

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
(TO LIE OVER ONE YEAR)

PROPOSED CHANGES
LAWS OF MASONRY, GRAND LODGE OF WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Article IV, Regulation 50, the following changes are proposed to the Laws of Masonry, Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

Regulation 5.

5.1 The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program Resolutions or amendments pertaining to the Masonic Home, when presented to the Grand Lodge in behalf of the Board of Governors by one or more of its members, must be accompanied by a certified copy of the minutes of said Board showing the action taken. Otherwise, it is out of order as such and not proper for consideration by the Grand Lodge. 1958 Proceedings 150, 2015 Proceedings

Regulation 16.

(3) Committee on Budget, consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Chairman Committee on Finance, whose duty is shall be to estimate the probable income of the Grand Lodge in all funds except The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program funds for the current year; to recommend in as much detail as is practicable the necessary and appropriate expenditures from each fund for the year, except from The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program funds, and to report the same to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication together with any other matters touching the finances of the Grand Lodge in the judgment of the committee necessary and proper to be considered. 2015 Proceedings

(5) Committee on Finance, consisting of at least seven, whose duty it shall be (a) to examine the books, accounts and reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, the proceedings and report of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge, the financial proceedings and report of the Board of Governors of The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program including the budget presented therewith to consider the report of the Grand Lodge Committee on Budget and any other matters referred to it by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; (b) to report in detail its findings and recommendations with respect to such books, accounts, reports, proceedings, matters, budget for the operation of the The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program and budget for the operation of the Grand Lodge; (c) to ascertain and report the per diem and mileage (at the rates fixed from time to time by the Grand Lodge) of the following persons in actual attendance at the annual communication: One representative from each chartered Lodge; the officers of the Grand Lodge and necessary assistants to the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; Past Grand elective officers; District Deputy Grand Masters; Deputy Grand Lecturers; members of the Board of Trustees; and members of Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge; provided, that no one be allowed per diem and mileage in more than one capacity; and (d) to report recommendations for allowances for such other purposes as the committee may deem necessary and proper.

See DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES (Recommended by the Committee on Finance and approved by the Grand Lodge), Laws of Masonry, 15th Edition, pages 111-112.

See DESIGNATION OF FUNDS (Recommended by the Committee on Finance and approved by the Grand Lodge), Laws of Masonry, 15th Edition, page 113. 2015 Proceedings

DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

7. That the sums required by The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program Regulation 27 12(d) to be paid by the particular Lodges with their annual returns for the current and subsequent fiscal years shall be paid by the Grand Secretary to the Board of Trustees for the account of the General Purpose Fund; that from time to time during each year the Board of Trustees shall, upon requisition by the Board of Governors of the The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program, pay to its Treasurer for the account of the The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program, sums aggregating a like amount from Restricted Funds in the hands of the Trustees for the operation and maintenance of the The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program, or, if in any year, or years, such Restricted Funds for such purposes be insufficient, then the balance as a first and prior claim upon and from said General Purpose Fund, any provision of the The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program Regulations to the contrary notwithstanding. 1963 Proceedings 113, 114, 2015 Proceedings

DESIGNATION OF FUNDS

1. Restricted Funds for the maintenance and operation of the The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program, including the Krug Fund, the Beck Trust, and any other assets, subject to legal limitation in use for the The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program. 1987 Proceedings 103, 2015 Proceedings

4. "The Thomas B. Hoilman Memorial Fund," the income from which will be used for the support of the The West Virginia Masonic Home Outreach Program. Further contributions and bequests (unrestricted and undesignated), some of which are not pending, shall be placed in the "Thomas B. Hoilman Memorial Fund" at the discretion of the Board of Governors. 1984 Proceedings 66, 2015 Proceedings

MASONIC HOME REGULATIONS

All rules and regulations, resolutions and authorizations for the management and operation of the West Virginia Masonic Home and for the financing of its maintenance and building funds, heretofore made by the Grand Lodge, are hereby rescinded and repealed. 2015 Proceedings.

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Submitted this 12th day of October 2015

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 2016 Annual Communication will be held in Charleston, October 10 and 11, 2016.

MEMBERSHIP

The Secretaries of the 136 Chartered Lodges report a membership of 19,199 as of June 30, 2015, a net loss of 586.

GRAND LODGE CHARGES PER RETURNS, JUNE 30, 2015

Grand Lodge Dues and Arrearages	\$287,985.00	
Masonic Home Fund and Arrearages	220,788.50	
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	<u>2,205.00</u>	
	\$510,978.50	

RECEIPTS DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

General Fund		
Grand Lodge Dues	\$296,760.00	
Perpetual Membership Interest	7,889.94	
Board of Trustees	0.00	
Sale of Publications, etc.	9,379.39	
G.W.M.M.A.	2,355.00	
Conference of Grand Master's	<u>280.00</u>	\$316,644.33
Board of Trustees		
Dues	228,739.00	
Contributions	12,651.24	
Perpetual Membership	<u>97,250.00</u>	\$338,640.24
Masonic Scholarship Endowment Trust		
Lodges	\$240.00	\$240.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$655,524.57

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED ASSETS OF THE GRAND LODGE
PER AUDIT AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

General Purpose Fund	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	738,710.00
Certificates of Deposit	692,001.00
Investment Securities - General Fund	4,444,909.00
Investment Securities - Masonic Home Memorial Fund	10,823,980.00
Note receivable	47,092.00
Mortgage receivable	54,417.00
Property and Equipment	<u>2,217,340.00</u>
Total Assets	\$19,018,449.00

NOTE: Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax, \$15.00; Masonic Home Fund \$11.50; plus \$1.00 for each degree.
PER DIEM AND MILEAGE: \$55.00 per day plus 33¢ per mile round trip and that the Committee on Finance establish the mileage in the month of July based on the state of the economy at that time.
GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION: \$5.00 for each Entered Apprentice Degree.



ATTEST:

M. Douglas Neal
M. Douglas Neal, Grand Master

William R. French
William R. French, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

TO MASTERS AND SECRETARIES

Four Copies of this circular are sent to you, one each for the stationed officers and one to be retained by the Secretary for reference. The attention of the brethren should be called to the more important features, such as Rulings, Edicts, Resolutions adopted, proposed amendments, etc.

M.W. GRAND LODGE A.F. AND A.M. OF WEST VIRGINIA
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, CHARLESTON OCTOBER 22, 2015
Grand Lodge met in Charleston October 12 and 13, 2015 closing with the following officers, deputies, boards and standing committees for the ensuing year. **Note: All area codes are 304 unless stated otherwise.**

M.W. M. Douglas Neal, Grand Master	Princeton Lodge No. 134	R: 425-0279
154 Modern Lane, Princeton, WV 24739	Princeton	C: 952-4740
R.W. Richard E. Nuhfer, Deputy Grand Master	Vienna Lodge No. 172	R: 482-9866
3000 10th Ave., Vienna, WV 26105	Vienna	C: 482-1100
R.W. Carl McDaniels, Senior Grand Warden	Franklin Lodge No. 7	R: 472-3119
125 Hidden Hills Lane, Buckhannon, WV 26201	Buckhannon	
R.W. Dale C. Wanner, Junior Grand Warden	Clendenin Lodge No. 126	R: 548-6488
1925 Thorofare Rd., Clendenin, WV 25045	Clendenin	
M.W. Paul V. Cottrell, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer	Coal Valley Lodge No. 74	R: 757-4281
25 Sherwood Circle, Hurricane, WV 25526	Montgomery	
M.W. William R. French, P.G.M., Grand Secretary	Washington Lodge No. 58	R: 733-4457
P. O. Box 2346, Charleston, WV 25328-2346	St. Albans	B: 342-3543
M.W. Stephen G. Swank, P.G.M., Grand Lecturer	Preston Lodge No. 90	R: 864-6696
Box 157, Reedsville, WV 26547	Kingwood	
Wor. Devin G. Olachea, Grand Chaplain	Princeton Lodge No. 134	R: 487-3206
100 Church Lane, Apt. C-6, Princeton, WV 24740	Princeton	C: 952-6216
Wor. Charles E. Coleman, Senior Grand Deacon	Dunbar Lodge No. 159	R: 552-8006
150 Cadle Dr., Cross Lanes, WV 25313	Dunbar	
Wor. Charles E. Warden, Junior Grand Deacon	Bluefield Mercer Lodge No. 85	R: 325-8469
4215 E. Cumberland Rd., Bluefield, WV 24701	Bluefield	
Wor. William B. DeHart, Grand Marshal	Buena Vista Lodge No. 60	R: 486-5045
37 Robertson Subdivision Rd., Prichard, WV 25555	Prichard	
Wor. Charles H. Mann, Grand Pursuivant	Concord Lodge No. 48	R: 384-9666
Box 426, Athens, WV 24712	Athens	C: 920-1438
Wor. Ralph E. Pence, Grand Tiler	Clendenin Lodge No. 126	R: 548-6190
P.O. Box 463, Clendenin, WV 25045	Clendenin	
M.W. Robert G. Slater, P.G.M., Grand Secretary Emeritus	Salina Lodge No. 27	R: 342-0686
2108 Hunter Rd., Charleston, WV 25311	Malden	

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Robert G. Slater (1987) Grand Secretary Emeritus	Salina Lodge No. 27	R: 342-0686
2108 Hunter Rd., Charleston, WV 25311	Malden	
M.W. James E. Winzenreid (1992)	Ohio Lodge No. 1	R: (248) 348-0981
924 Mill Pond Ct., Northville, MI 48167	Wheeling	
M.W. Bill F. Gardner (1993)	Salina Lodge No. 27	R: 925-5069
109 Main Street, Belle, WV 25015	Malden	
M.W. Stephen G. Swank (1994)	Preston Lodge No. 90	R: 864-6696
Box 157, Reedsville, WV 26547	Kingwood	
M.W. Paul V. Cottrell (1997)	Coal Valley Lodge No. 74	R: 757-4281
25 Sherwood Circle, Hurricane, WV 25526	Montgomery	
M.W. Kyle L. Cochran (2000)	Franklin Lodge No. 7	R: 472-7618
402 Stony Run Rd., Buckhannon, WV 26201	Buckhannon	C: 516-0121
M.W. Gary L. Gilkeson (2001)	Kanawha Lodge No. 20	R: 346-7227
3112 Virginia Ave., SE, Charleston, WV 25304	Charleston	
M.W. Harry F. Robinson (2002)	Clendenin Lodge No. 126	R: 548-5676
P.O. Box 388, Clendenin, WV 25045	Clendenin	
M.W. Raibmont M. Vincent (2003)	Fairmont Lodge No. 9	R: 363-6468
434 Hall St., Fairmont, WV 26554	Fairmont	
M.W. William R. French (2004)	Washington Lodge No. 58	R: 733-4457
2 Chrisandra Dr., Huntington, WV 25705	St. Albans	
M.W. Charles F. Coleman, II (2006)	Dunbar Lodge No. 159	R: 757-5691
P.O. Box 7361, Cross Lanes, WV 25356	Dunbar	
M.W. Charlie L. Montgomery (2007)	Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 3	R: 375-1777
57 Plum Run Rd., Williamstown, WV 26187-8174	Parkersburg	B: 482-1777
M.W. Jerry E. Lewis (2008)	Putnam Lodge No. 139	R: 757-0915
111 Willowood Circle, Hurricane, WV 25526	Hurricane	
M.W. Gregory A. Riley, Sr. (2009)	Fairmont Lodge No. 9	R: 367-0165
1332 Pennsylvania Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554	Fairmont	C: 641-5069
M.W. Randy B. Martin (2010)	Morgantown Union Lodge No. 4	R: 599-0795
302 Camp Run Rd., Morgantown, WV 26508	Morgantown	
M.W. Charles A. Louk (2011)	Summersville Lodge No. 76	R: 872-4657
311 DeVol St., Summersville, WV 26651-1009	Summersville	C: 619-6292
M.W. Gearl G. Raynes (2012)	Equality Lodge No. 44	R: 263-2134
1871 Delmar Orchard Rd., Martinsburg, WV 25403	Martinsburg	
M.W. Owen G. Bragg (2013)	Rock Cave Lodge No. 81	R: 924-5189
P.O. Box 153, Adrian, WV 26210	Rock Cave	
M.W. Sam M. Ash (2014)	Chelyan Lodge No. 158	R: 949-2165
137 Cemetery Circle, Belle, WV 25015	Chelyan	C: 389-5773

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, Address, Lodge Name, and Contact Info. Includes members like Jackie M. Keen, John T. Knotts, Rick T. Mitchell, Paul E. Roach, II, William R. Duty, Cecil D. Patterson, Jerry L. Mann, Gordon R. Gregory, Roger L. Brogan, Douglas W. Cogar, Earl E. Webb, Thomas M. Bell, III, Charles R. Krafft, John C. Bowers, Robert M. Grubb, II, Phillip B. Ball.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT (LAID OVER ONE YEAR)

RESOLUTION

47.6.12. Currently reads: 12. Perpetual Membership may be obtained by either of the following: one, by lump sum payment. The other by installments, as follows: two annual payments of \$500.00; three annual payments of \$333.34; four annual payments of \$250.00. The interest earned on installment payments will be added to the corpus of the Perpetual Membership plus one years dues with the last payment in all cases, including lump sum payment. This allows the contribution to earn one year interest for your Perpetual Membership Dues.

47.6.12. Change to read: 12. Perpetual Membership may be obtained by either of the following: one, by lump sum payment. The other by installments, as follows: either two annual payments of \$1,000.00; or three annual payments of \$666.67; or four annual payments of \$500.00. The interest earned on installment payments will be added to the corpus of the Perpetual Membership plus one years dues with the last payment in all cases, including lump sum payment. This allows the contribution to earn one year interest for your Perpetual Membership Dues. **APPROVED**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION

Whereas: for financial and other compelling reasons, this Grand Lodge has directed that consideration be given to an alternative approach to the functions provided by the West Virginia Masonic Home.

And whereas: this Grand Lodge has authorized, its officers, members and committees to work toward this end for more than two years last past.

And whereas: a Special Committee authorized by this Grand Lodge has proposed the West Virginia Masonic Outreach Program as an alternative approach to the West Virginia Masonic Home.

And whereas: particulars of the West Virginia Masonic Outreach Program such as regulations, cost projections and the mechanics of the same have been presented to the Grand Lodge Officers, the subordinate lodges, and the officers and members of the same in seminars, in presentations, in writing and in the 2014 Grand Lodge *Proceedings*.

Therefore, be it resolved: that the West Virginia Masonic Home shall be closed in favor of the West Virginia Masonic Outreach Program, and its specific regulations shall be adopted.

Be it further resolved: that the Board of Governors of the West Virginia Masonic Home shall be authorized to suspend admissions to the West Virginia Masonic Home and to relocate the residents consistent with the intent of the West Virginia Masonic Outreach Program; to continue to oversee the West Virginia Masonic Home and property, and its employees; to continue to conduct all related business affairs and with the authority prescribed in the Masonic Home Regulations (**Laws of Masonry in WV, 15th Edition 2005**), both existing and with those adopted in conjunction with the West Virginia Masonic Outreach Program, shall work in concert with the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of West Virginia to achieve a smooth transition to the West Virginia Masonic Outreach Program.

Be it further resolved: that the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of West Virginia shall exercise its authority under **Laws of Masonry Grand Lodge of West Virginia, 15th Edition 2005, Regulation 10** to execute all necessary legal and financial considerations which may arise including the rule of Cy pres; and that implementation shall begin immediately upon adoption of this Resolution by the Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of West Virginia. **APPROVED**