



April 21, 2023

Late Legislation: Section 128 and Companion Legislation Section 213

Dear Brother:

Please be advised that Section 128 and the Companion Legislation Section 213 included as Proposed Amendments in the 2023 Legislation packet are, in fact, LATE Legislation. This is merely a labeling error and does not affect the content of the Proposed Legislation. The correct order of the Legislation is as follows:

- I. Section 13: Grand Lodge Officers *Companion Section 101, 122, 164, 202, 203, 269*
- II. Section 18: Trustees of the Grand Lodge
- III. Section 19: Committees of the Grand Lodge
- IV. Section 112: Duties of Grand Secretary
- V. Section 146: Personnel and Duties of Committee on Publication
- VI. Section 272: Uniform Code of By-Laws for Lodges

LATE Legislation

- I. Section 128: Powers and Duties of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge** *Companion Section 213*
- II. Section 130A: Committee on the Budget, duties of *Companion Section 159*
- III. Section 269: Jewels

RESOLUTIONS

- I. Resolution creating a membership Chair and Committee
- II. Resolution to Confer Honorary Membership

Fraternally,

James L. Morgan, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

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173rd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Bend, Oregon
June 1 & 2, 2023

This is the amended and complete Legislation for the 2023 Annual Communication. The following proposed Amendments and Resolutions to the Code have been properly received in the Grand Secretary's office, signed by the required number of members of Grand Lodge, duly checked by the Code, Resolutions, and Jurisprudence Committees and are now presented for the preview of the Delegates to the 173rd Annual Communication.

I

NOW READS:

Sec. 13. Grand Lodge Officers —

Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be:

1. Elective Officers —

At each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge there shall be elected, by written or electronic ballot, the following officers: A Grand Master; Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

2. Appointive Officers —

Each Grand Master shall appoint a Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Marshal, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Senior Grand Steward, Junior Grand Steward, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Organist, Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler. An Assistant Grand Secretary who shall be appointed by the Grand Lodge Trustees as provided in Sec. 128-25.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 13. Grand Lodge Officers —

Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be:

1. Elective Officers —

NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

2. Appointive Officers —

Each Grand Master shall appoint a Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Marshal, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Senior Grand Steward, Junior Grand Steward, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Organist ~~Organist~~ Musician, Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler. An Assistant Grand Secretary who shall be appointed by the Grand Lodge Trustees as provided in Sec. 128-25.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

The title of Organist is outdated and no longer reflects the current instrument that most musicians play. Most Lodges no longer have an organ so this change would bring a more universal title so that the Musician in Grand Lodge or a constituent Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction could play his instrument of choice.

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COMPANION LEGISLATION: SECTION 101

NOW READS:

Sec. 101. Officers of the Grand Lodge and Their Titles —

The Officers of the Grand Lodge and their titles shall be as follows:

1. Most Worshipful Grand Master.
2. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
3. Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
4. Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
5. Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.
6. Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
7. Worshipful Assistant Grand Secretary.
8. Right Worshipful (or Right Reverend) Grand Chaplain.
9. Worshipful Grand Lecturer.
10. Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon.
11. Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.
12. Worshipful Grand Marshal.
13. Worshipful Grand Orator.
14. Worshipful Grand Historian.
15. Worshipful Senior Grand Steward.
16. Worshipful Junior Grand Steward.
17. Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer.
18. Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer.
19. Worshipful Grand Organist.
20. Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
21. Worshipful Grand Tyler.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 101. Officers of the Grand Lodge and Their Titles —

The Officers of the Grand Lodge and their titles shall be as follows:

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19. Worshipful Grand ~~Organist~~ Musician.
20. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH
21. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

Companion legislation for the initial code change to Sec. 13. To provide consistency in the Code.

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COMPANION LEGISLATION: SECTION 122

NOW READS:

Sec. 122. Duties of Grand Organist —

It shall be the duty of the Grand Organist to preside at the organ and provide suitable music for the Communications and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 122. Duties of Grand ~~Organist~~ Musician —

It shall be the duty of the Grand ~~Organist~~ Musician to ~~preside at the organ~~ play an instrument of his choice and provide suitable music for the Communications and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

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COMPANION LEGISLATION: SECTION 164

NOW READS:

Sec. 164. Jewels of Grand Officers —

Grand Officers shall wear these Jewels:

1. Jewel of Grand Master —

The Compasses extended upon the sextant of a circle to an angle of 45 degrees, and above the sextant, within the Compasses, an Eye irradiated within a Triangle.

2. Jewel of Past Grand Master —

The Compasses extended upon the sextant of a circle to an angle of 60 degrees, with a Square within the Compasses, and above the Square, within the Compasses, the Sun irradiated.

3. Jewel of Deputy Grand Master —

The Compasses opened to an angle of 45 degrees athwart the Square, and within the Compasses a Pentalpha.

4. Jewels of Other Grand Officers —

Senior Grand Warden, the Level.

Junior Grand Warden, the Plumb.

Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys.

Grand Secretary, Crossed Quills.

Assistant Grand Secretary, a Quill.

Grand Chaplain, the Open Bible.

Grand Lecturer, a Point within a Circle Embordered by two Parallel Lines.

Senior Grand Deacon, Sun within a Square and Compasses extended to 45 degrees.

Junior Grand Deacon, Crescent Moon within a Square and Compasses extended to 45 degrees.

Grand Marshal, Crossed Batons.

Grand Orator, the Scroll.

Grand Historian, an Open Book with Quill.

Grand Stewards, the Cornucopia.

Grand Standard Bearer, a Banner.

Grand Sword Bearer, a Sheathed Sword.

Grand Organist, a Lyre.

Grand Pursuivant, Rapier and Baton crossed.

Grand Tyler, a Rapier pendant.

5. Jewels of Other Past Elective Grand Officers —

The Compasses shall be extended upon a Quadrant to an angle of 60 degrees with the emblem of the former office in the center.

6. Wreath of Jewels —

Each Jewel shall be athwart a wreath enclosed within a circle, and the whole to be of gold.

7. Jewels, How Worn —

Jewels of elective, past elective, and appointive officers shall be suspended from a chain or collar.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 164. Jewels of Grand Officers —

Grand Officers shall wear these Jewels:

1. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

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4. Jewels of Other Grand Officers —

Senior Grand Warden, the Level.

Junior Grand Warden, the Plumb.

Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys.

Grand Secretary, Crossed Quills.

Assistant Grand Secretary, a Quill.

Grand Chaplain, the Open Bible.

Grand Lecturer, a Point within a Circle Embordered by two Parallel Lines.

Senior Grand Deacon, Sun within a Square and Compasses extended to 45 degrees.

Junior Grand Deacon, Crescent Moon within a Square and Compasses extended to 45 degrees.

Grand Marshal, Crossed Batons.

Grand Orator, the Scroll.

Grand Historian, an Open Book with Quill.

Grand Stewards, the Cornucopia.

Grand Standard Bearer, a Banner.

Grand Sword Bearer, a Sheathed Sword.

Grand ~~Organist~~ Musician, a Lyre.

Grand Pursuivant, Rapier and Baton crossed.

Grand Tyler, a Rapier pendant.

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District Deputy No. 1, Past Master of Clatskanie Lodge No. 133.

COMPANION LEGISLATION: SECTION 202

NOW READS:

Sec. 202. Officers of a Lodge —

The officers of a Lodge shall be:

A Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Tyler, Chaplain, and it may have a Marshal, Organist, and Historian.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 202. Officers of a Lodge —

The officers of a Lodge shall be:

A Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Tyler, Chaplain, and it may have a Marshal, ~~Organist~~ Musician, and Historian.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

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COMPANION LEGISLATION: SECTION 203

NOW READS:

Sec. 203. Eligibility for Office, Constituent Lodges —

1. Office of Master —

The Master of a Constituent Lodge must be a member thereof.

2. The Master of a Constituent Lodge must have been duly elected and installed as Master or Warden in a regularly constituted Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction; provided in case of emergency, the Lodge may elect a member not so qualified, but no member so elected shall be installed except by authority of a Dispensation issued by the Grand Master.

3. A Master of a Lodge Under Dispensation need not have served as a Master or Warden.

4. Eligibility for Other Offices —

Except as provided in Sec. 224-1 any member of a Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge except that of Master. The Chaplain, Organist and Tyler need not be members of the Lodge.

5. Limitation of Office of Master and Warden —

The Master or Warden of a Lodge may not be a Master or Warden of another Lodge at the same time.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 203. Eligibility for Office, Constituent Lodges —

1. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH
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3. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

4. Eligibility for Other Offices —

Except as provided in Sec. 224-1 any member of a Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge except that of Master. The Chaplain, ~~Organist~~Musician and Tyler need not be members of the Lodge.

5. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

Companion legislation for the initial code change to Sec. 13. To provide consistency in the Code.

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COMPANION LEGISLATION: SECTION 269

NOW READS:

Sec. 269. Jewels —

1. The Jewels of Officers of Lodges shall be as follows:

Master, the Square.

Senior Warden, the Level.

Junior Warden, the Plumb.

Treasurer, the Crossed Keys.

Secretary, the Crossed Quills.

Chaplain, the Open Bible.

Senior Deacon, the Square and Extended Compasses enclosing a Blazing Sun.

Junior Deacon, the Square and Extended Compasses enclosing a Crescent Moon.

Stewards, the Cornucopia.

Marshal, the Baton.

Tyler, the Sword.

Organist, the Lyre.

2. The Jewels shall be of silver.

3. Past Master's Jewel —

The Jewel of a Past Master shall be a pair of Golden Compasses extended to 60 degrees on a Quadrant, and enclosing a Blazing Sun.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 269. Jewels —

1. The Jewels of Officers of Lodges shall be as follows:
 - Master, the Square.
 - Senior Warden, the Level.
 - Junior Warden, the Plumb.
 - Treasurer, the Crossed Keys.
 - Secretary, the Crossed Quills.
 - Chaplain, the Open Bible.
 - Senior Deacon, the Square and Extended Compasses enclosing a Blazing Sun.
 - Junior Deacon, the Square and Extended Compasses enclosing a Crescent Moon.
 - Stewards, the Cornucopia.
 - Marshal, the Baton.
 - Tyler, the Sword.
 - ~~Organist~~Musician, the Lyre.

2. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

3. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

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II

NOW READS:

Sec. 18. Trustees of the Grand Lodge —

1. Personnel —

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and Immediate Past Grand Master shall be the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

2. Executive Powers —

During the recess of the Grand Lodge, the executive powers vested in the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon by an act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon, entitled “An Act to Incorporate The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon,” shall be exercised by the Trustees, or by their duly appointed officers or agents under their direction, except as those powers may be limited or regulated by the Statutes of the State of Oregon. The powers granted to the Trustees shall be exercised in obedience to and conformity with the Constitution and By Laws of the Grand Lodge. The Trustees shall not have power to alter, amend, set aside or modify any provision of this Constitution or By-Laws.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 18. Trustees of the Grand Lodge —

1. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

2. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

3. Conflict of Interest —

It shall be a “Conflict of Interest” for any Grand Lodge Trustee to hold a position of Leadership or authority, including but not limited to an office and/or a committee position, at the State, National, or International level in any Concordant or Appendant Bodies in this Grand Jurisdiction.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

The opportunity to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as a Trustee comes with a great deal of responsibility and deserves the individual’s complete attention during his tenure as a Grand Lodge Trustee. For a Trustee to serve in a position of leadership or an office and/or a committee position with any Concordant or Appendant Body places him in a position of “Conflict of Interest”. A Grand Lodge Trustee can only wear one hat and serve one Master and that Master is the Grand Lodge of Oregon AF&AM.

Sponsored by M.W.B. L.L. “Vern” Beito, Past Grand Master 2003-2004, Past Master of Gresham Lodge No. 152; M.W.B. D. Arthur Bush, Past Grand Master 2009-2010, Past Master of Robert Burns Lodge No. 97; and M.W.B. David R. Anderson, Past Grand Master 2001-2002, Past Master of Aurora Lodge No. 59.

III

NOW READS:

Sec. 19. Committees of the Grand Lodge —

1. Appointive Committees —

Are those required by this Code and whose personnel is determined by the Grand Master. Unless otherwise provided, they shall consist of five members each, the first named to be Chairman.

They are as follows:

- (a) On Appeals and Grievances.
- (b) On Finance.
- (c) On Masonic Instruction.
- (d) On Dispensations and Charters.
- (e) On Mileage and Expense.
- (f) On Recognition of Other Grand Lodges.
- (g) On Endowment.
- (h) On Resolutions.
- (i) On Arrangements.
- (j) On Examination of Visiting Brethren.
- (k) On The Code.
- (l) On Public Schools.
- (m) On The Budget.
- (n) On Lodge Management Advisory.
- (o) On Youth Activities.
- (p) On Information and Education.

2. Elective Committees —

Are those whose personnel is determined by election. They are as follows:

Committee on Jurisprudence —

(a) At each Annual Communication there shall be elected, by written or electronic ballot, one member of the Committee on Jurisprudence to serve for five years.

(b) No member of the Committee on Jurisprudence shall be a Grand Lodge Trustee.

3. Fixed Personnel Committees —

Are those whose personnel is determined by this Code. They are as follows:

- (a) On Grand Master's Address.
- (b) On Clothing, Jewels and Furniture.
- (c) On Credentials.
- (d) On Necrology.
- (e) On Publication.
- (f) On Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

4. Special Committees —

Are such as may be appointed by the Grand Master, and, unless otherwise specified, shall each consist of five members, the first named to be Chairman.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 19. Committees of the Grand Lodge —

1. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

2. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

3. Fixed Personnel Committees —

Are those whose personnel is determined by this Code. They are as follows:

- (a) No change to this subdivision.
- (b) No change to this subdivision.
- (c) No change to this subdivision.
- (d) No change to this subdivision.
- (e) No change to this subdivision.
- (f) ~~On Masonic and Eastern Star Home.~~

4. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

This is a housekeeping item and does not appear in other places in the code. Removing the committee "On Masonic and Eastern Star Home" will clean up the list of fixed personnel committees to reflect current existing committees. We have not had a committee for this for some time as the MESH Board performs this function currently. The Trustees now have been fulfilling the role upon the MESH Board.

Sponsored by R.W.B. Marc L. Strong, Junior Grand Warden, Past Master of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 34; R.W.B. Richard Southard, District Deputy No. 22, Past Master of Grande Ronde Valley Lodge No. 56; and R.W.B. Brian Lackey, District Deputy No. 21, Past Master of Cove Lodge No. 91.

IV

NOW READS:

Sec. 112. Duties of Grand Secretary —

It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary:

1. Filing and Conditions of Bond —

To file with the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, at the commencement of his term of office, a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or such larger sum as the Trustees of the Grand Lodge may direct, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, and will deliver to his successor in office, on demand of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, all funds, securities, jewels, vouchers, bonds, papers and other property of the Grand Lodge in his possession, said bond to be furnished by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Oregon, and approved by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, and the cost thereof to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

2. Notification of Petitioners in this Grand Jurisdiction —

To compile and circulate each month to all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, except Military Lodges, a list of all Petitions for the Degrees of Freemasonry reported by all Lodges, giving the following information: The name of the Lodge receiving the Petition, the name, birth date and place, address, and occupation of the Petitioners.

3. Location of Office —

To keep and maintain an office as directed by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge at a location approved by the Grand Lodge.

4. Attendance at All Communications —

To attend all Communications of the Grand Lodge and record the proceedings thereof.

5. Recording Trustees' Proceedings —

To attend the meetings of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge and record their proceedings. The record of these proceedings shall be made available for inspection by any member of Grand Lodge during normal business hours of the Grand Secretary's office.

6. Preparation and Preservation of Documents and Grand Lodge Instruments and Proceedings —

To provide a stenographic or recorded record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Annual and Special Communications, when and as authorized by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, and to preserve, among the archives of the Grand Lodge, a transcript of such stenographic or recorded record; and all original documents pertaining to Annual, Special and Occasional Communications of the Grand Lodge, and to edit the proceedings for printing.

To prepare, attest and duly seal all Dispensations, Charters, Certificates, Commissions and other instruments of writing emanating from the Grand Lodge, Grand Master or the Trustees of the Grand Lodge and keep copies thereof.

7. Permanent Record of Accounts —

To ensure the keeping of suitable and permanent books of accounts of the Grand Lodge and accounts with the Constituent Lodges and the careful segregation and recording therein of all moneys received by him and checks issued in the name of the Grand Lodge.

8. Receiving, Recording and Transmitting of Moneys —

To receive all moneys due the Grand Lodge from any and all sources, and after making proper record thereof, deposit them in such bank or banks as directed by the Trustees and furnish the Grand Treasurer with statement of such deposits so made.

9. Preparation of Checks —

To prepare checks for signature by the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer in payment of obligations of the Grand Lodge, when authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, and maintain an accurate record thereof.

10. Monthly Financial Reports —

To prepare and deliver to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge and to the Committee on Finance, as of the last day of each month, financial statement of the various funds of the Grand Lodge in such form and substance as may be required by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

11. Annual Report of Financial Condition —

To present to the Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication, a complete report of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge. Such report shall be as of April 30 immediately preceding such Annual Communication and shall include a summary of all moneys received by him and all checks drawn upon each fund and the distribution thereof.

12. Annual Audit —

To submit to the auditor, appointed by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge under Section 128-20, for his examination, all records and documents of whatever nature of his office relating to the business transactions of the Grand Lodge.

13. Masonic Record of All Members of Grand Jurisdiction —

To keep a Grand Lodge Register, and inscribe therein the name and Masonic record of each member reported to him in the Annual Returns of the Lodges.

14. Quarterly Reports to Lodges —

To make quarterly reports to each Constituent Lodge of all rejections, suspensions, expulsions, withdrawals, dropped from the roll, reinstatements and restorations.

15. Quarterly Notice to Other Organizations —

To issue quarterly to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oregon, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon, and the Inspector General in Oregon for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, the names of all Master Masons suspended, expelled, withdrawn, dropped from the roll, reinstated or restored, as reported to him by the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

16. Communicating Roster of Grand Lodge Officers —

To communicate, within twenty days after each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodges recognized by this Grand Lodge, and to Constituent Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, the names of the Grand Lodge Officers.

17. Supplementary Roster of Lodges —

(a) To have printed, as a Supplement to the Proceedings, when ordered by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, a complete Roster of each Lodge, showing name, number and location, time of Stated Communications, the names of the officers, Past Masters with year of office, and other members thereof, with the number initiated, passed and raised during the preceding year; also a list of deaths, suspensions, expulsions, withdrawals, dropped from the roll, reinstatements and restorations.

(b) Distribution of Supplementary Roster —

When a supplemental roster shall be published, the Trustees shall distribute the same to such persons and organizations as they may determine, provided that copies may be purchased by individuals at a price fixed by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

18. Advance Pamphlet of Addresses and Reports —

To have printed an advance pamphlet, for distribution to members of the Grand Lodge, which shall contain the Grand Master's Address, reports of Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board, and address of the Grand Orator, and such other material as the Trustees of the Grand Lodge may direct.

19. Supervision of Printing —

To supervise all printing and reproduction of records for the Grand Lodge and see the contracts therefore are faithfully performed.

20. Rituals, Codes, Manual of the Lodge and Forms —

To maintain an adequate supply of the Ritual, Masonic Code, Manual of the Lodge, and Forms, as adopted by the Grand Lodge for the use by the Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodges. These shall be for sale at prices set by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge. The Code shall be available in both printed and electronic formats.

21. Blanks for Annual Returns and Monthly Lodge Reports —

To furnish each Constituent Lodge blanks in duplicate for Annual Returns and Monthly Reports.

22. Examination of Returns —

To examine the Returns of the Lodges as to the correctness of the amounts of their Grand Lodge dues and fees, to adjust any differences he may find and report his findings to the Grand Lodge.

23. Transmittal of Appeals, Petitions, Etc. —

To receive all petitions, applications and appeals to the Grand Lodge and transmit them to the Grand Master.

24. Past Elective Grand Officer's Apron —

(a) To procure a Past Grand Master's Apron for each retiring Grand Master.

(b) To procure the appropriate apron for all other retiring Elective Grand Officers.

25. Custody of the Seal and Jewels —

To have custody of the Seal and Jewels of the Grand Lodge.

26. Transfer of Grand Lodge Property to Successor —

To transfer, to his successor in office, all moneys, Jewels, vouchers, books, papers and other property in his possession as Grand Secretary and belonging to the Grand Lodge, taking duplicate receipts therefore and filing one with the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

27. Other Duties —

To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Trustees.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 112. Duties of Grand Secretary —

It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary:

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15. Quarterly Notice to Other Organizations —

To issue quarterly to the ~~Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oregon, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon, and the Inspector General in Oregon for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States;~~ those Appendant and Concordant Bodies recognized by Resolution by the Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Oregon, including Masonic related associations, a listing of the names of all Master Masons suspended, expelled, withdrawn, dropped from the roll, reinstated or restored, as reported to him by the Lodges of this Grand

Jurisdiction. The reports will be sent to the contact designated by each of these Appendant and Concordant Bodies.

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27. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

The current code section references three of the Appendant and Concordant Bodies recognized by this jurisdiction which require members to be Masons but does not reference others. For example, Shrine, Eastern Star, and Amaranth have requirement for maintenance of good standing within a lodge to be a member but are not referenced. In addition, our youth organizations have certain positions which can only be filled by Master Masons in good standing. If the recognized Appendant and Concordant Bodies do not know of our membership actions, then they cannot take appropriate actions concerning membership or advisory positions.

Sponsored by W.B. Richard Varner, Senior Grand Deacon, Past Master of McKenzie River Lodge No. 195; W.B. Jason Caldwell, Worshipful Master of McKenzie River Lodge No. 195; and W.B. Sergio Perez, Worshipful Master of Eugene Lodge No. 11.

NOW READS:

Sec. 146. Personnel and Duties of Committee on Publication —

1. Personnel —

The Committee on Publication shall consist of the Grand Secretary (Chairman), and such assistants as he may appoint.

2. Duties —

To edit and index the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

To perform such duties in connection with publications of the Grand Lodge as may be referred to it by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 146. Personnel and Duties of Committee on Publication —

1. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

2. Duties —

To edit and index the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

To perform such duties in connection with publications of the Grand Lodge as may be referred to it by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, including the correction of grammatical, spelling, spacing or punctuation errors and page formatting. Such edits shall be considered housekeeping and, under the supervision and in the judgement of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, will not require a vote of the Grand Lodge.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

There are many places in the printed code that include grammatical, spelling, spacing and punctuation errors. In the past there have been issues when the Grand Lodge office staff made corrections and were informed that they could not make these changes without legislation.

Sponsored by R.W.B. Craig A. Sipp, Deputy Grand Master, Past Master of McEwen Lodge No. 125; R.W.B. Marc L. Strong, Junior Grand Warden, Past Master of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 34; and W.B. Richard Varner, Senior Grand Deacon, Past Master of McKenzie River Lodge No. 195.

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NOW READS:

Sec. 272. Uniform Code of By-Laws for Lodges —

1. Adoption Mandatory —

Each Lodge shall adopt Uniform By-Laws as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Name and Number. The name of this Lodge shall be

_____ Lodge
No. _____, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

ARTICLE 2

Seal. The following is hereby adopted as the seal of this Lodge:
(Impression of Seal to be inserted)

ARTICLE 3

Communications. The Stated Communications of this Lodge shall be held on the _____
_____ of each month at _____ o'clock _____ M.,
at _____ hall in
_____ (city or town), except that for the months
of _____ the hour shall be _____ o'clock _____
M. By a majority vote the Lodge may call from labor during either or both the months of July
and August, or January and February.

ARTICLE 4

Trustees — At the first Stated Communication in November following adoption of this article, the Lodge shall elect three Trustees, who shall have charge of the invested funds of the Lodge, except as provided in Articles 5 and 11 of these By-Laws, one to serve for three years, one for two years and one for one year. At each succeeding Annual Election one Trustee shall be elected to serve for three years. Until this Article becomes effective, the Master and Wardens shall be the Trustees of this Lodge.

Or,

ARTICLE 4

Trustees — The Master and Wardens shall be the Trustees of this Lodge, and shall have charge of the invested funds of the Lodge, except as provided in Articles 5 and 11 of these By-Laws.
(Cancel paragraph not adopted)

ARTICLE 5

Rules for Administration of Invested Funds —
(As desired by each Lodge.)

ARTICLE 5A

Rules Regulating Indebtedness of the Lodge.
(Provisions to be provided by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.)

ARTICLE 5B

Special Provisions —

As desired by the Lodge appertaining to special conditions therein and not in conflict with the provisions of this Code.

ARTICLE 6

Fees. The fees for conferring the degrees shall be \$ _____; \$ _____ shall accompany the Petition; \$ _____ shall be paid before the conferring of the Fellowcraft Degree; \$ _____ shall be paid before the conferring of the Master Mason Degree.

ARTICLE 7

Annual Dues. Each member shall pay the sum of \$ _____ per year, on or before the 31st day of January of each year, as dues for the current year.

ARTICLE 7A

Life Membership. The fee for Life Membership in this Lodge shall be:

Age 18 to 35 inclusive, \$ _____

Age 36 to 50 inclusive, \$ _____

Age 51 and over, \$ _____

Memorial Life Membership \$ _____

A Lodge may increase the number of age brackets as desired, provided the fee in any bracket is not less than the minimum fee set forth in Sec. 256 of this Code.

ARTICLE 8

Committee on Charity. The Master and Wardens shall be ex-officio a Committee on Charity, and shall have power during recess of the Lodge to draw orders on the Treasury for a sum not exceeding \$ _____ for the relief of any one case.

ARTICLE 9

Duties of Treasurer. To make a report at a Stated Communication in _____ of each year showing receipts, disbursements and financial condition of the Lodge for the year ending December 31. He shall also report at any other time the Lodge or the Master directs.

ARTICLE 10

Duties of Secretary. To make a report at a Stated Communication in _____ of each year of the work and condition of the accounts of the Lodge with its officers and members, and of all other matters relating to finances and business of the Lodge which may be under his charge. Also, he will keep the books and accounts up to date and available for auditing. At times that the Master or the Lodge shall direct the auditing committee to audit the books.

ARTICLE 11

(Here may be inserted provisions for the election of special Trustees for conducting the business of Masonic Temples, Masonic Cemeteries and other properties, with rules for the administration of such properties.)

ARTICLE 12

Order of Business. When a Lodge is opened on a Stated Communication, the following order of business shall be observed:

1. Reading and approval of minutes.
2. Reading and referring of Petitions.
3. Receiving reports of Investigating Committees.
4. Balloting on Petitions. (This balloting shall come on and be disposed of in regular order and shall not be again taken up at the same Communication).
5. Receiving and considering resolutions and communications and reports of Committees.
6. Considering unfinished business.
7. Disposing of such other business as may come before the Lodge.
8. Conferring degrees.
9. Provided, that matters of charity shall always have precedence, and that a speaker, who has been invited to address the lodge, may be called on at any time during the Communication as may be decided by the Master.

ARTICLE 13

In all matters not specifically covered herein the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge shall govern.

ARTICLE 13A

Suspension of By-Laws. Suspension of these By-Laws or any part thereof shall not be permitted except by Dispensation from the Grand Master.

ARTICLE 14

Amendment of Lodge By-Laws. This uniform Code of Lodge By-Laws may be amended in the following manner only:

(a) Articles 4, 5A, 12, 13, 13A and 14 can only be amended by the Grand Lodge.

(b) Such portions of Articles 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9 and 10 as are represented by blanks, to be filled in, may be amended by the Lodge as provided in Subdivision (f) of this Article. Other portions of the same Articles can be amended only by the Grand Lodge.

(c) Articles 5, 5B and 11 may be amended in whole or in part as provided in Subdivision (f) of this Article.

(d) Whenever the Lodge does not adopt rules as provided under Articles 5, 5A and 11, these Articles must be left blank.

(e) In no case shall the number of any Article be changed.

(f) A proposed amendment must be submitted in triplicate at a Stated Communication of the Lodge, read and laid over until the next Stated Communication, at which it shall be submitted to a vote of the Lodge. If two-thirds of the members present are favorable to the proposed amendment, it shall be submitted to the Grand Master, and become effective on the date of his approval.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 272. Uniform Code of By-Laws for Lodges —

1. Adoption Mandatory —

Each Lodge shall adopt Uniform By-Laws as follows:

ARTICLE 1	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 2	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 3	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 4	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 5	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 5A	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 5B	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 6	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 7	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 7A	No change to this subdivision..
ARTICLE 8	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 9	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 10	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 11	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 12	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 13	No change to this subdivision.
ARTICLE 13A	No change to this subdivision.

ARTICLE 14

Amendment of Lodge By-Laws. This uniform Code of Lodge By-Laws may be amended in the following manner only:

- (a) No change to this subdivision.
- (b) No change to this subdivision.
- (c) No change to this subdivision.
- (d) No change to this subdivision.
- (e) No change to this subdivision.

(f) A proposed amendment to Lodge By-Laws must be submitted in triplicate at a Stated Communication of the Lodge, read and laid over until the next Stated Communication, at which it shall be submitted to a vote of the Lodge. When completing the Amended to Read you will follow the “**PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN AMENDING THE UNIFORM CODE OF LODGE BY-LAWS** as provided by the Grand Lodge office. If two-thirds of the members present are favorable to the proposed amendment, it shall be submitted to the Grand Master, with the Lodge Seal upon it, and become effective on the date of his approval.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

The “Constitution and By-Laws The CODE” refer to “Amending the Code and Bylaws” including but not limited to Sections:

- Section 24: Amendments to Constitution (How Amended);
- Section 272.14: Amendments to Lodge Bylaws; and
- Section 276: Amendments to Bylaws.

There is no Section of the Code that specifies the “Procedure and Formatting” of Amendments to the Lodge By-Laws. It is acknowledged that there is a publication entitled “**PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN AMENDING THE UNIFORM CODE OF LODGE BY-LAWS**” (Procedure) provided by the Grand Lodge office “...required by the Grand Lodge office.” This document Revised 8-3-2022 acknowledges some specific formatting required in Amending the Lodge By-Laws, similar to Section 24.2 Amending the Constitution and By-Laws The CODE.

The (Procedure) states: “*It is suggested that these instructions be kept with your Lodge By-Laws for future reference.*”

In lieu of adding the (Procedure) to ARTICLE 14 (f) in its entirety, it is sufficient to add to the Constitution & By-Laws The Code ARTICLE 14 (f) that portion of the (Procedure) regarding the name of the “PROCEDURE...” document.

The intent of the Proposal is that Section 24 Amendments to Constitution of the Code should also pertain to Amendments to Lodge By-Laws where applicable, especially Paragraph 24.2.

Per Section 24.5 “The strikethrough and underlining will not appear in the Lodge By-Laws if the legislation passes and are utilized only to facilitate understanding of the proposed change to the Section of the Code” but now also referring the Lodge By-Laws where applicable.

Sponsored by W.B. Johnny J. Edwards, Grand Historian, Worshipful Master of Union Lodge No. 3; W.B. Jared Brandon-Flande, Senior Warden of Union Lodge No. 3; and M.W.B. Hunt M. Compton, Past Grand Master 2013-2014, Past Master of Union Lodge No. 3.

LATE LEGISLATION

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NOW READS:

Sec. 128. Powers and Duties of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge —

1. Presiding Officer —

The Grand Master shall preside as Chairman, and, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master shall preside, and, if both are absent, the Senior Grand Warden shall preside.

2. Time and Place of Meetings —

The Trustees shall hold monthly meetings on such dates and at such hours and places as the Grand Master shall order. They may hold special meetings at the order of the Grand Master or on written call of two Trustees. Each Trustee shall have not less than five days written notice of the time and place of each meeting.

3. Supervision of Funds and Properties —

They shall designate one or more banks as depositories for evidence of investments and other valuable papers belonging to the Grand Lodge. Access thereto shall be invested in such persons as may be authorized by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

4. Titles to Property —

The Trustees shall take and hold title to all real, personal and mixed property in the name of “The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon.”

5. Investment of Funds —

(a) It shall be the duty of the Trustees to supervise the purchase of investments from the funds or trust funds of the Grand Lodge. The purchase of State, County, School and Municipal Warrants shall not be permitted. All investments shall be made, primarily, with a view to the safety of the principal rather than the amount of income. It shall also be the duty of the Trustees to supervise the sales of securities or other properties of the Grand Lodge when deemed advisable or necessary, and the reinvestment of proceeds derived from the sale, payment or redemption of securities or other properties of the Grand Lodge. The Trustees shall adopt appropriate criteria for the Investments of the Grand Lodge.

(b) Capital gains or losses created in the sales of securities shall be distributed to the principal account of the participating fund on the basis of the percentage of participation of each fund as of the end of each fiscal year.

6. Auditing Bills, Etc. —

The Trustees, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, shall examine all bills and claims against the Grand Lodge, and, if allowed, order checks to be drawn in payment of same.

7. Educational Assistance —

The Trustees shall examine into the merits of any case brought to their attention by the Master of

any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, or by other Masonic information, in which any resident or nonresident children or grandchildren of a Master Mason of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall require assistance to obtain an education in public school K through 12, or post high school through age 22. The Trustees shall determine whether such case is proper for assistance, and, if so, shall appropriate from the income of the Educational Fund such amount or amounts as may be necessary and available.

8. Masonic Relief —

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge shall investigate all applications for assistance made to the Grand Master, or the Trustees, and appropriate from the General Fund such amounts as they shall determine to be necessary and proper.

9. Reimbursing Lodges for Relief —

When Masonic relief shall have been afforded by a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to a Master Mason in good standing in a Lodge in a Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge, or to his widow or orphans, the Lodge affording the relief should apply for reimbursement to the Lodge of which the Master Mason is or was a member.

Should reimbursement not be made, the Lodge may present to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge a claim for reimbursement, together with such proofs and correspondence as are available, and certified as correct by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge.

10. To Establish Masonic Service Bureaus —

(a) To provide for the relief of distressed worthy sojourners, to insure proper investigations of requests for relief, and to perform other duties essential to the proper functioning of Freemasonry in the area, the Trustees of the Grand Lodge are empowered to establish a Masonic Service Bureau in any area of this Grand Jurisdiction when requested to do so by a majority of the Lodges in such area; to direct the activities thereof; and to provide such funds for the support thereof as may be determined by the Grand Lodge. The foregoing shall not in any way affect the boundaries of any existing Masonic Service Bureau.

(b) Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and regulations of a Bureau so established shall be approved by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

11. Reimbursing Boards of Relief or Masonic Service Bureaus —

When Masonic relief shall have been afforded by a Board of Relief or a Masonic Service Bureau in this Grand Jurisdiction under the conditions set forth in Subdivision 9 of this Section, such Board of Relief or Masonic Service Bureau may present a claim for reimbursement to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge. Such claim shall be certified as correct by the President and Secretary of the Board of Relief or Masonic Service Bureau and shall be supported by such proofs and correspondence as are available, and action thereon shall be as provided in Subdivision 12 of this Section.

12. Claims, Lodges or Boards of Relief —

All claims presented to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge in conformity with Subdivisions 9 and 11 of this Section, shall be audited by them and, if found correct and approved, they shall appropriate from the General Fund such amounts as may be approved by them.

13. Printing Contracts —

The Trustees shall provide for all printing of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Secretary's office.

14. Masonic and Eastern Star Home —

The Trustees shall be the representatives of this Grand Lodge on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board.

15. Annual Report on Management of Funds —

The Trustees shall at each Annual Communication, make a report to the Grand Lodge setting forth in detail all their acts in the management and control of the several funds of the Grand Lodge and of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

16. Annual Report on Loans and Investments —

The Trustees shall, at each Annual Communication, report the loans and investments made during the year, and may make suggestions and recommendations relating to the property and financial interests of the Grand Lodge as to them may seem necessary and advantageous.

17. Compensation of Employees —

Compensation for persons employed to perform services in connection with the business of the Grand Lodge shall be paid in the same manner as are other claims against the Grand Lodge.

18. Expenses of Trustees —

The Trustees shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties as Trustees.

19. Forms —

The Trustees shall examine and approve all forms required for use by Constituent Lodges, or the Grand Lodge, as prescribed in this Code.

20. Appointment of Auditor —

The trustees shall employ a Certified Public Accountant, or Accountants, who shall examine and report upon income, expenditures and all other matters relating to the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. The report of the Auditor shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, together with a certificate that such audit has been made, and said certificate shall be included in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

21. Blanket Bond —

The Trustees shall procure a blanket bond for the bonding of Secretaries, Treasurers, Trustees and members of Lodges who may have custody of funds or property of Lodges and who are not otherwise bonded as provided in Sec. 213-6.

22. Liability Insurance —

The Trustees shall procure blanket Liability Insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance for the protection of the Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges in such sum and under such conditions as they may determine.

23. Determining Salary of Grand Secretary —

The Trustees shall determine the salary of the Grand Secretary as provided in Sec. 160-1.

24. Expenses —

The Trustees shall provide expenses to the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and the Deputy Grand Master to attend the annual Conference of Grand Masters and the annual Conference of Grand Secretaries.

25. Assistant Grand Secretary —

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge shall appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary, who shall have the full right and authority under the supervision of the Grand Lodge Trustees, to act for or on behalf of the Grand Secretary, in the absence or inability of the Grand Secretary, and shall perform such other duties as may be determined by the Grand Secretary or the Grand Lodge Trustees.

26. Approve Manuscripts —

All manuscripts for publication by Grand Lodge shall be approved by Grand Lodge or the Trustees before publication.

27. Retention of Records —

Operative business records and documents of the Grand Lodge having no historical value and which are no longer useful may be disposed of at the discretion of the Trustees.

28. Retirement Program for Employees —

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge shall establish and fund a pension plan for the Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Secretary and full time employees of the office of the Grand Secretary, which complies with applicable statutes and administrative rules of the Federal and State governments.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 128. Powers and Duties of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge —

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REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

There is a possibility that our Workers Compensation policy might not be renewable at some point. If that was the case, we would need to purchase an Accident Insurance to cover those who volunteer at our Lodges. This amendment would allow the Trustees to provide insurance for our volunteers if we were unable to procure Workers Compensation insurance. This is something that our current workers compensation provider suggested we do.

Sponsored by M.W.B. James L. Morgan, Past Grand Master 2018-2019, Past Master of Clatskanie Lodge No. 133; R.W.B. Craig A. Sipp, Deputy Grand Master, Past Master of McEwen Lodge No. 125; and R.W.B. Timothy J. Best, Senior Grand Warden, Past Master of Hermiston Lodge No. 138.

COMPANION LEGISLATION: SECTION 213

NOW READS:

Sec. 213. Lodges — Powers, Duties and Limitations

It shall be the duty of a Lodge:

1. To conduct business in strict accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of the Lodge and permit no suspension of any part of its By-Laws, except by Dispensation of the Grand Master.

2. Adopt Uniform By-Laws —

To adopt the Uniform Code of By-Laws in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

3. Stated Communications —

To hold one and not to exceed two Stated Communications in each month, except that a Lodge may call from labor during either or both the months of July and August or January and February.

4. Suitable Lodge Room —

To provide a safe and suitable Lodge Room.

5. Record of Proceedings —

To keep a proper and complete record of its proceedings.

6. Bonding of Officers and Members —

In addition to the bonding of Secretaries and Treasurers of Lodges, as provided in Sec. 220-1 and Section 221-1 of this Code, each other officer, Trustee or member of a Lodge who shall have custody of funds or property of a Lodge, shall file, with the Master of the Lodge, a bond in such sum as the Lodge may direct, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties required, and will deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers, securities or other property of the Lodge in his possession. Such bond shall be furnished by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Oregon and approved by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, or may be by participation in a blanket bond to be procured by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge for such purpose. The cost of such bond, or a proportionate part of such blanket bond, shall be paid out of the funds of the Lodge.

7. No Communication on Sunday, Except —

A Lodge shall not be convened on Sunday except for funeral purposes, for the purpose of celebrating the Festival of St. John the Baptist (June 24) or St. John the Evangelist (December 27) by appropriate ceremonies in the Lodge room or by attending church on those days or on a Sunday preceding or following such days. For the celebration of either St. John's Day the Lodge shall be opened on the Entered Apprentice degree.

8. Annual Returns —

The Grand Secretary shall prepare and transmit to each constituent Lodge an annual return, **to reach constituent Lodge prior to March 31st each year.** The Secretary of each constituent Lodge shall after execution of such return, transmit the same to the Grand Secretary by **April 10th each year.** Such annual returns shall be signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary under seal of the Lodge.

9. Failure to File Annual Returns —

A Lodge, whose annual returns are not in the hands of the Grand Secretary **by April 10th**, shall be assessed one dollar for each day delinquent thereafter. Such penalty shall be added, by the Grand Secretary, to the Annual Returns so delinquent and shall be paid from the funds of the Lodge; and during such delinquency such Lodge shall not be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge; provided, upon the Lodge presenting a satisfactory reason for failure to file its Annual Returns, the Grand Lodge may remit the penalty and return the Lodge to representation in Grand Lodge.

10. Charter Arrested for Failure to File Returns —

If a Lodge shall fail to file its Annual Returns for two consecutive years, its Charter may be arrested by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, and the effects of the Lodge shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge; provided, that upon such Lodge making full returns and paying all amounts due the Grand Lodge, the Charter and other effects of such Lodge may be restored by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

11. Lodge Register —

To keep a Lodge Register, in which shall be entered the names of all members with their Masonic records.

12. Black Book —

To keep in a suitable binder the quarterly reports of the Grand Secretary containing the record of rejections, suspensions, expulsions, withdrawals, dropped from the roll, restorations and reinstatements.

13. Monthly Reports to Grand Secretary —

To make monthly reports to the Grand Secretary, in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

14. Communications From Grand Officers and Grand Committees —

(a) To read all communications from the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, other Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Lodge Committees at the Stated Communication next following their receipt, and record of such reading shall be noted in the minutes, except as provided in Sec. 213-14 (b).

(b) **In lieu of reading** the Grand Secretary's Monthly Report of Petitions Received, **it shall** be posted on the Bulletin board of the Lodge, or other space customarily provided for viewing by members of the Lodge.

15. Representation in Grand Lodge —

To be represented at every Annual and Special Communication of the Grand Lodge.

16. Roster of Officers to Grand Secretary —

Each Lodge shall, within five days after the Annual Installation of officers, transmit to the Grand Secretary a list, duly certified under the Seal of the Lodge, containing the names of the newly installed officers, with the dates of their installation, the name and title of the installing officer, and the post office addresses of the Master and Secretary.

17. Adoption of Seal —

To adopt an appropriate Seal.

18. Apron to Entered Apprentices —

To present to each candidate at his initiation a Lambskin or other White Leather Apron as described in Sec. 268-1.

19. Signing of By-Laws —

To require each member to sign the By-Laws of the Lodge immediately after receiving the Master Mason degree, or after affiliation; provided, if a Brother is raised in another Lodge by courtesy, the Secretary of such Lodge shall transmit the signature of the Brother so raised to be attached to the By-Laws of his own Lodge.

20. Certificate of Membership —

To present to each Master Mason, immediately after he shall have been raised and signed the By-Laws of the Lodge, a Certificate of Membership in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and also a copy of the Manual of the Lodge.

21. Uniform Receipts —

To use the uniform dues receipts provided by the Grand Lodge for dues paid by members.

22. Funds and Securities —

(a) To select a depository in which all funds of the Lodge shall be promptly deposited.

(b) To keep all its bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value in a safe deposit box in the name of the Lodge,

(c) Or, a Lodge, by resolution, may direct that such bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value may be deposited with a bank or trust company for safe keeping.

(d) If no safe deposit company, bank or trust company shall be conveniently accessible to the Lodge, such bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value may be deposited with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge for safe keeping.

(e) Access to such bonds, notes, securities and other instruments of value shall be had jointly by two or more officers, Trustees or other members of the Lodge, duly authorized by the Lodge.

23. No Money Loaned to Members —

A Lodge shall not lend money to a member thereof.

24. Clandestine or Irregular Lodges —

A Lodge or member thereof shall not hold Masonic communication within this Grand Jurisdiction with any Lodge or Body claiming to be Masonic (or any member thereof) which has not been recognized by this Grand Lodge. When visiting or sojourning in a Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction you are subject to the laws and rules of that Grand Jurisdiction while sojourning, provided under no circumstances shall an Oregon Mason visit an irregular or clandestine lodge.

25. To Maintain Membership in Area Service Bureau —

Each and every Lodge located in an area where a Masonic Service Bureau has been established shall maintain membership in such Service Bureau, and abide by the By-Laws and regulations thereof.

26. Removal From One Location to Another —

If a Lodge shall desire to permanently remove from the city, town, village or place named in its Dispensation, Charter or By-Laws, or from one Lodge room to another:

- (a) The proposal shall be submitted to the Lodge at a Stated Communication.
- (b) Further action shall be deferred until a Stated Communication to be held not less than four weeks after the proposal has been submitted.
- (c) Or to a Special Communication authorized by the Grand Master as provided in Sec. 212-2.
- (d) Each member shall be notified of the proposed removal and of the date set for final consideration.
- (e) If, upon final action, two-thirds of the members present shall vote favorably, the Lodge shall then petition the Grand Master for a Dispensation authorizing the removal, and the removal shall not take place until such Dispensation shall have been granted.

27. Special Assessments —

A Lodge cannot levy a special tax or assessment except by authority of the Grand Lodge or Dispensation from the Grand Master. Such levy or assessment can be levied only by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Lodge present, and after due notice has been given to all members.

28. Incorporation of Lodges —

- (a) A Lodge desiring to incorporate shall secure permission of the Grand Lodge or the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.
- (b) Any Lodge which shall be hereafter incorporated shall include, in the articles of incorporation, a clause to provide that, upon arrest, revocation of charter or upon dissolution of the Lodge for any reason, title to all property, of whatsoever kind, of which the Lodge may be possessed, shall vest in the Grand Lodge, subject to all legal and equitable rights of creditors of such demised Lodge in and to such properties.

29. Lodge Building and Indebtedness —

A Lodge shall not undertake the purchase or construction of a Lodge building, or pledge its credit, or issue bonds or debentures or other evidences of indebtedness therefor, or subscribe to or guarantee the stock or bonds of any building association or company, either in the name of the Lodge, or under the name of a building association or company, without the written consent of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

30. Certificate to Family of Deceased —

To issue to the family of a deceased Master Mason in good standing at the time of his decease a Certificate showing his Masonic Record, in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

31. No Masonic Clothing in Public Except Under Masonic Auspices —

A Mason shall not appear in Masonic Clothing in any public procession, nor in any private or public assembly, unless such is under the auspices of the Grand Lodge or of a Lodge.

32. Appearance in Public —

A Lodge may, with permission of the Grand Master, participate in parades or other public functions of general interest.

33. Lodge to Provide Code —

Each Lodge shall provide its Master, Wardens, Secretary and Senior Deacon with a copy of the Code which shall be transmitted to their successors in office, upon expiration of their terms of office.

34. Liability Insurance —

Each Constituent Lodge shall procure Liability Insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance by participating in a blanket Liability Insurance policy and Workers' Compensation Insurance policy to be secured by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge as set forth in Sec. 128-21 and Sec. 128-22. The cost of such participation shall be prorated according to the membership of each Lodge and shall be paid out of the funds of the Lodge.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 213. Lodges — Powers, Duties and Limitations

It shall be the duty of a Lodge:

1. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH
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34. Liability Insurance —

Each Constituent Lodge shall procure Liability Insurance and Workers' Compensation or Accident Insurance by participating in a blanket Liability Insurance policy and Workers' Compensation or Accident Insurance policy to be secured by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge as set forth in Sec. 128-21 and Sec. 128-22. The cost of such participation shall be prorated according to the membership of each Lodge and shall be paid out of the funds of the Lodge.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

There is a possibility that our Workers Compensation policy might not be renewable at some point. If that was the case, we would need to purchase an Accident Insurance to cover those who volunteer at our Lodges. This amendment would allow the Trustees to provide insurance for our volunteers if we were unable to procure Workers Compensation insurance. This is something that our current workers compensation provider suggested we do.

Sponsored by M.W.B. James L. Morgan, Past Grand Master 2018-2019, Past Master of Clatskanie Lodge No. 133; R.W.B. Greg Hinkelman, District Deputy No. 1, Past Master of Clatskanie Lodge No. 133; and W.B. Michael A. Kreger, Past Master of Rainier Lodge No. 24.

II

NOW READS:

Sec. 130A. Committee on the Budget, duties of:

1. To prepare and present to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, an operating budget covering all proposed expenditures from the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year.
2. During the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge all proposals for the expenditure of moneys in excess of \$100.00 except the payroll, shall be referred to the Committee on the Budget for report.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 130A. Committee on the Budget, duties of:

1. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH
2. During the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge all proposals for the expenditure of moneys in excess of ~~\$100.00~~ \$1,000.00 except the payroll, shall be referred to the Committee on the Budget for report.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

This section of the code was originally adopted in 1965 and provided accountability and review of Grand Lodge expenditures. Based on inflation and all our current auditing practices in place it is time to increase this limit. The increase is based on applying an average inflation factor from 1965 to 2022.

Sponsored by R.W.B. Craig A. Sipp, Deputy Grand Master, Past Master of McEwen Lodge No. 125; R.W.B. Richard Southard, District Deputy No. 22, Past Master of Grande Ronde Valley Lodge No. 56; and R.W.B. Brian Lackey, District Deputy No. 21, Past Master of Cove Lodge No. 91.

COMPANION LEGISLATION: SECTION 159

NOW READS:

Sec. 159. Disbursement of Grand Lodge Funds —

1. Disbursement of funds of the Grand Lodge shall be made only by order of the Grand Lodge or the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.
2. Payroll Subject to Approval by Grand Lodge —
The payroll of members and delegates in attendance upon an Annual or Special Communication shall be compiled by the Committee on Mileage and Expense, and by that Committee reported to the Grand Lodge for approval before the Grand Treasurer is authorized to pay the same. The Grand Treasurer shall settle the payroll no earlier than eleven o'clock A.M. of the last day of an Annual or Special Communication and no later than 20 days immediately following any Annual or Special Communication.
3. Payroll —
To pay the mileage and expense of those entitled thereto in attendance at Annual and Special Communications as shown by the report of the Mileage and Expense Committee.
4. Proposed Expenditures Referred —
During an Annual or Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, with the exception of the

payroll, every proposal to appropriate or expend money in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be submitted in triplicate and referred to the Committee on the Budget.

5. Form of Claims —

Each claim against the Grand Lodge shall show each item included therein, and by whose authority the indebtedness was incurred.

6. Form of Disbursements —

Each check drawn by the Grand Secretary shall show:

- (a) Date of issue.
- (b) To whom drawn.
- (c) For what amount issued.
- (d) By what authority issued.
- (e) Upon which fund drawn.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 159. Disbursement of Grand Lodge Funds —

1. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

2. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

3. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

4. Proposed Expenditures Referred —

During an Annual or Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, with the exception of the payroll, every proposal to appropriate or expend money in excess of ~~one hundred~~ One Thousand dollars (~~\$100.00~~) (\$1,000.00) shall be submitted in triplicate and referred to the Committee on the Budget.

5. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

6. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

This is companion legislation to Section 130A. This section of the code was originally adopted in 1965 and provided accountability and review of Grand Lodge expenditures. Based on inflation and all our current auditing practices in place it is time to increase this limit. The increase is based on applying an average inflation factor from 1965 to 2022.

Sponsored by R.W.B. Craig A. Sipp, Deputy Grand Master, Past Master of McEwen Lodge No. 125; R.W.B. Timothy J. Best, Senior Grand Warden, Past Master of Hermiston Lodge No. 138; and R.W.B. Marc L. Strong, Junior Grand Warden, Past Master of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 34.

III

NOW READS:

Sec. 269. Jewels —

1. The Jewels of Officers of Lodges shall be as follows:

Master, the Square.

Senior Warden, the Level.

Junior Warden, the Plumb.

Treasurer, the Crossed Keys.

Secretary, the Crossed Quills.

Chaplain, the Open Bible.

Senior Deacon, the Square and Extended Compasses enclosing a Blazing Sun.

Junior Deacon, the Square and Extended Compasses enclosing a Crescent Moon.

Stewards, the Cornucopia.

Marshal, the Baton.

Tyler, the Sword.

Organist, the Lyre.

2. The Jewels shall be of silver.

3. Past Master's Jewel —

The Jewel of a Past Master shall be a pair of Golden Compasses extended to 60 degrees on a Quadrant, and enclosing a Blazing Sun.

PROPOSED TO READ:

Sec. 269. Jewels —

1. The Jewels of Officers of Lodges shall be as follows:

Master, the Square.

Senior Warden, the Level.

Junior Warden, the Plumb.

Treasurer, the Crossed Keys.

Secretary, the Crossed Quills.

Chaplain, the Open Bible.

Senior Deacon, the Square and Extended Compasses enclosing a Blazing Sun.

Junior Deacon, the Square and Extended Compasses enclosing a Crescent Moon.

Stewards, the Cornucopia.

Marshal, the Baton.

Tyler, the Sword.

Organist, the Lyre.

Historian, an Open Book with Quill

2. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

3. NO CHANGE TO THIS PARAGRAPH

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

Legislation was presented in 2019 and adopted at the 172nd Annual Communication June 2022 which reads as follows:

“Section 202 The Officers of a Lodge shall be: A Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Tyler, Chaplain, and it may have a Marshal, Organist and Historian”.

Although the legislation was adopted, there was no provision presented at that time that recognized a “Jewel” for the position of Lodge Historian. The Code Committee feels this was an inadvertent oversight.

Section 202. Officers of a Lodge clearly states that a Lodge “...may have a Marshal, Organist, and Historian.” Within the original proposal in 2019, the 3rd paragraph under “REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE states follows:

“It seems reasonable therefore, to add a “Lodge Historian” as a third optional officer of a Lodge to afford that office legal or authorized status as an Officer of the Lodge and to recognize the Office as described in The Officers Handbook and our Lodge Floor Plan.”

It seems reasonable to the Code Committee that the adoption of an optional Lodge Historian as a third optional officer of a Lodge who has a legal or authorized status as an Officer of the Lodge recognized as such should have a Jewel.

It is recognized that there is a discrepancy in the description of the Grand Historian Jewel between the Code and the Standard Manual. The description in the Standard Manual on page 102 states “Grand Historian, a Closed Book”, whereas the Code Section 164.3 states “Grand Historian, an Open Book with Quill”.

Research has shown that at the 136th Annual Communication dated June 7, 1986 the Jewel of the Grand Historian was changed from “~~a Closed Book~~” to “an Open Book with Quill” Reference Page 124 Grand Lodge Proceedings Electronic Copy page 7834. The Standard Manual was never changed to reflect the amendment adoption of June 7, 1986.

Sponsored by M.W.B. James L. Morgan, Past Grand Master 2018-2019, Past Master of Clatskanie Lodge No. 133; R.W.B. Marc L. Strong, Junior Grand Warden, Past Master of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 34; and R.W.B. Timothy J. Best, Senior Grand Warden, Past Master of Hermiston Lodge No. 138.

RESOLUTIONS

I

Resolution creating a membership Chair and Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the Master of each lodge shall appoint a Membership chairman to receive and disseminate that information to the Lodge committee members and to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, information such as inquiries, advancement, failure to advance, Nonpayment of dues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grand Lodge shall keep a record of all membership chairman and contact information maintained by Grand Lodge.

WHEREAS there are resources and funding is available from Grand Lodge of Oregon to the lodges and for assistance in acquisition and retention of members.

Sponsored by M.W.B. Michael McGuyer, Past Grand Master 2020-2021, Past Master of Molalla Lodge No. 178; W.B. Theodor Huber, Jr., Past Master of Molalla Lodge No. 178; and R.W.B. Marvin Hardin, District Deputy No. 8, Past Master of Silverton Lodge No. 45.

II

Resolution to Confer Honorary Membership

WHEREAS during this, its One Hundred and Seventy-Third Annual Communication, The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon is honored by the presence of many distinguished visitors from other Grand Lodge jurisdictions, and it is appropriate that they be accorded distinct recognition,

BE IT RESOLVED:

that during the course of this communication, the distinguished visitors from other Grand Lodge jurisdictions shall have honorary membership in this Grand Lodge.

Sponsored by R.W.B. Richard C. Southard, Chairman on Resolutions, Past Master of Grande Ronde Valley Lodge No. 56; R.W.B. Timothy J. Best, Senior Grand Warden, Past Master of Hermiston Lodge No. 138; W.B. Ted Crocker III, Past Master of Belt Lodge No. 18; and W.B. William R. Williams, Past Master of Joseph Lodge No. 81.