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GRAND LODGE F. & A. M.

OF NEVADA

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BYLAWS COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Brethren of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the State of Nevada:

The Bylaws Committee received five proposed changes Bylaws changes for the several Lodges listed within this report. The Committees recommendations are as follows:

Vegas Lodge # 32 – Dated June 18, 2021

Article II – Section 2 – Add requirements to be an Officer - APPROVED

Article VIII – Section 3 – Increase transaction amount – APPROVED

Article XIX – Increases amount of donations - APPROVED

Winnemucca Lodge # 19 – Dated July 15, 2021

Article VI – Section 1 – Change start time of Stated Meeting - APPROVED

Washoe Lodge #35 – Dated October 14, 2021

Article X – Section 1 – Change the Masonic year - APPROVED

The Committee on Bylaws thanks the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the opportunity to serve this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. I move that this report be received and adopted by this M.W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E. Bechtel, J.G.D. (41), Chairman; L. Willie Hall, Grand Pursuivant (51/32)

STANDARD FORMS COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Nevada, Brethren:

There were no requests to modify or change the Standard Forms this past year.

I move that his report be received.

Fraternally submitted,

David O. Martinez, P.G.M. (35), Chairman; Thomas A. Collins, P.M. (50); Terry L. Edis, P.M. (1)

LEGITIMACY OF GRAND LODGES

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A. M of Nevada, Brethren:

Your Committee on Legitimacy of Grand Lodges begs to report as follows:

We make the following reports about other Grand Lodges which have requested recognition, or where local conditions are of interest to this Grand Lodge. We are indebted to the work of the Commission on Information for Recognition, of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America (CIR-CGMNA) and base much of our findings on its annual reports. However, due to Covid-19 our committee was unable to meet with the CIR-CGMNA so many requests will require further investigation before recommendations can be made.

REQUESTS FOR RECOGNITION:

On Nov 26, 2020, we received an email request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of F&AM of Nuevo León. Nevada recognizes a Grand Lodge of Nuevo León. If this is a different body with a similar name, we will require confirmation of no objection from our recognized Grand Lodge. This committee does recommend action at this communication.

On Feb 1, 2021, we received an email request for recognition from the Grand Oriente do Rio de Janeiro. We already recognize a Grand Lodge Rio de Janeiro. If this is a different body with a similar name, we will require confirmation of no objection from our recognized Grand Lodge. This committee does not recommend action at this communication.

On Feb 19, 2021, we received an email request for recognition from The Grand Lodge of the F & AM of Lebanon (consecrated by the Grand Lodge F & AM of New York

on October 24, 2018) with supporting documentation. Our committee is aware that other Grand Lodges recognized by our Grand Lodge (District of Columbia, Scotland, Nationale Française etc.) claim jurisdiction in Lebanon so we will be deferring a recommendation to next year's committee to ensure Grand Lodge which we recognize have no objection.

On April 1, 2021, we received a request for mutual recognition from the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria (UGLB). Earlier this year on February 12, 2021, we received a warning from the ULGB that another irregular organization calling themselves the Grand Lodge AF & AM in Bulgaria was operating under the name of a body consolidated into the UGLB on Jun 20, 2015, as detailed in the CIR-CGMNA 2016 report. On August 5, 2021, we received an email from the UGLB mentioning a call to our Grand Secretary and documenting the history of the ULGB to be considered for mutual recognition.

Given the recognition of ULGB in the CIR-CGMA 2016 report it would be consistent with previous actions taken by the Grand Lodge of Nevada to recognize this Grand Lodge. We ask for a motion to this effect.

On Sep 7, 2021, we received a request for confirmation of our 1912 recognition of The Grand Lodge of Queensland. After our recognition in 1912 a United Grand Lodge of Queensland UGLQ was reportedly formed on Apr 27, 1921. That body never sought our recognition. There is a dispute between the Grand Lodge of Queensland and the UGLQ over the Articles of Union. This committee does not recommend action at this communication.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence has also been received and reviewed from or about the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Pernambuco, Brazil (recognized); the Grand Lodge of Piaui, Brazil (recognized); the Grand Lodge of the State of Alagoas, Brazil (recognized); the Grand Lodge of the State of Nuevo León Mexico (recognized, see above); and National Grand Lodge of Togo (not recognized).

We are again pleased to report that Peace and Harmony continue to prevail between the Grand Lodge of Nevada and each of the Grand Lodges with which we maintain fraternal relations. The members of the committee express their appreciation for the work of the M. W. Grand Master and of the V. W. Grand Secretary, and for the opportunity to be of service to this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis J. Castle, P.G.M. (44), Chairman; David J. Morgan, P.G.M. (13), James G. Kelley, P.G.M. (32/18)

JOINT MASONIC FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Nevada:

No issues arose this year which required a meeting of the Joint Masonic Fraternal Relations Committee, and no meeting was held. Our Fraternal relations with the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Nevada, are continuing in peace and harmony.

Fraternally submitted:

David J. Morgan, P.G.M. (13), Chairman; James G. Kelley, P.G.M. (32);
Richard M. Graver, Jr., G.M. (13)

CODE REVIEW AND REVISION COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Nevada

Brethren:

There have been no amendments to the Nevada Masonic Code since our

last Communication.

Fraternally,

Michael R. Giles, D.G.M. (27), Chairman; David O. Martinez, P.G.M. (35); James G. Kelley, P.G.M. (32/18)

PRINTING COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Nevada Brethren,

The report of your Committee on Printing is as follows:

The 2019 Proceedings have not been printed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic which has affected staffing at our usual printing company and the 2020 Proceedings have not been finished due to the lack of the Independent Audit Report which is to be included in the Proceedings. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Auditor has not been at full staffing. Currently, at the end of October, they are close to finishing the audit. As reported during the 2020 Annual Session, the Grand Lodge is no longer having CDs of the Proceedings cut. The Proceedings can be emailed where necessary in PDF format. As per the Code, 160 books will be printed at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00. I move for this report to be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Michael E. Chapton, Trustee (33/12), Chairman; David O. Martinez, P.G.M. (35); Kevin P. McCans, S.G.W. (51/32)

CHARITY RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Nevada:

Brethren,

Requests for Masonic assistance and charitable projects were discussed at a Charity Relief Committee meeting. The following items were approved by the committee:

1. To provide \$2,000.00 for Scholarships to be added to the funds made available by the Knight Templar Education Foundation, for the purpose of matching funds to subordinate Lodges for scholarships at the local level.
2. To provide 5 cents per capita to the Masonic Service Association of North America as our contribution. The contribution to be presented at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Milwaukee, WI, February 19-22, 2022.
3. To provide 5 cents per capita to the Masonic Service Association of North American for disaster relief as each request is received.
4. To provide \$700.00 to the National Foundation for Children.
5. To Provide \$1000.00 to the Masonic Information Center.

I move for this report to be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Fraternally,

Michael R. Giles, D.G.M. (27), Chairman; Kevin P. McCans, S.G.W. (51/32); Ted P. Bendure, J.G.W. (1/27); Richard M. Graver, Jr., G.M. (13); John W. Reed, Grand Treasurer (35); David O. Martinez, P.G.M. (35), Grand Secretary

INSURANCE ADVISORY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Most Worshipful Sir,

The Grand Lodge insurance policy extends liability and paraphernalia protection to: The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nevada including Constituent Lodges Chartered thereby. This coverage renewed in June of 2021.

The policy extends no coverage to any Lodge buildings or non-ritualistic furniture, fixtures, or equipment.

The Grand Lodge also has coverage extending to worker's compensation protection to Grand Lodge employees and an Accidental Death Policy extending to Travel Insurance for elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers involved directly in travel related to Grand Lodge business. The cost for this policy is \$1,000.00. This year's Errors and Omissions coverage premium is \$1,194.00. The premium for the comprehensive general liability policy is \$20,323.00. All club members are listed as additional insured.

No claim activity has been noted on any of the three policies during this reporting period. Annual premiums for two of them have remained relatively stable. The comprehensive general liability policy premium continues to rise each year and will do so for the foreseeable future.

Constituent Lodges owning real estate or lodge related business furniture, fixtures or equipment are advised to obtain business insurance coverage listing the Lodge as named insured. Constituent Lodges that have not processed and secured incorporation for the Lodge are strongly advised to do so through the Grand Secretary's office.

Lodges renting out their premises for non-Masonic functions should always require that they be named as "additional insured's" on the liability policy of the renter.

In the event an insured paraphernalia loss should occur, it is the responsibility of the respective Lodge to furnish documentation related to the possession, condition, and value of the lost item. This requires maintain an inventory of Lodge paraphernalia. Colored photographs or video are perhaps the easiest way to inventory such items. Documentation (photos and/or inventory sheets) should be kept in a secure place other than in the Lodge itself. The paraphernalia coverage no longer includes losses resulting from theft.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge of Nevada. I move for this report to be received.

Fraternally,

Ron Weaver (13), Chairman; Charles J. Barone, P.M. (39/41)

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F&AM of Nevada: Brethren,

The Appeals and Grievances Committee received transcripts for 4 trials this year for review. The trials were Indian Springs Lodge No. 48 vs. Joselito Maningat; Maningat was found guilty with a punishment of indefinite suspension. Vegas Lodge No. 32 vs. David M. Griego. Griego was found guilty with the punishment of expulsion. Vegas Lodge No. 32 vs. Ricque Belluscio; Belluscio was found guilty with the punishment of expulsion. Indian Springs Lodge No. 48 vs. Alby Calbay; Calbay was found guilty with a punishment of expulsion. All trials have been found to adhere to Section 7 of the Nevada Masonic Code. As no violation of Section 7 of the NMC code was found, all trials stand as received. The committee members thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Master and this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

Zakariah A Gulling, S.G.D. (13), Chairman; Michael R Giles, D.G.M. (27);
Gregory F Curtin, P.M. (54); Thomas A Collins, P.M. (50)

TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the M.W. Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Nevada, Brethren:

During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2021, the committee received and answered routine questions from members and appendant Masonic Bodies about tax exemption status and charitable contributions.

Your committee wishes to report no significant inquiries to be taken under further consideration for the fiscal year.

The Grand Lodge 2020 Return of Organization Exempt From Taxation (Form 990) for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020 was filed and accepted by the Internal Revenue Service.

The members of this committee express their appreciation for the opportunity to be of service to the Grand Master and this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Michel P. Aurnague, P.M. (13), Chairman; David J. Morgan, P.G.M. (13)

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Nevada, Brethren:

During the time period covered by this report, there was nothing referred to this committee.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,

Thomas A Collins. P.M. (50,) Chairman; Charles Aglubat (13); Mark A. Marsh, P.G.M. (1)

RETURNS COMMITTEE

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Nevada, Brethren:

The findings of the Returns Committee are as follows:

Eureka Lodge No. 16 did not submit an Annual Returns Report or Fees

Montezuma Lodge No. 30 did not submit an Annual Returns Report or Fees

Mt. Rose Lodge No. 40 did not submit an Annual Returns Report or Fees

Many of the problems could be solved if the Lodges submitted their monthly reports in a timely manner. The information could then be transferred by the Lodge Secretary to the Annual Returns work sheets. There is a fillable form available in the files page in the Resources section of Grand View accessible via password. The Lodge Secretaries need to double check their addition and subtraction when calculating the per capita and degree fees. The Annual Returns Report and Fees are due in the Grand Secretary's office by October 1st and cannot be emailed because the Fees must accompany the report per our Nevada Masonic Code Section 4.250 (2).

The committee wishes to express its thanks to the Grand Secretary for assisting in preparing this report.

David Warren, P.M. (53/42), Chairman; Manny Angeles, P.M. (49); L. Willie Hall, P.M. (51/32)

LIBRARY BOARD RENO COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Nevada, Brethren:

There was no action taken during the 2020-2021 year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

I move for the acceptance of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur K. Cronin, P.G.M. (40), Chairman; David Warren, P.M. (53/42); Paul Kelley (13)

MUSEUM CURATOR

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F.& A.M. of Nevada, Brethren:

There was no action taken during the 2020-2021 year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

I move that this report be received.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur K. Cronin, P.G.M. (40), Chairman; Paul Kelley (13)

MASONIC CHARITIES OF NEVADA, INC

Brethren:

Masonic Charities of Nevada, Inc. did not have any teacher training this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Masonic Model Student Assistance Program has designed a program that is presented through ZOOM. The program was presented several times this year in other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, and they were well attended and well received.

The Balance in the checking account as of September 30, 2021, is: \$48,138.00.

As Masonic Charities of Nevada, Inc is the only 501C (3) within Grand Lodge and many contributors require such a designation before making donations, the Board suggests that Masonic Charities of Nevada, Inc. be the designated recipient of all charitable donations to the Grand Lodge of Nevada and that the charitable distributions designated by the Grand Lodge be distributed from Masonic Charities of Nevada, Inc. This will of course require some logistical planning and change and therefore we recommend that the incoming Grand Master request the Treasurer and Trustees meet with the Masonic Charities of Nevada, Inc. and see if the details can be worked out.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Wayne Kingsley, P.G.M. (13), Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Report to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Nevada, Brethren:

Your committee on Scholarships report as follows:

This is the Twentieth year that the Masonic Scholarship Assistance Program has operated in the present form. The Scholarships are awarded by participating Lodges to graduating seniors in their area who will be attending college or vocational school in Nevada.

This year only Seventeen (17) Lodges elected to participate and scholarships totaling \$34,000.00 were awarded. The Lodges participating and the amount of scholarships awarded are as follows:

Lodge	Scholarships	Lodge	Scholarships
Carson #1	\$2,000.00	Fernley #34	\$2,000.00
Amity #4	\$1,000.00	Boulder City #37	\$1,000.00
Douglas #12	\$1,000.00	Oasis #41	\$2,500.00
Elko #15	\$10,000.00	Acacia #49	\$1,000.00
Winnemucca #19	\$2,000.00	Silver Cord #51	\$1,000.00
Wadsworth #25	\$1,000.00	Guardian #53	\$1,000.00
Churchill #26	2,500.00	Sandy Valley #57	\$1,000.00
Humboldt #27	\$3,000.00	King Solomon #58	\$1,000.00
Carson Valley #33	\$1,000.00		

Even with the reduction of the number of Lodges participating this year, this is the single largest charity program coordinated by your Grand Lodge and provides a

great opportunity for the individual Lodges to be seen in their communities in a favorable light.

Your committee wishes to acknowledge the very generous contribution made to this program each year by the Knights Templar Education Foundation, Nevada Division. This year their contribution was \$8,500.00. Thank you Knights!!!

The committee wishes to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the opportunity to serve. A special thanks to the Grand Secretary for distributing the required communications and dealing with the details that make this program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Wayne Kingsley, P.G.M. (13), Chairman; Zakariah A. Gulling, P.M. (13);
Michael E. Chapton, P.M. (33/12)

NEVADA MASONIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

To the Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and many restrictions that were put in place by State authorities, no Nevada Masonic Leadership Conference was held. It is our hope that we will have at least one in 2022.

Fraternally,

German S. Tirado, P.M. (44), Chairman; Phillip B. Michaelson, P.M. (41/32),
Chris P. Shoemaker, P.M. (33); Michael E. Chapton, P.M. (33/12); Eugene
Sullivan, P.M. (32/18); John M. Buffington, P.G.M. (25)

SPECIAL EVENTS

To the Officers and members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

The Special Events Committee was honored to serve the Grand Lodge during the past year. There were no special events held during the Masonic year.

Fraternally,

Phillip B. Michaelson, P.M. (41/32), Chairman; Zakariah A. Gulling, P.M. (13),
Charles J. Barone, P.M. (39/41)

MASONIC YOUTH GROUPS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

2021 has been a challenging year for our Masonic Youth Groups. Just like our Lodge meetings have been restricted to virtual online meetings and a few in-person ones.

There has been little growth in the groups. As should be expected due to a lack of activities. As always, these groups are in need of new adult leaders. Any of them will be glad to have you spend some of your precious time with them.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric E. Benson, P.M. (35), Chairman; David W. Bolshazy, P.M. (41); Jacob A.
Lewis, P.M. (41); Craig A. Phillips, P.M. (49)

PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Nevada, Brethren:

No requests for preservations of any type of records were submitted to this committee during the Masonic year 2020-2021; therefore, there were no funds required. Any need for preservation of records should be referred to the Grand Secretary, who in turn will refer it to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris P. Shoemaker, P.M. (33), Chairman; Arthur K. Cronin, P.G.M. (40)

GRAND LODGE MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Nevada, Brethren:

Grand View System

The Grand View membership management system continues to be a great tool for our constituent Secretaries the Grand Secretary and Members. The system continues to reduce the workload of those hardest working members of our fraternity (our Secretaries) and feedback has been positive. All Secretaries are encouraged to take full advantage of the many features the system offers and there is a focus on continuing to use this tool a source of truth for our Masonic initiatives.

Every Nevada Mason is encouraged to login to their personal profile within the Nevada Grand View System to verify their personal, contact, and Masonic information (i.e., email, phone, mailing address, degree dates, Etc.) annually.

To register, please contact the Secretary of your primary Lodge to get your membership ID number (it is also listed on newer dues cards) and visit https://nv.grandview.systems/membership_registration (or navigate via the Grand Lodge website).

Website & Emails

The Grand Lodge has continued to maintain its online presence with the Grand Lodge website. It continues to be a resource to our Brothers in directing them to appropriate information and resources, such as Grand Lodge registration forms and the Grand View system login portal. Furthermore, updates have been made to appeal to prospective Masons, including the Lodge locator and links to the "Interested" landing page as a part of the Marketing Campaign.

A reminder any emails from @nvmasons.org have been discontinued and should be updated within your Lodge records.

Social Media

Grand Lodge and constituent Lodges continue to utilize and further improve Social Media sites to maintain a digital presence in their respective communities. These Social media presences should be maintained and updated through organic member growth. However, caution is urged to all members who have advertised their Masonic membership on such sites, as these actions are public and can reflect upon the whole fraternity. Just as if you have a Square & Compasses on your car, you should drive like a Mason; a social media account indicating membership should also be posting as an upright man and Mason. Your own best judgement should be exercised in these public forums.

Technology during Covid-19 Pandemic

Modern technology has allowed many Lodges, committees, and Appendant Bodies to continue to meet (virtually) during the pandemic. Video conferencing services have been used to have meetings (where appropriate) and to hold fellowship while observing social distancing. Now that many of our members are familiar with these systems, it is recommended that Lodges consider using such services in the future, even after our lives return to normal, so that Brothers who may be indisposed due to health, live at a great distance, or simply for the sake of convenience can participate in fellowship and non-ritualistic meetings.

Recommendations for Secretaries and Masons

It is recommended any Lodge Secretaries or appropriate Lodge members who have branded/named email addresses and/or manage a Lodge or Masonic Bodies social media presence to take extra precautions around downloading and opening unsolicited files, even from friends or acquaintances. Often times benign attachments

may have nefarious purposes and can lead to information and files being sent under the Masonic organization unwittingly.

Some additional tips for remaining safe online are:

Keep Personal Information Professional and Limited
Practice Safe Browsing

Use a secure internet connection and avoid public Wi-Fi

Choose Strong Passwords

Make Online Purchases from Secure Sites

Keep Your Antivirus Program Up to Date

A special thank you to Brothers Keith Levenson and Jacob Lewis who have helped in numerous ways over the last year but especially regarding the digital engagement campaigns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristopher K. Zierolf, P.M. (13), Grand Web Mason, Chairman; Richard M. Graver, Jr., GM (13); Jacob A. Lewis, P.M. (41); Nathan Digangi, P.M. (13); Manny Angeles, P.M. (49)

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

David O. Martinez, P.G.M., (35), Grand Secretary

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Nevada, Brethren:

In compliance with Section 3.140 of the Nevada Masonic Code, I herewith submit a report of the activities of the office of Grand Secretary for the period of November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021.

RITUALS ISSUED AND SOLD

During this year seventy New Ritual Books were sold.

COURTESY DEGREES REQUESTED

This Office received one request for courtesy Degrees from other Grand Lodges.

LONGEVITY AWARDS

This year this office has furnished 17 Fifty Year, 1 Sixty Year, 0 Sixty-Five Year and 1 Seventy Year Service Pins and Certificates for presentation by our Constituent Lodges. Of the pins furnished 15 pins have been reported as having been presented or mailed. On behalf of other Jurisdictions, we received for presentation 6 Fifty Year, 3 Sixty Year and 0 Sixty-Five Year Service Pins and Certificates for presentation by our Constituent Lodges. Of the pins furnished 9 pins have been reported as having been presented or mailed. My Brethren please make every effort to complete these presentations in a timely fashion as the recipients might not be available for a presentation to be made tomorrow.

MASTERS NMC CERTIFICATION STUDY

In compliance with Section 5.065, fourteen out of thirty-nine Worshipful Masters have certified to the Grand Master, through this office that he has read the Nevada Masonic Code.

LETTERS FOR PROGRAM OF NPD

In accordance with Section 5.180 Paragraph 11, this office received requests from four Lodge Secretaries for follow-up letters to 20 Brothers and those letters were sent. This Office was told that because of the letters they were successful in receiving

dues from some of these members. The Annual Returns showed that the Lodges suspended seventy-three Brothers for Non-Payment of Dues. Brethren, **PLEASE** give the system a chance to work and allow the Grand Secretary to contact these Brethren before you suspend them.

READING OF THE GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE

In accordance with Section 4.290 of the Nevada Masonic Code only seven Lodges reported that they were in compliance with this section of the Code.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Regarding Section 5.246 and Section 4.310 Concerning Trustees Reports being due in the Grand Secretary's Office by February 1st of each year, it has been necessary to send letters, follow ups and make phone calls to receive the reports.

ANNUAL RETURNS

Section 4.250 specifies that the Annual Returns of a Lodge are to be received in the Grand Lodge Office 15 days after September 15th of each year. Three Lodges have not submitted an Annual Returns report or paid the per capita fees. These reports are necessary for the Audit, the Grand Secretary's Report, and the Grand Treasurer's Report. In addition, one Lodge has not submitted a single monthly report for the entire Masonic year and two Lodges have not submitted one since January 2021. These monthly reports are critical for an accurate database in the Grand Secretary's office and a great aid in filling out an accurate Annual Returns report.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The independent accounting firm, Pangborn & Co., LTD., has been engaged to audit our financial statements for the year ended 10/31/2021. The results of that audit and financial statements will be published in the 2021 proceedings.

MEMBERSHIP

Based on the Annual Returns from the Lodges this year the following actions have been reported:

- One-Hundred-Eleven Entered Apprentice Degrees were conferred.
- Sixty-Three Fellow Craft Degrees were conferred.
- Sixty-One were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.
- Seventy-One Affiliated.
- Twenty-One Restored.

The losses for the year are:

- Twenty-Six Demits.
- Seventy-Three Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues.
- Forty-Eight Other Causes / Voluntary Withdrawals.
- One-Hundred-Nineteen taken by Death.

This year started with Three-Thousand-Three-Hundred-Thirty-Seven members and concluded with Three-Thousand-Two-Hundred-Nine with a net loss of One-Hundred-Twenty-Eight for this year.

MASONIC LICENSE PLATES

The Grand Lodge office has verified membership for 9 applications for Masonic License Plates. Just a reminder that you must have the Grand Lodge verify that you are a member in good standing of a Nevada Constituent Lodge before the Department of

Motor Vehicles will issue the plates. The fee of Twenty dollars must accompany the application. Fifteen dollars goes to the Grand Lodge Charitable Fund and five is for administration.

MASONIC TRIALS

Four Trials for Un-Masonic Conduct were held this year. The decision of the Trial Commissioners in three of the trials was guilty with a penalty of expulsion and the fourth trial he was found guilty with the penalty of indefinite suspension.

GRAND MASTER'S AND SECRETARY'S CONFERENCES

This year both Conferences were held utilizing a Zoom conference format due to the actual Conferences in Seattle, WA cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference was held in Tucson, AZ in July 2021.

ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 2022

-Comparison with 2020 adopted Budget-

The following estimate of income and expenses for the operation of the Grand Lodge for the year 2022, is submitted in compliance with Section 3.140 of the Nevada Masonic Code. The estimate is based, whenever possible, on actual income received. It reflects the number of Masons on the roll of 2021 returns at the close of business on September 15, 2021, and the number of degrees conferred as of the same date.

SUGGESTED BUDGET AND COMPARISON WITH EXPECTED INCOME 2020-2021			
EXPECTED INCOME FOR		2021	2022
Account Number	Title of Account	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
1-4000	Grand Lodge Dues	115,500	112,000
1-4010	Degrees Conferred	2,000	4,000
1-4040	Sale of Masonic Supplies	2,000	3,000
1-4130	Registration Fees	26,000	28,000
1-4140	Donations	0	0
1-4160	Interest - General	5,000	7,000
5-4160	Interest from Endowment Fund	0	0
	TOTAL INCOME	150,500	154,000
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES FOR			
		2021	2022
1-5000	Grand Secretary's Salary	10,000	10,000
1-5006	Grand Tyler's Expense	250	250
1-5010	Grand Lodge Clerical Wages	30,500	40,000
1-5013	Grand Treasurer's Salary	3,000	3,000
1-5020	Federal Unemployment Taxes	150	1200
1-5022	Nevada Unemployment Taxes	450	450
1-5040	Grand Master's Expense	7,500	7,500
1-5070	Grand Master's Conference Dues	500	500
1-5072	Committee on Recognition	25	25

1-5074	Grand Master's Conference Registration Fees		500	500
1-5080	Grand Secretary's Conference Dues		400	400
1-5090	Grand Secretary's Expense		3,000	3,000
1-5092	Grand Secretary's Seminar		500	500
1-5100	Grand Secretary's Conference Allowance		1,500	2,000
1-5110	Deputy Grand Master's Conference Allowance		750	750
1-5120	Deputy Grand Master's Expense Allowance		750	750
1-5130	Grand Lecturer's Expense		1,200	1,200
1-5132	Grand Chaplain's Expense		125	125
1-5140	Rocky Mountain Conference Expense		0	0
1-5150	Masonic Youth Contribution		7,500	5,000
1-5160	Ceremony Coordinating Committee's Expense		300	300
1-5170	Grand Lodge Rent		7,800	7,800
1-5180	Grand Secretary's Office Expense		16,000	12,750
1-5190	Printing and Mailing Proceedings		2,000	2,000
1-5200	Other Printing		3,750	1,500
1-5205	Rituals – Cost of Sale		1,500	1,500
1-5210	Code Revisions		0	0
1-5230	Masonic Service Association Dues		600	600
1-5232	Masonic Boards of Relief Dues		50	50
1-5250	General Expense		4,000	2,000
1-5270	Education Committee's Expense		2,500	2,500
1-5290	Grand Secretary's Office Equipment		3,000	3,000
1-5320	Grand Lodge Officers' Travel Insurance		3,000	3,000
1-5330	Annual Communication Expense		26,000	28,000
1-5340	Employers Insurance Company		500	600
1-5350	Audit Expense		7,500	7,500
1-5450	Ritual and Standard Work		0	0
1-5154	Masonic Charities of Nevada Inc.		-	-
1-6562	Social Security Taxes		3,400	4,100
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		150,500	154,000
		TOTAL INCOME	150,500	154,000
		DIFFERENCE	0	0

GRAND VIEW SOFTWARE SYSTEM

I am happy to report this past Masonic year we have more Secretaries using the Grand View system as well as having more members sign up to update their individual record. Until we have all the Lodges participating, this system cannot be utilized to its fullest.

INTER-JURISDICTIONAL VISITATIONS

No requests for inter-jurisdictional Lodge visitations were received.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

M.W. Arthur K. Cronin, as the Museum Curator, for this year is continuing his work on refurbishing the museum with the assistance of Paul Kelley. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the museum has been closed until further notice.

APPRECIATIONS

Most Worshipful Grand Master, you have indeed had a busy, very trying, and challenging year, but you have always made yourself available to the Grand Lodge Office when necessary. You were handed the COVID-19 Pandemic with so much uncertainty and handled it as well as anyone. I thank you for your patience and understanding on all matters this year.

To my wife Lynda, Thank You for your patience, understanding and allowing me to take an additional day away from our dental practice.

To all the Brothers and especially the Lodge Secretaries, Thank You for your patience and understanding throughout this extremely challenging Masonic year.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that this report be received and adopted.