018.

Concord Lodge #13

(Watertown, SD)

On February 1, 2018, District Master Burt Seifel, District #4, presented a 60 year pin to Bro David M. Peterson.

Zenith Lodge #202

(Tulare, SD)

A 50 year pin and pocket certificate were mailed to Bro Thomas W. Wagner at his home address in Missoula, MT. On March 3, 2018, a 60 year pin was presented to WB Donald Bottum. The

presentation was made by WB Doug Tipton, Bro Rick Wagner, WB Alan Steinhouser, and WB Scott Roeber.

Rapid City Lodge #25

(Rapid City, SD)

On February 6, 2018, a 60 year pin and letter of congratulations were mailed to Bro David Vuich at his home address in Alexandria, VA.

Battle River Lodge #92

(Hermosa, SD)

District Master Jeff VanCuren, District #16, presented a 50 year pin and pocket certificate to Bro Dale L. Joebgen on February 10, 2018.

Jeptha Lodge # 121

(Hudson, SD)

A 60 year pin and letter of congratulations

were mailed to Bro Eldon C. Loe. Bro Loe currently resides in Manassas, VA.

Mobridge Lodge #164

(Mobridge, SD)

A 60 year pin and letter of congratulations were mailed to Bro Thomas A. Stangl. Bro Stangl currently resides in Ashburn, VA.

Cedar Branch Lodge #179

(Buffalo, SD)

On January 15, 2018, a 60 year pin and letter of congratulations were mailed to WB A. Dean Walker. WB Walker resides in San Marcos, CA.

Mt. Rushmore Lodge #220

(Rapid City, SD)

A 70 year pin and letter of congratulations were mailed to Bro Roy C. Snyder. Bro Snyder currently resides in Sarasota, FL.



Cedar Lodge #124

(Belle Fourche, SD)

WB Clint Bryson was awarded a 50 year pin February 27, 2018, by Cedar Lodge #124, Belle Fourche, SD. The pin was presented by WM Bob Carrico and WB Eric Jennings.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SECTION 4.11: ANNUAL DUES

Now reads:

Every chartered Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$25 for each Master Mason reported in the annual report except those who dues have been remitted and those who are Purchased Life Members. If any Lodge shall collect from a suspended member dues for the non-payment of which he shall have been suspended, such Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge that portion of the dues collected that is due it and that has not previously been accounted for.

Change to read:

Every chartered Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$35 effective for the Annual Report due February 15, 2020, for each Master Mason reported in the annual report except those who dues have been remitted and those who are Purchased Life Members. If any Lodge shall collect from a suspended member dues for the non-payment of which he shall have been suspended, such Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge that portion of the dues collected that is due it and that has not previously been accounted for.

Rationale:

It is no secret that although the decline in membership has slowed in recent years, the fact remains that we have fewer members now than in the past. Couple that with the increasing cost of operations the Grand Lodge. In recent years cutbacks have been made to the point where Services to the Lodges have suffered. A \$10 increase in the Per Capita paid to the Grand Lodge will allow the current services to continue and help the Grand Lodge to remain financially viable for the foreseeable future. Without an increase in revenue it is becoming much more difficult to operate the Grand Lodge as it should be and eventually we will not be able to honor our obligations. Submitted by the Finance Committee, Mike Rodman, PGM, Chairman

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT Section 2.75: Retirement Benefits

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Sections 1 through 6 of this Section are hereby repealed in so far as any new Grand Treasurer-Secretary, or Grand Treasurer-Secretary's employees, employed after June 1, 1992, and as to any Grand Treasurer-Secretary or employees of the Grand Treasurer-Secretary's office who are not now vested in the retirement plan and have no legal right to the benefits herein stated.

1. Scope of Retirement Plan. There is hereby provided a system of retirement benefits for the following officers and employees: The Grand Treasurer-Secretary and employees of the Grand Treasurer-Secretary's office.

2. Eligibility. Except as hereinafter provided, any person to be eligible to participate in the retirement plan must have attained the age of sixty-five years; must have rendered service in his office or employment for not less than fifteen years, and must have been retired from active duty, either by his own request, or by action of the Grand Lodge.

3. Such officer or employees retiring by virtue of age shall be paid for the duration of his life a monthly income equal to one-half of his or her average monthly salary computed on the basis of his or her highest average annual salary of any five year period of consecutive service.

4. Incapacitation. Any such officer or employee who shall have been employed for a period of ten years or more, but less than fifteen years, who becomes incapacitated by virtue of disability and shall retire at over sixty years of age, at his own request or by action of the Grand Lodge, shall be paid a monthly income for life in sums of such proportion as the number of years of his employment bears to the minimum of fifteen years.

5. Source of Funds. The Finance Committee shall provide in the annual budget a "Retirement Fund" that shall be annually accrued in an amount sufficient for the payment of benefits when required.

6. Social Security. Retirement payments due an officer or employee upon his or her retirement shall be in addition to social security benefits from the State or

Federal Government.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

Delete all current language and replace with "This section reserved for future use."

RATIONALE:

There are no longer any former employees that are covered by this retirement system, so why keep it around. This will also free up this section should it ever be needed in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glendon E. Rice, Jr

Unity Lodge #130

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT SECTION 2.09: BOARD OF CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK – QUALIFICATIONS

CURRENT:

Each newly appointed member after the first named must pass a satisfactory examination before the Board as to his proficiency in the work and lectures of this Jurisdiction before receiving his Commission. If he fails to do so, the Board shall notify the Grand Master, who shall vacate the appointment, and make another to fill the vacancy so created.

PROPOSED:

Delete in its entirety and mark the section RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

RATIONALE:

While I served on the Board of Custodians of the Work for six years I can tell you that during that time we have never done an examination of a Brother so appointed. These By-Laws are meant to govern our actions and we do not follow them. Since we are not following it, why have it in writing as a constant reminder that we make rules and then pick and choose which ones to implement.

Respectfully submitted by

Glendon Rice, Jr.

Unity Lodge #130

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT SECTION 4.20: NO SUNDAY COMMUNICATIONS

CURRENT:

No Lodge in this State shall be convened on Sunday, except for funeral pur-

poses, or for the purpose of celebrating St. Johns Day by appropriate ceremonies or for Lodges conducting public ceremonies, ceremonies in public, or celebrating public events.

PROPOSED:

No Lodge in this State shall hold a Stated meeting on a Saturday or Sunday.

RATIONALE:

In today's world, jobs are such that some people have Sundays off work and are then available to receive instruction. This change would allow the Lodges to determine what day works best for them and their candidates for the purpose of conferral of Degrees and other educational purposes. The restriction on doing nothing on a Sunday was a tenant to our belief that we should keep the Sabbath Holy, yet we regularly hold meetings on other Holy days and observed Sabbaths of other recognized religions whose Sacred texts are placed upon our Alters on a routine basis. Why do we protect the Sabbath of one, and ignore the Sabbath of the others.

Respectfully submitted by Glendon Rice, Jr.
Unity Lodge #130

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT SECTION 4.79: GENERAL FEES

CURRENT:

The fees for the three Degrees of Masonry shall not be less than \$45. In addition to the regular fees required by Constituent Lodges, each mason raised shall contribute \$5 for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

PROPOSED:

The fees for the three Degrees of Masonry shall not be less than \$45. In addition to the regular fees required by Constituent Lodges, each mason raised shall contribute \$5 for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

RATIONAL:

If the proposal for Section 2:44A is adopted, the \$5 fee for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial will be covered under another section. Respectfully submitted by Glendon Rice, Jr.
Unity Lodge #130

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT SECTION 4.83: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

In January of each year, the Secretary shall mail to each member of the Lodge in arrears for nonpayment of dues, a notice of delinquency, setting forth the amount of dues then owing by him and notifying him that at the first Stated Communication in the following November, the matter of his delinquency will be considered by the Lodge unless the amount of such dues shall have been paid before said Stated Communication, and that in the absence of such payment or unless said dues shall be remitted by action of the Lodge, he may be suspended for nonpayment of such dues without further notice.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

By June of each year, the Secretary shall notify each member of the Lodge in arrears, a notice of delinquency, setting forth the amount of dues then owed and notifying him that at the first Stated Communication in November, the matter of his delinquency will be considered by the Lodge unless the amount of such dues shall have been paid, remitted, or other suitable arrangements agreed to, and that he may be suspended for nonpayment of such dues without further notice after that date.

RATIONALE:

The January date is a waste of Lodge resources. Most Lodges don't send out their dues notices until late October or November. With the due date for our dues being so close to Christmas, letting this date move from January to June allows our Brothers the opportunity to recover from the heavy Holiday spending and pay their dues in the early months of the calendar year. An added benefit of the later date is that you will catch those Brothers who legitimately forgot to send in their dues and the reminder is more pressing given the closeness to the November action date.
Respectfully submitted, Glendon Rice, Jr.
Unity Lodge #130

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X: OFFICERS-ELECTION- APPOINTMENT

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 2: At each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, a Deputy Grand Master-Grand Master Elect, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer-Secretary shall be elected by ballot.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

Section 2: At each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, a Junior Grand Warden, and a Grand Treasurer-Secretary shall be elected by ballot.
Election for Deputy Grand master-Grand Master elect and Senior Grand Warden shall only happen if a vacancy exists.

Section 7: Once elected to the position of Junior Grand Warden, the Brother shall automatically pass to the next higher office unless the Brother makes the transition to the Great Lodge on High, relocates out of the jurisdiction, or loses his standing as a member in good standing in a Lodge of this jurisdiction.

RATIONALE:

As is currently written, there are no procedures to nominate a Brother to any position other than Junior Grand Warden, and Grand Treasurer-Secretary. If we don't have the provisions to nominate, how can we elect? Adding new section 7 will explain that once elected to the position of Junior Grand Warden you will automatically advance unless something drastic occurs.

Respectfully submitted by Glendon Rice, Jr.

Unity Lodge #130

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT SECTION 2.26

Current Language: Section 2.26: [This Section Reserved]

Proposed Language: Section 2.26: Ex-officio members of committees

Ex-officio members will not have a vote in any board or committee's decisions.

Rationale: The Grand Master appoints most of the members of the appointive committees of the Grand Lodge as specified in 2.01:3. Grand Lodge elected officers are specified in the Code as Ex-officio members of the MMSATP, CHIP and Scholarship committees. The Grand Master might occasionally wish to appoint Ex-officio members to other committees, so that they could attend committee meetings, become informed of their activities and contribute input to their deliberations if requested. The size of the committees is set by Code. If Ex-Officio members were to have a vote, they would, in effect become members of the committee, expanding it's size beyond that specified in the Code.

On the other hand, members of the Board of Trustees and Jurisprudence Committee are elected by the body of the Grand Lodge to perform their specific duties. Allowing Ex-Officio members to vote would allow the Grand Master to appoint a sufficient number of Ex-Officio members to nullify the action of the individuals whom the Grand Lodge members elected to serve on those bodies.
Respectfully Submitted
Virgil D. Andersen, Past Grand Master

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT SECTION 2-29:

[THIS SECTION RESERVED]

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

[THIS SECTION RESERVED]

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

SECTION 2-29: ELECTED OFFICER TRAVEL

To the extent that the approved budget allows, elected officers of the Grand Lodge shall be reimbursed for official travel while carrying out the duties of their office.

1. Each officer covered by this Section shall submit a written report detailing his travels during his term of office. This report is to be included with any other reports presented for approval at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

2. Each constituent Lodge of this jurisdiction shall receive at least one official

visit each Masonic year. An official visit is one where the Grand Master, and/or GME/DGM, and/or SGW, and/or JGW attend and need not be a stated meeting. Designees of these listed officers shall not constitute an official visit under this section.

3. The only travel outside the jurisdiction that will be covered by the funds of the Grand Lodge shall be the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America, and the Midwest Council of Grand Lodges. All other travel outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota shall be at the travelers own expense.

4. Within one month of being installed as Grand Master, the Grand Master shall present a written proclamation listing the Lodges that are assigned to himself and the DGM/SGW/JSW for his term. (The intent being that over the course of the four years on the elected line each officer will have visited each constituent Lodge in this jurisdiction.)

RATIONALE:

We have heard for many years that the travel budget for the Grand Lodge officers is not enough to cover their travel expenses. While some Lodges have had the privilege of having a Grand officer visit them there are too many that have not had a Grand Lodge officer visit them for a few years. The Brothers that are elected to represent our jurisdiction should be covering us first; our funds are not that plentiful to allow us to continue covering the travel expenses that don't really affect what we do as a Grand Lodge. This amendment does not restrict them from traveling to other jurisdictions; it just says that the Brothers of our jurisdiction shouldn't be covering the bill for that travel. Additionally, with the addition of section 4, it is the intent that over the course of a Grand Master's four years as an elected officer of the Grand Lodge, he will have traveled to each constituent Lodge. I do realize that for the first three years, it will be possible that we will have a situation where the Grand Master will

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not have visited each Lodge, but after the fourth year, that should not be the case.

Respectfully submitted by

Glendon Rice, Jr.

Unity Lodge #130

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT

SECTION 2.44A: REVENUES

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

The revenues of the Grand Lodge shall consist of the following fees:

1. For dispensation to form a new Lodge, \$50.

2. For Charter for new Lodge, \$25.

3. For Charter for new Lodge, if no dispensation shall have been granted, \$75.

4. For each new Entered Apprentice initiated in any chartered Lodge, \$5.

5. and dues for each Master Mason reported in the annual returns of a Lodge, as prescribed in Section 4.11 of the By-Laws.

6. Any sums realized out of the property of dissolved Lodges.

7. The income from any money or property of dissolved Lodges.

8. All property whatsoever, to which the Grand Lodge is, or may become, entitled.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

The revenues of the Grand Lodge shall consist of the following fees:

1. For dispensation and Charter to form a new Lodge, \$75.

2. for each new Entered Apprentice initiated during the reporting year in any chartered Lodge, \$10. \$5 to the general fund of the Grand Lodge and \$5 to assist in covering the cost of MORI.

3. for each new Fellow Craft passed during the reporting year in any chartered Lodge, \$10. \$5 to the general fund of the Grand Lodge and \$5 to the South Dakota Masonic Charities.

4. for any Master Mason raised during the reporting year in any chartered Lodge, \$10. \$5 to the general fund of the Grand Lodge and \$5 to the George Washington National Memorial.

5. The per capita for each Master Mason reported in the annual returns of

a Lodge, \$25. With the exception of those Brothers that have purchased a life membership or have had their dues remitted by their Lodge.

6. Any sums realized out of the property of dissolved Lodges.

7. The income from any money or property of dissolved Lodges.

8. All property whatsoever, to which the Grand Lodge is, or may become, entitled.

9. any changes to the amounts listed in 1 through 5 above, shall not take effect until the second Annual Return that is filed after the change.

10. The per capita, as listed in 5 above, for any member that shall have been suspended for non-payment of dues and is then reinstated, shall be collected for the year in which he was suspended.

RATIONALE:

As it currently stands, the Grand Lodge is paid \$10 for each new Brother that completes the Degrees of Free Masonry. Of that \$10, only \$5 actually stays within the State. This proposal would increase that amount to a total of \$30, of which \$15 would get put into the general fund to be used in such a manner as the voting Brothers during the Annual Communications determine when they pass the yearly budget. The other \$15 would be split evenly between the costs of MORI, The Masonic Charities, and the George Washington Memorial.

Additionally, new section 5 has a word change from "dues" to "per capita." When we are talking about the payment to the Grand Lodge, hardly anyone uses the term dues; even the Annual Return forms list it as per capita.

New number 9 just puts into writing the time frame when new cost amounts take effect. Ex. If this proposal passes in 2018, it would be the Annual Return for 2019 that the fees would increase. This will allow the Lodges to collect the fees for the entire year that they are dues.

New number 10 just moved the payment for reinstated from old section to this one.

Respectfully submitted by Glendon Rice, Jr.

Unity Lodge #130

ARTICLE X: OFFICERS-ELECTION AND

APPOINTMENT NOW READS:

Article X: Officers-Election-Appointment

Section 1. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master-Grand Master Elect, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer-Secretary, a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Orator, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, a Senior Grand Steward, a Junior Grand Steward, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Pursuivant, a Grand Tyler, a Grand Historian, and such other officers, boards or commissions as may hereafter be created by the Grand Lodge.

Section 2. At each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, a Deputy Grand Master-Grand Master Elect, A Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer-Secretary shall be elected by ballot.

Section 3. The remaining officers in Section 1 of this Article from Grand Chaplain to Grand Historian, inclusive, shall be appointed by the Grand Master-elect.

Section 4. Any other officers, boards or commissions hereafter created by the Grand Lodge shall be elected or appointed as may be provided in the By-Laws creating them, and for such term or terms as designated in such By-Law.

Section 5. A Jurisprudence Committee of five members shall be elected, one member each year for a term of five years, at each Annual Communication, as each of the several terms of the present incumbents expire, and thereafter. Any vacancy on the Jurisprudence Committee, if filled before the next Annual Communication, shall be filled through appointment by the Grand Master from a list of not less than three nominees submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee, such appointee to serve until the next communication of the Grand Lodge when a member to the Jurisprudence Committee shall be elected for the un-

expired portion of the term. No member of the Jurisprudence committee shall be eligible to be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 6. All elections shall be by ballot, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

Change to Read:

Article X: Officers-Election-Appointment

Section 1. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master-Grand Master Elect, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer-Secretary, a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Orator, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, a Senior Grand Steward, a Junior Grand Steward, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Pursuivant, a Grand Tyler, a Grand Historian, and such other officers, boards or commissions as may hereafter be created by the Grand Lodge.

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Committee, such appointee to serve until the next communication of the Grand Lodge when a member to the Jurisprudence Committee shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term. No member of the Jurisprudence committee shall be eligible to be elected for more than two consecutive terms and no member of the Jurisprudence Committee shall serve a lifetime total of more than 11 (eleven) years.

Section 6. All elections shall be by ballot, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

Rationale: The Articles as currently written, are somewhat ambiguous as to how long a Brother may actually serve. A Brother could conceivably serve forever, so long as he took one year off after serving two consecutive terms. By implementing a lifetime total of eleven years, a Brother could be appointed to fill one year of a vacant term, and then serve two elected terms, much as is done with the President of the United States, if as Vice-President, he succeeds to the office of President by vacancy in that office. This Article would take effect with the Brother elected to the Jurisprudence Committee at the Annual Communication in June of 2019.

Submitted by,

Yancey Smith, Grand Master,

DaNiel Wood, Deputy Grand Master/
Grand Master Elect

Harold Ireland, Senior Grand Warden

Richard Hagler, Junior Grand Warden

Terry Knutson, Grand Treasurer/Secretary

SECTION 2.17: ELECTION OF TRUSTEES NOW READS:

Section 2.17: Election of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall be elected from the body of the Grand Lodge. One Trustee shall be elected each year for a term of five years, at each Annual Communication, as each of the several terms of the present incumbents expire, and thereafter.

Any vacancy in the Board of Trustees,

if filled before the next Annual Communication, shall be filled through appointment by the Grand Master from a list of not less than three nominees submitted by the Board of Trustees, such appointment to serve until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge when a Trustee shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term. No member of the Trustees shall be eligible to be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

Change to read:

Section 2.17: Election of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall be elected from the body of the Grand Lodge. One Trustee shall be elected each year for a term of five years, at each Annual Communication, as each of the several terms of the present incumbents expire, and thereafter.

Any vacancy in the Board of Trustees, if filled before the next Annual Communication, shall be filled through appointment by the Grand Master from a list of not fewer than three nominees submitted by the Board of Trustees, such appointee to serve until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge when a Trustee shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term. No member of the Trustees shall be eligible to be elected for more than two consecutive terms and no member of the Trustees shall serve a lifetime total of more than 11 (eleven) years.

Rationale: The Code, as currently written, is somewhat ambiguous as to how long a Brother may actually serve. A Brother could conceivably serve forever, so long as he took one year off after serving two consecutive terms. By implementing a lifetime total of eleven years, a Brother could be appointed to fill one year of a vacant term, and then serve two elected terms, much as is done with the President of the United States, if as Vice-President, he succeeds to the office of President by vacancy in that office. This change would take effect with the Brother elected to the Trustees at the Annual Communication in June of 2019.

Submitted by,

Yancey Smith, Grand Master,

DaNiel Wood, Deputy Grand Master/

Grand Master Elect

Harold Ireland, Senior Grand Warden

Richard Hagler, Junior Grand Warden

Terry Knutson, Grand Treasurer/Secretary

SECTION 2.19: DISTRICTS NOW READS:

Section 2.19: Districts

1. The Board of Grand Trustees shall divide this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction into Districts, each District to include approximately seven Lodges, and it may change the boundaries of said Districts from time to time after consulting the Lodges involved in the proposed redistricting to ascertain their recommendations relative to geographic and historic ties that bind Lodges together. That information should then be used to form Districts that belong together rather than arbitrarily forming new district boundaries.

2. The Board of Grand Trustees shall further divide this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction into Areas into which the Districts formed as prescribed in paragraph 1 of this Section will be placed. The Grand Master will assign himself, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden as official Grand Lodge visitors to the District meetings held in these respective Areas. Change to read:

Section 2.19: Districts

1. The Elected Grand Lodge Officers shall divide this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction into Districts, each District to include approximately seven Lodges, and they may change the boundaries of said Districts from time to time after consulting the Lodges involved in the proposed redistricting to ascertain their recommendations relative to geographic and historic ties that bind Lodges together. That information should then be used to form Districts that belong together rather than arbitrarily forming new district boundaries.

2. The Elected Grand Lodge Officers shall further divide this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction into Areas into which the Districts formed as prescribed in paragraph 1 of this Section will be placed. The Grand Master ~~will assign himself,~~

the Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master Elect, the Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden shall then assign the as official Grand Lodge visitors to the District meetings held in these respective Areas.

Rationale: As the Grand Lodge advancing line officers are the ones visiting the Lodges and District meetings and are more involved with the day-to-day happenings in those Lodges and Districts, it makes sense they should be the ones to re-District and realign the Lodges/Districts, when as it becomes necessary.

Submitted by,

Yancey Smith, Grand Master,

DaNiel Wood, Deputy Grand Master/
Grand Master Elect

Harold Ireland, Senior Grand Warden

Richard Hagler, Junior Grand Warden

Terry Knutson, Grand Treasurer/Secretary

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE V: COMMUNICATIONS CURRENT LANGUAGE:

The Grand Lodge shall hold an Annual Communication on the third Friday in June, commencing at 10 AM, at such place as may be selected by majority vote of the Grand Lodge at the preceding Annual Communication. In case of emergency, the Grand Master may postpone the date of the Annual Communication not exceeding thirty days, in which case he shall cause notice to be given the officers, members, and Constituent Lodges at least ten days prior to the third Friday in June.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

The Grand Lodge shall hold an Annual Communication on the third Friday in June, commencing at 10 AM. ~~at such place as may be selected by majority vote of the Grand Lodge at the preceding Annual Communication~~ The Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master Elect, when he is installed to that position, shall announce the location for the Annual Communication in which he will be the presiding Grand Master. In case of emergency, the Grand Master may postpone the date of

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the Annual Communication not exceeding thirty days, in which case he shall cause notice to be given the officers, members, and Constituent Lodges at least ten days prior to the third Friday in June.

RATIONALE:

We do not currently, nor have we for any of the Annual Communications that I have been present at, follow the current language of this article. This change simply puts in words what we are currently doing. Additionally, this change will allow the constituent Lodges two years advanced notice of the location of the Annual Communication and allow plenty of time to plan for their travel to attend said communication.

Respectfully submitted by Glendon Rice, Jr.

Unity Lodge #130

SECTION 5.01: LOTTERIES

Current

Permitted: It shall be permissible for a Lodge to hold a lottery (raffle) under the following conditions. That all raffles comply with the South Dakota Judicial Code Section 22:25-24. See Special Dispensation form in the Appendix.

Definition: The term "lottery" shall be construed as a "raffle". Raffle defined: a method of raising funds for a charitable purpose by the sale of tickets or chances from which the winning ticket or tickets will be selected and the pre-determined prize or prizes awarded to the holder or holders of the winning ticket or tickets.

1. That a raffle will be for the purpose of raising funds for only approved Masonic Charities.

2. That no individual Mason will benefit or make a profit from any raffle.

3. Lodge not to lose money: if any raffle fails to raise the necessary funds to cover the expense of the raffle, the members of the Lodge shall, from personal funds, pay that portion not covered by the sale of the raffle tickets.

4. The motion to hold a raffle must be seconded and passed by a 2/3 majority of the members present.

5. The Lodge must then submit a Special Dispensation form (see Appendix) to the Grand Master for approval.

6. Prohibitions: Any form of "chance enterprise" other than a raffle as herein defined, shall be strictly prohibited. No Lodge and/or no Mason shall give or attempt to give the aid or countenance of Masonry, in organized or individual form, to any other form of chance enterprise.

Change only the following

Definition: The term "lottery" shall be construed as a "raffle". Raffle defined: a method of raising funds for a charitable purpose approved by a Lodge through by the sale of tickets or chances from which the winning ticket or tickets will be selected and the pre-determined prize or prizes awarded to the holder or holders of the winning ticket or tickets.

1. That a raffle will be for the purpose of raising funds for only approved Masonic Charities or for purposes of improving the Mason/Lodge-owned building in which a Lodge shall regularly meet.

Rationale:

As the Masonic Lodges in our state continue to age, the opportunity for a Lodge to raise some funds to rehabilitate and restore our structures is essential. By making this avenue available, there may be some Lodges which will be able to save and improve their respective structures.

This also promotes the interaction between the Lodge and the community thus building new opportunities for both entities. The more that a city or a town "sees" its Masons, the stronger the bond within the community. When a Masonic structure needs repair and Masons work to improve it, they will also improve their image.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X

Current Language:

CONSTITUTION

Article X: Officers -

Election - Appointment

Section 6. All elections shall be by bal-

lot, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

Proposed Language:

CONSTITUTION

Article X: Officers -

Election - Appointment

Section 6. The Board of Trustees shall be elected from the body of the Grand Lodge. One Trustee shall be elected each year for a term of five years, at each Annual Communication, as each of the several terms of the present incumbents expire, and thereafter.

Any vacancy in the Board of Trustees, if filled before the next Annual Communication, shall be filled through appointment by the Grand Master from a list of not less than three nominees submitted by the Board of Trustees, such appointment to serve until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge when a Trustee shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term. No member of the Trustees shall be eligible to be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 7. All elections shall be by ballot, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

Rationale:

The Trustees are the directors of the South Dakota not-for-profit corporation which comprises the legal organization of the Fraternity in this state. That is an incontrovertible statement by virtue of Section 4 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of South Dakota. The current provisions for election of Trustees are set forth in the Bylaws Section 2.17 rather than the Constitution. Clarity, consistency, and the legal reality that the Trustees are the directors of the corporation mandate that the provisions for election be in the Constitution. The duties of the Trustees are properly set forth in Bylaws. Section 2.17 of the Bylaws would no longer be necessary if this amendment is adopted its provisions would be replaced with "Reserved for future use" or similar language of the same import.

Proposed by:

WB James D. Taylor, PM Resurgam

Lodge #31

Trustee of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota

March 2, 2018

Seconded in open lodge by Resurgam Lodge #31, Mitchell, on March 13, 2018

WB Craig Kelly, Master

Seconded in open lodge by St. John's Lodge #1, Yankton, on March 13, 2018

WB James H. Frey, Master

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT ARTICLE XIV

Current Language:

Bylaws

Section 2.13: Trustees-Manage Fund

The Trustees shall have the control and management of the permanent Grand Charity Fund.

The Trustees shall have the authority to invest in U.S. Government Securities such portion of the General Fund as may from time to time be set aside from said Fund for the investment by action of the Finance Committee and with the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Proposed Language:

Bylaws

Section 2.13: Trustees-Manage Fund

The Trustees shall have the control and management or the permanent Grand Charity Fund.

The Trustees shall have the authority to invest such portion of the General Fund and all other Funds of the Grand Lodge as may from time to time be set aside from said Funds for the investment by action of the Finance Committee and with the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Rationale:

For as long as any Trustee or prior Trustee can recall the Grand Charity Fund and the other surplus Funds of the Grand Lodge have been invested by the Trustees in government securities, common stocks, mortgages, corporate bonds, and other conservative financial vehicles as recommended by professional investment advisors employed the Grand Lodge. Removing the restriction to "U.S. Government Securities" and including all surplus Funds reflects both current

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practice and longstanding reality.

Proposed by:

WB James D. Taylor, PM, Resurgam Lodge #31

Trustee of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota

March 2, 2018

Proposed in open lodge by:

Resurgam Lodge #31, Mitchell,

March 13, 2018

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE XIV

Current Language:

CONSTITUTION

Article XIV: Powers of Grand Master

Section 6. To exercise the executive functions of the Grand Lodge when not in session.

Proposed Language:

CONSTITUTION

Article XIV: Powers of Grand Master

Section 6. To exercise the executive functions of the Grand Lodge; "executive functions" being defined as such supervisory authority over the employees of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, exercised in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer-Secretary, as necessary to accomplish the specific powers set forth in this Article XIV.

Rationale:

The routine, day to day, business of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota is now accomplished by an employee or employees who function under the supervision of the Grand Treasurer-Secretary pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Bylaws. The broad "executive function" statement contained in the current version of Article XIV, Section 6, presumably harkens back to the period in which the Grand Lodge had no employees and the Grand Treasurer-Secretary was the *de facto* functionary of the Grand Lodge under the *de jure* authority of the Grand Master. Today employees supervised by the Grand Treasurer Secretary discharge those functions. This amendment clarifies that the Grand Master has authority, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer-

Secretary, to discharge his powers and duties using the employees of the Grand Lodge.

Proposed by:

WB James D. Taylor, PM Resurgam Lodge #31

Trustee of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota

March 2, 2018

Seconded in open lodge by Resurgam

Lodge #31, Mitchell, on March 13, 2018

WB Craig Kelly, Master

Seconded in open lodge by St. John's

Lodge #1, Yankton, on March 13, 2018

WB James H. Frey, Master

JOINDER IN PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The undersigned members of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota join in, and second, the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, particularly the following portions:

1. Amendment to Article X, Section 6, of the Constitution;

2. Amendment to Article XIV, Section 6, of the Constitution; and

3. Amendment to Article of the Constitution;

all as proposed by WB James D. Taylor and also seconded on March 13, 2018, by Resurgam Lodge #31 and Saint John's Lodge of Mitchell and Yankton, South Dakota, respectively.

MWB Dennis Robinson, PGM, Resurgam Lodge 31

Trustee of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota

March 13, 2018

WB Steve Green, PM, St. John's Lodge

#1 Trustee of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota

March 13, 2018

PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT SECTION 4.137: ONE DAY CONFERRAL

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

The conferring of the three Degrees (EAI FC, MM) within less than a seven day period requires a Special Dispensation from the Grand Master. (see

Section 4.113.) When the three Degrees are conferred in a one day the following minimum standards must be met.

1. Each candidate who is receiving courtesy work (not a candidate of the Host Lodge) must be accompanied by a member of his Lodge and a letter from his Lodge, over the signature of the Worshipful Master and the Seal of the Lodge, clearly stating that the Candidate had submitted a Petition that had been received, referred to committee, reported on and balloted on, all in compliance with Sections 4.60, 4.61, and 4.95 through 4.99 of these laws. The letter must also request courtesy work of the host Lodge.

2. After the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree the candidate(s) will be taken into a private room and instructed by an instructor and as many assistant instructors as the Worshipful Master appoints. The candidate(s) will be instructed how to give the Step, DueGuard, Sign, Grip, and Word of an Entered Apprentice. He (they) will then return to the Lodge Room and under the direction of the instructor perform this instruction as a minimum and if the Worshipful Master is satisfied his will declare him (them) proficient on the Entered Apprentice Degree.

3. After the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree the candidate(s) will be instructed in the same manner as in 2 above how to give the Step, DueGuard, Sign, Pass Grip, Grip, and Word of a Fellowcraft. The candidate(s) will then be returned to the Lodge Room and under the direction of the instructor perform this examination as a minimum and if the Worshipful Master is satisfied he will declare him (them) proficient on the Fellowcraft Degree.

4. Following the conferral of the Master Mason Degree the candidate(s) will be instructed in the same manner as in 2. Above on how to give the Step, DueGuard, Sign, Grand Hailing Sign of Distress, Pass Grip, Password, Strong Grip or Lion's Paw. The Five Points of Fellowship, the Substitute Word and the Grand Masonic Word. The candidate(s) will be

returned to the Lodge Room and under the direction of the instructor perform this examination as a minimum and if the Worshipful Master is satisfied he will declare him (them) proficient on the Master Mason Degree.

5. A 3x5 Membership File Card will be completed on each candidate, to include his name, the name of his Lodge, the date of the conferral of the Degrees, that a satisfactory Examination of his Proficiency was completed, and the name and location of the Lodge conferring the Degrees.

6. The Host Lodge will record the proceedings of the conferral, including names of the Brethren taking the various offices in each Degree, and the names and Lodge of each candidate.

7. The Host Lodge, within no more than thirty days following the conferral of the Degrees, shall transmit to the Lodge of each new Master Mason the membership file card (paragraph 5, above) and a copy of the minutes of the meeting (paragraph 6, above.)

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

Delete all the original language and replace with the following:

The conferring of the three Degrees (EA, FC, MM) within less than a seven day period shall be authorized once each Masonic year to each constituent Lodge provided that their fees have been paid to the Grand Lodge on time for that year. In the event a Lodge desires to confer the three Degrees as listed above with less than a seven day period between each degree for a second time, a Special Dispensation will be required from the Grand Master. When the three Degrees are conferred in one day or within seven days the following minimum standards must be met.

1. The Host Lodge shall inform the Grand Secretary that they will be hosting a One Day Conferral at least 30 days in advance of the event. This notification shall be in writing and contain the signatures of the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge along with the

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seal of the Lodge.

2. The Worshipful Master or his designee shall verify that each candidate is proficient in the Steps, Due-Guards, Signs, Grips, Words, Pass Grips* and Passwords* of each Degree before allowing them to proceed to the next Degree. (* if there is one for that Degree)

3. After the Second Section of the Master Mason Degree is completed, the Worshipful Master, or his designee, shall verify that each candidate is proficient with the Step, Due-Guard and Sign, Grand Hailing Sign of Distress (and the words that are annexed to it), Pass Grip, Password, Strong Grip of the Lion's Paw, the Five Points of Fellowship, and the

Substitute Word. Once completed the candidates shall be returned to the Lodge room to complete the Degree.

4. Within 30 days of the completion of the One Day Conferral the Host Lodge shall submit to the Grand Secretary a list of the names of the candidates, Lodges, and MORI number of those Brothers who completed their degree that day and the name of the Brother who oversaw the proficiency work if other than the Worshipful Master.

RATIONALE:

The use of the One Day Conferral should not be at the discretion of the Grand Master. This change would allow each constituent Lodge, which has timely paid their Grand Lodge per capita, the

right to confer the Degrees in a One Day setting once each Masonic year with some added requirements. The notification to the Grand Secretary ensures the number of times a Lodge has conferred the Degrees in this manner.

Deleting Section 1 of the current By-Laws deletes redundancy.

Combining the requirements of Current Sections 2 and 3 into the Proposed Section 2 saves space.

By having instruction as stated in the Proposed Section 3 between the 2 nd and 3rd Sections of the Master Mason Degree, it allows the candidates to make their proficiency prior to actually signing the By-Laws of their Lodge.

Proposed Section 4 gives the Grand

Secretary the names, Lodges, and MORI numbers of all the new Brothers and lets the Office print new dues cards and mail out the new member packages.

The Current Section 5 is obsolete with the implementation of MORI.

The Current Sections 6 and 7 are redundant with other By-Laws. By signing the courtesy letter that these By-Laws require, the Lodge has already said that everything was handled in accordance with these by-laws.

Proposed by:

WB Douglas N. Papendick
Past Master, Resurgam Lodge #31

March 14, 2018

WB Jason Swindler, Past Master,
Resurgam Lodge #31, March 14, 2018

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