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FROM THE EAST

[S. Ashley Brinkley](#), *Master*



S. Ashley Brinkley Master

St. John's Lodge is changing. We made history when we installed our officers by Zoom in April. As we have all said and agreed, we have had a lot of change in this past year since the pandemic has started. Our lives have all changed. Unfortunately, some people have trouble with change. I am sure everyone knows **Bro. Nochange** or his best friend **Bro. Alwaysdoneitthatway**. They are not comfortable with change at all. With all the changes we have gone through maybe it is time to change the way we do Lodge.

What is the most important event to happen in Lodge and why do we come to Lodge? Reading of the Minutes? Reading of the Bills? Announcements? Masonic Education?

How long should our meetings last? I have been to Lodges where if the meetings do not last an hour and a half or longer the Master gets nervous thinking, he is not doing his job. A past Grand Master said the Lodge meeting should not last over one hour and I agree with that. Keep it short and on task.

I was on a Zoom meeting recently where the Master said the most important thing for their Lodge was Fellowship. They did not want any Masonic Education, only Fellowship. If that keeps Brothers coming to Lodge and attracting new Brothers, I say "more power to them." Our next Grand Master is saying Education is one of the most important part of the Lodge meeting. Our Lodge has asked for Masonic Education.

When we get back to in-person Lodge meetings let us do something different, let us change. Could we start with choosing Education as the most important part of our meeting? If it is, then let's have the Education first, not at the end of the meeting. I do not believe we have to read minutes from last meeting or approve bills, etc. at the beginning. We can have all announcements at dinner then we would not have to do them in Lodge. This would free up some time for what? Education! How about good ritual by the officers, being well organized, keeping things moving along and on track? I was at a meeting where the Brothers got into a fifteen-minute debate over the \$5.00 bank charge. It was not my Lodge, but I thought about offering to pay for the charge myself to get things moving along.

Let us start with some little changes and move forward. The future is ours. Let us make it the way we want it. Remember it is our Lodge.

CALENDAR



- **May 9: Mother's Day**
- **May 12 (6pm): Board of Trustees Zoom**
- **May 12 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- **May 13 (7pm): Officers meeting**
- **May 19 (7:30pm): St. John's 9 stated communication on Zoom; open on Master Mason degree; Greenwood Temple not available for in-person meetings. May call down to lower degree if needed**
- **May 26 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom program: Esoterics 101 – The Quantum Series – Robert H. Jonson speaker**
- **June 2 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- **June 9 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- **June 10 (7pm): Officers meeting**
- **June 11-12: 164th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (Wenatchee) Covid protocol one delegate with proxies per Lodge**
- **June 16 (7:30pm): St. John's 9 stated communication on Zoom; open on Master Mason degree; Greenwood Temple not available for in-person meetings. May call down to lower degree if needed**
- **June 23 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- **June 24: Feast Day of St. John the Baptist**
- **June 30 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**

Zoom Forum to Feature Esoteric Freemasonry May 26 (Masons Only)

MAY STATED COMMUNICATION CONTINUES OVER ZOOM

St. John’s Lodge brethren will be pleased to host VWBro. Richard Kovak at our May 19 stated communication on the Zoom protocol. VWBro. Kovak will be the third of three who have made themselves available for Junior Grand Warden at this year’s 164th Annual Grand Lodge Communication and who will have joined our Wednesday Zoom sessions.



Grand Master MWBro. Chris Coffman has declared that Lodges are now open in Ample Form on the third degree and will be able to meet in their Temple facilities if a certain and great number of conditions are met, including the cleansing of the facility and seating restrictions as ordered by the Governor of Washington using State Health Department guidelines.

However, the Greenwood Temple Association has determined that so many requirements would be necessary to make the building available to tenants that the cost would be prohibitive. For this reason, and because the officers of St. John’s have also felt the risks exceed the advantages, **our Lodge will continue to hold our stated communications on the Zoom protocol during the near future.** Brothers will be notified when our face-to-face fellowship returns.

The Grand Master has declared that if a Lodge’s Executive Committee, after consulting with the Lodge membership, determines that it is not prudent or advisable for the Lodge to hold in-person communications, then the Lodge shall hold its Stated Communications on a virtual platform. That platform must allow members to either join via an electronic device or landline telephone. Any Lodge deciding to meet virtually shall provide all its members a written notice that its Stated Communications will be virtual and include instructions on how to join the Communication (see boxed notice on page 4). Esoteric Work (portions of the Standard Work that are ciphered) shall not be performed during a virtual communication. If Fellowcrafts or Entered Apprentices wish to attend, the Worshipful Master may say “I declare this Lodge at Labor on the ___ degree.”

The following activities are prohibited during a virtual Stated Communication:

1. Balloting on petitions for the Degrees;
2. Balloting on petitions for Affiliation or Plural Membership;
3. Conferring of Degrees;
5. Any other portions of esoteric work.

All other business normally performed during a stated communication is allowed, including Education; granting charitable relief; creation of Lodge committees; waiver of a Brother’s dues and/or assessments; issuing dimits; consideration and approval of Lodge by-laws and Standing Rule changes; any part of the Standard Work that is in plain text (not in cipher); and all other business normally conducted that is not specifically disallowed by the Washington Masonic Code or the Grand Master’s directive.

Access to the St. John’s Zoom meeting has been provided by email or previous Trestleboards. Per MWB Coffman’s guidance, only esoteric (cypher) work is prohibited. Memorials, the Closing Charge, and other monitorial work is allowed.

These meetings on the third Wednesday shall be considered stated communications as defined by our Lodge bylaws. Brothers are encouraged to dress accordingly, including the adornment of your red bow tie (if you possess one). Zoom sessions will continue to be held on all other Wednesdays in less formal attire.

All Zoom meetings will begin at 7pm; stated communications will open 30 minutes later at 7:30 as required by our St. John’s bylaws.

Haven’t joined us on Zoom? Don’t know **HOW** to join us on Zoom? Call the Secretary at 206 623-0261 for instructions or check out the Zoom website.

Ancient Landmarks

In the early Anglo Saxon, German, or Scandinavian languages the noun “land” meant the same as in modern English, although as a verb it meant “come to land,” a meaning reflected in our custom of saying a man lands from a ship, etc. “Mark” is found in almost all European languages, and derives from the Latin *margo*, edge, boundary, whence our margin, mark, and cognate terms. A “landmark” is some mark, line or object to indicate a boundary. The landmarks of Masonry are those principles by which the Craft is bounded, that is, marked off from all other societies and associations and without which it would lose its identity.

- Source: 100 Words in Masonry

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Senior Warden Message

WBro. Nlair Neumann



Brothers, as the Worshipful Master pointed out, St. John's Lodge is changing. One of the silver linings of COVID has been a forced opportunity to reset our Lodge. As we reboot, let's rebuild St. John's as the Lodge that we've always hoped it would be.

What's most important for you in our Lodge? For me, it's Fellowship and Education. I think a Lodge is defined as a Fellowship of Brothers, so Fellowship should be what we're all about. And Education is what we were promised when we stood outside that northwest door.

Fellowship to me is an opportunity to live in Harmony with my Brothers. We sanctify the Lodge room for this explicit purpose but a Lodge of Brothers should always be in Harmony, whether on session or off.

Masonry consists of a course of moral and philosophical instruction, illustrated and ancient. How else is Masonic knowledge transferred through generations but for Masonic Education? I believe it is our Masonic duty to share what Light we have each received, or to see to it that it's shared. If we don't then those Masonic traditions may be lost.

Now is time to work at rebuilding our Lodge, so consider what you want most from St. John's and let's meet again as a Lodge that's familiar but better, because of our work together and our focus on who we are in Fellowship and Harmony.

ST. JOHN'S INSTALLS OFFICERS FOR 2021

St. John's Lodge officers for the balance of the year were elected and installed last month. VWBro. Ashley Brinkley was elected Master and WBro. Blair Neumann was elected Senior Warden. All other officers were re-elected or re-appointed to their previous positions.

Twenty-six members and ten visiting Masons attended the communication. Guests were later admitted to witness the "open" installation.

MWBro. Al Jorgensen presided as the leader of the installing team.

OFFICERS ELECTED OR APPOINTED

VWBro.	S. Ashley Brinkley	W.M.
WBro.	Blair J. Neumann	S.W.
WBro.	John Murray Louderback	J.W.
VWBro.	James R. Maher	Treasurer
VWBro.	James F. Russell	Secretary
		Chaplain
VWBro.	Neil P. Quinn	Marshal
WBro.	K. Eric Koteles	S.D.
Bro.	Kemal Alaeddinoğlu	J.D.
VWBro.	Charles R. Brockway	S.S.
VWBro.	John R. Adamson	J.S.
WBro.	Adam J. Creighton	Musician
WBro.	Terry A. Grove	Tyler

Junior Warden's Message

WBro. John Murray Louderback



There will be times when you will be misunderstood by others.

You know who you are, your thoughts, your ideals, your loving care for others. Yet, being misunderstood can be painful. If you continue to be yourself, if you continue to have compassion and love for others, in time, others will begin to know you for who you really are. This may take some time, perhaps years to change someone's impression of you.

You have found your path through Masonry – which makes you feel happy and fulfilled – stay on your path. Study the deeper meanings of Masonry. The practice of training yourself through Masonry and that of understanding yourself will produce greater loving compassionate thoughts and actions – will give you more confidence, which in time will transform everything else.

Remember, your greatest spiritual asset is faith.

Esoteric Freemasonry May 26 Zoom Subject

St. John's has booked WBro. Robert H. Johnson for May 26th at 7pm for a Zoom-based presentation on "Esoterics 101 – The Quantum Series," designed to be a beginning look into the deeper mysteries of Freemasonry.

This is a beginning exposure to the concept of "esoteric Masonry." Schools of wisdom, hidden symbolism and hints at an ultimate Revelation will be explored.

Esoteric Masonry is the personal exploration to some of the less mainstream areas of the fraternal society. Some of these aspects include personal development, spiritualism, mysticism, and so on. The esoteric side of Masonry seeks to find additional sources of wisdom and understanding.

Interest in Esoteric Masonry is starting to make a comeback. It looks at aspects of personal resonance with the symbols of Freemasonry and helps develop our own faith. Though not strictly "Masonry," it is one aspect of it.

Philosophy is at the core of what WBro. Robert is after. Having grown up in Italy and being exposed to the culture and much of the renaissance art and literature, Freemasonry became a natural place for him to gravitate toward. He is an avid musician and writer. He's written for several print magazines and blogs on subjects ranging from Firearms and Medical Ethics to Theology and Comparative Religions. Robert's primary studies are in philosophy and mathematics. He also holds an honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy in Religion. Currently Robert works as an executive in the medical industry. He received his degrees in Waukegan Lodge No. 78, becoming Worshipful Master in 2014. He's since served as both a District Education Officer and a District Deputy Grand Master. He currently serves on the Grand Lodge of Illinois Education Committee and Secretary of Spes Novum No. 1183 – the premier Education Lodge in Illinois.



Robert H. Johnson

HIRAM AWARDS PRESENTED TO LOUDERBACK, HUTCHINSON

Past Master Blair Neumann presented Hiram Awards to WBro. John Louderback and to Bro. Fred Hutchinson during last month's stated communication. These brothers were honored for their dedication to others, both Freemasons and the profane, above and beyond the norm.

The Hiram Award is an award presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. It is said to be the highest honor other than being Master of the Lodge that can be bestowed on a member of a Masonic Lodge.

WBro. John Louderback has served this Lodge with distinction for many years including this past year.

St. John's brothers had the privilege of observing WBro. John's consistent and relentless dedication to our Craft.

John is a Brother who consistently steps up to do the work of Masonry, working both on himself and on behalf of our Lodge.

As Brothers, we sometimes forget the work that's done behind the scenes in order for our Lodge to thrive.

John is one of a few Brothers who consistently does that work. Who show up time-after-time to ensure that our labors are complete and that our affairs are in order.

Our Lodge worked for several years to acquire a fire safe to house many of our valuable archives which now sits at the Scottish Rite Valley in Shoreline.

Certainly, other Brothers have been involved in that effort, but WBro. John stuck with that project for years, ensuring that we got an outstanding safe for our money that will serve our Lodge well for years to come, and then he put together the procedures that we now use to limit access to that safe.

He organized Brockway Operation Kids Smile for the second year this past year, and it was a very different operation than in years before, but again, WBro. John persevered, and we had perhaps one of our most successful and rewarding Operations Kids Smile.

He is also the first Brother of our Lodge that many of our Candidates meet, and he establishes a personal relationship with each Candidate and helps them appropriately consider petitioning our Lodge and then hopefully to do so.

He is passionate, states his positions clearly, but he also listens to others, and works hard on himself, accepting feedback and then clearly putting that feedback into practice.

Brother Fred Hutchinson is another Brother who has served our Lodge and our Communities with distinction this year.

He prayerfully opens our Zoom sessions with an offer of thanks and ask with reverence each week for blessings upon our Lodge. His prayers have served as an inspiration as we've navigated together, in unity, one of the most challenging years that many of us can remember.

Brother Fred has been one of the organizers of our upcoming Boston trip, even though it looks as if he will be unable to participate in that trip himself. This speaks to Brother Fred's dedication to his Brothers, ensuring our success even at his own expense.

He helped us organize meals for Seattle's most needy, using funds from our Anniversary Dinner budget, and helped us buy socks at a good price for the homeless.

And of course, Brother Fred, with his partner Ruth, is the founder of the "Christmas People" who every year organize food and other goods for good people who might otherwise be forgotten around Christmas time, but also the other 362 days of the year.

We have all felt the difference that Brother Fred makes in our communities. COVID changed everything for the Christmas People this year, as it did for so many others, and Brother Fred worked through those changes. Thousands of meals were prepared and delivered each night over multiple nights. The industrial kitchen and banquet room of Alki Lodge No. 152 was converted and filled with rows and rows of boxed meals and other goodies.

When we delivered those meals, we could feel the appreciation of those receiving them. It's a kind of gratitude not felt every day, and we're so thankful to Brother Fred for the opportunity to feel that and to participate in an incredible program of his creation.

Join us on Zoom
Teleconferencing Fellowship
every Wednesday

at 7pm

We're having a great time exchanging ideas and
Masonic Enlightenment

Coming dates:

May 12, 2021

May 19, 2021 (stated meeting night)

Grand Lodge Resolutions; Richard Kovak

May 26, 2021 – Johnson speaker

June 2, 2021

June 9, 2021

Sessions open promptly at 7pm

*** Fellowship**

*** Check on our brothers and widows**

*** Masonic Enlightenment & Education**

- Use Meeting ID **981 655 9198** to join our Fellowships
- Enter passcode **1776**

Here's more about how to use Zoom Meetings:
https://zoom.us/download#client_4meeting

KEEP INFORMED – STAY IN TOUCH WITH GRAND VIEW

Brothers, I encourage you to log on to Grand View periodically and check the latest guidance from the Grand Master and Grand Lodge. There are many interesting communications there regarding meetings, training, the Annual Communication, and the like. I encourage everyone to log on to the site periodically and check under 'Grand Lodge Posts' to see the latest from Grand Lodge.

Lodge Leadership: A Five Step Guide to Masonic Reform

by Matt R. Nelson and James T. Tresner

As it is with many things in life, when we have achieved the end goal, the diploma, the last degree, there arises the question, "Now what?" For the young Master Mason who is looking to make his mark in the Fraternity, this book is intended to answer the question, "Now what?" Lodge Leadership starts Masons, young and old, on the quest of becoming a better leader.

Detailed in the book is a five step program to help members prepare and execute the skills of an excellent leader. The five step program starts with the investigation. Brother Nelson explains some of the best methods used to execute a

productive investigation. Then Nelson presents the importance of being a mentor and clarifies ways to do it. He challenges readers to learn the ritual with exactness and to study the code.

Each of these four chapters ends with three challenges to the reader to help implement what they have read, thereby refining their skills as a leader.

The fifth step to Nelson's Masonic Reform is leadership. Nelson details preparations, growth and maturity of leadership and how the reader can best serve and grow as a leader of his Lodge. Again Nelson sets forth challenges to the reader to help prepare them for leadership within, as well as without, his own Lodge.

Finally, Nelson concludes with sobering challenges and encourages the reader to question his motives and desires to lead. Speaking plainly, Nelson shows how we often allow for personal treason in our lives, and how narcissism has crept into the order of the Freemasons.

Nelson has accomplished a raw guide to Masonic reform. Re-affirming the importance of learning and study in Freemasonry, Nelson makes the very important point that it is ultimately the responsibility of the individual Mason to transform the leadership of the fraternity and propel the Freemasons into the new era.

Prince Philip's Life as a Freemason Remembered

The Freemasons have made an impassioned tribute to Prince Philip, one of their former members, following his death aged 99.

The Duke of Edinburgh passed away on Friday morning April 9 at Windsor Castle. He was the longest-serving royal consort in the history of the British monarchy.

"The Freemasons are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Prince Philip this morning and we extend our sincere condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family," it was announced.



His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh started his life in Freemasonry in 1952, at the age of 31. He was initiated into Navy Lodge No. 2612, on 5 December.

On 6 March 1953, HRH Prince Philip progressed to the Second Degree of Freemasonry, before advancing to the Third Degree on 4 May 1953. The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) issued his Grand Lodge Certificate on 7 May that same year and he has remained a member to this day.

The Duke of Edinburgh was born in Corfu on 10 June 1921, the only son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenberg. He therefore also held the title Prince of Greece and Denmark.

Prince Philip joined the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1939, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Prince Louis, who was Admiral of the Fleet and First Sea Lord. He had a long and successful career in the Navy and rose to the rank of Commander.

Prince Philip was also a qualified pilot and was the first member of the Royal Family ever to fly out of Buckingham Palace in a helicopter.

The Duke of Edinburgh was known to drop into meetings at his Freemasons Lodge almost unannounced. Navy Lodge has a storied past and an amazing roster of luminaries appear upon its membership roll. The Lodge prides itself on being the premier Naval Lodge in the world, with an unparalleled history that includes four monarchs as past members – King Edward VII, King Edward VIII, King George VI and King George II of the Hellenes.

MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Day

- 7 Skott A. Young
- 12 Blair J. Neumann
- 12 Anthony K. Porter
- 21 Nicholas J. Mitchell
- 24 Brian J. Downie
- 26 Donald W. Bartholomew
- 29 John O. Nance



HOW DOES MASONRY TAKE GOOD MEN AND MAKE THEM BETTER?

M.W. Bro. Allan J. Petrisor, Grand Master (Ontario) at Winnipeg, March 27th, 2009.

When a man joins Freemasonry, he has no concept of what is about to take place or any real idea what the organization is about.

How do men become better men? I shall try to answer that with the following random thoughts.

The obligations that are taken in the three degrees instill in us a feeling whereby one would not want to violate his oath.

Fraternalizing with other like-minded brethren keeps us on the straight and narrow. Attending Lodge meetings regularly, learning memory work, planning meetings, sitting on the executive, taking part in the chairs, obligates us to our responsibilities towards the craft in such a way that we have little time for idle thoughts or deeds.

The example set by the brethren that we meet and trying to live up to the expectations of these brethren behooves us to try our best. We do not want to let them down. Through repetition of the ritual and understanding of the work we, just as in reading the Holy Volume, become more aware of what it is to be a Mason and how one should act as Masons.

Our constitution gives us a pattern for living with our neighbours, our Lodge members, our families, our God, and a guide to our behaviour within and without the Lodge and our civic responsibilities.

We are taught to cultivate brotherly Love.

We are taught that all men are equal.

We believe in the immortality of the soul.

If one takes to heart and into practice all that one learns both in the Ritual and in the Constitution then I feel that gradually one cannot help but become a better person.

When you type in "making good men better" in the Google internet search engine, 9 out of the first 10 hits take you to either an article about Freemasonry or to a Masonic Lodge. The same holds true for the Yahoo search engine.

One of the hits is a video on YouTube. It's a black background with a grayish-white set of a square, compass and the letter 'G'. A Gregorian plainsong is quietly sung in the background.

One word appears on the screen then fades to present the next word and then the next, and the nextand for the next 92 seconds, 19 words are presented. What are some of the words?

HONOUR, LOYALTY, FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT, VALUE, FRATERNITY, EXEMPLARY, ENLIGHTENMENT, TRUTH, CHARITY, FAMILY, KNOWLEDGE, TRADITION.

Brethren, these are some of the words that appear, and are connected to the term "making good men better." The phrase "making good men better" has long been associated with our gentle craft. But what is a better man?

That, my Brethren, is what Freemasonry attempts to answer and nurture. One who merely passes through the degrees receives little, and will never be a Mason in the truest sense of the word. He must first put something of himself into it, by working at it, studying it, learning its lessons and then put them into practice in his everyday life and actions. He will then begin to receive that for which he began to search as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

By giving of himself, his time, his ability without any kind of fee or reward, a Mason gains many things whether he accepts an office or just works in the Lodge.

- He learns how to speak in public,
- He learns how to conduct a meeting,
- He learns how to interact and get along with others,
- He learns reverence for the Great creator,

- He learns how to pray,
- He learns how to walk uprightly and proudly as a Mason,
- He gains a better understanding of human nature, its weaknesses and its strengths under different conditions,
- He makes life long friends,
- He shares in the happiness and sorrows of others,
- He improves his habits, and learns courtesy,
- He practices tolerance with a smile,
- He takes part in teaching others the Masonic way of life and in doing so he has learned more than those he has taught.

Hundreds of lessons have come his way and his life is made richer, better, happier and more satisfying in every way. By upholding the basic tenet of Freemasonry, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," he has learned that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

As you know brethren this is how "Masonry Makes a Difference" in a man's life and how he becomes a better man and the effect shows in our homes, our Lodges and in our communities.

A few weeks ago a Master Mason proposed the toast to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge at one of our major receptions.

He shared that he so wanted to become a Mason that he literally had to stop someone in his car who had a Masonic emblem and that then led to him becoming a Mason. On the night he received his third degree, after the ceremony, he pulled out a crumpled piece of paper with the following poem that he had scribbled on it:

Being a Mason

*I approached a man one day
Whom I had never met before
To ask if I can be a Mason
From there, its opened doors*

*A door that's opened many facets
That's helped me through and through
It's shown me how much I can be
And how much that I can do.*

*Being a friend, a helper,
Or even a volunteer.
The potentials here are endless
It just depends on where you steer.*

*If you steer towards pursuit
And involve yourself in more
There's no telling what will lie ahead
And furthermore, what's in store.*

*The pride I have inside a Lodge
Holds true when I'm outside
With the rules that govern this beautiful craft
Forever I will abide.*

*From Apprentice, to Fellowcraft,
To what I am today
It's made me stronger as a man
What more, can I say*

*In my brief time as a Mason
I feel there are no others;
Knowing how many friends I've made
How many life long Brothers*

*Many Brethren have helped me through
There're so many Brethren to thank
Without their guidance and support
My ship would have sank*

-Nick Andras

RESOLUTIONS TO COME BEFORE THE 164th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE

Grand Master MW Chris Coffman has three recommendations that will be considered at the Annual Communication.

First, this year one of our Lodges has started the process of surrendering its Charter. The Washington Masonic Code addresses the procedure for what happens to the Lodge assets, and how Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are treated. However, the Code does not address what happens to Master Masons whose only Lodge is the one surrendering its Charter or who may have been dropped NPD. (2021-01)

The second recommendation concerns a part of our Installation ceremony. Our obligations and the duties that we undertake as Masons apply to all our activities at all times. Therefore, he is proposing that the words “on convenient occasions” be deleted. (2021-02)

The third recommendation concerns Brothers who have been dropped for nonpayment of dues for more than two years. It has always seemed easier for a Brother to be reinstated from an expulsion than it is from being suspended for nonpayment of dues. The Grnd Master proposes to reduce the voting requirement to the same as for a Brother who was dropped for failure to advance: a simple majority. (2021-03)

RESOLUTION NUMBER	TO AMEND	SUBJECT	VOTE REQUIRED	PAGE
2019-01 Carry-Over	Sec. 6.01 Const.	To allow electronic format of the Standard Work as printed.	2/3	6
2019-07 Carry-Over	Sec. 7.03 B.L.	To implement the Grand Master’s Recommendation No. 3 to ensure adequate funds are available to support the Grand Lodge Budget.	Simple Majority	7
2020-01 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Standard Work Freemason’s Guide	To allow the single rap (*) used to seat the Lodge, that is currently found in the Standard Work at the end of the opening prayer and before the Flag Ceremony to be made optional when proceeding to the Flag Ceremony	90%	9
2020-02 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Sec. 5.01 Const., Sec. 5.02 Const. and Sec. 5.06 B.L.	To eliminate "held over" Resolutions as a form of business at the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge.	90%	12
2020-03 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Sec. 20.10 B.L.	To remove the New Candidate Education Program (NCEP) as a codified alternative to proficiency.	3/4	15
2020-04 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Sec. 20.10 B.L.	To change the name of the New Candidate Education Program (NCEP) to the Masonic Education Program (MEP).	3/4	17
2020-06 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Sec. 5.02 Const.	To make carry-over voting at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, more closely relate to the voting desires of the Brethren of the Jurisdiction of Washington.	90%	19
2020-07 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Sec. 17.10 B.L.	To change the threshold for rejection of a ballot on a Petition for Plural Membership.	3/4	21
2020-08 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Standard Work Freemason’s Guide	To implement a ceremony for the respectful Disposition of orphaned and disassociated aprons.	90%	24
2020-10 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Standard Work Freemason’s Guide	To add an updated, concise, multi-purpose format for the Memorial and Funeral Service.	90%	30
2020-12 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Sec. 8.01 B.L. and 8.14 B.L.	To implement Grand Master’s Recommendation No. 1 to change the name of “Legislative Task Force” to “Government Relations”.	3/4	36
2020-13 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Chapter 30 of the Washington Masonic Code	To implement Grand Master’s Recommendation No. 2 to amend Chapter 30 to agree with the other Chapters of the Disciplinary Section of the Washington Masonic Code.	3/4	38

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2020-14 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Sec. 25.02 B.L.	To implement Grand Master's Recommendation No. 3 to add formal written or electronic notification to members of a Lodge before a vote on surrendering the Lodge Charter can be held.	3/4	42
2020-16 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Sec. 7.13 B.L.	To implement Grand Master's Recommendation No. 5 to update the Grand Lodge Scholarship Endowment consistent with the current practice of administering Grand Lodge Scholarships.	3/4	44
2020-17 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Sec. 21.07 B.L.	To implement Grand Master's Recommendation No. 6 to update the conditions under which Grand Lodge approval of expenditures for Masonic buildings must be obtained.	3/4	46
2020-18 (Held over due to COVID-19)	Sec. 15.08 B.L.	To implement Grand Master's Recommendation No. 7 to eliminate the ability to conduct multiple Lodge installations of officers at the same time.	3/4	47
2021-01	Chapter 25 of the Washington Masonic Code	To implement Grand Master's Recommendation No. 1 to update Chapter 25 regarding the dissolution of a Lodge for transfer of a Brother's membership.	3/4	49
2021-02	Standard Work Freemason's Guide	To implement the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 2 to modify the Ancient Charges and Regulations which point out the duty of the Master of a Lodge.	90%	51
2021-03	Sec. 17.18 B.L. and Sec. 19.07 B.L.	To implement Grand Master's Recommendation No. 3 to amend Chapters 17 and 19 to change the percentage vote in balloting for reinstatement of a Brother who was dropped for N.P.D. (non- payment of dues) for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) months.	3/4	52

Resolutions 2020-5, 2020-9 and 2020-11 were ruled out of order last year and were not resubmitted in time to be considered at this year's Annual Communication. Therefore, they are not included in this year's Resolution booklet and will not be considered. Resolution 2020-15 was considered and approved at the 2020 Annual Communication.

MASTER MASONS RAISED IN MAY

Date Raised:

5/16/1962	Eugene V. Kashpureff
5/26/1965	Morrey Eskenazi
5/29/1971	Alex A. Skistimas
5/29/1971	J. Michael Wilderman
5/10/1973	Vincent Di Giulio
5/29/1974	George S. Serpanos
5/8/1978	Darrel R. Schrader
5/19/1978	Serco S. Tokatlian
5/26/1979	Edgar H. Carthell, Jr.
5/23/1983	John R. Adamson
5/17/1984	Bryan E. Hopkins
5/13/1987	Helmuth
5/29/1993	J. Joseph Duwors
5/11/2002	Kenneth D. Wehl
5/22/2012	Jeffrey L. Pullen
5/22/2012	Paul N. Bernal
5/22/2012	David J. Holdsworth
5/20/2013	Kenton J. Curtis



Masonic Youth Fishing Day Enjoyed By All Ages

Dustin Moore and his son Eli got a chance to do something together they enjoy.



"It's just fun for him," Dustin said. "It's a good experience."

The two took part in the third annual Owasso Masonic Youth Fishing Day at Centennial Park. Sunshine and an active pond greeted more than 100 children that attended the event.

The Owasso Masonic Lodge 545, Owasso Cops for Kids and FOP teamed up to host the event. The Lodge recently received \$5,000 grant after being honored with the Masonry in Action Award, a grant that also helped fund the event.

Fishing poles were provided for participating children as well as educational opportunities to enhance their experience on the water. Kids got the chance to learn about the fundamentals of fishing, park safety, water safety and conservation of fishing.