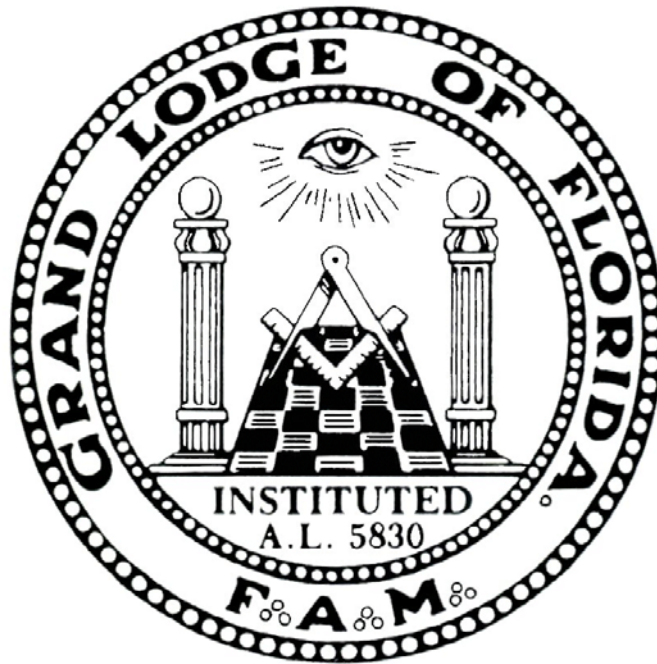


The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
of
Free and Accepted Masons of Florida



PROPOSED LEGISLATION
STATEMENT OF CONDITION
AND
PROPOSED BUDGET
2017

M.:W.: STANLEY L. HUDSON, GRAND MASTER

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RESOLUTION AS TO ELIGIBILITY OF JUNIOR WARDEN OF PARTICULAR LODGES

WHEREAS, the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida stipulates and defines the limits of the responsibilities and authority of the principal Officers of Particular Lodges; and

WHEREAS, a basic working knowledge of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida will facilitate the principal Officers in governing the Lodge; and

WHEREAS, there is a commitment by the principal Officers of the Lodge to govern within the boundaries set forth in the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial it has been the tradition for the Lodges of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida to be governed within the boundaries as set forth in the Digest; and

WHEREAS, the Master Mason Exams I, II, and III provide a basis for familiarization with the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Chapter 19, under Eligibility, Regulation 19.03.2 (page 183) be added to read as follows:

19.03.2 Every Brother who is nominated and elected to the office of Junior Warden of any Particular Lodge shall have completed Master Mason Exam I, Master Mason Exam II, and Master Mason Exam III before his installation to that office.

Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.D.D.G.M., Holyrood Lodge No. 257

R.: W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M., Merritt Island Lodge No. 353

R.: W.: James W. McQuigg, P.D.D.G.M., Placid Lodge No. 282

R.: W.: William J. "Joe" Paul, P.D.D.G.M., Tupelo Lodge No. 289

W.: David P. Thomas, P.M., William B. Barnett Lodge No. 187

W.: Robert L. Fitzgerald, Jr., P.M., High Springs Lodge No. 137

R.: W.: Edward M. Sexton, P.D.D.G.M., Mokanna Lodge No. 329

W.: Tomas Izquierdo, P.M., Universal Lodge No. 178

R.: W.: Thomas A. Elliott, P.D.D.G.M., Veritas Lodge No. 396

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND PARTICIPATION BY ALLOWING ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFT PARTICIPATION IN CONFERRING DEGREES

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Florida and the Particular Lodges are seeking ways to promote membership development, member retention, and participation in our Lodges; and

WHEREAS, participation and activity support the very foundation of our Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, allowing Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Brothers to participate in the conferral of Degrees keeps them active in Lodge activities and promotes Masonic Education; and

WHEREAS, the definition of “Degree Team” as stated in Chapter 38, Regulation 38.19 is not defined; and

WHEREAS, a Lodge’s Degree Team may consist of any capable Brother as deemed proficient by the Worshipful Master for the conferral of Degrees as indicated in Regulation 38.18 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Regulation 38.18, DEGREE WORK, be amended as follows:

38.18 The Worshipful Master may permit any proficient Brother Mason, including Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, to confer the Degrees, or otherwise participate in such Degree Work, in his presence, in the Lodge; but the Worshipful Master, or acting Worshipful Master, who confers the Degrees, or permits the same, or any portion thereof, should not permit the same to be conferred in any Lodge in an improper manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the term “Degree Team” as referenced in Regulation 38.19 of the Digest of Masonic Law be defined as “any organized traveling team for the purpose of conferring Degrees”, and Regulation 38.19, DEGREE TEAMS, be amended as follows:

38.19 The Grand Master may, in the exercise of great caution, permit the organization of Masonic Degree Teams under the following conditions:

- (a) All members of Degree Teams must be Master Masons, in good standing.
- (b) They may have such Officers as may be necessary for the harmonious handling of all matters pertaining to such teams.
- (c) No controversial question shall be discussed in meetings of the members of Degree Teams.
- (d) There shall be no special fees or dues for membership of Degree Teams. They may be financed by voluntary contributions.
- (e) Any particular type of dress for Degree Teams shall be optional including a headpiece when it is a part of a costume of the era of the legend of the Third Degree; *provided, however*, that all present shall wear aprons and the Worshipful Master or acting Worshipful Master shall be covered.
- (f) All Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge shall be observed.
- (g) No Degree Team shall undertake any function other than Degree work or conducting Masonic funerals.
- (h) The work in all Three Degrees shall conform to the Official Florida work without change or addition; all requirements of the Regulations of Grand Lodge must be complied with.
- (i) The general purpose of Degree Teams shall be to promote good fellowship among Freemasons and assist in observance of the official Florida Degree work.
- (j) The Worshipful Master of the Lodge in which the Degree is conferred shall remain in charge of all work even though he has requested a Degree Team to confer the Degree.

(k) Any function of a Degree Team shall be under the jurisdiction of a Particular Lodge and its Worshipful Master shall be responsible for their conduct.

(l) Degree Team shall be defined as any organized traveling team for the purpose of conferring Degrees in any Lodge within the Jurisdiction of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

R.: W.: Steven J. Silvers, D.D.G.M., District 22

(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)

RESOLUTION REGARDING COMMITTEE ON WORK MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Digest of the Masonic Law currently states “the Committee on Work shall be composed of not fewer than ten nor more than fifteen members, of which one must be Spanish speaking”; and

WHEREAS, this has been in effect since 2010, since which time there has been additional sets of books placed in various Lodges throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Craft voted to change the number of Zones from 10 to 7 effective in 2017; and

WHEREAS, this change has increased the distance from one corner of a Zone to the other, making it more difficult for one chairman to cover a Zone by himself; and

WHEREAS, the current allowable number of members includes the State Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Spanish Speaking member; and

WHEREAS, traditionally these three members have had their own duties and have not been able to also handle the duties of a Zone Chairman.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the wording in Article IX, Section 7, of the Constitution be amended in part to read “The Committee on Work shall be composed of not fewer than ten nor more than eighteen members, of which one shall be the State Chairman, another may be a Vice Chairman, and at least one of which must be Spanish speaking.” (2017)

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Work,

R.: W.: Jeffery L. Miller, Chairman
R.: W.: Larry W. Thomas, Vice Chairman
R.: W.: D. Timothy Harrell, Zone 1-A
R.: W.: Mark C. Dragon, Zone 1-B
R.: W.: Michael L. Lample, Zone 2-A
R.: W.: David A. Lane, Zone 2-B
R.: W.: Charles M. “Scooter” Barr, Zone 3
R.: W.: Frederick J. Latsko, Zone 4
R.: W.: Dennis C. Ricker, Zone 5
R.: W.: Fern E. “Ed” Street, Zone 6
R.: W.: A. Gary Cavanaugh, Zone 7
R.: W.: Edgar F. Lanham, Zone 8
R.: H.: John J. Carter, Zone 9
R.: W.: Joseph M. Martin, Zone 10
R.: W.: Nestor O. Rodriguez, Spanish Instructor

(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)

RESOLUTION REGARDING A REVISED, DIGITAL VERSION OF THE ADOPTED WORK

WHEREAS, the original “Forms and Ceremonies” were transcribed, written, and adopted in 1967; and

WHEREAS, this set of books is kept in a safe in the Grand Lodge Building; and

WHEREAS, each of the authorized duplicate copies of the “Forms and Ceremonies” have been made by copying the original books because there is no digital word processing version of these books that would allow the authorized copies to be printed; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Craft voted in favor of the Committee on Work preparing a merged version of the Cipher and the Floorwork Book; and

WHEREAS, when the Committee was working to prepare this merged work, there were grammatical errors and irregularities discovered between the different Degrees in the Cipher; and

WHEREAS, the Cipher must be an accurate representation of the “Forms and Ceremonies”; and

WHEREAS, the Committee does not wish to simply create this merged work without correcting these irregularities and grammatical errors; and

WHEREAS, if there was a digital copy of the “Forms and Ceremonies” all duplicate copies would be able to be quickly and inexpensively printed at the Grand Lodge Building using the existing safeguards and procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the digital copy of the EA, FC, MM1, and MM2 Forms and Ceremonies that have been prepared by the Committee on Work including the corrections to the irregularities, grammar, punctuations, and etc., but not including any changes in the way these Degrees would be spoken, be adopted as the current copy of these volumes of the official “Forms and Ceremonies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cipher be revised to accurately reflect these corrections, ensuring that the Cipher is an accurate reflection of the “Forms and Ceremonies” as it is supposed to be.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Work be requested and authorized to prepare digital copies of the other books that are part of the “Forms and Ceremonies” so that a digital copy will exist of all books.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Work be requested and authorized to print all new duplicate copies of these books as they become available, and that these books be used to replace the existing books that exist in the various safes throughout the state.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Work,

- R.: W.: Jeffery L. Miller, Chairman
- R.: W.: D. Timothy Harrell, Zone 1-A
- R.: W.: Michael L. Lample, Zone 2-A
- R.: W.: Charles M. “Scooter” Barr, Zone 3
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- R.: W.: Joseph M. Martin, Zone 10

(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND CHAPTER 48 MASONIC HOME
TRUSTEES OF MASONIC HOME AND EMERGENCY RELIEF
ADMISSION OF NON-MASONS TO THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA
UNDER THE PRIVATE PAY PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Craft has taken a moral obligation to take care of our worthy distressed Brother Master Masons and Widows. Accordingly, we own and operate a Five Star skilled nursing and assisted living facility to meet that obligation; and

WHEREAS, according to the budget for the Masonic Home the cost of running the Home for the fiscal year 2016 – 2017 is \$8,550,729. The historically consistent anticipated income for the same period is \$2,302,356 earned from resident’s fees and \$1,135,540 from the Private Pay Program. The shortfall of \$5,112,883 will be taken from the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. Over the last ten years, the average withdrawal from the Endowment Fund is \$4,149,617 a year; and

WHEREAS, the Endowment and Investment Committee has advised the Board of Trustees that with Florida’s adoption of the “Prudent Man Act” (F.S. 617.2104 Florida Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act), we will no longer be allowed to withdraw more than 4.5% annually from the Endowment Fund. The current budget requires a withdrawal of 6.25% from the Endowment Fund. During the last ten years we have taken from the Endowment Fund an average of 6% of the total every year; and

WHEREAS, the Masonic Home is licensed for a capacity of 187 residents and the average monthly census, according to the last annual report, is 94. The highest census recorded since 2001 was 125 residents. The observed trend is that our income is declining and our costs are increasing while the Home is under occupied. Increasing the number of Private Pay residents in the Home is the surest way to increase revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Private Pay admissions plan was instituted in 2007 allowing Masons, their wives, widows, mothers, and fathers or ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star from all jurisdictions admission to the home on a Private Pay basis. This has resulted in an increase of an average of 20 residents generating an average of \$1,000,000 of income on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, we already have non-Masons as residents in the Masonic Home of Florida (66 ladies and one father). The Board of Trustees will continue to use the same screening criteria for non-Masons now used for Masons. The Board will reserve beds ensuring there will ALWAYS be a place for Brother Masons in our Home.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Chapter 48 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida be amended to allow the Board of Trustees, with continued oversight from the Corporate Board, to allow admission to the Masonic Home of Florida to be extended to qualified non-Masons on a Private Pay basis, always reserving beds for Florida Masons.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida,

- R.: W.: J. Steven Teal, P.D.D.G.M., Chairman
- R.: W.: Ronald E. Peebles, P.D.D.G.M., Vice Chairman
- W.: Ira S. Alderman, P.M.
- R.: W.: Michael S. Binder, P.D.D.G.M.
- R.: H.: Michael L. Elliott, P.D.I.
- W.: Jay B. Kosner
- R.: W.: Brian R. Poole, P.D.D.G.M.
- R.: W.: R. James Rocha, P.D.D.G.M.
- R.: W.: D. Mark Small, P.D.D.G.M.
- R.: W.: F. Joseph Smedley, D.D.G.M.

Chapter 48, Masonic Home Regulation 3.01 amended to read:

3.01 The purpose of the Home is to primarily provide a place of comfort and security for distressed, worthy Master Masons and their wives or widows as qualified under the Life Care Plan and other residents as qualified under the Private Pay Plan as space permits. ~~, their wives, mothers, widows, fathers, and ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star.~~ Master Masons and their wives or widows admitted under the Life Care Plan will always be a priority and have a reserved bed. (2017)

Chapter 48, Masonic Home Regulation 6.03 amended to read:

6.03 Qualifications of a Master Mason, his wife, widow, mother*, father*, ~~or~~ ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star*, or other non-Masons qualified as defined in Masonic Home Regulation 6.02*, to be admitted to residency in the Masonic Home: (*as to the Private Pay Plan only) (2017)

Chapter 48, Masonic Home Regulation 6.03(e) amended to read:

(e) The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home may allocate a portion of the rooms available at the Masonic Home for use by qualified individuals as defined in Masonic Home Regulation 6.02 ~~Master Masons, their wives, widows, mothers, fathers, or ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star from any Grand Jurisdiction recognized by The Grand Lodge of Florida~~ on the Private Pay Plan. Florida Masons, their wives, widows, or mothers will have preference for admission to the Masonic Home of Florida under the Private Pay Plan. Admissions under the Life Care Plan will have preference and priority over admission under the Private Pay Plan. (2017)

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE ELECTION OF LODGE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, By-Law Section 7.02 of Regulation 24.05 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Uniform Code of By-Laws currently reads as:

7.02 Manner and Method of Election. – In the election of Officers, nominations shall be made in writing to the Lodge Secretary prior to the opening of the first Stated Communication in December. The written nomination shall also include a statement from the Brother making the nomination that the nominee has agreed to accept the position if elected. Discussions regarding nominees for office may take place among Brethren, but not in open Lodge. A majority of all votes cast, respectively, shall determine. In each succeeding ballot for the same office, when more than two (2) members are voted for, the name or names of the Brother or Brethren having the lowest number of votes, shall, by order of the Master, be dropped; and all votes cast in derogation of said order shall not be counted. (2015); and

WHEREAS, each Brother should have time to know each nominee that was nominated for each elected position for the best interest of the Craft, and should have 30 days to do such; and

WHEREAS, some Lodges do not have a Brother ready to succeed to the next elected office; and

WHEREAS, some Brothers have been elected to office and have refused the office and the Brothers of the Lodge did not know the specific Brother's position upon being elected; and

WHEREAS, whisper campaigns cause dissension within the Lodge; and

WHEREAS, while current policy may have served us well in the past, it is time for open, honest communications with each other regarding elections to allow adequate time to review the nominations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law Section 7.02 of Regulation 24.05 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Uniform Code of By-Laws, be amended as follows:

CHAPTER 24 PARTICULAR LODGES – BY-LAWS UNIFORM CODE OF BY-LAWS PARTICULAR LODGES ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7.02 Manner and Method of Election. – In the election of Officers, nominations shall be made in writing to the Lodge Secretary ~~prior to~~ **no later than** the opening of the first Stated Communication in ~~December~~ **November and no other nominations will be accepted thereafter.** ~~The written nomination shall also include a statement from the Brother making the nomination that the nominee has agreed to accept the position if elected.~~ **The nominee shall also make a statement in writing stating that he will accept the position if elected no later than the opening of the first Stated Communication in November and no other acceptance letters will be accepted thereafter.** Discussions regarding nominees for office may take place among Brethren, but not in open Lodge. A majority of all votes cast, respectively, shall determine. In each succeeding ballot for the same office, when more than two (2) members are voted for, the name or names of the Brother or Brethren having the lowest number of votes, shall, by order of the Master, be dropped; and all votes cast in derogation of said order shall not be counted. (2017)

Time of Elections shall be held according to By-Law Section 7.01 of Regulation 24.05 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Uniform Code of By-Laws.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brother Rick Wendling, Sutherland Lodge No. 174

R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master

R.: W.: Larry P. Pomeroy, District Deputy Grand Master, District 20

R.: W.: Frank X. Gaughen, III, P.D.D.G.M., Sutherland Lodge No. 174

R.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.D.D.G.M., Clearwater Lodge No. 127

R.: W.: Alan S. Rosenthal, P.D.D.G.M., St. Petersburg Lodge No. 139

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION ON DUAL MEMBERS QUALIFYING FOR A LODGE U.D.

WHEREAS, all Particular Lodges under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Florida may adopt a provision in their By-Laws allowing for Dual Membership; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 the provisions in the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida were amended to allow dual members all the rights and privileges of regular members of Florida Lodges, including the right to hold an Elected Lodge Office; and

WHEREAS, the Regulations in the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida governing the members that are eligible to sign a petition for a Lodge U.D. were never amended to include dual members.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that inasmuch as dual members enjoy all the rights and privileges of regular members, that dual members be added to the list of eligible members to sign a petition for a Lodge U.D. and Regulation 42.07 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida be amended to reflect such change.

Respectfully submitted,

M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

Regulation 42.07, 2nd paragraph, page 311, amended to read:

If no Charter is applied for, and it is desired by the members of the late U.D. Lodge to continue its Dispensation, petition for same must be presented to the Grand Master after the close of Grand Lodge, as petitions for the U.D. Lodges must be made to the Grand Master in recess, and not to the Grand Lodge while in session. None but members of Florida Lodges in good standing, dual members in good standing, and dimitted Masons, in or out of Florida, are eligible to sign petition for a Lodge U.D. and then only if dimits of dimitted Masons, and receipts for current year's dues of members of Florida Lodges, are filed with the Grand Secretary, along with the petition.

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION ON REQUIREMENTS OF AMENDING LODGE BY-LAWS

WHEREAS, Regulation 24.04 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida requires that a Lodge adopting, revising, or amending By-Laws forward an original and three copies of any By-Law amendment or new set of By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, it can be encumbering for a Lodge Secretary to make such copies if he does not have easy access to a copy machine for his use; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Secretary's Office does have easy access to a copier; and

WHEREAS, the required copies of amendments or new sets of By-Laws can be made by the Grand Secretary's Office before being forwarded to the Grand Master for approval and there will still be four copies with original signature of approval from the Grand Master for distribution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulation 24.04 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida be amended to reflect the requirement of only one copy of amendments or new sets of By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

Regulation 24.04, page 200, amended to read:

24.04 A Lodge adopting, revising, or amending By-Laws shall forward an original ~~and three copies~~ signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary under the Seal of the Lodge, with date of approval and date of adoption shown thereon to the Grand Secretary who shall forthwith examine the same as to form, regularity of procedure, and compliance with Masonic Law. If the proposal is found to have been regularly submitted, in proper form, and in compliance with Masonic Law, the Grand Secretary shall retain one copy, and the original and two copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Grand Master for approval or disapproval. Upon approval, the original shall be returned to the Lodge, one copy forwarded to the Grand Secretary for Grand Lodge files, and one copy retained by the Grand Master for his files. If the proposed By-Law is not in proper form or is contrary to Masonic Law or is not properly submitted, the Grand Secretary shall return the same to the Lodge for appropriate action.

The Committee on Masonic Digest shall, upon request of the Grand Secretary, advise him in regard to proposed amendments.

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION ON EMERITUS STATUS OF MASONIC HOME RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Regulation 26.09 of the Digest of the Masonic Home of Florida any Brother who is a resident guest of the Masonic Home shall automatically be placed on the Emeritus List of the Lodge of which he is a member; and

WHEREAS, it is not necessary to place a resident guest on the Emeritus List of the Lodge of which he is a member if he is otherwise exempt from dues and per capita, such as a 50 year exempt member; and

WHEREAS, a resident guest of the Masonic Home that is admitted under the Private Pay Plan does not necessarily meet the requirements of Regulation 26.09 to be placed on the Emeritus List of the Lodge of which he is a member; and

WHEREAS, Regulation 26.09 has not been updated since resident guests have been allowed to be admitted to the Masonic Home under the Private Pay Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regulation 26.09 be amended to reflect the fact that a resident guest should not be placed on the Emeritus List of a Lodge if he is otherwise exempt from dues and per capita and that only resident guests of the Masonic Home who are admitted under the Life Care Plan will be automatically placed on the Emeritus List of the Lodge of which he is a member unless otherwise exempt from dues.

Respectfully submitted,

M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

Regulation 26.09, page 234a, amended to read:

26.09 The terms and conditions under which members of Particular Lodges may be placed upon the Emeritus List under the authority of Article X, Section 13 of the Constitution are as follows: Each year upon proper investigation and written recommendation of its elective Officers, a Lodge may, by majority vote, place upon the Emeritus List and remit dues for such year to those members who from bodily infirmities or misfortune have become unable to pay dues, and in order for the Lodge to be exempt from the payment to the Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge Annual Revenue on such Emeritus Members, the Worshipful Master and Secretary must certify on the Lodge Return that every Emeritus Member is unable to pay dues in accord with this Regulation. Any Brother who is a resident guest of the Masonic Home under the Life Care Plan and who is not otherwise exempt from dues and per capita shall automatically be placed on the Emeritus List of the Lodge of which he is a member.

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION ON DUES CARDS

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Florida has implemented a new membership database named Circumscribe; and

WHEREAS, permanent plastic dues cards will be issued which will have an identifying photo of the member, if he so desires; and

WHEREAS, the new plastic dues cards will have a scanable QR Code that will verify if the member's current dues have been paid and indicate whether the member is in good standing or not; and

WHEREAS, the individual member will have the capability to order and pay for replacement dues cards on demand through the Circumscribe database which will be mailed directly to the member from Circumscribe provided that the member has paid all dues against him; and

WHEREAS, Regulation 25.11 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida currently allows for a printed facsimile of the signature of the Lodge Secretary and a printed facsimile of the Seal of the Lodge for other important documents; and

WHEREAS, Regulation 24.05, By-Law Section 3.03.1(f) and Regulation 26.05.1(f), currently requires an "Annual dues card shall be issued by the Lodge Secretary who shall denote Perpetual Membership thereon." With the issuance of the new permanent plastic dues cards and permanent plastic Perpetual Membership cards an annual card issued by the Lodge Secretary indicating that the member is a "Perpetual Member" is no longer necessary; and

WHEREAS, Regulation 26.05 G., currently requires "Each life member of a Lodge shall be issued an annual card evidencing such life membership." With the issuance of the new permanent plastic dues cards an annual card issued by the Lodge Secretary indicating "life membership" is no longer necessary.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida be amended to allow for a printed facsimile or graphic of the Seal of the Lodge on the plastic dues cards, amend the requirement of the signature of the Lodge Secretary, and require the signature or printed signature of the Grand Secretary on the plastic dues cards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida be amended to rescind the requirement for the Lodge Secretary to issue annual dues cards to Perpetual Members and/or Life Members.

Respectfully submitted,

M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

Regulation 26.11, page 234c, amended to read:

In order to comply with the requirements of Jurisdictions, requiring documentary evidence as a prerequisite for examination of visitors, in addition to tests already prescribed, this Grand Lodge shall furnish to the Particular Lodges or the member of a Particular Lodge a card receipt for dues, to be issued under the ~~signature of the Secretary and Seal of the Lodge~~ or a printed facsimile or graphic of the Seal of the Lodge and the Grand Lodge, having upon the reverse a Certificate attested by ~~the Seal of the Grand Lodge~~ the signature or a printed signature of the Grand Secretary under the authority of the Grand Lodge that the Lodge issuing the card is a regular Lodge holding a Charter from The Grand Lodge of Florida. The wording and issuance of the card receipts to be under Rules prescribed by the Grand Secretary, with approval of the Grand Master. The cost to the Lodges shall be the amount prescribed by the Corporate Board. (2017)

Regulation 24.05, By-Law Section 3.03.1 (f), page 206b, amended to read:

(f) A perpetual member shall owe no further dues to the Lodge of which he is a perpetual member. ~~An annual~~ A dues card shall be issued by the ~~Lodge~~ Grand Secretary who shall denote Perpetual Membership thereon. (Reg. 26.11)

Regulation 26.05.1(f), page 232, amended to read:

(f) A perpetual member shall owe no further dues to the Lodge of which he is a perpetual member. ~~An annual~~ A dues card shall be issued by the ~~Lodge~~ Grand Secretary who shall denote Perpetual Membership thereon. (Reg. 26.11)

Regulation 26.05 G., page 231, amended to read:

G. Each life member of a Lodge shall be issued ~~an annual~~ a card evidencing such life membership.

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION FOR LODGE CO-OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, certain Lodges wish to setup co-ownership of a single property and building to be shared by two or more Lodges in order to better economize their operations, cooperatively maintaining their building; and

WHEREAS, the Lodges in this jurisdiction are currently forbidden from co-ownership of a building and property by Chapter 28 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Lodges in other Masonic Jurisdictions have benefited from co-ownership of properties and those Lodges have continued to grow and be relevant in their communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we allow co-ownership of a property or building by two or more Lodges in the form of a Masonic Center Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **Chapter 28 LODGE PROPERTY, LODGE BUILDING, AND LODGE ROOM** of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida reflect the underlined changes in Regulation 28.01 to include the new language.

28.01 WHEREAS, each Particular Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction is by Act of Legislature incorporated as a separate and independent body, politic, and corporate, and as such has all corporate powers, including the right to acquire, own, hold, and convey real and personal property under its Masonic name as set out in its Charter.

THEREFORE, all Particular Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction are instructed that title to any property hereafter acquired by such Particular Lodge, either by gift, purchase, or other means, shall be held in the name of such Particular Lodge as set out in its Masonic Charter or in the name of a Masonic Center Association. All Particular Lodges are prohibited hereafter from placing the title to any of their Masonic buildings in any name other than their own unless they are organized for co-ownership in the form of a Masonic Center Association. All property ownership transactions involving a Masonic Center Association must be pre-approved by the Grand Master.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

W.: Kevin M. Gohlston, P.M., Melbourne Lodge No. 143

W.: Kirk Hall, P.M., Beach Lodge No. 354

W.: Chris Durie, P.M., Melbourne Lodge No. 143

R.: W.: Roger E. McKay, P.D.D.G.M., Melbourne Lodge No. 143

(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

RESOLUTION FOR MASONIC CENTER ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Lodges are not allowed to form a Masonic Association for the purpose of cooperatively owned property management; and

WHEREAS, Lodges in other Masonic Jurisdictions have benefited from co-ownership of properties and those Lodges have continued to grow and be relevant in their communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we allow Masonic Associations to be formed consisting of two or more Lodges for the purpose of co-ownership of a property or building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **Chapter 47 Clubs and Similar Organizations** of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida reflect the underlined changes/additions in each subsection to include the new language.

3.03 Masonic Center Association Membership. – Particular Lodges may join a Masonic Center Association by secret ballot vote and with Common Stock purchase. If a Member Lodge wishes to leave a Masonic Center Association, it will make a request to the Grand Master for his approval.

4.05 Masonic Center Association Dues. – There shall be no dues paid to the Masonic Center Association for membership.

5.05 Masonic Center Association Officers and Directors. – Each Member Lodge shall elect two (2) Directors from its membership, to serve a two-year term, alternating years. In a special bi-annual joint meeting of Member Lodges held in December, an “At Large” Director shall be elected. In this special election, each Member Lodge qualifies for up to ten (10) votes maximum, or the number of members present, whichever is less. Each year at its first Board Meeting, the Directors shall elect a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer from the Board Members. The Board will be responsible for the operation of the Masonic Center Association.

6.03 Masonic Center Association Funds. – The Masonic Center Association Board of Directors shall submit a budget to the members by November 15 to be reviewed and approved by the membership. With an approved budget, the Board of Directors will be empowered to expend funds within budgetary limits with all checks signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer.

6.04 Masonic Center Association Common Stock. – Each Particular Lodge who affiliates with the Masonic Center Association shall join by making a purchase of Common Stock in equal share and equal value to all other Member Lodges. By purchase of this Common Stock, each affiliated Particular Lodge will be granted authority to elect two (2) Directors to serve on the Board of Directors.

6.05 Masonic Center Association Preferred Stock. – Member Lodges may provide further capital by purchasing Preferred Stock with no additional voting rights. Preferred Shares will be at a stated Par Value and preferred dividends, if any, will be determined at the time of issue by the Board of Directors. Preferred Stock may be bought back by the Masonic Center Association, with approval by the Board of Directors and the Grand Master, over a period of time not to exceed 15 years.

9.02 Masonic Center Association Property. – Each Member Lodge shall have its own Lodge Room and Secretary’s Office with equal access to the Masonic Center Association facilities. Any use of common rooms will be scheduled through the Masonic Center Association’s Secretary.

10.01 Incorporation. – A Masonic Center Association shall be required to incorporate, with the approval of the Grand Lodge or its authority. All other ~~This~~ organizations may, with the approval of the Grand Lodge or its authority, incorporate as a non-profit corporation. Proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for such incorporation shall be submitted for approval before being filed with civil authorities and the provisions of these By-Laws shall be incorporated in the By-Laws of any such corporation.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

W.: Kevin M. Gohlston, P.M., Melbourne Lodge No. 143

W.: Kirk Hall, P.M., Beach Lodge No. 354

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(Jurisprudence recommends adoption.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AMEND REGULATION 5.02

WHEREAS, the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida states that except as to the incumbent Elected Grand Lodge Officers, hereinafter provided for, all nominations for election to an elective Grand Lodge Office shall be by nominating petition stating the name of the nominee, his address, telephone number (if any), and the nominee's Lodge number and shall be signed by ten (10) Master Masons in good standing in one or more of the Lodges in the same Masonic District in which the nominee is a dues paying member of some Lodge; and

WHEREAS, the petition shall contain an agreement signed by the nominee that if elected he will accept the office for which he is nominated; and

WHEREAS, the nominating petition shall be filed with the Grand Secretary on or before January 15. Upon receipt of the petition, the Grand Secretary shall note thereon the time and date of receipt and shall forthwith deliver to the nominee a form which shall provide for the nominee to furnish his personal history, Masonic record, and other pertinent information. The nominee shall sign the personal information form attesting to the correctness of the information contained therein and return the same to the Grand Secretary on or before February 1. The Grand Secretary shall note on the personal and Masonic history form the date of delivery to and receipt from the nominee; and

WHEREAS the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden shall always be in nomination for the next successive office in the Progressive Grand Lodge Line and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall always be in nomination for re-election; provided, however, such officer shall file in the office of the Grand Secretary, on or before January 15 a signed, written statement that he will accept the office for which he is nominated as herein provided. The Grand Secretary, upon receipt of the signed written statement aforesaid shall deliver to the nominee a personal and Masonic history form which shall be completed, signed, and attested as to its correctness by the nominee and filed in the office of the Grand Secretary on or before February 1, and the Grand Secretary shall note thereon the date of delivery to the nominee and the date returned to the Grand Secretary's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Secretary shall send a copy of all nomination petitions, and signed written statements of incumbent officers, and all personal and Masonic information forms of all nominees to each Particular Lodge, the Grand Lodge Elective Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the District Instructors, and Past Grand Masters on or before March 15. No other written or printed material or matter shall be distributed by mail or otherwise by, or in behalf of, any candidate or nominee for Grand Lodge Office; and

WHEREAS, in the event a vacancy or vacancies shall occur in the progressive Grand Lodge Line prior to January 15, the signed statement of an incumbent shall designate the office to which he in traditional course of events would be nominated. If the vacancy shall occur after January 15, the signed written statement of the incumbent Grand Lodge Line Officer shall be construed to be an agreement to accept the highest office to which in traditional course of events he would be nominated and elected, that is, in the event of a vacancy in the office of Deputy Grand Master the Senior Grand Warden shall be in nomination for Grand Master and the Junior Grand Warden shall be in nomination for Deputy Grand Master. In the event of more than one vacancy, this signed statements of the incumbents shall be construed to be nominations to preserve the traditional progress of Grand Lodge Line Officers; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a vacancy in nominations or nominees in the Grand Lodge Line Officers, all nominations for office of Junior Grand Warden shall be construed to be nominations for Junior Grand Warden and the next highest office or offices so that each nominee shall be eligible for election to either office and may stand for election for the highest office and if not elected he shall be eligible for election to other office, i.e. all nominees for Junior Grand Warden shall be in nomination for any or all offices vacant and not filled by nomination as above provided; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Master shall have authority to formulate and issue such Executive Orders as shall be necessary or appropriate to insure orderly election for all vacancies and preserve the traditional progress of the

Grand Lodge Line Officers. The Grand Secretary, with the approval of the Grand Master, shall prepare form of nominating petition and form for personal and Masonic history of nominees. Nominating petition shall be furnished to any Florida Master Mason upon request therefore. In the event of any vacancy in nominations or nominees and filling such vacancy is not provided for herein, the Grand Master shall issue Executive Order setting forth the method and time for qualifying to fill such vacancy. (1983)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, Regulation 5.02 be amended to encompass background checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each candidate for election in the Grand Lodge Line sign a statement that he does not object to having his background check information being distributed to the Craft.

Respectfully submitted,

M.:W.: Louis A. King, P.G.M.

Regulation 5.02(a), Paragraph 3, amended to read:

The nominating petition shall be filed with the Grand Secretary on or before January 15. Upon receipt of the petition, the Grand Secretary shall note thereon the time and date of receipt and shall forthwith deliver to the nominee a form which shall provide for the nominee to furnish his personal history, Masonic record, background check, and other pertinent information. The nominee shall sign the personal information form attesting to the correctness of the information contained therein and return the same to the Grand Secretary on or before February 1. The Grand Secretary shall note on the personal and Masonic history form and background check the date of delivery to and receipt from the nominee.

Regulation 5.02(a), Paragraph 5, amended to read:

The Grand Secretary shall send a copy of all nominating petitions, background check, and signed written statements of incumbent officers and all personal and Masonic information forms of all nominees to each Particular Lodge, the Grand Lodge Elective Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the District Instructors, and Past Grand Masters on or before March 15.

Regulation 5.02(a), Paragraph 10, amended to read:

The Grand Secretary, with the approval of the Grand Master, shall prepare form of nominating petition and form for personal and Masonic history, and background check of nominees. Nominating petition shall be furnished to any Florida Master Mason upon request therefore.

(Jurisprudence recommends rejection.)

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Pursuant to Chapter 14, Regulation 14.12, 2(d), of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, the Proposed Budget for the 2017-2018 Grand Lodge fiscal year is attached.

Below are summaries of the expenses anticipated and income needed to fund both the Grand Lodge Administrative Budget ("A" Budget) and the Masonic Home of Florida Budget ("D" Budget) for the Grand Lodge Year ending March 31, 2018.

GRAND LODGE ADMINISTRATIVE "A" BUDGET:

The proposed Grand Lodge Administrative Budget for 2017-2018 totals \$1,663,285 an increase of \$54,108 from the 2016-2017 Budget. This includes a contingency reserve of \$251,827. The value of the Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2016, is \$1,650,001 and the value of the Perpetual Membership Fund as of December 31, 2016, is \$12,509,579.

We currently have approximately 5,500 Brothers that are exempt from paying dues which affects our income. We have approximately 37,193 members; however, of this number only approximately 31,693 pay dues which include Perpetual Members.

The Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Lodge Staff continue to do an outstanding job in controlling costs and at the same time providing an extremely high level of service to the Craft. The Corporate Board, together with the Grand Lodge Office, are developing sources for additional revenue attempting to help offset the losses projected in the coming years.

MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA "D" BUDGET:

The Proposed Budget for the Masonic Home of Florida for 2017-2018 totals \$8,628,068. This includes a contingency reserve of \$953,726. It is important to know that the Masonic Home of Florida is funded by voluntary contributions. No monies from dues or per capita tax fund the Masonic Home. Recognizing that the state of the economy remains very soft, contributions are down, bequests are almost nonexistent, and our Life Care Residents are bringing in less and less assets. The combined value of the Masonic Home Invested Funds as of December 31, 2015, was \$64,738,935 and as of December 31, 2016, is \$66,095,955. Aging equipment continues to be challenging; however, the Board of Trustees reviews the requirements for repair and replacement endeavoring to stay within the budgeted projections.

Our Administrator and her staff, the members of the Board of Trustees, and the Masonic Home Budget Committee are to be commended for their efforts in providing and maintaining a well-run Five Star Facility.

The Corporate Board will continue to review the Proposed Budgets until our Grand Lodge Communication in May of 2017 when the Finance and Accounts Committee will finalize any changes in the revenue and expense figures.

The Proposed Budgets have been reviewed and recommended by the undersigned members of the Corporate Board of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and is presented to the Particular Lodges and their Delegates for consideration and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Stanley L. Hudson

M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master

s/Richard G. Hoover

R.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master

s/John E. Karroum

R.:W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden

s/John W. Westerman, III

R.:W.: John W. Westerman, III, Junior Grand Warden

s/Elmer G. Coffman

M.:W.: Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer

s/James W. Ford

M.:W.: James W. Ford, P.G.M.

s/Douglas L. Ankeny

R.:W.: Douglas L. Ankeny, P.D.D.G.M.

**BUDGET FOR “A” GENERAL FUND
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
APRIL 1, 2017 THRU MARCH 31, 2018**

<u>REVENUES:</u>	<u>INCOME AVAILABLE 2016-2017</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED INCOME 2017-2018</u>
Current Assessments	676,777	506,053
G.W.N.M.A. @ \$5 Each Initiation	5,665	5,040
Fees Collected	2,448	1,569
Computer Services	10,231	12,445
Sale of Publications	22,812	17,953
Sale of Merchandise	1,347	905
Miscellaneous	11,977	3,159
Checking & Savings Interest	- 0 -	- 0 -
Parking Lot Rent	37,817	25,671
Postage - Reimbursement	14,254	14,212
Investment Income G/L Endowment	27,879	36,036
Gains/(Loss) Grand Lodge Endowment	31,941	102,800
Investment Income “F” Fund	- 0 -	- 0 -
Investment Income Budget (Cash Mgmt Fd)	6,837	11,199
Investment Income “C” Reserve (Cash Mgmt Fd)	8,327	40,624
Investment Income Curr Rev (Cash Mgmt Fd)	- 0 -	- 0 -
Cash Mgmt Gains/Loss	<u>4,491</u>	<u>36,604</u>
 SUBTOTAL	 <u>862,803</u>	 <u>814,270</u>
 Due from Masonic Home/Grand Lodge Admins.	 538,264	 549,015
Undesignated Funds 2016-2017 Budget	208,110	300,000
Funds from “F” Accounts	- 0 -	- 0 -
Funds from Store	- 0 -	- 0 -
Loan from FA-100	- 0 -	- 0 -
 LESS:		
Perpetual Membership Trf to G/L Endow.	- 0 -	- 0 -
Return of Investments to Endowment	- 0 -	- 0 -
Repayment of Loan from FA-100	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
 Funds Available for “A” General Fund:	 <u>1,609,177</u>	 <u>1,663,285</u>
	 <u>BUDGET</u>	 <u>BUDGET</u>
	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
 <u>ADMINISTRATION:</u>		
<u>A-1 GRAND COMMUNICATION EXPENSES:</u>		
101 P/D & Mileage - Representatives-Lodges	60,000	60,000
102 P/D & Mileage - Committees	12,000	12,000
103 P/D & Mileage - Grand Lodge Officers	20,000	20,000
104 Officers & DDGM’S to be Installed	6,400	6,400
119 G.S. Personnel & Court Reporter	7,000	7,000
121 Distinguished Guests Rooms	13,000	10,000
122 Grand Master’s Banquet & Luncheons	19,000	19,000
123 Grand Master’s Banquet Entertainment	1,000	1,000
125 Ladies Entertainment	4,000	4,000

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2016-2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>
126 Auditorium & Bus Rental	- 0 -	- 0 -
120 Printer, Supplies, Rentals, & Office Space	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
<u>Total Grand Communication Expense:</u>	<u>158,400</u>	<u>155,400</u>
 <u>A-2 Grand Officers Expenses:</u>		
200 Grand Master	10,000	9,000
200A Promotional	9,000	8,000
201 Grand Master's Secretary	4,000	3,000
202 Deputy Grand Master	8,000	7,000
202A Deputy Grand Master's Secretary	2,000	2,000
203 Senior Grand Warden	8,000	7,000
204 Junior Grand Warden	8,000	7,000
205 Grand Secretary	6,000	5,000
206A Grand Treasurer	6,000	5,000
206 Other Grand Lodge Officers	4,000	4,000
208 D.D.G.M. Expense Allowance	- 0 -	- 0 -
209 D.I. Expense Allowance	- 0 -	- 0 -
207 D.D.G.M. Organization Meeting	21,000	14,000
211 Masonic Conferences of North America	10,000	10,000
210 Southeastern Masonic Conference	5,500	5,500
212 Tri-State Degree	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>Total Grand Officers Expense:</u>	<u>102,000</u>	<u>87,000</u>
 <u>A-3 EXPENSE OF COMMITTEES:</u>		
301 Corporate Board	16,000	16,000
302 Finance and Accounts	800	800
303 Masonic Jurisprudence	3,000	3,000
303A Foreign Relations	800	800
304 Committee on Work	6,000	6,000
305 District Instructor School	- 0 -	- 0 -
307 Masonic Education	5,000	5,000
308 Public Education & Citizenship	3,000	3,000
309 Museum and History	500	500
310 Masonic Youth Activity	200	200
311 Legal Advisory Panel	15,000	15,000
312 General Service Panel	500	500
313 Penal Affairs Panel	8,000	8,000
314 Masonic Youth Association	1,000	1,000
315 Masonic Youth Scholarship	10,500	10,500
316 Publicity Committee	1,000	1,000
319 Grand Master's Charity	500	500
321 Perpetual Membership	200	200
323 Insurance Committee	1,000	1,000
325 G.L. Fraternal Administrative Endowment	500	500
326 Positive Membership	- 0 -	- 0 -
328 Masonic Leadership Training	2,000	2,000
329 Masonic Medical Research Lab	- 0 -	- 0 -
330 Child ID	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<u>Total Committee Expense:</u>	<u>76,500</u>	<u>76,500</u>

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2016-2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>
<u>A-4 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE:</u>		
400 Salary - Grand Secretary	69,000	69,000
402 Salary - Grand Treasurer	20,000	20,000
403 Other Salaries	410,000	410,000
409A Taxes - Med FICA	7,400	7,400
409 Taxes - FICA	30,938	30,938
410 Taxes - Unemployment Compensation	1,750	1,750
410A Workers Compensation Insurance	730	822
419 Employee Group Insurance	53,950	48,137
424 Employee Retirement Fund	12,971	13,586
425 Employee Retirement Admin	3,090	3,400
430 Training and Education	1,000	1,000
416 Audit	9,000	10,000
428 Computer Consultant & Management	50,000	70,000
418 Jewels, Badges, Aprons	23,000	13,000
413 Relief Association Dues	500	500
414 Masonic Service Assoc. of U.S.	2,500	2,500
421 Monuments & Memorials	3,000	3,000
427 Grand Lodge Library	125	125
432 G.M. Conference Foreign Relations	100	100
415 George Washington Memorial Assn.	9,300	9,300
417 Other Expense	5,000	5,000
438 Investment Fees	5,500	5,500
499 Depreciation Provision (Art. XIV, Sec. 9)	- 0 -	- 0 -
423A Office Supplies & Expense	5,000	5,000
429 Computer Software	15,000	11,000
423 Computer Supplies	5,000	5,000
406 Postage & Shipping	34,000	34,000
404 Telephone & Telegraph	20,000	20,000
408 New Equipment	6,000	6,000
411 Rental/Lease Equipment	20,000	25,000
422 Repairs/Maintenance Office Equipment	2,000	2,000
405A Printing Administrative Needs	5,000	5,000
405B Printing G/L Publications Free	20,000	20,000
405C Printing G/L Publications for Resale	10,000	10,000
405D Print Shop	15,000	13,000
407 Florida Mason Publication	40,000	40,000
437 Travel	700	700
420 Insurance Premium	30,000	30,000
412 Bond Premium Grand Lodge/Lodges	5,700	5,700
436 Corporate Filing Fee	300	300
	<u>952,554</u>	<u>957,758</u>
<u>Total Administrative Expense:</u>		
<u>A-5 Grand Lodge Building & Grounds:</u>		
501 Electricity	38,000	38,000
502 Water and Sewage	10,000	10,000
503 Gas Furnace/Fuel	5,000	5,000
506 Air Conditioner Maintenance	6,000	6,000
512 Plants and Landscaping	3,000	3,000
510 Janitorial Service	12,000	11,000
509 Supplies	1,800	1,800

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2016-2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>
505 Repairs/Maintenance/Alterations	20,000	20,000
504 Insurance	26,000	30,000
511 Taxes: State and County	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Total G.L. Building & Grounds Expense:</u>	<u>131,800</u>	<u>134,800</u>
SUBTOTAL:	<u>1,421,254</u>	<u>1,411,458</u>
<u>A-6 CONTINGENCY:</u>		
600 Budget Reserve	<u>187,923</u>	<u>251,827</u>
GRAND TOTAL:	<u>1,609,177</u>	<u>1,663,285</u>

**BUDGET FOR "D" MASONIC HOME AND RELIEF FUND
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	<u>INCOME</u> <u>AVAILABLE</u> <u>2016-2017</u>	<u>INCOME</u> <u>AVAILABLE</u> <u>2017-2018</u>
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
Residents Fee Earned	2,302,356	2,383,027
Private Pay	1,135,540	1,206,733
EA Initiation Home Building	5,665	373
Miscellaneous	36,424	40,176
OES Deceased Guest Balance	- 0 -	- 0 -
Resident Guest Admission Fee	5,500	2,500
Grand Chapter Operations	39,870	45,545
Investment Income "E" Fund	662,356	865,613
Capital Gains/Loss from "E" Fund	1,042,418	1,379,840
Investment Income Resident Fund	55,185	61,093
Investment Income "C" Fund	82,293	36,313
Capital Gains/Loss "C" Fund	14,602	6,203
Investment Income "C" Fund (Csh Mgmt Fd)	23,917	128,148
Investment Income Budget Fund (Csh Mgmt Fd)	5,312	7,744
Cash Management Gain/Loss	3,939	18,085
Investment Income MH Endowment Fund, Inc.	520,612	671,783
Gains/Loss MH Endowment Fund, Inc.	<u>644,877</u>	<u>1,175,264</u>
SUBTOTAL:	<u>6,580,866</u>	<u>8,028,441</u>
Unexpended Funds Previous Year	1,975,528	600,000
Transfer from Endowment	- 0 -	- 0 -
Transfer from "F" Accounts	- 0 -	- 0 -
Less:		
EA Initiation Home Bldg. (Reg. 14.03)	(5,665)	(373)
Return of Earnings Endowments	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
SUBTOTAL:	<u>8,550,729</u>	<u>8,628,068</u>
Funds Available for "D" Masonic Home:	<u>8,550,729</u>	<u>8,628,068</u>

**BUDGET FOR "D" MASONIC HOME AND RELIEF FUND
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	<u>BUDGET</u> 2016-2017	<u>BUDGET</u> 2017-2018
<u>D-1 ADMINISTRATION:</u>		
100 Salary - Administrator	148,312	149,766
103 Other Salaries	205,375	180,000
409A Taxes - Med FICA	5,173	4,946
115 Taxes - FICA	22,121	20,445
114 Unemployment Compensation	1,273	840
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	5,830	9,870
118 Employees Group Insurance	18,110	18,142
116 Employees Retirement Fund	9,336	9,600
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	3,090	3,200
125 Training and Tuition	1,020	1,020
124 Employee Incentives	5,100	5,100
119 Employment Recruiting	3,090	3,090
119A Drug Testing	3,090	3,090
122 Audit	22,440	22,440
108 Legal Fees and Expense	2,550	2,550
107 Trustee Expense	15,000	31,613
107A Trustee Training	- 0 -	2,000
113 Dues/Professional Organizations	1,000	1,000
128 Computer Consultant	55,000	55,000
131 MH Publication	5,000	5,000
132 Advertising	40,000	40,000
123 Grand Lodge Admins. Charges	538,264	549,015
105 Office Supplies	5,000	5,000
105A Office Equipment	3,060	3,060
105B Office Equipment, Lease, & Maintenance	9,180	9,180
104 Postage and Shipping	5,000	5,000
106 Telephone	18,360	18,360
112 Travel Expense	15,000	3,500
109 Facility Insurance Premium	400,000	400,000
120 License Audit Life Care	510	510
121 License Fee - City, County, State	10,000	10,000
110 Life Insurance Resident Guests	6,180	6,180
111 Burial Expense	15,600	15,600
130 Employee Tuition Reimbursement	- 0 -	- 0 -
129 Electronic Payroll MGMT	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Total Administration Expense:</u>	<u>1,608,064</u>	<u>1,604,117</u>
<u>D-2 DIETARY:</u>		
200 Salary	547,740	547,740
115A Taxes - Med FICA	8,020	8,216
115 Taxes - FICA	34,293	33,960
114 Unemployment Compensation	3,655	2,415
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	8,380	9,621
118 Employees Group Insurance	65,660	71,773
116 Employees Retirement Fund	13,698	15,950
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	3,866	7,800
209 Training and Tuition	510	510

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2016-2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>
208 Uniforms	4,080	4,080
203 Kitchen and Dining Room Equip.	5,140	5,140
201 Staple Food	291,940	291,940
202 Replacement of Expendables	6,931	6,931
204 Paper and Plastic Supplies	13,420	13,420
205 Cleaning Supplies and Chemicals	11,360	11,360
206 Linen Rental	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
<u>Total Dietary:</u>	<u>1,018,693</u>	<u>1,030,856</u>
 <u>D-3 NURSING:</u>		
300 Salaries	1,713,090	1,763,090
409A Taxes - Med FICA	25,083	26,445
115 Taxes - FICA	107,253	109,360
114 Unemployment Compensation	8,581	5,250
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	26,210	30,969
118 Employees Group Insurance	143,720	156,105
116 Employees Retirement Fund	43,928	49,010
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admins.	10,225	8,800
302 Medical Director Stipend	20,808	20,808
301 Physician Consulting Service	50,000	50,000
306 Req. School Tuition	2,040	2,040
303 Prescription Drugs	165,000	165,000
304 Medical Supplies	71,400	71,400
305 Hospital Outpatient Service	- 0 -	- 0 -
307 Medical Equipment	20,400	20,400
308 Medical Office Supplies	4,080	4,080
308A Copier Leasing & Maint	3,605	3,605
309 Transportation	1,530	1,530
310 Medicare Supplemental Insurance	114,000	114,000
312 Uniforms	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
<u>Total Nursing:</u>	<u>2,530,953</u>	<u>2,601,892</u>
 <u>D-4 HOUSEKEEPING:</u>		
400 Salaries	287,639	287,639
115A Taxes - Med FICA	4,332	4,113
115 Taxes - FICA	18,521	17,832
114 Unemployment Compensation	2,066	1,155
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	4,830	4,830
118 Employees Group Insurance	35,790	24,042
116 Employees Retirement Fund	7,350	7,250
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	- 0 -	- 0 -
406 Training and Tuition	255	255
401 Uniforms	1,530	1,530
403 Dry Cleaning	618	618
404 Supplies	50,000	50,000
405 Housekeeping/Laundry Equipment	3,000	3,000
407 Lease/Purchase Equipment	- 0 -	- 0 -
408 Linen Replacement	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<u>Total Housekeeping:</u>	<u>421,931</u>	<u>408,264</u>

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2016-2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>
<u>D-5 RECREATION:</u>		
501 Salaries Recreation	141,831	141,831
115A Taxes - Med FICA	2,077	2,127
115 Taxes - FICA	8,880	8,793
114 Unemployment Compensation	636	420
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	2,170	2,491
118 Employees Group Insurance	12,130	18,040
116 Employees Retirement Fund	4,471	4,510
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	3,570	2,700
510 Training and Tuition	612	612
502 Allowance Resident Guests	30,000	30,000
503 Treats	9,888	9,888
504 Chapel	4,000	4,000
505 Newspaper/Magazines	1,800	1,800
506 Equipment/Supplies	4,610	4,610
507 Beauty and Barber Supplies	2,060	2,060
508 Dry Goods/Clothing	2,575	2,575
509 Volunteer Services	<u>721</u>	<u>721</u>
<u>Total Recreation:</u>	<u>232,031</u>	<u>237,178</u>
<u>D-6 MAINTENANCE - BUILDING & GROUNDS:</u>		
600 Salaries Maintenance	140,917	140,917
600A Salaries - Security	101,233	101,233
115A Taxes - Med FICA	3,547	3,632
115 Taxes - FICA	15,169	15,013
114 Unemployment Compensation	1,589	1,050
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	3,940	4,253
118 Employees Group Insurance	29,800	29,949
116 Employees Retirement Fund	5,655	7,880
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	2,145	2,000
613 Training and Tuition	510	510
614 Uniforms	3,000	3,000
698 MH Depreciation (Art. XIV, Sec. 9)	54,000	54,000
608 Water	96,900	96,900
607 Electric	408,400	408,400
605 Fuel, Natural Gas, and Propane	102,300	102,300
606 Fuel/Diesel	10,200	10,200
610 Equipment Purchase	2,000	2,000
603 Equipment (Maintenance or Replacement)	27,050	27,050
609 Auto Expense - Fuel	6,210	6,210
609A Auto Expense - Repairs	4,150	4,150
611 Grounds Maintenance/Equipment	49,500	49,500
602 Building Maintenance	77,250	77,250
612 Masonic Home Improvement	1,000,000	400,000
604 Supplies	12,450	12,450
615 Lease/Purchase Equipment	- 0 -	- 0 -
616 Lease/Cable TV	<u>52,000</u>	<u>52,000</u>
<u>Total Building and Grounds Maintenance</u>	<u>2,209,915</u>	<u>1,611,847</u>

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2016-2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>
<u>SOCIAL SERVICE:</u>		
750 Salaries Social Service	51,816	51,816
115A Taxes - Med FICA	759	777
115 Taxes FICA	3,244	3,213
114 Unemployment Compensation	170	170
114A Workers Compensation Ins.	793	910
118 Employees Group Insurance	6,024	6,036
116 Employees Retirement Fund	1,852	1,550
117 Employees Retirement Fund Admin.	- 0 -	- 0 -
760 Training and Tuition	510	510
770 Office Supplies	<u>206</u>	<u>206</u>
<u>Total Social Service:</u>	<u>65,374</u>	<u>65,188</u>
<u>Total for Masonic Home Operation:</u>	<u>8,086,961</u>	<u>7,559,342</u>
<u>D-7 NON-RESIDENT RELIEF:</u>		
701 Non-Resident Relief	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>Total Non-Resident Relief:</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>D-8 EMERGENCY RELIEF:</u>		
802 Emergency Relief	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<u>Total Emergency Relief:</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<u>D-9 HOSPITAL SERVICE FUND:</u>		
902 Hospital and Medical Care	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<u>Total Hospital and Medical Care:</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<u>Total Masonic Home Operations/ Non-Resident Expense:</u>	<u>8,102,961</u>	<u>7,575,342</u>
MASONIC HOME PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES:		
<u>D-10 ENDOWMENT AND BUILDING FUND:</u>		
1001 L.Y.P.M.G.C. Committee	3,000	3,000
1002 Wills and Gifts Committee	2,000	2,000
1003 MH-100 Committee	2,000	2,000
1004 Endowment & Investment Committee	4,000	4,000
1006 Legal Expenses	20,000	20,000
1007 Fundraiser	12,000	12,000
1005 Investment Fees	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<u>Total MH Promotional Expenses:</u>	<u>47,000</u>	<u>47,000</u>
<u>Total Home Operations & Relief Appropriations:</u>	<u>8,149,961</u>	<u>7,622,342</u>

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2016-2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017-2018</u>
<u>D-11 PROPERTIES COMMITTEE:</u>		
1101 Properties Committee	2,000	2,000
1102 Properties Management and Expense	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total Properties Committee:	<u>52,000</u>	<u>52,000</u>
SUBTOTAL:	<u>8,201,961</u>	<u>7,674,342</u>
<u>D-12 BUDGET RESERVE:</u>		
1200 Adjusted D-1200 Contingency Reserve	<u>348,768</u>	<u>953,726</u>
SUBTOTAL:	<u>8,550,729</u>	<u>8,628,068</u>
<u>Total Home Operations &</u> <u>Relief Appropriation:</u>	<u>8,550,729</u>	<u>8,628,068</u>

