

***PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
161ST ANNUAL SESSION OF  
GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS***



**SACRAMENTO, CA.  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
MAY 15th – 18th, 2013**

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**RODNEY METOYER**  
**160th Grand Master**  
**2012 – 2013**

**GRAND LODGE (PRESIDING) OFFICERS (2012-2013)**

Rod Metoyer #152, 345 Mesa Dr., Boulder Creek, 95006 – 408.234.6762	Grand Master
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**IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED  
PAST GRAND MASTERS  
2012 - 2013**



**DOYLE CHILDERS**  
Grand Master #135  
1987 - 1988  
11/19/2012



**KEITH ADAMSON**  
Grand Master #136  
1986 - 1987  
12/01/2012



**JOHN SNYDER**  
Grand Master #141  
1993 - 1994  
09/24/2012



**ROBERT HOENIG**  
Grand Master #149  
2001 - 2002  
10/19/2012



**KEN KUKLISH**  
Grand Master #153  
2005 - 2006  
08/02/2012

**The 2013 Grand Lodge Session and Journal are being dedicated in their memory.**

**GRAND LODGE & REBEKAH ASSEMBLY  
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Memorial service under the direction of:  
Marjorie Knierem R#8 and Marty Havenga #152

Hymn: AMAZING GRACE as members gather

Marjorie: Good evening, Brothers and Sisters. I am Marjorie Knierem, Chaplain of the Rebekah Assembly, and this is Marty Havenga, Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge of California.

It is our privilege to conduct this memorial service to pay tribute to those who have gone to their great reward. It is our prayer that you will enter into this ceremony with a heartfelt understanding that we have done everything in our power to pay honor and remembrance to each member who has passed from our midst.

Some names may be missing from our list because the last official reports were filed in Jan. 2013. Those names should be recognized in the 2014 Memorial Service.

Marty: Please stand. Let us pray.

Almighty God, Creator of all that is and all that will ever be, we come to you with hearts full of sorrow as we honor our members who have served our Order faithfully. Help us keep "FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH" upper most in our hearts as we honor members that have left this earthly temple and wait upon thee. Encourage us and give us hope. These Brothers and Sisters have found peace and rest. Comfort those saddened by loss. Amen. You may be seated.

Marjorie: With much sadness, we are called upon to express sympathy for those loved ones that have passed beyond the vale of life. Remember that some names will be representative of more than one branch of the order. We will attempt to read the name of the departed under the branch where the highest office was held.

We pause to honor our Sovereign Grand Lodge and the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

**Sovereign Grand Lodge**

Presenters: Sovereign Grand Master, Chuck Renninger  
Grand Representative, Paul Pike

**International Association of Rebekah Assemblies**

Presenters: President of IARA, Laura Argue  
Representative to the IARA, Betty Rasor

Do not seek us at the gravesite we've gone to a higher plane. A place where there is always light, no more sorrow no more pain. The Chevaliers and Ladies continue to hold the line for Peace.

**General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant**

Presenter: Major General Oscar Delferriell Inspector Gen.

**International Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant**

Presenter: 1st V.P.I.A. Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant Debra LaVergne

Music by Lisette Knierem – YOU LIFT ME UP

## Memorial Service - 2013

From Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, we are sorry to have lost so many Brothers and Sisters. They were our leaders. They set the example for us to follow.

### **Grand Lodge of California**

Presenters: Grand Master, Rodney Metoyer  
Deputy Grand Master, Rick Boyles

H. Keith Adamson #70, PGM,  
Doyle C. Childers #299, PGM,  
Robert M. Hoenig #385,  
PGM, Kenneth D. "Ken" Kuklish#365,  
PGM, John Snyder #377, PGM, PDC  
David Fullmer #123, Director Emeritus, Odd Fellow Homes of California,  
Jerald E. Rickner #20, Director Emeritus of the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Youth Camp,  
Leland Safranek#300, Trustee Emeritus, California Odd Fellow Foundation,  
Don Fetherlin, #11 Past Grand Instructor, Oren Johnson #153 Past Grand Herald

### **Rebekah Assembly of California**

Presenters: President, Sharon Burgess  
Vice President, Paulette Lamphere

Ellen Clark, Outside Guardian, RA  
Ina Phillips, Outside Guardian, RA  
Gussie Westcoat, Chaplain, RA  
Martha Sargent, Director Emeritus RCS, Marshal, RA  
Helen Jane Wade, Director Emeritus of Odd Fellow Homes of California

They have left this earthly place.  
They are now free of time and space  
Their voices we sometimes hear  
As they whisper in our ear.

These Patriarchs and Matriarchs also wore the cloak of Brother and Sister. They worked hard to support their lodges. They are remembered with love.

### **Grand Encampment and Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary**

Presenters: Grand Warden, Tim Brown  
Grand Warden, Deborah Shuler  
Grand Marshal, Ed Brown  
Grand Marshal, Lorna Hemphill

Kenneth Ronning, Past Grand Marshal  
June Swift, Past Grand Matriarch  
Ruth A. Frisk, Past Grand Matriarch  
Helen Maplethorpe, Past Grand High Priestess  
No friend, who's loved, will ever die.  
They will stand by you from on high.

These hard working members of the Department and the Auxiliary were the caretakers, our nurses, and our drillmasters.

**Department Council of CA/NV and  
Department Association of CA/NV, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant**

Presenters: Grand Conductor Dave Reed  
Conductor Dena Riskus  
Color Bearer RA Carolyn Twyman

Music by Lisette Knieriem: YOU ARE THE WIND BENEATH MY WINGS

These young people, the future of our Order, are remembered with love.

**Grand Junior Lodge and Theta Rho Assembly**

Presenters: Grand Guardian Frank Goulart  
RA Inside Guardian, Linda Lee Goheen  
Grand Herald, Carlos Juarez  
RA Outside Guardian, Bobbie Ducot

Remembering those who passed from our midst. Their light still shines to brighten heavenly spaces.

For all Odd Fellows and Rebekah, who have been lost to our local lodges through death, may we always remember their hard work, their dedication, and their cheerfulness that made them an intricate part of the work our lodges do. Remembering their gifts and the contributions made to their individual lodges will keep them alive in our hearts as they rest and enjoy the rewards of their labors.

**Odd Fellows and Rebekah**

Presenters: Grand Master, Rodney Metoyer  
RA President, Sharon Burgess  
Grand Instructor, Ron Lamphere  
RA Musician, Phoebe Astill

These Brothers and Sisters are gone.  
Their days on earth are done.  
May their memories challenge us to do more.  
Till we meet again on that beautiful shore.

Song by: Linda Jo Jackson – I AM FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to Love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, those things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.

**Memorial Service - 2013**

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full. I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.  
God wanted me now. He set me free.

Please stand for the Benediction.

Almighty Father, Our hearts are made lighter just knowing that you are in control. That you determine the time of our birth and the time when our work on earth is done and we are welcomed home. Bless every soul that has passed through our portals. All will be remembered for their contributions to their families, their lodges, and to their communities. Death does not end our friendships. For all members not named in this ceremony, we remember them to them in silence.....Remembering the spirit of each of these dear souls remains an intricate part of our being as we carry on the work of Odd Fellowship and practice the watchwords of our Order, "FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, and TRUTH". GOD BLESS US EVERYONE! Amen

**Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly  
Joint Formal Opening Ceremony  
Sacramento, California  
May 15, 2013**

**Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

1. Ask everyone to take their seats and extend your welcome
2. Ask 2012-2013 Officers and the Representatives from SGL and IARA to retire for escort.
3. It is my pleasure to introduce Past President R.A., Joan Pike, Mistress of Ceremonies.

**Mistress of Ceremonies: Joan Pike**

Good evening Brother's and Sister's (Welcome them in your own words)

It is my pleasure to introduce Past Grand Master, Paul Pike, Master of Ceremonies.

**Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

Marshals, Please escort the 2012-2013 Appointive Officers.

**Mistress of Ceremonies: Joan Pike**

Marshals, Please escort the 2012-2013 Elective Officers

**Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

Marshals, Please escort the Grand Master and President.

**Mistress of Ceremonies: Joan Pike**

It is my pleasure to introduce Sharon Burgess, President of the Rebekah Assembly.

**Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

It is my pleasure to introduce Rodney Metoyer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

Marshals please escort our leaders to the platform and conduct the other officers to their tables.

**Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

Marshals please escort our International Representatives.

**Mistress of Ceremonies: Joan Pike**

It is with pleasure that I introduce Sister Laura Argue, President of the IARA.

**Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

It is my pleasure to introduce to you Brother Chuck Renninger, Sovereign Grand Master of the SGL. Marshals please escort then to the platform.

**Mistress of Ceremonies: Joan Pike**

Color Bearer and Escorts: Please present the Flag of our country and other flags. The audience will please rise; and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of National Anthem and invocation by Barry Prock, Grand Rep to SGL.

**Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

Please enjoy your meal. The rest of the program will follow immediately afterwards.

(DINNER)

**Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

James Bargetto and Maggie Martin from Morgan Stanley will now tell us about our investments.

**Mistress of Ceremonies: Joan Pike**

Diana Carranza Convention Chairman, would you please bring greetings.

Diana then introduced Megan Chappell from the Doubletree Hotel.

Grand Master Rodney Metoyer and President Sharon Burgess as well as the Master of Ceremonies made presentations to Diana for her services.

**Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

We will now have a short report from each Board.

Odd Fellow Homes of California – Dave Rosenberg, Chairman

## Opening Ceremony - 2013

Odd Fellow – Rebekah Children’s Home – Bill Maxwell, President  
Odd Fellow – Rebekah Youth Camp – Gene Rasor, President  
California Odd Fellow Foundation – Tony Pruitt, President

### **Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

Flowers have been placed on the platform before we began this evening.  
We will have greetings from these leaders.

Chelsey Vinsant – President, TRA  
Brent Hemphill – Past Grand Ruler, GJL  
Lady Ernestine Olson – President, DALAPM  
Brig General Kenneth O’Connell – Department Commander, PM  
Laurie Prescott – Grand Matriarch, GLEA  
Jesse Dalton – Grand Patriarch, GE  
Sharon Burgess – President, RA  
Rodney Metoyer – Grand Master, GL

### **Mistress of Ceremonies: Joan Pike**

Sister Laura Argue, President of the IARA brought her greetings.

### **Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

Brother Chuck Renninger, Sovereign Grand Master brought his greetings.

### **Mistress of Ceremonies: Joan Pike**

I would like to introduce and thank those who took part in tonight’s ceremony.

Musician:	Chris Greenwood
Invocation:	Barry Prock
Benediction:	Barry Prock
Marshals:	John Morgan/ Ruth Morgan Michael Robertson / Marlene Bois J. R. Prosk/Sherrie Pruitt
Honorary Marshals:	John Hughes/Jeanette Hughes

### **Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

It is my pleasure to introduce and thank the following:

American Flag Bearer:	Mike Young
Canadian Flag Bearer:	Linda Prock
California Flag Bearer:	Carol Smith
District of Columbia Flag Bearer:	Tony Pruitt
Saskatchewan Flag Bearer:	Mary Dougherty
I O O F Banner Bearer:	Richard Brouse
Rebekah Banner Bearer:	Mary Ann Tschernoscha
Junior Lodge Banner Bearer:	Brent Hemphill
Theta Rho Banner Bearer:	Chelsey Vinsant

### **Mistress of Ceremonies: Joan Pike**

President Sharon Burgess has some final remarks.

### **Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

Grand Master Rodney Metoyer has some final remarks.

### **Mistress of Ceremonies: Joan Pike**

The audience will rise for the Benediction by Barry Prock, Grand Representative and remain standing for retirement of the Flags.

### **Master of Ceremonies: Paul Pike**

We thank you all for your attendance this evening and this concludes the opening ceremony.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #1**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors

**TITLE:** A Bill to repeal Chapter XXIX (By-Laws of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Beneficial Fund – A Nonprofit Corporation) that was adopted in 2011 and reenact Chapter XXIX (By-Laws of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Beneficial Fund – A Nonprofit Corporation) with amendments that correspond with most other Boards and Funds of the Grand Lodge of California.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA:** to reenact Chapter XXIX (By-Laws of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Beneficial Fund – A Nonprofit Corporation) as follows:

**CHAPTER XXIX  
BYLAWS OF THE  
ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS BENEFICIAL FUND  
(11)A Nonprofit Corporation**

**ARTICLE 1**

**NAME, PURPOSES AND POWERS**

**1.01** The name of this corporation shall be the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Beneficial Fund.

**A.** This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within in the meaning of Section 501 C (3), Internal Revenue Code.

**B.** These By-laws constitute the code of rules adopted by the ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS BENEFICIAL FUND (hereinafter “the Fund” or “the Corporation”) for the regulation and management of its affairs.

**C.** The specific purpose of this corporation is to offer temporary emergency monetary assistance to members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the Jurisdiction of California.

**D.** This corporation is recognized as being founded and supported by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Grand Lodge of California (Grand Lodge) and Rebekah Assembly of California (Rebekah Assembly). The Beneficial Fund is a program of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly. The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly shall always be recognized as the final authority for this corporation and its programs.

**1.02** This corporation will have the purposes or powers as stated in its Articles of Incorporation and such powers as are now or may be granted hereafter by the California Corporations Code. The corporation shall have the following powers in addition:

**A.** To receive gifts and donations made by gift, deed, will or otherwise, upon such terms and as shall be dictated by the Fund. All funds and property received are to be dedicated irrevocably and exclusively to public, charitable, care, medical or housing purposes, in accordance with the Bylaws, to benefit, assist, help and provide temporary support for health and maintenance of members, including but not limited to residential care, medical needs, in home caretaking, financial assistance and general support for needy members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of California.

**B.** In no event are the Directors to accept funds or property on any other basis than an outright gift to or for the use and purpose specified in the purpose clause of the corporation and the Directors are prohibited from accepting funds or property in any condition in which there is a right of reversion to the donor or his heirs or in which an interest, life estate or right is retained to any individual exclusive of charitable lead or charitable remainder trusts.

**C.** No part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in

(including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**D.** To appropriate and devote all funds, property and income entrusted to it by gifts, devises or bequests made to and accepted by said corporation.

**E.** To create trusts of and from unrestricted funds or property at its disposal and to fix the conditions thereof.

**F.** To do such further and additional acts and thing as may be necessary, incidental or convenient in the attainment of the purposes herein expressed in the administration of its funds and property to achieve those purposes.

**G.** To conduct lawful activities which may include the charging of fees or prices for its services or products, all such receipts to be applied to the purposes stated herein and in the Articles of Incorporation. Any and all incident profits received by the Corporation shall be similarly applied to those purposes, and in no case shall be divided or distributed in any manner whatsoever among the Directors or Officers of the Corporation.

**H.** To exercise any right or privilege allowed or authorized by law not herein expressed or implied.

## **ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

**2.01** The principal office for the transaction of the activities and affairs of the Corporation shall be located in the Grand Lodge office..

**2.02** The Board, with the approval of Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, may establish branch or subordinate offices.

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

**3.01** The Corporation shall have no members or stockholders. In accordance with the applicable law of the State of California, any action that would otherwise require approval of members of this Corporation shall require the approval of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of California.

## **ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS**

**4.01 Term and number of Directors.** The term of each Director shall be three (3) years. The number of Directors of this Corporation shall consist of seven (7). All Directors shall be members in good standing of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (herein “the Odd Fellows”) or the Rebekah Assembly (herein “Rebekahs”). The Directors shall be:

**A.** Four (4) elected by the Grand Lodge of California and three (3) elected by the Rebekah Assembly of California at their annual sessions.

**B.** Subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Benefit Corporation Law, other applicable laws, any limitations in the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, and the rules, regulations, and discipline of the Rebekah Assembly and Grand Lodge, the business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed and all corporate powers and policies shall be established and exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors with approval of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly.

**C.** Initially the Directors will be elected for terms as follows:

**1.** Grand Lodge: Two (2) for three (3) year terms, one (1) for two (2) year term and one (1) for a one (1) year term.

**2.** Rebekah Assembly: (1) for a three (3) year term, one for a two (2) year term and one (1) for a one (1) year term.

**3.** Subsequent annual elections shall be to replace those whose term has expired in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly.

#### **4.02 Removal of Directors.**

**A.** The GRAND LODGE shall have the authority to remove Odd Fellow Directors and the REBEKAH ASSEMBLY shall have the authority to remove Rebekah Directors.

**B.** Any Director may be removed for cause by the elected body (GRAND LODGE or REBEKAH ASSEMBLY) or upon recommendation of the BOARD. Upon passage of such a recommendation by the BOARD, the Director will immediately be suspended from the BOARD pending a ruling of the elected body (GRAND LODGE or REBEKAH ASSEMBLY), and the Director shall be notified by mail of his/her suspension pending a ruling by the elected body.

**C.** The definition of cause shall include but is not to be limited to, the following:

- 1.** Attendance. A Director having unexcused absences of two or more consecutive regular BOARD meetings or any absences in excess of 25% of regular meetings in a calendar year may be grounds for removal.
- 2.** Ethical Conduct. A Director shall perform the duties of a Director as prescribed, in good faith, in the interest of the ORDER, and in compliance with all applicable laws. A Director shall at all times maintain high ethical standards.
- 3.** Breach of Confidentiality. A Director may not disclose or cause to be disclosed any confidential and proprietary BOARD information to anyone not authorized to receive same.

**4.03 Vacancies on the Board.** Vacancies on the Board of Directors of those elected by the Rebekah Assembly shall be appointed by the President of the Rebekah Assembly with concurrence by the Executive Committee of the Rebekah Assembly. Vacancies of Directors elected by Grand Lodge shall be appointed by the Grand Master with concurrence by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. A person elected to fill a vacancy as provided by this Section shall hold office until the next annual election.

**4.04 Directors' Meetings.** Annual meetings of the Board of Directors to be held in March each year and may be held at any place within the State of California that has been designated from time to time by resolution of the Board. In addition to the March meeting, the Board may hold an annual re-organization meeting in May in conjunction with the annual Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly sessions. In the absence of such a designation regular meetings shall be held at the principal executive office of the Corporation. Special meetings of the Board shall be held at any place within or outside the State of California that has been designated in the notice of the meeting, or, if not stated in the notice or there is no notice, at the principal executive office of the corporation. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone or similar communication equipment, so long as all directors participating in the meeting can hear one another, and all such directors shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting by a recorded roll call.

**4.05 Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, or a majority of the Directors. Notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be delivered personally or by telephone to each director or sent by first-class mail or telegram, charges prepaid, addressed to each Director at the Director's address as it is shown on the records of the Corporation. In case the notice is mailed, it shall be deposited in the United States mail at least four (4) working days before the time of the holding of the meeting. In case the notice is delivered personally, or by telephone or telegram, it shall be delivered personally or by telephone or to the telegraph company at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the holding of the meeting. Any oral notice given personally or by telephone may be communicated either to the Director or to a person at the office of the Director whom the person giving the notice has reason to believe will promptly communicate it to the Director. The notice must specify the purpose of the meeting and the place and time if the meeting is to be held.

**4.05 Quorum.** A majority of the authorized number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except to adjourn as provided in Section 4.03. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be

regarded as the act of the Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of Section 310 of the Corporations Code of California (as to approval of contracts or transactions in which a director has a direct material financial interest), Section 311 of that Code (as to the appointment of committees), and Section 317(e) of that Code (as to indemnification of directors). A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

**4.06 Waiver of Notice.** The transactions of any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though had at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if a quorum is present and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. All such waivers, consents and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any directors who attend the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement, the lack of notice to that director.

**4.07 Adjournment.** A majority of the Directors present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place.

**4.08 Notice of Adjournment.** Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given, unless the meeting is adjourned for more than twenty-four (24) hours, in which case notice of the time and place shall be given before the time of the adjourned meeting, in the manner specified in Section 4.05, to the directors who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

**4.09 Action Without Meeting.** Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to that action. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

**4.10 Fees and Compensation of Directors.** Directors and members of committees shall not receive any compensation, but they may be reimbursed for their reasonable out of pocket expenses of moneys spent on behalf of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

**5.01 Rosters of Officers.** The Officers of this Corporation will consist of the following personnel:

- A. The Chairperson of the Board
- B. The Vice-chairperson of the Board
- C. The Secretary of the Corporation
- D. The Treasurer of the Corporation

**5.02 Selection of Officers.** The Chairperson and vice-chairperson will be selected annually by the incoming Board of Directors, at their May meeting, to take office in May.

**5.03 Multiple Officeholders.** In any election of Officers, the Board of Directors may elect and appoint a single person to no more than one office.

**5.04 Chairperson of the Board.** The Chairperson shall preside at the meetings of the board and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to the Chairperson of the BOARD.

**5.05 Vice-Chairperson.** If the Chairperson is absent or disabled, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform all the duties of the Chairperson. When so acting, the Vice-Chairperson shall have the powers of and be subjected to all restrictions on the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the BOARD or the Bylaws may prescribe.

**5.06 Secretary.** The Secretary of the Corporation shall be the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California. The Secretary shall have full voice and vote on the Board, but will not count towards the number of elected directors as described in Article IV.

A. The Chairperson of the corporation shall appoint an Assistant Secretary. The duties of the Assistant Secretary shall be, with the approval of the secretary,:

1. Keep or cause to be kept, at the Grand Lodge office a book of minutes of all meetings, proceedings, and actions of the BOARD and committees of the BOARD. The minutes of the meetings shall include the time and place the meeting was held, whether the meeting was regular or special, and if special how authorized and how notice was given.
2. Keep or cause to be kept at the Grand Lodge office, a copy of the articles of incorporation and a copy of the Bylaws of the corporation.
3. Give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the BOARD and of committees of the BOARD required by these Bylaws to be given. The Assistant Secretary may keep, with approval of the Secretary, the corporate seal in safe custody and may have such powers and perform such other duties as the BOARD may require.
4. Assist the Secretary in his duty to cause to be completed all local, state and federal forms and requirements including the annual 990 Federal form and the annual State of California 199 form.

**5.06 Treasurer.** The Treasurer of the Corporation shall be the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of California. The Treasurer shall have full voice and vote on the Board, but will not count towards the number of elected directors as described in Article IV.

A. The Grand Treasurer shall hold in trust, in a repository specified by the Grand Lodge for the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Beneficial Fund such funds, stocks, bonds, securities, certificates, deeds, investments and other property, as the Grand Lodge and/or Rebekah Assembly may place in the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Beneficial Fund.

B. Shall deposit, sell, transfer, or exchange the same, or any part thereof, only as the Grand Lodge and/or Rebekah Assembly shall direct.

C. Shall establish accounts in the name Odd Fellow and Rebekah Beneficial Fund. All such accounts shall be maintained in federally insured national banks and/or federally insured savings and loan associations.

D. Shall receive all moneys, of every kind and nature for the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Beneficial Fund. He/she shall immediately deposit any Odd Fellow and Rebekah Beneficial moneys coming into his possession into the appropriate Odd Fellow and Rebekah Beneficial account.

E. He/she shall countersign all checks drawn on Odd Fellow and Rebekah accounts to pay claims for goods and services which have been properly approved for payment by the Board of Directors.

**5.07** The Chairperson of the corporation shall appoint a Financial Secretary. The duties of the Financial Secretary shall be, with the approval of the Treasurer,:

A. Assist the Treasurer in carrying out the duties of his office.

B. Assist in the preparation of all reports, forms, etc. that the Treasurer may be required to complete.

C. Assist in the preparation of an annual report, which will be given to the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, of the assets of the Beneficial Fund.

## **ARTICLE VI INFORMAL ACTION**

**6.01 Waiver of Notice.** Whenever any notice whatsoever is required to be given under the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation, or these Bylaws, a waiver of such notice in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to notice, whether before or after the time stated in such waiver, will be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

**ARTICLE VII  
OPERATIONS**

**7.01 Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of this Corporation will begin April 1 and end March 31.

**7.02 Books and Records.** This Corporation will keep correct and complete books and records of account, and will also keep minutes of proceedings of its Board of Directors.

**7.03 Inspection of Books and Records.** All books and records of this Corporation may be inspected by the Grand Master, Rebekah Assembly President, Grand Lodge Board of Directors, Rebekah Assembly Executive Committee or any Director for any proper purpose at any reasonable time on written demand and under oath stating such purpose.

**7.04 Nonprofit Operations.** This Corporation will not have or issue shares of stock. No dividend will be paid, and no part of the income of this Corporation will be distributed to its Directors or Officers.

**7.05 Loans.** This Corporation will make no loans to any Directors or Officers of this corporation or any member of the Odd Fellows or Rebekahs.

**ARTICLE VIII  
FIDUCIARY DUTY**

**8.01 Duties of Directors.** A Director of the Corporation shall stand in a fiduciary relation to the Corporation and shall perform his / her duties as a Director, including his / her duties as a member of any committee of the Board upon which he / she may serve, in good faith, in a manner he / she reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the Corporation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, skill and diligence, as a person of ordinary prudence would use under similar circumstances. In performing his / her duties, a Director shall be entitled to rely in good faith on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in which case prepared by any of the following:

**A.** One or more officers or employees of the Corporation whom the Director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented.

**B.** Counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters which the Director reasonable believes to be within the professional or expert competence of such person.

**C.** A committee of the Board upon which he / she does not serve, duly designated in accordance with law, as to matters within its designated authority, which the Director reasonably believes to merit confidence.

**D.** A Director shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if he / she have knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause his / her reliance to be unwarranted.

In discharging the duties of their respective positions, the Board of Directors, committees of the Board and individual Directors may, in considering the best interests of the Corporation, consider the effects of any action upon employees, upon suppliers and customers of the Corporation and upon communities in which offices or other establishments of the Corporation are located, and all other pertinent factors. The consideration of those factors shall not constitute a violation of this section.

**8.02 Liability.** Absent breach of fiduciary duty, lack of good faith or self-dealing, actions taken as a Director or any failure to take any action shall be presumed to be in the best interests of the Corporation. A Director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable for monetary damages as such for any action taken, or any failure to take any action unless:

**A.** The Director has breached or failed to perform the duties of his / her office under this section.

**B.** The breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

**A.** The responsibility or liability of a Director pursuant to any criminal statute

**B.** The liability of a Director for the payment of taxes pursuant to local, state or federal law.

**8.03 Budget.** The Directors working with the Grand Treasurer shall annually prepare an estimated budget based on anticipated receipts and proposed or regularly scheduled grants. The Grand Lodge Board of Directors investment committee shall be responsible for the fiscal management of the Fund.

**ARTICLE IX  
INDEMNIFICATION**

**9.01** The Corporation shall indemnify each of its directors, officers, and employees whether or not then in service as such (and his or her executor, administrator and heirs), against all reasonable expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him / her in connection with the defense and any litigation to which the individual may have been a party because he / she is or was a director, officer or employee of the Corporation. The individual shall have no right to reimbursement, however, in relation to matters as to which he / she has been adjudged liable to the Corporation for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his / her duties, or was derelict in the performance of his / her duty as director, officer or employee by reason of willful misconduct, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties of his / her office or employment. The right to indemnify for expenses shall also apply to the expenses of suits which are compromised or settled if the court having jurisdiction of the matters shall approve such settlement. The right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to that which such director, officer or employee may be entitled.

**ARTICLE X  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**10.01** The Directors shall annually, prepare a report, verified by the Chairman and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, describing in detail the following:

- A.** The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the Corporation as of the end of the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of the report.
- B.** The principal changes in assets and liabilities including trust funds, during the year immediately preceding the date of the report.
- C.** The revenue or receipts of the Corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for the year immediately preceding the date of the report, including separate data with respect to each trust fund held by or for the Corporations.
- D.** The expenses and disbursements of the Corporation, for both general and restricted purposes, during the year immediately preceding the date of the report, including separate data with respect to each trust fund held by or for the Corporation.
- E.** This Report shall be filed with the minutes of the Corporation and copies sent to the Grand Lodge of California and Rebekah Assembly of California.

**ARTICLE XI  
DISBURSEMENTS**

**11.01 Review of Applications and Proposals.** Requests for grants must be made on an ‘Odd Fellow-Rebekah Beneficial Fund Grant Application’. The Applications will be sent out to the applicant after a request for it has been made by the applicant, his/her Lodge, family member. The applications will have at least the following information:

- A.** The name of the recipient;
- B.** The physical and/or mental condition and/or needs of the applicant;
- C.** The amount of funding requested and purpose for which it is sought;
- D.** The specific purpose(s) for which the funds are requested;
- E.** The circumstances of the recipient and the urgency or nature of the need.
- F.** The Applications for Grants from the Beneficial Funds shall not exceed two pages. The Board of Directors of the Beneficial Fund shall always take into account, when preparing the grant application forms, the necessity for the applications to be easy to read and understand. The Application Forms must be in a format that the average person could complete within 90 minutes. The Application Forms cannot require personal or family tax information.
- G.** The maximum Grant given shall not exceed \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars)

**11.02 Review Committees.** The Board shall appoint three (3) investigating committees, each committee made up of two (2) board members. One committee will be assigned to review applications

from the northern part of the state, another from the central part of the state and the third from the southern part of the state.

**A.** The assistant secretary will assign the applications to the appropriate review committee and transmit the application via e-mail to the committee members within 48 hours of receiving the application.

**B.** The committee members must review the application within 48 hours and make a recommendation to the Board within that time period. The recommendation will be sent to the entire board via e-mail.

**C.** After receiving the committee's recommendation the entire Board must vote on the recommendation with 48 hours.

**D.** The assistant secretary, if the application has been rejected by the board, will notify the applicant in writing (e-mail is acceptable) within 48 hours. If the application has been approved and a grant awarded the assistant secretary will notify the Grand Treasurer with 48 hours of the approval. The assistant secretary will also notify the applicant that the grant was approved and that a check will be coming from the Grand Treasurer shortly. The Grand Treasurer will issue and send the check from the Grand Lodge office.

**11.03 Determination of Disbursements.** Except as specifically set forth elsewhere in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors will award grants only to members of Odd Fellows and/or Rebekahs in California who, in the opinion of the Directors, will apply that money for meritorious and significant benefit and who by reason of economic difficulty, indigence, or other disadvantage requires temporary assistance to meet a specific need in their physical and/or mental health.

**11.04 Priority Projects or Grants.** The Fund will give priority to satisfying the following needs:

**A.** Temporary relief of distress, physical or mental, of the aged, sick or vulnerable;

**B.** Temporary assistance in living;

**C.** Temporary auxiliary care of the aged;

**D.** Temporary emergency or disaster related assistance.

## **ARTICLE XII AMENDMENT**

**12.01 Modification of Bylaws.** These by-laws may be amended or repealed and new by-laws adopted by a two thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Any amendment or newly adopted by-laws must be approved and ratified by the Grand Lodge of California and Rebekah Assembly of California at a regularly scheduled meeting of the bodies. No amendment or repeal of the by-laws can take effect until they have been approved by the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly.

## **ARTICLE XIII ENDOWMENTS**

**13.01 Restrictions.** The Fund will solicit endowments wherein the Fund will retain the principal of the gift and make charitable use of the income there from. The Board may accept such gifts including restrictions, except as described hereinafter.

**13.02** No gift or endowment will be accepted wherein the donor requires participation in decisions to allocate or grant income there from.

## **GRAND LODGE BILL #1**

Originally submitted by: the Grand Lodge Board of Directors as Grand Lodge Bill #26 in 2012.

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors and the OF/R Beneficial Board

WITHDRAWN BY THE OF/R BENEFICIAL BOARD

**GRAND LODGE BILL #2**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors

**TITLE:** Qualifications for Title (Officer, Director or Trustee) Emeritus.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** That Chapter III, Sec. 20. Miscellaneous Rules, Paragraph A. Generally, Sub-Section (9) Qualifications for Title Emeritus on Page III-44, be amended to read as follows:

**(9) Qualification for Title Emeritus.** Any Grand Lodge Officer, Director or Trustee who has been elected to the same position in this Grand Lodge for 12 or more years and ~~voluntarily~~ **honorably** leaves the office, may, by action of the Grand Lodge at regular session be granted the title of Emeritus, with voice and regalia, but no vote. Emeritus office holders will receive no compensation or expenses due to their office.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #3**

Submitted by: Anthony Pruitt #2, President

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXIV, Sec B. (By-Laws of the California Odd Fellow Foundation) beginning on Page XXIV-35, be amended to replace Trustee(s) with Director(s) and insert an Article to be able to Remove a Director.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA:** to amend Chapter XXIV, Sec B. (By-Laws of the California Odd Fellow Foundation) to read as follows:

**B. By-Laws, California Odd Fellows Foundation**

**ARTICLE I – PREAMBLE**

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

(1) The specific and primary purpose of the California Odd Fellows Foundation Inc. (COFF) (hereafter referred as the corporation), is to develop, operate and manage housing and other related properties for the aged and handicapped as well as services.

(2) These facilities and services are to be developed, operated and managed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of California (hereafter referred as Grand Lodge, the applicable regulations of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereafter referred as HUD), and all other applicable State and Federal Laws.

(3) The general purposes and powers are to have and to exercise all rights conferred on non-profit corporations under the laws of California, including the right to develop, contract, rent, buy or sell personal or real property, with permission of Grand Lodge, provide, however, that this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this Corporation.

(4) No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, unless the objective of such propaganda or legislation is to further the specific and primary purposes of the Corporation as herein described. The Corporation shall not participate, in any way, on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the Corporation shall be at 14520 Fruitvale Avenue Saratoga, California, County of Santa Clara.

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

The members of this Corporation are all of the members in good standing and officers of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of California and Rebekah Assembly of California.

### ARTICLE IV – GOVERNING BODY

(1) The governing body of this Corporation is a board of five (5) elected ~~trustees~~ **directors**, consisting as follows:

(a) Three (3) of the ~~trustees~~ **directors** shall be elected by the representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California during their annual sessions;

(b) Two (2) of the ~~trustees~~ **directors** shall be elected by the representatives of the Rebekah Assembly of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California during their annual sessions;

(2) The terms of office of the ~~trustees~~ **directors** are as follows:

(a) the term of office of the ~~trustee~~ **directors** elected by the Grand Lodge shall be three (3) years, and each year one (1) trustee shall be elected for a term of three (3) years.

(b) the term of office of the ~~trustees~~ **director** elected by the Rebekah Assembly shall be two (2) years, and each year one (1) of the Rebekah ~~trustees~~ **directors** shall be elected for a term of two (2) years; and

(c) the terms of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer correspond with the term upon which they hold office in the Grand Lodge.

(3) Any vacancy on the Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors** shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in California, on advice of the Corporation's Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors** and the advice of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Should such vacancy occur with the Rebekah ~~Trustees~~ **Directors**, appointment will be made by the President of the Rebekah Assembly as prescribed in Chapter VI-B, Section 14-C and upon the advice of the Corporation's Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors** and Executive Committee of Rebekah Assembly. The appointee to hold the office until the next session of the Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly. At the next session of the Grand Lodge or the Rebekah Assembly, a ~~trustee~~ **director** shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

(4) The corporation ~~trustees~~ **directors** shall not receive any compensation for their services as trustees, except that the trustees may be reimbursed for their necessary, actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the exercise of the duties of their offices.

(5) all ~~trustees~~ **directors** of the Corporation must be members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California or of the Rebekah Assembly of California.

### ARTICLE V – REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

(1) The GRAND LODGE, shall have the authority to remove Odd Fellow Directors. The REBEKAH ASSEMBLY shall have the authority to remove Rebekah Directors.

(2) Any Director may be removed for cause by their elected body (GRAND LODGE or REBEKAH ASSEMBLY) or upon a recommendation of the BOARD. Upon passage of such, the Director will immediately be suspended from the BOARD pending a ruling of the elected body (GRAND LODGE or REBEKAH ASSEMBLY). The Director shall be notified by mail on his/her suspension pending a ruling by the elected body.

(3) The definition of cause shall include but is not to be limited to, the following:

(a) **Attendance.** A Director having unexcused absences of two or more consecutive regular BOARD meetings or any absences in excess of 25% of regular meetings in a calendar year may be grounds for removal.

(b) **Ethical Conduct.** A director shall perform the duties of a Director as prescribed, in good faith, in the interest of the ORDER, and in compliance with all applicable laws. A Director must at all times maintain high ethical standards that are not adverse to the health, morals or welfare of the BOARD or the ORDER.

- (c) **Breach of Confidentiality:** A director may not disclose or cause to be disclosed any confidential or proprietary BOARD information to anyone outside of this BOARD who not authorized to receive same.

#### ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

- (1) The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
- (2) The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California, shall respectively be the Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation.
- (3) Annually, at its first regular meeting following the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California and Rebekah Assembly annual session, the Corporation's ~~Trustees~~ **directors** shall elect a President and a Vice President, to hold office for one (1) year or until the election and qualification of their successor.

#### ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- (1) The annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California shall constitute the annual meeting of the Corporation, and the business of the Corporation may be introduced, considered and acted upon at any time during said annual session.
- (2) Any special session of the Grand Lodge shall also constitute a special meeting of the Corporation.
- (3) At any annual or special meeting of the Corporation, as established in paragraph (A) and (B) herein, ten members shall constitute a quorum.
- (4) No notice to the members is required of the Corporation's annual meeting. Notices of special meetings shall be given as required by the notice requirements for special sessions of the Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California.
- (5) The Corporation's regular meeting shall be held at the Corporation's principal office, and at a time to be prescribed by the Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors**, on the SUNDAY following the FOURTH (4th) SATURDAY of any month, at least six times a year, or at such other day or place determined by the Board. Nothing in this section prevents the Corporation's Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors** from holding meetings in excess of the required six meetings as deemed necessary. Notice shall be given by the Corporation's secretary to the ~~Trustees~~ **directors** in advance of the meetings, according to law. At any meeting of the Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors** four (4) members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
- (6) At all meetings of the corporation's members and the Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors**, the members or the ~~Trustees~~ **directors** must be present in order to vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed at any meetings.

#### ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, repealed, or otherwise modified only by vote of the Corporation's membership; provided, however, that in case of emergency these By-Laws may be amended, to the extent permitted by law, by vote of the Corporation's Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors**, ratified by The Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California, but any such amendment shall be submitted to the approval of the Corporation's membership at the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge following the Grand Lodge Board of Director's ratification.

#### ARTICLE IX – SEAL

The Corporation shall have an official Seal in the form of two concentric circles. Between the inner and outer circles shall appear the words, California Odd Fellows Foundation. In the center of the inner circle shall be the three links emblem of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Above the three links, and within the inner circle, shall appear the word, Incorporated, and below the three links and within the inner circle, shall appear the date the Corporation was incorporated.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #4**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board

**TITLE:** A bill to include lodge trustees and directors to participate in the installation ceremony; to require such elected trustees and directors to recite obligation

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** That the following subsection (h) be added to Chapter V, ODD FELLOW LODGES, Section 1, L. Trustees, (2) on Page V-13 of Roberts Code of General Odd Fellow Laws.

(h) All ~~trustees elect and~~ directors-elect shall be included and recite the Officers' Obligation in the installation ceremony of the Ritual.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #5**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board

**TITLE:** A bill to increase the surety bond amount for Trustees/Directors.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** to Repeal and Reenact Chapter V. Odd Fellow Lodges, Section 1., Paragraph L. Trustees, Sub-Paragraph (3) on Page V-13 of the 2012 Roberts Code of California.

**(3) Bonds of Trustees/Directors.** The Trustees/Directors of a Lodge, individually or as a group as provided in the By-Laws of the Lodge, shall give a surety bond, not to be less than \$2,000.00 each or \$10,000.00 per incident, guaranteed by a licensed, incorporated surety company, payable to the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, prior to assuming such duties.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #6**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors

**TITLE:** A Bill to increase the surety bond amount for Desk Officers.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** Amend Chapter V. Odd Fellow Lodges, Section 1, K. Officers. Paragraph (7) Bonds of Officers., found on Page V-13 of the 2012 Roberts Code of California.

**(7) Bonds of Officers.** The Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, prior to installation, shall individually or as a group, as provided by the by-laws of the lodge, give a surety bond payable to the lodge by a licensed, incorporated surety company, in such amounts as the lodge shall require by its By-Laws. Such amount shall be not less than:

- (a) \$10,000.00 ~~\$1,000.00~~ each, for the Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary and,
- (b) \$10,000.00 ~~\$2,000.00~~ for the Treasurer.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #7a**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors

**TITLE:** A bill to clarify the Duties of the Grand Treasurer.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** Chapter III, Section 5., Duties of the Grand Treasurer, Sub-Sections (1-3) found on Page III-9 of the 2012 Roberts Code of General Odd Fellow Laws be amended to read as follows.

**Section 5. Duties of the Grand Treasurer.**

**A. Generally.**

**(1) Duties Generally.** The Grand Treasurer shall be the financial officer for the Grand Lodge, and shall perform the duties specified in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, this Code, and such additional duties as directed by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

**(2) Qualifications.** The Grand Treasurer shall have knowledge and experience in the area of accounting, management of securities for investment purposes, and management of trust fund assets. Each candidate for Grand Treasurer shall submit to the Grand Secretary, no later than April 1st, preceding the election, a Statement of Qualifications as specified in **Chapter III – 19, Section 12 (B), of this Code.**

**(3) Not Employee.** The Grand Treasurer ~~shall not~~ **may** be an employee of the Grand Lodge, however, ~~may~~ **and** be entitled to compensation and reimbursement for legitimate expenses incurred in the performance of duties. The compensation and reimbursement shall not exceed the amount designated, for such expense, in the current budget approved by the Grand Lodge at the most recent annual session.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #7b**

**Companion Bill to Bill #7a**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors

**TITLE:** A bill to clarify the Duties of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** Page III – 11, Chapter III, Section 7 C. (1)., Not Employee, of the 2012 Roberts Code of General Odd Fellow Laws be amended to read as follows.

**Section 7. Duties of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.**

**C. Organization.**

- (1) **Not Employees.** Members of the Board of Directors, with exception of the Grand Secretary, a designated Assistant **and the Grand Treasurer may** be employees of the Grand Lodge. However, they may be entitled to reimbursement allowed shall not exceed the amount designated for such expense, in the current budget approved by the Grand Lodge at the most recent annual session.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #8**

Submitted by Grand Lodge Board of Directors

**TITLE:** A bill to remove duplication of positions within the board of directors and elective officers.  
Repeal – (II-3)

**ARTICLE V. (11-3)**

**OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES**

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**GRAND LODGE BILL #9**

Submitted by: Sycamore Lodge #129

**TITLE:** To conform to Code of General Laws (at Chapter III, Section 1, (A) (1), previous versions of the California Code, and our non-denominational pledge

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** That Chapter II Constitution of Grand Lodge, Article III Membership Qualifications, Section 1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1 Every candidate for admission to membership in this Lodge must be of good moral character and industrious habits, who believes in ~~The~~ **a** Supreme Being, ~~the~~ ~~The~~ Creator and Preserver of the

Universe; and every candidate must reside in this jurisdiction except as provided in ~~Chapter 4, Section 2a(6)~~, the Code of General Laws.

Approved by Sycamore Lodge # 129 for submission to Grand Lodge for consideration during this year's sessions at our regular meeting of February 11, 2013 by a unanimous vote (except for one abstention).

**GRAND LODGE BILL #10**

Submitted by Grand Lodge Board of Directors

**Title:** A bill to remove duplication of positions within the board of directors and elective officers.

Repeal – (II-3)

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**GRAND LODGE BILL #11**

Submitted by State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to correct an error in the California Code of Odd Fellow Laws

**WHEREAS:** There is a conflict between the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge regarding the voting privilege of the Grand Representatives on the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, and

**WHEREAS:** The voting privilege was granted to the Grand Representatives by a change in the Bylaws in 2008,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT:** Chapter II, Article IX Section 1, Be amended by deleting the words ~~'voice, vote'~~ and replacing them with **'voice and vote'**.

This legislation to be effective upon passage.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #12**

Submitted by State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to clarify the authority of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

**WHEREAS:** The perception by many members of the Grand Lodge that the Board of Directors many times ignore the wishes of the Grand Lodge and,

**WHEREAS:** this perception creates distrust with the Grand Lodge Board of Directors,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT:** Chapter II CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND Lodge, Article IX GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 2 the unlettered paragraph be lettered 'A', and add paragraphs B, C and D as stated below.

**B. The Grand Lodge Board of Directors, when the Grand Lodge is not in session, may not change, alter, modify, obfuscate, amend or ignore any bills passed, resolutions adopted, or overturn elections held by the Grand Lodge.**

**C. Should there be any action by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors to violate subsection B, the Grand Master is authorized to and shall immediately suspend the Grand Lodge Board of**

**Directors. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden and the two Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall immediately become the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. The Grand Master shall immediately convene a Special Session of the Grand Lodge to elect new members of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Location of such special session will be at the pleasure of the Grand Master.**

**D. The Board of Directors will not have the power to interfere in any duties assigned by the Ritual, the Code of General Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or this code to the elective officers of the Grand Lodge of California or to those persons or committees they or the Grand Lodge of California has lawfully appointed to carry them out. They may inquire if an assigned duty has been carried out.**

This legislation to be effective upon passage.

### **GRAND LODGE BILL #13**

Submitted by State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to modify the Grand Secretary's travel expenses.

**WHEREAS:** Travel to Sovereign Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary is not mandatory,

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Secretary has failed to report to the Grand Lodge on his activities at Sovereign Grand Lodge for a least the last four years.

**WHEREFOR:** The value of spending up to \$2,000.00 to defray the Grand Secretary's travel expense to Sovereign Grand Lodge is of no apparent value to the Grand Lodge.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT:** Chapter III, Section 4 (12) be repealed and replaced as follows:

**(12) The Grand Secretary may attend Sovereign Grand Lodge but only at his own expense and may not receive mileage or per diem unless authorized by a vote of the Grand Lodge. The decision of the Grand Lodge is final and may NOT be overturned by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. In order to receive any compensation from the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary must submit a report of activities and how his attendance benefits the Grand Lodge and the jurisdiction of California.**

### **GRAND LODGE BILL #14**

Submitted by State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to clarify the Grand Secretary's financial compensation.

**WHEREAS:** It appears that the compensation to the Grand Secretary has been obfuscated whether by accident or design, and

**WHEREAS:** It is important that the members of the Grand Lodge are aware of the costs of operating the Grand Lodge office,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT:** Chapter III, Section 4, A (3) be amended adding the following:

- (a) **The Grand Secretary's compensation and travel expenses must be printed in the Grand Treasurer's report to the Grand Lodge as a separate line item.**
- (b) **Should the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge Board of Directors feel that increased compensation is necessary; a recommendation must be made to the Grand Lodge for approval. The recommendation must have the amount of increase and the justification for the increase along with a chart of the previous 10 years salaries and travel expenses.**
- (c) **The Grand Secretary shall not receive any compensation or financial consideration for expenses occurred when traveling to and from his or her primary residence to the Grand Lodge office or normal work location. Travel expenses will only be compensated for when**

**the Grand Secretary is on authorized official business of the Grand Lodge that falls outside the normal and listed duties of the Grand Secretary. Mileage will only be paid on the miles traveled on Grand Lodge authorized business from the Grand Lodge Office or home to the authorized business, whichever be lower mileage, and the return.**

**GRAND LODGE BILL #15**

Submitted by State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to require the Grand Secretary to publish more informative minutes.

**WHEREAS:** Currently the minutes of the meetings of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors are no more than an agenda, and

**WHEREAS:** It is important that the members of this jurisdiction have a better knowledge and understanding of the workings of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT: To Chapter III, Sec 7, E (3) Add subsections (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) to (c) as stated below, and then reletter paragraphs (b) through (k) starting with (c) and insert paragraph (b) as stated below.**

**(i) The Grand Secretary's minutes of the meetings of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors shall be comprehensive.**

**(ii) The minutes must record, in detail, all actions, decisions and discussions held during any meeting of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.**

**(iii) Each item discussed shall be recorded with the subject, if there was a motion – who made the motion and who seconded it, salient comments made during the discussion, and the outcome of the vote.**

**(iv) The Grand Secretary shall also keep accurate minutes of any Executive or Closed Session in the same manner as prescribed in subsection (c). These minutes are highly confidential and are only for the Elected Members of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors; however, a generalized and sanitized synopsis must be incorporated into the general minutes.**

**(b) The Grand Lodge Board of Directors must submit an annual report to the Grand Lodge at its annual session. The report must be a detailed report of all actions, how each came to notice, who or which lodge was affected, what was the wrong that needed to be fixed, when did it happen, where did it happen, how was it researched, how was the decision reached, how much did this action cost the Grand Lodge in terms of manpower and money, and if a serious problem why wasn't a Special Session of Grand Lodge called to handle it.**

**GRAND LODGE BILL #16**

Submitted by State of the Order

**TITLE:** A bill to limit the use of closed or executive meetings of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

**WHEREAS:** There is a perception among the membership that the use of the Executive or Closed Session privilege is being abused by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, and

**WHEREAS:** Perception is reality,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT: Chapter II, Article IX, Section 4, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by adding the following line immediately following ...'Grand Lodge in litigation.'**

**"If in the opinion of the Grand Master that a Closed Meeting or Executive Session, as previously described in this Constitution of Grand Lodge, does not meet that criteria, he may raise an objection to the continuation of the Executive Session or Closed Meeting and order it adjourned.**

**The Deputy Grand Master or Grand Warden shall have the same authority should the Grand Master be absent.”**

This legislation to be effective upon passage.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #17**

Submitted by State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to prohibit nepotism in the Grand Lodge Office

**WHEREAS:** Family members working together in the same venue is not in the best interests of the order; and

**WHEREAS:** domestic conflicts can create an atmosphere to be disruptive to the efficient management of the working environment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT:** Chapter III, Article IX Section 3 (4) Be amended by adding **(e). Grand Lodge employees' spouses or relatives may not be employed in the Grand Lodge Office.**

**GRAND LODGE BILL #18**

Submitted by State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill clarify financial compensation for employees of the Grand Lodge.

**WHEREAS:** in the past, increases in compensation for the Grand Secretary and other employees of the Grand Lodge Office have been hidden in the budget, and

**WHEREAS:** the members of the Grand Lodge should have a better understanding as to the actual costs of maintaining our office.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT:** Chapter III, Section 7 E (2) be amended by adding subparagraph a.

**a. Any increase in financial compensation or additional non-monetary benefits for the Grand Secretary can only be approved by the Grand Lodge during its annual session. Such increase can only be made as separate legislation by the finance committee of Grand Lodge and must be approved prior to the adoption of the annual budget. The finance committee must include a justification for the increase.**

**GRAND LODGE BILL #19**

Submitted by State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A Bill Limiting the Authority of the Grand Lodge Counsel

**WHEREAS:** in the past, our Grand Lodge Legal Counsel has sent written communications to various members that may not have been in keeping with the objects and purposes of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and

**WHEREAS:** these communications may have been unwarranted.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT:** Chapter III, Section 7 E (2) be amended by adding subparagraph a.

**a. Any written communication initiated by the Grand Lodge Counsel to individual members of the order, must be approved by the Grand Master and by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Such communication must be approved by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary. A synopsis of any communications shall be included in the annual Grand Lodge Board of Directors report.**

**GRAND LODGE BILL #20**  
Submitted by State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to establish a Grand Lodge Oversight Committee.

**WHEREAS:** Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely; and

**WHEREAS:** there is an apparent lack of independent checks and balances between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, there is a need to establish an appropriate mechanism to provide the necessary and independent oversight.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT:** Chapter III, Section 14 Subsection A be vacated and the following new Subsection A be inserted:

**A. Oversight Committee.**

1. The members of the Oversight Committee shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, the two Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Chairmen of the Legislation, Judiciary and State of the Order Committee. All members will have full voice and vote.
2. The Oversight Committee shall conduct business via email or any other method of electronic communication and shall review all actions and decisions by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors no later than 14 days after a board meeting.
3. It will be the primary function of the Oversight Committee to review all decisions and actions taken by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Any decision or action by a board may be vetoed and returned to the board with a report indicating the reason for the veto. A simple majority vote of the members of the committee all that is required.
4. The Oversight Committee must submit a report to the Grand Lodge during its annual session with a justification of any actions or decisions made by the committee.

This legislation to be effective upon passage.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #21**  
Submitted by the State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to clarify that Permanent Committees operate as Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** That paragraph H be added to Chapter III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, Sec. 14 Committees of the Grand Lodge, of the Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows to read as follows:

H. A Permanent Committee as defined by CHAPTER III-B(1)(A) of this code exists and shall do its work from its appointment of members at the previous session of the Grand Lodge, until the adjournment sine die of the session to which its members are appointed, when the newly appointed members shall take their place and shall for the purposes of The Code of General Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Robert's Rules of Order be considered as a Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #22**  
Submitted by the State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** To keep the order more informed about important matters.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** that Chapter III Section D (12) be repealed and replaced to read as follows: (*strikeout type deletes and bold face inserts*)

~~(12) District Deputy Reports. He may include in his report to the Grand Lodge, so much of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters as he may deem of importance to the Order.~~

**(12) Deputy Reports: If the Grand Master is not satisfied with any aspect of a lodge as indicated by a report of a District Deputy or Special Deputy, that dissatisfaction is of importance to the Order and at least a summary shall be included in his next report, unless doing so would prejudice the Lodge or the Grand Lodge in pending civil litigation. If the condition causing his dissatisfaction is corrected to his satisfaction before his final report he shall so indicate in his final report. He shall include in his report to the Grand Lodge any part of the District Deputy reports or Special Deputy reports as he may deem important to the Order.**

**GRAND LODGE BILL #23**

Submitted by the State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to require corporate board meetings be open to all Past Grands and provide for transparency in actions of boards and committees.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** To repeal the last sentence of Chapter II CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE, Article IX GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Sec. 4 and replace it as stated below (*strike out type deletes and bold face inserts*) and to add section 21 to Chapter III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA as stated below:

CHAPTER II CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE, ARTICLE IX GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Sec. 4.

~~Past Grands attending a Board of Directors meeting shall have no vote, and may speak only if a majority of the Board members present approve.~~

**Past Grands attending a Board of Directors meeting shall have no vote, but will be given the opportunity to speak on any item.**

**CHAPTER III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Sec. 21. Open Meetings Required.**

**A. Generally.**

In enacting this chapter, the Grand Lodge finds and declares that the corporate boards and permanent committees in this Jurisdiction exist to aid in the conduct of the Grand Lodge's business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly.

The Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction does not yield its sovereignty to the boards and committees which serve it. The Grand Lodge, in delegating authority, does not give their servants the right to decide what is good for the Grand Lodge to know and what is not good for them to know. The Grand Lodge insists on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

**B. Title.**

This section shall be known as the Greenwood/Charpentier Act.

**C. Definitions.**

(1) As used in this section, "Grand Lodge" means Grand Lodge of California, or any other Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

(2) As used in this section, "corporate board" means all corporate boards of directors authorized *by this code* at the Grand Lodge level. It does not include Subordinate Lodges or their boards or committees.

**(3) Permanent Committee.**

As used in this section "permanent committee" shall have the same meaning as Chapter III-B (1)(a), of this code.

**(4) Meeting.**

(a) As used in this section, "meeting" includes any congregation of a majority of the members of a corporate board at the same time and place to hear, discuss, deliberate, upon any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the corporate board to which it pertains.

(b) Any use of direct communication, personal intermediaries, or technological devices that is employed by a majority of the members of the corporate board to develop a collective concurrence as to action to be taken on any item by the corporate board is prohibited.

(c) Nothing in this subsection shall impose the requirements of this section upon any of the following:

(i) Individual contacts or conversations between a member of a corporate board and any other person.

(ii) The attendance of a majority of the members of a corporate board at a conference or similar gathering open to the public at large that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public at large, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the corporate board.

(iii) The attendance of a majority of the members of a corporate board at an open and publicized meeting organized to address a topic of local community concern by a person or organization other than the grand lodge, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the corporate board.

(iv) The attendance of a majority of the members of a corporate board at an open and noticed meeting of another body of the grand lodge, or at an open and noticed meeting of another grand lodge or its corporate board or committees, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled meeting, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the corporate board.

(v) The attendance of a majority of the members of a corporate board at a purely social or ceremonial occasion, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the corporate board.

(vi) The attendance of a majority of the members of a corporate board at an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of that body, provided that the members of the corporate board who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers.

(5) As used in this section, "action taken" means a collective decision made by a majority of the members of a corporate board, a collective commitment or promise by a majority of the members of a corporate board to make a positive or a negative decision, or an actual vote by a majority of the members of a corporate board when sitting as a body or entity, upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order or ordinance.

(6) Past Grand shall have the meaning as stated in *Chapter II Article III Sec. 1 and Sec. 2, of this code.*

(7) The term "the public" shall mean members in good standing of the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampments, Cantons and Auxiliaries.

(8) The term "the public at large" shall mean any person.

#### **D. Exceptions.**

(1) No part of this section shall be deemed to require the disclosure of any information required to be held confidential by either State or Federal law.

(a) Any non disclosure of information for reasons of listed in this subsection shall be stated by indicating the relevant section(s) of law forbidding its disclosure, in all places where this section would otherwise require its disclosure.

(2) No part of this section shall be deemed to require or permit the disclosure of any information required to be confidential by the Ritual or *The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws.*

#### **E. Effective upon selection to serve.**

(1) Any person elected or appointed to serve as a member of a corporate board who has not yet assumed the duties of office shall conform his or her conduct to the requirements of this section and shall be treated for purposes of enforcement of this section as if he or she has already assumed office.

(2) Any person with emeritus status shall conform his or her conduct to the requirements of this section.

**F. Open meetings required; Secret ballots:**

(1) All meetings of a corporate board shall be open to Past Grands, and all Past Grands shall be permitted to attend any meeting of a corporate board, except as otherwise provided in this section, the Ritual, or *The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws*. If any other law, rule or bylaw permits or requires the attendance of additional persons, that permission or requirement is not invalidated by this section.

(2) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a corporate board may use electronic conferencing for the benefit of the public and the corporate board in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law.

(b) Electronic conferencing, as authorized by this section, shall be limited to the receipt of public comment by the corporate board and to deliberations of the corporate board. All votes taken during an electronic conference meeting shall be by roll call.

(i) If the Ritual, *The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws, this Code*, or the By Laws of the specific board or committee specifies that a particular vote cannot be by roll call then action may not be taken on it at an electronic conference meeting.

(c) For the purposes of this subsection, "electronic conference" means a meeting of a corporate board, the members of which are in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a corporate board from providing the public with additional teleconference locations or access.

(3) No corporate board shall take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final, unless otherwise required in the Ritual or *The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws*.

(4) Any corporate board or permanent committee holding a meeting in the Grand Lodge Hall during the Annual session or Special Session of the Grand Lodge, from its declaration of being open until its adjournment Sine Die, when not in open recess, or if in open recess the doors of the hall are open, shall be deemed to be in compliance with the open meeting and prior notice requirements of this subsection.

**G. Recording meetings.**

(1) Any audio, video or electronic record of an open meeting made for whatever purpose by or at the direction of the corporate board shall be subject to inspection by any Past Grand, may be erased or destroyed 5 years after the publication in the Journal of the minutes of that meeting showing the adoption of the minutes of that grand lodge at the next annual session of the Grand Lodge. Any inspection of a video or tape recording shall be provided without charge on a video or audio tape player made available by the Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge office when open for business, if the corporate board maintains an office at a location other than the Grand Lodge office such inspection shall also be available at that office when open for business.

**H. Greater access to meetings permitted.**

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Ritual, or *The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws*, corporate boards may impose requirements upon themselves which allow greater access to their meetings than prescribed by the minimal standards set forth in this section. In addition thereto, an elected corporate board of a grand lodge may impose such requirements on those appointed bodies of the corporate board of which all or a majority of the members are appointed by or under the authority of the corporate board.

**I. Notice of regular meetings must be in California.**

(1) The corporate board, shall provide, by ordinance, resolution, bylaws, or by whatever other rule is required for the conduct of business by that body, the time and place for holding regular meetings.

(2) Regular and special meetings of the corporate board shall be held within the boundaries of the Grand Lodge of California.

(3) Regular meeting dates and locations shall be fixed not less than 60 days prior to a regular meeting, provided however if a board meets more frequently than every 60 days it may fix the next meeting date and location at the preceding regular meeting.

**J. Advance notice required.**

(1) The corporate board shall not less than seven (7) days before a regular or special meeting cause to be mailed by first class mail to every lodge in the jurisdiction of California a copy of its meeting agenda packet which will include the time, date and place(s) of the meeting. If this jurisdiction maintains a web site, the corporate board shall not less than seven (7) days before a meeting cause the time, date and place(s) of the meeting to appear on that web site, and if that web site has a method by which viewing is or can be restricted to members of the order it shall also cause the agenda packet to appear in this restricted section.

(2) All regularly scheduled meeting dates, times and locations of all corporate boards shall published in the California Odd Fellow and Rebekah magazine.

(3) If any board or committee determines there is an emergency existing which prevents it from meeting the time requirements for advance notice in this subsection it shall at the same time it notifies its members of the emergency meeting make all notifications otherwise required herein.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit additional or more expansive methods of distribution.

**K. Agenda Requirements.**

(1) An agenda shall contain a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session. A brief general description of an item generally need not exceed 25 words.

No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the published agenda, except that members of a corporate board or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their right of speaking. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by persons exercising their right of speaking, a member of a corporate board or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a corporate board, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the corporate board, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), the corporate board may take action on items of business not appearing on the published agenda under any of the conditions stated below. Prior to discussing any item pursuant to this subdivision, the corporate board shall publicly identify the item.

(a) Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the corporate board present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the corporate board subsequent to the agenda being published.

**L. Past Grands right to speak at meetings.**

(1) Every agenda for regular meetings shall provide an opportunity for Past Grands to directly address the corporate board on any item of interest to the Past Grands, before or during the consideration of the item, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the corporate board, providing that no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless otherwise permitted under subsection K. Every notice for a special meeting shall provide an opportunity for Past Grands to directly address the corporate board concerning any item that has been described in the notice for the meeting before or during consideration of that item.

(2) The corporate board may adopt reasonable regulations to ensure that the intent of subdivision (1) is carried out, including, but not limited to, regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public speaking on particular issues and for each individual speaker.

(3) The corporate board shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services, or of the acts or omissions of the corporate board. Nothing in this subdivision shall confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law.

**M. Closed session; Real estate negotiations.**

A corporate board may meet in closed session to instruct its negotiator in matters relating to the disposition of real estate.

**N. Closed session, pending litigation.**

(1) For the purposes of this subsection litigation means litigation in the civil or criminal courts and not the tribunals of the order.

(2) Prior to the closed session the corporate board shall have secured the opinion of its legal counsel that the matter is subject to potential litigation.

(3) The corporate board may meet with its legal counsel on matters of litigation including instruction of its negotiator on settlement of any claim or tort.

**O. Closed Session; insurance Liability**

The corporate board may meet in closed session to consider insurance contracts, or to instruct its negotiator on any pending claim.

**P. Closed Session; Labor negotiations**

The corporate board may meet in closed session to consider labor contracts or instruct its negotiator on any labor contract negotiations.

**Q. Closed session, non Odd Fellow personnel.**

(1) Personnel matters relating to members shall be held through the tribunals of the order as provided elsewhere in *this code* and may not be taken up in closed session.

(2) Personnel matters relating to anyone who is not a member of the order may be taken up in closed session.

**R. Required announcement prior to closed session.**

(1) Prior to holding any closed session, the corporate board shall disclose, in open meeting, the item or items to be discussed in the closed session. The disclosure may take the form of a reference to the item or items as they are listed by number of letter on the agenda. In the closed session the corporate board may consider only those matters covered in its statement.

(a) If the subject is a contract the announcement or agenda shall identify the parties to the contract, the property or service to be contracted, who the corporate boards negotiator is and in what area the negotiator will be instructed.

(2) After any closed session the corporate board shall reconvene in open session prior to adjournment and shall make all disclosures as required by subsection S.

**S. Required report at conclusion of closed session.**

(1) The corporate board shall report any action taken in closed session and the vote or abstention of every member present.

(a) Approval of any agreement, contract, claim or settlement after the agreement is final. The report shall include the particulars.

(2) Approval given to legal counsel to defend, or seek or refrain from seeking appellate review or relief. The report shall identify, if known, the adverse party or parties and the substance of the litigation.

**T. Minimum requirements of Minutes**

(1) Minutes shall be taken for all closed sessions. If the regular session is recorded as per section G, the closed session shall also be recorded. The minutes, written matter and recordings of a closed session shall only be available to members of the corporate board and emeritus members of the corporate board.

(a) The Trier of fact shall have access to the minutes, written matter and recordings of a closed session where a violation of this act is alleged under subsection U or V.

(2) The minutes of a corporate board shall state the full text of all motions, amendments, actions, appeals, points of order, who moved and who seconded if any. If there is discussion they shall state the name of any person discussing the item and if they were for or against the motion, or if informational in nature, the information provided. The minutes shall also state the required vote to pass the item. They shall state the action taken on the item and record the vote for and against, by name if by roll call.

(3) If any discussion is held without a motion pending the minutes shall contain a summary of that discussion sufficient for a reasonable person to understand the discussion, but need not be a verbatim transcript. Material of a personal non-business nature may be omitted.

(4) The minutes shall contain all written matter, including reports or electronic communications, which has been distributed to the members of the board.

(5) The minutes shall also contain all instructions to staff to place items on a future agenda, or to provide information, research or reports to the board.

(6) The minutes shall also indicate all matters being carried forward to another meeting.

(7) This section describes the minimum requirements for minutes. Any corporate board may provide additional more expansive requirements for its minutes.

**U. Violation of Act; Criminal penalty**

(1) If a trial is held and any member serving on a corporate board are convicted of violation of this section, where the member of the corporate board intends to deprive the public of information to which the member knows or has reason to know the public is entitled under this section, in addition to any other penalty provided in the code the member convicted shall be removed from office and not entitled to any pension funds, salary, compensation or reimbursements from the date of the action or inaction charged and found forward.

**V. Violation of Act, Actions declared null and void.**

(1) If any interested person appeals any action taken by a corporate board and a violation of this section is found, the action shall be null and void. All appeals shall be handled as provided as in Chapter XXVI.

**W. Required Actions.**

(1) Within 90 days of the adoption of this bill, the Grand Lodge Board of Directors must notify all other corporate boards of directors that this bill pertains to, that they must prepare and submit new bylaws which adhere to the requirements of this section.

(2) If within 90 days of such notification any corporate board of directors has not initiated a process to change its bylaws to adhere to the requirements of this section the Grand Lodge Board of Directors shall use any and all methods at its disposal to influence the corporate board to adopt bylaws which adhere to the requirements of this section.

(3) If any corporate board of directors fails to change its own bylaws within 180 days of such notification to adhere to the requirements of this section, the Grand Lodge Board of Directors shall prepare bylaws which adhere to the requirements of this section and all other requirements *of this code*, and cause them to be submitted as a bill to the next session of the Grand Lodge for adoption.

This legislation to be effective upon passage.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #24**

Submitted by the State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to codify the expectations of the general duties of officers and boards relative to lodges and the general requirements to be an Odd Fellows Lodge.

**WHEREAS:** The IRS requires a Grand Body to retain effective control of subordinate units or lose its group tax exempt status.

**WHEREAS:** We can demonstrate effective control by establishing minimum standards which must be met and actions to be taken if they are violated.

**WHEREAS:** We have minimum expectations upon lodges is this jurisdiction.

**WHEREFORE:** We now specify the duties and procedures which have expected our officers to do via general provisions with respect to lodges which may not be meeting those expectations.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** To CHAPTER III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA Sec 1.Duties of the Grand Master, D General Powers and Duties, add sections 20,21,22 and 23 as stated below and

To CHAPTER III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, Sec 4 Duties of the Grand Secretary, A Generally (11) Additional Duties, add subsections (w), (x), (y) and (z) as stated below and  
To CHAPTER III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, Sec 7 Duties of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, E Generally, (3) Additional Duties, add subsection (l) as stated below and  
In CHAPTER III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, Sec 11 District Deputy Grand Masters, B Generally, 1 Duties and Powers of District Deputy Grand Masters, that the currently unlettered paragraphs be lettered (a) (b) and (c), and add paragraphs (d) (e) (f) and (g) as stated below:

CHAPTER III the Grand Lodge, Sec 1. Duties of the Grand Master, D General Powers and Duties.

(20) Upon receipt of notification from the Grand Secretary that a lodge has failed to meet any deadline for a required report to the Grand Lodge he shall immediately consult with the District Deputy to determine the reason for the delay. If the Grand Master is satisfied the reason for the delay is acceptable, failure to have a quorum is not an acceptable reason, no further action is required. If the Grand Master is not satisfied, he shall cause an audit of the lodge and appoint at least one Special Deputy Grand Master to assist the lodge in the immediate preparation of the report, or at his discretion arrest the charter of the lodge, or both.

(21) Upon receipt of notification from the Grand Secretary that a lodge has failed to elect representative(s) to Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall officially visit the lodge within three months, or assign an official visit to either the Deputy Grand Master or Grand Warden to officially visit within three months, said visit in addition to any other official visit, and shall be made by the officer presently occupying the position in the Grand Lodge so assigned even if the term of the Grand Master or assigned officer has expired in the interim. The Grand Master shall inform any incoming officer of any visit assigned under this.

(22) Upon receipt of notification from the Grand Secretary that a lodge has failed to send a representative to Grand Lodge he shall immediately consult with the District Deputy to determine the reason no representative was able to attend. If the Grand Master is not satisfied as to the reason, he shall proceed as if the lodge did not elect a representative.

(23) Upon receipt of notification that a lodge has deficiencies in its bylaws the Grand Master shall consult with the District Deputy to keep abreast of the progress the lodge is making in correcting the deficiencies. If after four months of the lodge being informed of the deficiencies it has not revised its bylaws and submitted them to the bylaws committee the Grand Master shall officially visit the lodge within two months, or assign an official visit to either the Deputy Grand Master or Grand Warden to officially visit within two months.

CHAPTER III the Grand Lodge, Sec 4 Duties of the Grand Secretary, A Generally (11) Additional Duties

(w) Upon the failure of any lodge to send by the deadline any required report to the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary shall immediately inform the Grand Master, The Grand Lodge Board of Directors and the District Deputy Grand Master of the lodge's district and any special deputies that may have been appointed to the lodge.

(x) If any lodge fails to elect representatives to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall immediately inform the Grand Master, The Grand Lodge Board of Directors and the District Deputy Grand Master of the lodge's district and any special deputies that may have been appointed to the lodge.

(y) If any lodge fails to send a representative to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall immediately inform the Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Master of the lodge's district and any special deputies that may have been appointed to the lodge.

(z) The Grand Secretary shall transmit to each incoming District Deputy Grand Master a copy of the bylaws of each lodge in the district as last approved by the Lodges By-laws review committee along with the date of approval. If any revised bylaws were received but rejected by the committee after the

last approved set he shall so indicate including the date they were rejected and may also transmit the rejected bylaws along with the reasons for rejection if available.

CHAPTER III The Grand Lodge, Sec 7 Duties of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, E Generally, (3) Additional duties.

(l) Upon the receipt from the Grand Secretary of any failure by any lodge to meet any deadline for any report or to elect representatives they shall cause same to be noted in their minutes.

CHAPTER III The Grand Lodge, Sec 11 District Deputy Grand Masters, B Generally, 1 Duties and Powers of District Deputy Grand Masters

(d) Upon the receipt from the Grand Secretary or Grand Master a notice of any deficiency by any lodge in his district, he shall immediately investigate the same and immediately transmit his findings to the Grand Master as to the reasons the deficiency exists. He shall attend the next meeting of the lodge and instruct them upon the seriousness of meeting all requirements and deadlines. He will offer to assist the lodge and its officers to correct the deficiency. He shall report the conditions he finds at the lodge, including if a legal meeting was not held, to the Grand Master and continue to attend meetings and make reports to the Grand Master until the deficiency is corrected, or until he is relieved of this duty by the Grand Master. If his term expires and he is under this duty he shall inform his replacement who shall assume this duty.

(e) Upon the receipt from the Grand Secretary or Grand Master a notice that a lodge in his district did not have a representative in attendance at Grand Lodge, he shall attend the next meeting of the lodge and determine the reasons that no representatives were able to attend. He shall make a report to the Lodge upon the Session of the Grand Lodge. He shall immediately transmit to the Grand Master the reasons that no representative was able to attend and the general conditions he finds at the lodge including if a legal meeting was not held.

(f) Upon the District Deputies first visit to a lodge he shall obtain a copy of the bylaws the lodge is operating under. If different than the last approved copy he shall transmit them to the Grand Secretary and report that to the Grand Master. If they differ in meeting dates, times or locations, or mailing address from the last journal or last approved copy, he shall include such on a separate notice so that the Grand Lodge Website can be immediately updated. He shall examine them to see that they comply with the Code of General Laws of the Sovereign Lodge and Roberts Code of California Odd Fellow laws. If he finds them not to be in order he shall immediately instruct the lodge the requirements to revise the bylaws and submit them to the Lodges By-laws review committee for concurrence, he shall report to the Grand Master the names of the persons the lodge has appointed to its bylaws revision committee, and he will offer to assist the committee. He shall continue to attend meetings and keep the Grand Master apprised of the progress the lodge is making in the revisions.

(g) It is of vital importance that a lodge have programs and activities. He will encourage every lodge to have activities. He shall report on the programs and activities of each lodge in his district. He shall encourage each lodge in his district to report its programs and activities to the editor of the California Odd Fellow and Rebekah magazine and all other lodges in his district and other nearby lodges.

### **GRAND LODGE BILL #25**

Submitted by the State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to require clarify the April 1 deadline only applies to the positions of Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer or printing in advance proceedings sent to lodges prior to sessions and to permit nominations from the floor to all other open offices.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** That Chapter III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, Sec. 12 Elections, B Statement of Qualifications, (1)Required, (a) of the Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows Laws be repealed and replaced to read as follows: (*strikeout type deletes and boldface inserts*)

~~(a) Any Past Grand who has received the Grand Lodge Degree or will receive the Grand Lodge Degree at the upcoming session, who desires to be elected to any open office of the Grand Lodge, including director or trustee elected by the members of Grand Lodge in session, must submit a 'Statement of Qualifications' and a 'Letter of Good Standing' from his/her Odd Fellow Lodge in which they maintain their primary membership in this Jurisdiction, to the Grand Lodge Office prior to April 1, of the year in which the election shall take place.~~

**(a) Any Past Grand who has received the Grand Lodge Degree or will receive the Grand Lodge Degree at the upcoming session, who desires to be elected to an open position of either Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer by the members of Grand Lodge in session, he must comply with the qualification requirements and deadlines for those respective offices as stated elsewhere in this code. Any Past Grand who has received the Grand Lodge Degree or will receive the Grand Lodge Degree at the upcoming session, who desires to be elected to any other open office of the Grand Lodge elected by the members of Grand Lodge in session, if that office has qualifications stated elsewhere in this code he must comply with those qualifications, and additionally a nominee is required to submit a 'Statement of Qualifications' to the Grand Secretary no later than one hour after a recess has been called on the day of nominations so that it may be in print prior to election, however if he wishes the 'Statement of Qualifications' printed in the advance proceedings distributed to Lodges prior to sessions it must be submitted by April 1.**

This legislation to be effective upon passage.

#### **GRAND LODGE BILL #26**

Submitted by the State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** To correct an error overlooked when reprinting the code to make the constitution of Odd Fellows Lodges match action taken at the 2010 sessions on the number of representatives elected by lodges.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** That Chapter IV Article VIII Sec. 3 of the Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows be repealed and replaced to read as follows: *(strikeout type deletes and boldface inserts)*

~~**Sec. 3.** This Lodge at the last regular meeting in February of each year shall elect four Representatives to the Grand Lodge from its members of thirty or under; also two Representatives for every fifteen members over and above said first number of thirty or fraction exceeding ten members in good standing to a maximum of ten Representatives, exclusive of the District Deputy Grand Master and recommended District Deputy Grand Master, who shall be an additional Representative, from his Lodge who made the recommendation, during the Grand lodge session of his appointment.~~

**Sec. 3. This Lodge at the last regular meeting in February of each year shall elect Representatives to the Grand Lodge in accordance with Chapter II Article IV Sec. 1.**

This legislation to be effective upon passage.

#### **GRAND LODGE BILL #27**

Submitted by the State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to provide for additional transparency in the tellers report and clarify voting while they are out of the room counting ballots.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** That Chapter III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, Sec. 12 Elections, C Election Procedure, (7) Business May Continue, of the Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows Laws be repealed and replaced to read as follows: *(strikeout type deletes and boldface inserts)*

~~(7) **Business May Continue.** While the tellers are counting the ballots, the Grand Lodge may continue with its regular business, however, should any subject matter be apparently debatable, it is to lay on the table until after the tellers have given their report and the chair has declared the result. The report from the tellers shall take precedence over all other business.~~

**(7) Business May Continue.** While the tellers are counting the ballots, the Grand Lodge may continue with its regular business, and the chair shall count the tellers as voting, however, should any subject matter be apparently debatable, any vote where the teller's votes could change its outcome is debatable subject matter, it is to lay on the table until after the tellers have given their report and the chair has declared the result. The report from the tellers shall take precedence over all other business. The report of the tellers shall be in writing and shall be signed by each of the tellers indicating their concurrence with the report. Immediately after the chair declares the result the ballots shall be given to the chairman of the Judiciary Committee who will keep them under his control for 24 hours and return them to the chair and witness their destruction by the chair. Any member of the Grand Lodge may recount the ballots under the supervision of the chairman of the Judiciary Committee while they are under his control. If the chairman of the Judiciary Committee is absent, the vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee shall assume this duty.

This legislation to be effective upon passage.

### **GRAND LODGE BILL #28**

Submitted by the State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** To bring The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California in line with our articles of incorporation.

**WHEREAS:** The articles of incorporation prevent any member of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors from being a paid employee of the Grand Lodge.

**WHEREAS:** Our constitution provides for the Grand Secretary to be a member of the Board of Directors.

**WHEREAS:** Our bylaws provide for the Grand Secretary to be a paid position.

**WHEREAS:** All motions to pay the Grand Secretary should have been ruled out of order as then violate our articles of incorporation.

**WHEREFOR:** We remove the Grand Secretary from the Board of Directors.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** That Chapter II THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, ARTICLE IX GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORES, Sec. 1 of the Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows Laws be repealed and replaced as stated below, and

Chapter II THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, ARTICLE IX GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORES, Sec. 3 of the Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows Laws be repealed and replaced as stated below: *(strikeout type deletes and boldface inserts)*

❖ ~~Sec. 1. There shall be a Board of Directors of this Grand Lodge, consisting, of eight (8) elected members, and the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer with full voice and vote. The Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, and Jr. Past Grand Master shall be ex officio members with voice and vote and shall be entitled to sit in all open and closed sessions of the Board, without exception. The Grand Representatives shall be ex officio members with voice, vote and shall be entitled to sit in all open and closed sessions of the Board, without exception. The Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows Home, the Board of the Odd Fellow Rebekah Children's Home, the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellow Rebekah Youth Camp and the Odd Fellows Foundation Board of Trustees may each select one of their own members, who are elected by this Grand Lodge, to represent that Board as an associate~~

~~member of the Board as an associate member of the Board of Directors with voice, but no vote except as specified in this Constitution of the Grand Lodge and Chapter III – 1, of this Code.~~

❖ **Sec. 1.** There shall be a Board of Directors of this Grand Lodge, consisting, of eight (8) elected members, and the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer with full voice and vote. The Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, and Jr. Past Grand Master shall be ex-officio members with voice and vote and shall be entitled to sit in all open and closed sessions of the Board, without exception. The Grand Representatives shall be ex-officio members with voice and vote and shall be entitled to sit in all open and closed sessions of the Board, without exception. The Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows Home, the Board of the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Children's Home, the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Youth Camp and the Odd Fellows Foundation Board of Trustees may each select one of their own members, who are elected by this Grand Lodge, to represent that Board as an associate member of the Board as an associate member of the Board of Directors with voice, but no vote except as specified in this Constitution of the Grand Lodge and Chapter III – 1, of this Code.

~~Sec. 3. The Board of Directors shall annually select a chairman who shall preside at Board meetings, and a vice chairman who shall preside in the absence of the chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman shall be elected Board members. The Grand Secretary shall be the secretary of the Board of Directors and shall record the minutes of each Board of Directors meeting.~~

**Sec. 3.** The Board of Directors shall annually select a chairman who shall preside at Board meetings, a vice-chairman who shall preside in the absence of the chairman, and a secretary of the Board of Directors who shall record the minutes of each Board of Directors meeting. The chairman, the vice-chairman, and the secretary shall be elected Board members.

❖ This legislation to be effective upon passage.

### GRAND LODGE BILL #29

Submitted by the State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** A bill to remove the possibility of a designated Assistant to the Grand Secretary from being considered a member of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors with voice and vote.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** That Chapter III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, Sec. 7 Duties of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, C Organization, (1) Not Employees, of the Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows Laws be repealed and replaced to read as follows: *(strikeout type deletes and boldface inserts)*

~~(1) Not Employees. Members of the Board of Directors, with exception of the Grand Secretary and a designated Assistant, shall not be employees of the Grand Lodge. However, they may be entitled to reimbursement allowed shall not exceed the amount designated for such expense, in the current budget approved by the Grand Lodge at the most recent annual session.~~

**(1) Not Employees. Members of the Board of Directors, with exception of the Grand Secretary, shall not be employees of the Grand Lodge. However, they may be entitled to reimbursement allowed and shall not exceed the amount designated for such expense, in the current budget approved by the Grand Lodge at the most recent annual session.**

This legislation to be effective upon passage.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #30**

Submitted by: Richard Perri #15

**TITLE:** A bill to place a moratorium on ANY INCREASES on Per Capita of California for five (5) years

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** Add to Chapter III. The Grand Lodge of California. Section 15. Revenues. A. Assessments.

New:

(4) There shall be a moratorium placed upon any increases to the annual per capita for a period of not less than five (5) years, pertaining only to those increases enacted and effected by this jurisdiction, not by Sovereign Grand Lodge.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #31**

Submitted by: Redding Lodge #291

To Fix Legislation of Chapter II, Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

**Be it enacted by the Grand lodge of California,** to rescind and abolish Chapter 11, Constitution of the Grand Lodge, of Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows laws and replace with references to Code of General Laws of the I.O.O.F.as follows:

The reference for Chapter II Robert's Code of California Odd Fellows Laws to be a single page referring to Code of General Laws of the I.O.O.F. Chapter IV, Policy, January 1,2012 in its entirety; and Chapter IV, Part A, Model Constitution for Grand Lodges January 1, 2012 in its entirety.

Furthermore, no amendments, substitutions, or other legislative changes can be made to Chapter II for two years and until the next regular session of the Grand Lodge of California following two years of having been in effect.

This Bill to be considered EMERGENCY LEGISLATION to be in effect immediately upon its passage.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #32**

Submitted by: Redding Lodge #291

To Fix legislation of Chapter III, The Grand Lodge of California (Bylaws}

**Be it enacted by the Grand lodge of California,** to rescind and abolish Chapter III, The Grand Lodge of California, of Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows Laws and replace with insert reference to Code of General Laws of the I.O.O.F. as follows:

The reference insert for Chapter III of the Robert's Code of California Odd Fellows laws to be a single page referring to Code of General laws of the I.O.O.F. Chapter IV, Part B, Model Bylaws for Grand Lodges, January 1,2012 in its entirety with

Sec.8. Representatives., A. Election, Qualifications and Terms of Office., (1) to read as follows: (1) Each Odd Fellow lodge in good standing operating under a Charter granted by this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to Six (6) Representatives for its members of thirty or under; also two Representatives for every fifteen members over and above said first number of thirty or fraction exceeding ten members in good standing, to a maximum of Ten (10) Representatives, exclusive of the District Deputy Grand Master and recommended District Deputy Grand Master, who shall be an additional Representative, from the Lodge who made the recommendation, during the Grand Lodge session of the appointment. Furthermore, no amendments, substitutions, or other legislative changes can be made to Chapter III for two years and until the next regular session of the Grand Lodge of California following two years of having been in effect. This Bill to be considered EMERGENCY LEGISLATION to be in effect immediately upon its passage.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #33**

Submitted by: Jay Johnson #114

**WITHDRAWN BY MAKER**

**GRAND LODGE BILL #34**

Submitted by: Sycamore Lodge #129

**WITHDRAWN – DUPLICATE OF GRAND LODGE BILL #9**

**GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION #1**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors

**WITHDRAWN**

**GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION #2**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors

**TITLE:** SUBMISSION OF COPY OF LODGES' AND HALL ASSOCIATIONS' DEED/TITLES

**WHEREAS**, there is a tremendous risk of loss of Order related real property;

**WHEREAS**, differences in title name as to the true owner could nullify potential lease or sale and other agreements (creating a "cloud on title");

**WHEREAS**, identifying such deficiencies can eliminate future problems in determining actual ownership;

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Lodge of California will have an accurate and confirmed report of a lodge's true holdings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, every lodge in the jurisdiction of California provide the Grand Lodge a copy of all titles/deeds of real property for review.

**GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION #3**

Submitted by: Davis Lodge #169

**Title: Recommendation by a local unit to award the Meritorious Service Jewel to Dave Rosenberg**

**Whereas**, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows recognizes that Brothers, Sisters, Patriarchs and Matriarchs may be awarded the "Meritorious Service Jewel" for meritorious service performed in behalf of Odd Fellowship beyond the usual and customary duties of membership, and

**Whereas**, the jewel may be awarded to a member upon recommendation of a local unit to which the member belongs subject to approval by vote of the Grand Body having jurisdiction at its Annual Session, and

**Whereas**, Davis Lodge #169 is a local unit of Odd Fellowship within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California and Dave Rosenberg is an active and valued Brother who is a member of Davis Lodge #169, and

**Whereas**, the Brothers and Sisters of Davis Lodge #169, at a regular meeting of that Lodge voted unanimously to recommend Brother Dave Rosenberg to receive the Meritorious Service Jewel, because of his meritorious service performed in behalf of Odd Fellowship beyond the usual and customary duties of membership, and

**Whereas**, Dave Rosenberg joined the Davis Lodge in March of 2004, and proceeded to reinvigorate, recharge and renew that Lodge, as well as the Davis Rebekah Lodge #253 and the Davis Encampment #21, serving as Noble Grand of the Davis Lodge for four terms, Secretary of the Davis Rebekah Lodge and Chief Patriarch of the Davis Encampment, and

**Whereas**, Dave Rosenberg has brought over 100 applications for membership to the Davis Lodge, growing the membership of that Lodge to 190, with 28 current applicants for membership; has created

an active committee structure within the Lodge including a Community Support Committee, a Good Fellowship Committee, a Bingo Committee, a Music & Concerts Committee and many others; serves as Chair of the Membership and Initiation Committee, and as President of the Hall Board Association of his Lodges; and developed an annual awards program for the Lodge; and

**Whereas**, Dave Rosenberg shepherded the complete remodeling of the Davis Odd Fellows Lodge Hall, a project costing close to \$1 million and transforming the Lodge Hall into an active venue for Lodge activities and meetings, and also the prime location in Davis for community gatherings; resulting in the Lodge Hall being used virtually every day of the month; and

**Whereas**, Dave Rosenberg has developed a 6-month program for applicants to the Davis Lodge, leading to initiation and membership into the Lodge, which program includes actively involves the applicants in Lodge activities, requires the applicants to meet and interview members, and requires the applicants to attend Lodge functions, thus providing active, involved and informed members at the time of initiation, and reducing turnover and withdrawals from the Lodge, and

**Whereas**, Dave Rosenberg has organized and presented membership development seminars, has written and published a book on the future of the Order entitled “Odd Fellowship – To Be or Not to Be”, was the proponent of the Membership Challenge Grant Program adopted and implemented by the Grand Lodge in Session, has written numerous articles for Odd Fellows publications on how to increase membership, and was the founder of Dedicated Members for Change, a group of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs seeking to increase membership in the Order, and

**Whereas**, Dave Rosenberg, working with the Geoffrey Beene Foundation, has established the Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc., and serves as its President, which awards scholarships up to \$10,000 per year to deserving college-and-university-bound applicants who were orphans or grew up in the foster care system, and

**Whereas**, Dave Rosenberg has served as a member of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, and a number of special committees at the request of Grand Masters, and serves as a Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows Homes of California,

**Now, therefore be it resolved**, that the Grand Lodge in Annual Session approves the recommendation of Davis Lodge #169 to award the “Meritorious Service Jewel” to Brother Dave Rosenberg for his meritorious service performed on behalf of Odd Fellowship beyond the usual and customary duties of membership.

#### **GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION #4**

Submitted by: State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** To provide for Trustees, Directors, and others handling money and property to be obligated.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Grand Lodge of California Recommends to the Sovereign Grand Lodge that the Sovereign Grand Lodge revise the Rituals and the Code of General Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in all appropriate places, to require that all persons who are elected or appointed to any position of trustee, director, treasurer or similar title with any lodge or temple hall or association under the Sovereign Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge, unit or order and having any financial duties be required to take the Obligation prior to assuming any duties.

#### **GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION #5**

Submitted by: State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** To provide for translations of all instructional and promotional materials into the Spanish language.

**WHEREAS:** The Bureau of the Census reports that Hispanic persons are now a majority in California.

**WHEREAS:** The Odd Fellows has a declining membership.

**WHEREFORE:** We can no longer ignore the largest pool of potential members.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,** that the Grand Lodge of California translate all instructional and promotional materials produced by or under its direction into the Spanish language and make them available.

**GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION #6**

Submitted by: State of the Order Committee

**TITLE:** To provide for translations of all promotional materials into the official languages where we have lodges.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,** that the Grand Lodge of California Recommends to the Sovereign Grand Lodge that the Sovereign Grand Lodge commit to program that when it reprints, produces or revises the Ritual and all instructional or promotional material about Odd Fellows, that it translate and make such material available in the official languages of each country where there is a lodge operating under the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION #7**

Submitted by: Odd Fellows Homes of California Board of Directors

**TITLE:** Director Emeritus of Odd Fellows Homes of California Board of Directors

**WHEREAS,** Don Smith is a member of Charity Lodge #6 of Stockton, and an Associate Member of Scio Lodge #102 of Linden; and

**WHEREAS,** Don Smith was elected as a Director of the California Odd Fellows Housing of Napa, Inc. (the Meadows of Napa Valley) in 1995, and served as Board President of that entity in 1998-99; and

**WHEREAS,** Don Smith became a Director of the Odd Fellows Homes of California in 2002, following a merger of the Napa Board and the Saratoga Board, served as Board Chairman in 2003-05, and served continuously as a hard-working, energetic and active Member and Officer of the Odd Fellows Homes of California Board for the past 13 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Don Smith has been a member of the Order since 1950 and has distinguished himself in Odd Fellowship in numerous capacities at his Lodge, Grand Lodge, and Sovereign Grand Lodge, including but not limited to service as Sovereign Grand Master of International (1969-70), Grand Master of California where he was elected, at the age of 25, as the youngest Grand Master in the History of California (1958-59), and Secretary of both the Charity Lodge and Scio Lodges for over 40 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Don Smith held the position of Editor and Publisher of the "California Odd Fellow and Rebekah" magazine for a total of 52 years, having been named Editor Emeritus by the Grand Lodge in 2003; and

**WHEREAS,** Don Smith has been widely recognized for his community and fraternal achievements including but not limited to recognition in Who's Who in America, recipient of the San Joaquin Board of Supervisors Achievement Award, and recipient of the Meritorious Service Jewel from IOOF; and

**WHEREAS,** in large measure through Don Smith's leadership and abilities, the Odd Fellows Homes of California in 2013 have come a long way since the days back in the early 1990's when the homes faced the possibility of being bankrupt and closing due to numerous problems, while today the two campuses are active, vibrant retirement communities with hundreds of residents and hundreds of staff, are financially sound, provide support for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, and are a model for the nation;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Don Smith of Charity Lodge #6 is granted the title of Director Emeritus of the Odd Fellows Homes of California Board of Directors.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR RICK BOYLES  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.**

I attended college, mainly in Illinois, for a period of 3 years, majoring in Literature.

My wife and I moved to Alameda California from Chicago in 1979. Having served in retail management for many years, often in charge of more than 200 employees, in 1987, I decided to follow my heart and became an antiquarian bookseller, and have done this now for 25 years. My wife is a computer tech in Silicon Valley for several medical facilities. We have three children.

I have served this Grand Body on many occasions, including:

I have served as Noble Grand of the Oakland Encinal Lodge, the Hayward Lodge, and the Fremont Lodge. I have served as District Deputy Grand Master for a period of four years, been elected on two separate occasions to the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, and served as Grand Conductor of the Grand Lodge under Grand Master Barry Prock. I have also enjoyed my years as Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master, respectively and have served faithfully under Grand Masters Paul Pike and Rodney Metoyer. My sponsor is Past Grand Master Gene Breeland. I am a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Fremont.

I have chaired the Legislation Committee for the Board of Directors for a number of years. For several years I served as the Grand Lodge Board Representative to the Rebekah Children's Services Home in Gilroy. I was appointed the state By-Laws chairman four years ago by then Grand Master Paul Kramer and am also on various other committees including the state finance committee, the state audit committee, and the state of the order committee.

In closing, I want to state that while I admire our heritage, I think that we all must be cognizant of the need for change. We can retain our proud history and still adapt to today, and I feel that we must do so in order to guarantee our survival. Change and a historical perspective need not be in conflict, nor do we need to abandon any of our traditions. If we acknowledge a willingness to adapt to today's world, we can transcend these difficult times into a bright future.

In Friendship, Love and Truth, Deputy Grand Master, Rick Boyles

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR TIMOTHY A. BROWN  
FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.**

I joined the Grass Valley Lodge #12 in which I served as Noble Grand for three terms, including trustee of the Odd Fellows cemetery for the past eight years, as well as Past District Deputy Grand Master for District #4.

I served as Grand Chaplain under Past Grand Master Gene Breeland. I am a continued member of the Historical and Good Fellowship committees assisting the past 3 Grand Master. At this time I am currently performing the duties of Grand Warden under Grand Master Rodney Metoyer in which I have traveled extensively throughout California with the support of my family and my lodge.

I am a member of Minerva Rebekah Lodge #72, as well as Past Master of Nevada #13 Masonic Lodge, Past President of Ben Ali Shrine and other fraternal organization for over the past 20 years. I continue to work with local city agencies coordinating parades and other non-profit events in which I have assisted for the past 9 years.

I understand the responsibilities, duties and qualifications required of this position, and I will continue to perform those duties with the dignity and tradition which are the basis and foundations of this fraternal Order.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF MELVIN ASTRAHAN  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND WARDEN  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.**

I have been an active member of the I.O.O.F. for 18 years. I originally joined Whitter Lodge #315 which recently consolidated with America Lodge #385 in Pasadena CA. I am a member of Philotesian Rebekah Lodge in Cupertino CA, Laurel Encampment #81 in Anaheim and Whittier Canton #38. In 1997 I received a "Director's Award" from the Grand Lodge of California Board of Directors for my service in registering the ioof.org and caioof.org internet domains and creating and hosting the first web site for the Grand Lodge of California and the Sovereign Grand lodge. In 2010-2011, I served as Grand Color Bearer for Grand Master Gene Breeland. I also serve as an at-large Director of the Rose Parade float, and am now well acquainted with the Grand Lodge Board of Directors and its operations. I have received the full support of my lodge to pursue this office, a letter to that effect, signed and sealed, accompanies this statement.

I am 60 years old. I have three adult children and one grandchild. As a child myself, I was raised primarily in San Jose, CA except for 2 years during which I lived in France. I spent most of my youthful weekends and summers in the mountains near Angel's Camp CA where my family owned property. After graduating high school in 1970, I moved to Southern California to attend college. I received my Ph.D. degree in the field of Radiation Physics from UCLA in 1981. I have lived in Los Alamitos, CA since 1984.

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I am fully aware of the responsibilities of the office I seek and believe I can contribute significantly to the revitalization of Odd Fellowship in CA. I am particularly interested in ways to integrate internet related technologies into our lodges in order to help attract and retain younger members. I ask for your support in this endeavor.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF DAVE ROSENBERG  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND WARDEN  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

I am a candidate to serve as your Grand Warden. It was my honor and privilege to be a candidate for Grand Warden in 2012 – at that time I received 48% of the vote, not quite enough to be elected. I have continued to work hard to advance this Order and, if you elect me this year, it will be my privilege to serve as part of a great team to lead California Odd Fellowship into the future. And that future can be a bright one if we're prepared to evolve in a way that brings in those new members we

critically need to grow this Order. My “platform” is simple: (1) I want to work with the Lodges of California to help you grow; and (2) I want us to return to the basic important principles of our Order – Friendship, Love, and Truth – too many agendas and rumors have brought dissension to our ranks. We need to move on.

Soon after I joined Odd Fellows in 2004, I realized that we couldn’t continue down the path we’ve traveled for the past 60 years. Since 1946, our Order in California has declined from 50,000 to less than 5,000 today – a drop of 90%. Yet, since 2005 my own Lodge in Davis has bucked that trend. When I became Noble Grand of my Lodge in 2005, I changed our approach (all in accordance with the Code) and my Lodge moved from 40 members to almost 200 members today (with 33 applicants for membership) – an increase of about 500%. So, believe me brothers and sisters, it can be done.

I am a member of Davis Lodge #169, having served as Vice Grand, and four terms as Noble Grand. I currently serve as a Trustee of my Lodge and as President of the Hall Board Association. My Lodge and my Hall Board are on sound financial footing. My Lodge Hall is used at least 20 days every month. I remain very active in my Lodge, serving as Chair of the Membership & Initiation Committee, and as a member of the Good Fellowship Committee and the Bingo Committee. I’m also Secretary of the Davis Rebekah Lodge #253, and Chief Patriarch of Davis Encampment #21. We have recently received a dispensation to form Canton Davis #7 and I have been elected Captain of my Canton. I’m Past District Deputy Grand Master of District #59. Davis Odd Fellows Lodge #169 unanimously endorsed me for Grand Warden.

I’m quite active at Grand Lodge and for the California Jurisdiction. I have served as Chair of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, and as a member of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee. I’ve previously served as a member of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee and also the Legislation Committee. This is my second year of service as the Chairman of the Odd Fellows Homes of California (OFHC) Board of Directors, where I also previously served as Vice Chair, as well as Chair of its Fraternal Relations, Legal, and Strategic Planning Committees. The OFHC provides significant in revenue to the Grand Lodge. Were it not for the steady revenue from the Homes, our per capita assessments would be a lot higher. This year the OFHC instituted a policy to provide a significant financial subsidy for members of the Order – for example, a 40-year member of the Order can now retire to Saratoga or Napa and receive a subsidy of \$400 per month. Sovereign Grand Lodge has recognized my membership recruitment efforts by awarding me the “Gold Service Award.” In 2011, SGL named me #1 in all of North America for my recruitment of new members into the Order. I have written a 300-page book entitled “The Future of Odd Fellowship – To Be or Not to Be” which provides numerous practical suggestions on how Lodges can reinvigorate themselves and grow. I am President of Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc., which provides substantial scholarships (up to \$10,000 per year) to deserving orphans and former foster youth to attend college.

I just turned 66 years of age, I’ve been married for almost 45 years to Lea Rosenberg (who is also a member of the Davis Odd Fellows Lodge, Rebekah Lodge and Encampment), and I have two adult children and a 15-year-old grandson. I’m an active Superior Court Judge. The Chief Justice of California appointed me to the Judicial Council where I help manage the Judicial Branch in California. I’ve worked as a Senior Advisor for two California Governors, have chaired the California Lottery Commission, and also the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. I’ve written a pocket book on parliamentary procedure, published by the League of California Cities, which has been adopted by hundreds of cities, counties, corporations, special districts, and neighborhood association across the USA. I’m recognized as an expert on parliamentary procedure and in running meetings. I’ve served in elected public office for 19 years as a Mayor, City Councilman, and County Supervisor in California – and never missed a meeting or a vote. I have a B.S. in Journalism from Cal Poly and a J.D. in Law from the University of California, Davis. I served overseas as an Officer on active duty with the US Army during the Viet Nam war.

If elected, I will serve you with honesty, vigor and dedication. Together, we will move this Order into the 21st Century.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATONS OF ROSE SAARI  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND WARDEN  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

Family Status: Married. Membership of Gabilan Lodge No. 372. Education Background: Nursing School and a Minor in Accounting. Written endorsement by Gabilan Lodge No. 372.

I joined Salina Alisal Lodge No. 163 in 2005. Upon the closing of Salinas Alisal Lodge No. 163, I transferred to Gonzalez Gabilan Lodge No. 372 in 2009 where I served as Noble Grand for 3 years and currently serving as Treasurer. Since 2004, I have belonged to Salinas Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 42 where I served 6 years as Noble Grand. During that time, I served as District Deputy President twice. I'm also an Associate of Hollister Fidelity Rebekah Lodge No. 29. I served as Rebekah Assembly Chaplin 2011 to 2012 for Betty Rasor Rebekah Assembly President. I'm currently serving as Director on the Odd Fellow/Rebekah Youth Camp Board where I have served for 3 years.

I have been a registered nurse for over 30 years. My specialty and background has been in critical care nursing. I've been an affiliate instructor for the three hospitals in Monterey County. Teaching Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) to qualified doctors and nurses. I have also sat on the Board for the California Nurses Association representing Monterey County for 8 years. Through all of this time, I found time to become certified as Parish Nurse in 2003 for my church where I became involved with implementing community outreach programs for seniors.

I'm fully aware of the challenges this Order is facing to grow and survive. I believe that my skills and energy together with the help of the membership we will be able to meet these challenges to bring our order forward. I respectfully submit this letter accompanied with a properly signed and sealed letter of recommendation from Gabilan Lodge No. 372 Gonzalez California.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF MIKE YOUNG  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND WARDEN  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA  
OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OR ODD FELLOWS**

**FRATERNAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Joined Odd Fellows Lodge Sacramento #2 in 2005, PNG & FS

A member of the following: Occidental Encampment #2 PCP; Patriarchs Militant Canton #1; Capitol City Rebekah Lodge #160 & Associate Member Odd Fellows Lodge Grass Valley #12, Past Vice President and current board member of Cemetery Board in Sacramento.

I have Degrees from Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly.

Current Director Rebekah Children's Services, Past Grand Color Bearer & PDDGM.

Received SGL/IARA Special Recognition "Heart of Order Working Together" Award and Grand Lodge Board of Directors Award in 2010 Session for design and installation of lighting and heating in Gymnasium at the RCS in Gilroy. The project designed to give the children a safe and comfortable place to play and an opportunity for Rebekah Children's Services to possibly attract renters to raise additional revenue.

Provided material & labor to replace worn out & unsafe electrical equipment at 3 Links Camp to ensure a safe and functional kitchen and chapel for staff & children attending.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

Journeyman Master Electrician/Electrical Contractor 34 years.

Own & operate Electrical Contracting business, specializing in Commercial & Industrial projects with emphasis on integration of building trades and processes.

Frequently review projects, plans & designs for design compatibility and application making necessary corrections to my scope or recommending changes to others. OSHA 30 Jobsite Supervision & CEWA Commercial Industrial Safety Certified.

Director of Engineering & Project Management for Fortune 500 company overseeing 55 employees nationwide with an annual operating budget of nearly \$9 million and project backlog of \$75 million for 18 years.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

I have the full backing and support of my lodge and family to assume the responsibilities required of me in the discharge of the position of Grand Warden. I am in excellent health, married to my wife Debbie for 6 years; we have a total of 5 adult children.

I thank you for your time in considering me for this position.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION OF JESSIE DALTON  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

I joined the Odd Fellows in 2001, where I have served in many capacities, including District Deputy Grand Master. I joined every branch of the Order: Yerba Buena Lodge #15, California Rebekah Lodge #1, Golden Gate Encampment #1, and Canton Santa Clara #6 (now San Francisco #5).

Currently, I am the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of California and Nevada. As a member, I have remained very active by participating in the numerous events throughout the jurisdiction. I have attended numerous receptions, festivals, and lodge events. In 2008/2009, I served as Grand Marshal for the Grand Encampment of California. In San Francisco, I sit on the Hall Association. Five years ago, I received the Merit Award from the Rebekah Assembly.

For the past few years, I have taken interest in the way our Order operates and conducts business. I see we need new faces at our state level. We need to expand our leadership roles to other members. There are many of us active members who never break the ranks beyond the lodge. I have been one of these members, but I accept the challenge of moving up. I am not naive when it comes to understanding the code, as I have learned from others in my lodge. I am a retired plumbing contractor, a proud Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army, and a Royal Ranger Commander for four years.

In addition to being active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, I have supported this Order by bringing in many of my family members. My wife, daughters, son, grand-daughters, brother-in-law, and sister into the lodge. It was important for me to include my family in this organization. Now, I believe I would be a good Grand Lodge Representative. I have the support of my family and my lodge.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF RODNEY M. METOYER  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA  
OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS**

**I Rodney M Metoyer, of Boulder Creek Lodge #152, wish to represent the Jurisdiction of California at the Sovereign Grand Lodge.**

Brothers and sisters it is my honor to submit to you my qualification for Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of California. I believe firmly that being a Grand Master and working with pass Grand Master Glenn Bailey, Barry Prock, and Gene Breeland and Jr. Grand Master Paul Pike and the Grand Lodge Board of Directors has not only given me the expertise but the experience I need to be Grand Representative. I know that working closely with each and everyone of you will gave me the knowledge that I need to help this order move forward into the 21st century again thanks for your support.

I am an active member of the Boulder Creek Lodge #152, currently serving as Treasurer. I also belong to Barnes Encampment #77, San Jose, pass Chief Patriarch and Canton #6, Santa Clara, pass Captain, My fellow brothers and sisters in Boulder Creek elected me twice as Noble Grand and District Deputy Grand Master. The Members of Grand Lodge elected me as Grand Master 2012 – 2013.

As a four year Board member of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, I am currently serving as Chairman of the Finance committee and on the property and membership committee. I was also honored to serve as Grand Color Bearer for Grand Master Ken Kuklish in 2005 – 2006.

As Senior Master Sergeant serving over 25 years with the United States Air Force Reserves, in the 82 Aerial Port Squadron entrusted as Unit Deployment Manager. My education includes the United States Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy Leadership Program, Air Transportation Managers Program, and Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Program. In addition to my military service I am in my 33rd year with Verizon Telephone Company. I will be retiring from the United States Air Force on 21 July 2012.

I am very aware of the responsibilities that accompany this office. I firmly believe the experience I received from serving on numerous boards and committees coupled with my training in the Air Force, along with my life experiences have prepared me to excel in this position. I am willing to serve this order in this capacity and am requesting your support to allow me to continue working as a productive Odd Fellow.

My wife, Debbie and I have six children and 11 grandchildren. I have the support of my wife, my family and my lodge.

I respectfully submit these Qualifications to the Grand Lodge for the office of Grand Representative. A letter of recommendation from Boulder Creek Lodge # 152, properly signed and sealed, accompanies this letter of qualification.

Respectfully submitted, Rodney M Metoyer, Grand Master.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR MELVIN ASTRAHAN  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,  
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I am fully aware of the responsibilities of the office I seek and believe I can contribute significantly to the revitalization of Odd Fellowship in CA. I am particularly interested in ways to integrate internet related technologies into our lodges in order to help attract and retain younger members. I ask for your support in this endeavor.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATONS OF DANIEL HONNIBALL  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

Family Status: Married. Membership of Volcano Historical Lodge No. 25. Education Background: Bachelor Science of Business Management. Written endorsement by Volcano Historical Lodge No. 25.

My accomplishments with the Order as a 5 year member:

1. Past Clerk of the Grand Lodge serving 4 years.
2. Noble Grand of Volcano Historical Lodge No. 25 for 4 years.
3. Past Grand Conductor 2011-2012.
4. Re-instituted Sycamore Lodge No. 129 with 71 members.

My personal accomplishments:

1. Graduated college with a 3.72 GPA.
2. Started two successful businesses. One servicing Power Scooters, Electric Wheelchairs and Lift Chairs for seniors.
3. Customer satisfaction letters that fill a 2" ring binder.
4. Fellow employee and management recommendations within the 2" ring binder.

I implement processes where ever I work to create a positive environment to resolve problems in a timely manner to satisfy the client's needs. The questions I would like to have answered as a Grand Lodge Board Director are:

1. How can the Grand Lodge Board of Directors help this Order and your lodge?
2. What processes can be placed at the Grand Lodge Board level to help the members of this Order?

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF ROY KING  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,  
THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.**

My Father joined the Order in 1967. I joined the Order in February 1969 at the age of 18. I first served my District as District Deputy Grand Master in 1972. I have served in every chair of my Lodge. I am presently Secretary of my Lodge. I have gone on to serve as District Deputy Grand Master many times, and have been nominated to serve once again this term. I was a member of California Degree Lodge No.1 and served as its Treasurer until the Lodge disbanded. I am a member of the Los Angeles County Past District Deputies Association. I was appointed Grand Conductor by Grand Master Robert Hoenig. I was first elected by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors to fill the position of Director Paul Manning. I have been honored with the privilege to serve this Order for the past nine years as a Director of the Grand Lodge. I served as liaison for the Board to the Three Links Camp Board and The Foundation Board. For six years I served as the co-chairperson for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Program. I believe I have faithfully served this order as a Director and pledge to continue to do so.

I received my Bachelor of Science Degree from California State University of Los Angeles. I have four licenses issued by the State of California.

My wife and I have been married forty-four years, and I have her and my Lodges support. I presently operate my own business.

It would be an Honor to continue to serve this Order.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF PAUL PIKE  
FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR FOR THE GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

I joined Santa Cruz lodge #96 in 1982. I am now a member of Boulder Creek Lodge #152. I also belong to Isabella Rebekah lodge #17 and am an associate member of Pajaro Lodge# 90. I have held the position of Noble Grand and have been District Deputy Grand Master twice.

I was a Director of the Children's Home for eleven years. I am also serving as chair of the Joint Youth Committee. I was Grand Instructor for Grand Master Barry Prock 2008-2009. I had the honor of serving as Grand Marshal for Ken Kuklish in 2005-2006. I have been Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master in 2011-2012.

I served 4 years in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger. I worked on the flight deck as an aircraft director. I attended Foothill Jr. College where I majored in Business. I worked for 30 years in the building industry as an estimator. I then owned and operated my own company for 12 years. I am now retired.

Collectively my wife Joan and I have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

I am very aware of the responsibilities that accompany this office and feel that the many boards and committees I have served on have helped prepare me for this position. I feel I am qualified to serve this order in this capacity and request your support to allow me to continue working for Odd Fellowship.

I have the support of my wife Joan, my family and my lodges.

I respectfully submit these Qualifications to Grand Lodge for the office of Warden. A letter of recommendation from Boulder Creek Lodge# 152, properly signed and sealed, accompanies this letter of qualification.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Pike

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATONS OF ROSE SAARI  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

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I'm fully aware of the challenges this Order is facing to grow and survive. I believe that my skills and energy together with the help of the membership we will be able to meet these challenges to bring our order forward. I respectfully submit this letter accompanied with a properly signed and sealed letter of recommendation from Gabilan Lodge No. 372 Gonzalez California.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PETER SELLARS  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,  
INDPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS**

Once again, it is a personal honor to serve this Order in several capacities; therefore I submit my qualifications.

For many years now, I have served this jurisdiction honorably and with integrity always seeking what is best for our membership and the lodges. I have been an Instructor, a Director, a Trustee, a District Deputy Grand Master, a Special Deputy, the Membership Chairman, Goodfellowship Chairman, Historical Chairman, a Grand Patriarch and much more. I belong to every branch of the Order. The experience has afforded me a larger picture of our jurisdiction's needs, both business and fraternal needs.

I carry a Bachelor of Science degree with post-graduate studies in Criminal Justice and Sociology from California State University Hayward. I am a freelance writer who has written many pieces for various publications. I have also submitted numerous articles for the I.O.O.F.

I served our country with honor as a U.S. Marine Staff NCO, where I retired on a pension. I am a war veteran and was awarded several decorations, including the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Achievement Medal and many more.

I believe the experience I have gained by serving as a Director for 9 years, will afford me an opportunity to continue new strategies for Membership, as well as recovery of our Odd Fellow property. I am hopeful the membership has continued faith in my abilities.

I have the support of my wife and my lodge.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATONS OF NEIL ALLEN  
FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 3 YEAR TERM  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

**Profile**

Financial Professional with 27 years of experience in planning and investing retirement assets  
Member of Sacramento #2 Odd Fellows Lodge for 8 years and a past Noble Grand  
Currently Financial Advisor on Odd Fellows Home Board  
Investment Committee Chair from 2006 - 2012  
Grand Lodge of California Board Member for the current term.  
Past Treasurer of Olive Branch Church and Financial Board Member of Faith Center Church  
Both located in the Sacramento area. Served several years on both boards  
Current Treasurer of Dutch Flat Community Center

**Experience**

Allen Financial and Insurance Services, Inc. President - Since 1985  
Registered Investment Advisor Representative  
Fully registered with FINRA and hold current securities registrations as follows: Series 7,  
Series 24, Series 65  
Life and Health Insurance License in California- #0685645  
Various Sales Positions in the Food (Baking) Industry 1979 to 1985  
Pape' Brothers, Inc. Heavy Equipment Dealership in Eugene, Oregon - Sales, 1975 to 1979

**Education**

Oregon Institute of Technology - Klamath Falls, Oregon  
Bachelor of Industrial Technology, Business Major - Graduated 1975

**Personal References**

Doug Tawlks - Social Worker, 421 Flower Drive, Folsom, CA. 95630 (916 370-1625)  
Pastor Leonard Lee, LINC International Ministries' POB 1314 (916) 835-6360

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATONS OF ROBIN OLIVER  
FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, AT LARGE  
OF THE ODD FELLOWS HOMES OF CALIFORNIA  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

Name: Robin Oliver  
Age: 63  
Marital Status: Married  
Family Status: Husband and Father  
Memberships: PG Saratoga #428  
Member, Grand Lodge of California IOOF  
Incumbent OFHC Director

Education: BA International Relations and Economics California State University San Francisco  
Other Qualifications: 14 years in Commercial and International Finance  
25 years in Information Technology  
20 years of Private Consulting in Finance, Information Technology, Operations,  
and Corporate Governance

The above information is correct.

Robin Oliver

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF GERALD WORTH  
FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR AT-LARGE  
OF THE ODD FELLOWS HOME BOARD  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

**PROFESSIONAL:**

San Jose State University - BA/Accounting with distinction - 1956

Certified Public Accountant - Retired

1958 - 1963 International accounting and auditing firm

1963 - 1976 Various positions including VP/Treasurer of electronic and microelectronic firms

1976 - 1980 VP/Treasurer - Caterpillar Equipment Dealer

1980 - 2001 Self-employed - Tax and accounting

2001 - Retired

**ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS:**

Joined Redwood Junior Lodge - 1947

Joined San Mateo Lodge - 1952

Joined Olive Rebekah Lodge - 1953

Past Grand Ruler, PDDGM, PCP

Meadows of Napa Valley - Board member for 5 years

Odd Fellows Home of California - Board member since September, 2002

**PERSONAL:**

Born November, 1934

Married 50 years

Two children, five grandchildren

Hobbies: Square dancing, bowling, golf, gardening, RV travel

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATONS OF NEIL ALLEN  
FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF ODD FELLOWS HOMES OF CALIFORNIA  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

**Profile**

Financial Professional with 27 years of experience in planning and investing retirement assets

Member of Sacramento #2 Odd Fellows Lodge for 8 years and a past Noble Grand

Currently Financial Advisor on Odd Fellows Home Board

Investment Committee Chair from 2006 - 2012

Grand Lodge of California Board Member for the current term.

Past Treasurer of Olive Branch Church and Financial Board Member of Faith Center Church

Both located in the Sacramento area. Served several years on both boards

Current Treasurer of Dutch Flat Community Center

**Experience**

Allen Financial and Insurance Services, Inc. President - Since 1985  
Registered Investment Advisor Representative  
Fully registered with FINRA and hold current securities registrations as follows: Series 7,  
Series 24, Series 65  
Life and Health Insurance License in California- #0685645  
Various Sales Positions in the Food (Baking) Industry 1979 to 1985  
Pape' Brothers, Inc. Heavy Equipment Dealership in Eugene, Oregon - Sales, 1975 to 1979

**Education**

Oregon Institute of Technology - Klamath Falls, Oregon  
Bachelor of Industrial Technology, Business Major - Graduated 1975

**Personal References**

Doug Tawlks - Social Worker, 421 Flower Drive, Folsom, CA. 95630 (916 370-1625)  
Pastor Leonard Lee, LINC International Ministries' POB 1314 (916) 835-6360

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATONS OF DANIEL HONNIBALL  
FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF ODD FELLOWS HOMES OF CALIFORNIA  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

Family Status: Married. Membership of Volcano Historical Lodge No. 25. Education Background:  
Bachelor Science of Business Management. Written endorsement by Volcano Historical Lodge No. 25.

My accomplishments with the Order as a 5 year member:

- a. Past Clerk of the Grand Lodge serving 4 years.
- b. Noble Grand of Volcano Historical Lodge No. 25 for 4 years.
- c. Past Grand Conductor 2011-2012.
- d. Re-instituted Sycamore Lodge No. 129 with 71 members.

My personal accomplishments:

- i. Graduated college with a 3.72 GPA.  
Started two successful businesses. One servicing Power Scooters, Electric Wheelchairs and Lift  
Chairs for seniors.
- iii. Customer satisfaction letters that fill a 2" ring binder.
- iv. Fellow employee and management recommendations within the 2" ring binder.

I implement processes where ever I work to create a positive environment to resolve problems in a  
timely manner to satisfy the client's needs. The questions I would like to have answered as a Home  
Board Director are:

1. How can the Home Board of Directors help continue great service in the home?
2. What processes can be placed by the Home Board level to help clients in the homes?
3. Is there a process to help Brothers and Sisters of this Order?

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF DAVE REED  
FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF THE ODD FELLOWS HOME OF CALIFORNIA  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

I am seeking your support for Director of the Odd Fellows Home of California. I pledge to use my  
training and experience to help manage and maintain the Odd Fellows Home. Admittedly, I am a  
relative newcomer compared to many of our members. However, my participation and contributions  
over the last several years demonstrate my energy and dedication to the Order.

I have been a member of the Davis Lodge #169 since 2007 and I am an associate member of the Historic Volcano Lodge #25. I have served two terms as Noble Grand and two terms as Vice Grand of the Davis Lodge #169. I am serving my third year as a Trustee of the Davis Lodge Hall Association. I am a member to the Davis Encampment #21.

I have served as Grand Conductor this past year. It has been a great experience to visit other lodges in California.

I have participated in and spoken at several Odd Fellows membership seminars in the past few years.

Professionally, I owned and operated a law practice in Woodland for 23 years. My legal experience and business experience should be an asset as a Director. I am now a Judge with the Yolo Superior Court and have served on the bench for six years.

A letter of endorsement from Davis Lodge #169, properly signed and sealed, is submitted with this statement. Thank you for your consideration.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF JOHN HUGHES  
FOR THE OFFICE TRUSTEE/DIRECTOR OF THE ODD FELLOWS FOUNDATION  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA.**

AA Degree in Real Estate

Six years in Title Insurance

Six years as Land Tech for Civil Engineer & Land Surveyor

Twenty-Nine years as Land Tech for Real Estate Department of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District. I retired in 1997.

Served Grand Lodge on various committees for the past 40 years or so.

Grand Conductor for Art Tomlinson in 1969-1970

Grand Instructor for Bob Hoenig in 2000-2001

Have been on the Foundation Board for the past few years and we are finally making progress on our development and expansion plan of the facility.

Within the next 3 years I anticipate this phase will be well underway or possibly completed. I can then pass the Trusteeship on to someone else and consider our work.

Thank You for your support! JOHN HUGHES

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF LES GENNARIA  
FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAH CHILDRENS HOME  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA  
OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OR ODD FELLOWS**

Les Gennaria has been a member of Redondo Lodge #195 and the Order for 49 years. He first joined in Gardena Junior Lodge. Les has served as District Deputy Grand Master, Noble Grand and numerous other lodge positions many times over. Les has served as Grand Herald in 2009/2010 for Paul Kramer and Gene Breeland. Les is a Past Director of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Children's Home.

Currently employed as a Chrysler Master Technician and apprenticed with his father, Bob, before starting his career. Les Gennaria has previous Board of Director experience for a non-profit corporation.

I am respectfully submitting this 'Statement of Qualifications' for the open Board position for your consideration and election. He has the full support of his family and Odd Fellow Lodge.

Redondo Lodge #195 has submitted a 'Letter of Recommendation' fully signed and sealed.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF MIKE YOUNG  
FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAH CHILDRENS HOME  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA  
OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OR ODD FELLOWS**

**FRATERNAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Joined Odd Fellows Lodge Sacramento #2 in 2005, PNG & FS

A member of the following: Occidental Encampment #2 PCP; Patriarchs Militant Canton #1, Capitol City Rebekah Lodge #160 & Associate Member Odd Fellows Lodge Grass Valley #12, Past Vice President and current board member of Cemetery Board in Sacramento

I have Degrees from Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly

Current Director Rebekah Children's Services, Past Grand Color Bearer & PDDGM

Received SGL/IARA Special Recognition "Heart of Order Working Together" Award and Grand Lodge Board of Directors Award in 2010 Session for design and installation of lighting and heating in Gymnasium at the RCS in Gilroy. The project designed to give the children a safe and comfortable place to play and an opportunity for Rebekah Children's Services to possibly attract renters to raise additional revenue

Provided material & labor to replace worn out & unsafe electrical equipment at 3 Links Camp to ensure a safe and functional kitchen and chapel for staff & children attending

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

Journeyman Master Electrician/Electrical Contractor 34 years

Own & operate Electrical Contracting business, specializing in Commercial & Industrial projects with emphasis on integration of building trades and processes

Frequently review projects, plans & designs for design compatibility and application making necessary corrections to my scope or recommending changes to others. OSHA 30 Jobsite Supervision & CEWA Commercial Industrial Safety Certified

Director of Engineering & Project Management for Fortune 500 company overseeing 55 employees nationwide with an annual operating budget of nearly \$9 million and project backlog of \$75 million for 18 years

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

I have the full backing and support of my lodge and family to assume the responsibilities required of me in the discharge of the position of Director of Odd Fellows/Rebekah Children's Home. I am in excellent health, married to my wife Debbie for 6 years; we have a total of 5 adult children.

I thank you for your time in considering me for this position.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF ALLEN MERRIMAN  
FOR THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF YOUTH CAMP  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF CALIFORNIA**

I have been a member of the Order for 27 years. I have been married to the same wonderful woman for 43 years we have 4 adult children. I am a member of Upper Lake lodge #241, I am the Scribe for Clearlake Encampment #126. I am currently the DDGM for District 29. Also I am on my 8th year as a director for the youth camp. I enjoy working at the camp. I am the Reservation Director for the Camp. In my years as a director the camp has completed many projects, there are still some I would like to help accomplish. I have the support of my lodge for this position.

In F.L.T. Allen Merriman

**REPORT #2**  
**GRAND MASTER REPORT**  
Submitted by: Rod Metoyer #52

To the Officers and Members of the Jurisdiction of California Odd Fellows, I, Rodney M. Metoyer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California submit this report of my activities during my term as Grand Master for May, 2012 -2013.

Shortly after being installed as Grand Master in May 2012 I attended the Grand Lodge Board Meeting on June 09, 2013.

Prior to the Grand Lodge Board of Directors (GLBOD) June meeting, I received three letters from two elective officers, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Lodge Attorney. They were expressing their outrage of the rumor that they were going to unseat the current Grand Master, and the poorly handled election process of the vacant GLBOD director position of 2012. Please refer to letters 1, 2 and email 1 attached to this report.

After receiving these letters I felt that I needed help from Sovereign Grand Lodge in regards to dealing with these issues. The Sovereign Grand Master Delmar Burns was presiding.

I explained to the SGM the letters that I received. We briefly discussed the rumor but went onto the issues of the nomination from the floor was not allowed as defined by the 2011 California Roberts Code. I explained that there was a rule that stated April 1st as the deadline to submit paperwork that included qualifications and recommendation from your lodge, but the rule was not printed in the current Roberts code of 2011. I explained to the SGM that the nomination was placed on the floor and the presiding Grand Master questioned the parliamentarian of the 2011 Grand Lodge Sessions. The parliamentarian had the 2011 code book and replied to the Grand Master that there was no deadline and the nomination was allowed. The election proceeded with rebuttal or dissention from the elected Grand Lodge Secretary, Grand Lodge Treasurer, or Grand Lodge Attorney, who wrote the letters, at the time of the 2011 Grand Lodge Sessions.

During the Grand Lodge Session, after the inferred question, the next day the parliamentary made motion to move the time forward to have the election moved from the afternoon to the morning. The motion was passed by the Grand Lodge members. The Junior Past Sovereign Grand Master said that since the motion was passed, the motion is to suspend the rules of the 2011 California Roberts Code election process was also passed and demanded that the counting of the ballots be done inside the room verses outside of the lodge room because this proves transparency to the voting process as it is viewed and deemed legitimate. The membership was under the impression that all the election rules of the 2011 Roberts Rules of California were suspended by the comments made by the Junior Past Sovereign G Master. Thus the vote became a simple majority verse a 2/3's vote to pass. So therefore The Junior Sovereign Grand Master's decision is that he was up holding the election as it is done in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Attached are the letters from the Sovereign Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Attorney to support the Junior Past Sovereign Grand Master's decision: See letters 3 and 4 attached

These letters were presented in the June GLBOD meeting which the board at that time made a motion to create a special committee to investigate the rumor and election process that happened at the 2011 Grand Lodge sessions. A special committee was appointed by the Grand Master. The committee was instructed to interview anyone that they felt necessary who was at the 2011 Grand Lodge sessions and were part of or effected by the rumor. Several months later, the committee chair e-mail the committee's conclusion and decision. The following is the committee report:

**Decision of the Special Committee**

**Background**

By letter dated June 6, 2012, Randy Krassow (hereafter "Krassow") submitted an appeal to the Grand Master (hereafter "GM") and the Grand Lodge Board of Directors (hereafter "GLBOD") challenging the GLBOD election conducted during the May, 2012, Grand Lodge Sessions which

resulted in the election of Mel Astrahan (hereafter “Astrahan”) to the GLBOD, and the defeat of Krassow. As a result of the appeal letter, the GM, with authorization by the GLBOD, appointed a Special Committee to review the matter and to render a final decision. By designation of the GM, the Special Committee is chaired by Dave Rosenberg, and includes members Frank Goulart, Robin Oliver, Wayne Roberts, and Mike Young. After the appointment of the Special Committee, Krassow, on August 14, sent an e-mail to the Special Committee stating that his letter of June 6 should not have been sent to the Special Committee as his appeal, and that he was going to submit a new letter of appeal addressed to the Special Committee.

By letter dated September 24, 2012, Grand Secretary Ray Link (“Link”) and Grand Treasurer Jay Johnson (“Johnson”) submitted their own appeal, as corporate officers of the Grand Lodge, substantially raising the same issues that were raised in the Krassow appeal. Link and Johnson explained that they felt an appeal was necessary to protect the corporation from any future action that might question the legality of corporate actions based on the possibility that an unqualified person was sitting and voting on the board. The GM charged the Special Committee with handling the Link-Johnson appeal.

On October 1, 2012, Krassow communicated with the GM, the GLBOD and the Special Committee, and withdrew his appeal. Accordingly, the Special Committee, effective October 1, 2012, began in earnest to pursue the fact finding and review necessary to process the Link-Johnson appeal.

#### **Issues on Appeal**

The main issue presented on this appeal is a challenge to the election of Astrahan to the GLBOD. A second issue concerns a “rumor” purportedly circulating before and during Grand Lodge Sessions. In undertaking its work on this appeal, the Special Committee interviewed a substantial number of officials present at Grand Lodge Sessions, listened to relevant parts of the audio recording of Grand Lodge Sessions, and reviewed numerous documents and letters.

#### **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

Prior to the 2012 Grand Lodge Sessions, it was duly announced that two (2) positions were open for election on the GLBOD. These two positions were held by incumbents Paul Wright (hereafter “Wright”) and Krassow. Both subsequently sought re-election. Roberts Code of California Odd Fellow Laws (hereafter referred to as “Code”) creates the GLBOD and states in Chapter 2, Article V, Section 6, that “each candidate for [GLBOD] shall procure the endorsement of [his/her] Lodge prior to having their name placed in nomination.” In addition, the Code at Chapter III, Section 12, in effect for the Grand Lodge Sessions in 2012, mandates that candidates for election to the GLBOD “must submit” a “Statement of Qualifications” and a “Letter of Good Standing” from his or her Lodge to the Grand Lodge office “prior to April 1” of the year in which the election is to take place. The Letter of Good Standing must be on Lodge letterhead, properly sealed, signed by the Noble Grand, attested by the Secretary, and dated as to when the Lodge action was taken. In addition, the Statement of Qualifications, per the Code, must include the date the candidate’s Lodge endorsed him or her. Only persons who have the Grand Lodge Degree (or are about to receive it) are eligible. In law, the term “must” is mandatory, not permissive.

It is undisputed that both Wright and Krassow timely obtained and submitted their respective Lodge’s endorsements in proper form, and timely submitted their respective Statement of Qualifications prior to Grand Lodge Sessions in accordance with the Code. No other candidate for GLBOD complied with the Code prerequisites to election to the GLBOD. Both Wright and Krassow, and only Wright and Krassow, were listed in the advance proceedings as candidates for the GLBOD.

During Grand Lodge Sessions, on or about May 17, 2012, Astrahan submitted a Statement of Qualifications. Astrahan also stated in an interview with a Special Committee member that he had obtained the endorsement of his Lodge, but that he had forgotten to bring it with him to Grand Lodge Sessions. It is undisputed that Astrahan did not submit a Statement of Qualifications nor an endorsement letter from his Lodge, in required form, prior to Grand Lodge Sessions, and certainly not prior to April 1.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, on the first day of Grand Lodge Sessions, May 17, 2012, Astrahan's name was placed in nomination, along with the names of Wright and Krassow. On the second day, May 18, 2012, an election was held, with three candidates – Astrahan, Krassow and Wright - vying for two positions on the GLBOD. In the election, Wright was elected, without dispute, and Astrahan received one vote more than Krassow, and was declared elected.

In the election, Wright received 113 votes, Astrahan received 87 votes, Krassow received 86 votes and there were 28 blanks. There were 157 votes cast, and since two positions were available, each voter could cast two votes. The total votes possible for the GLBOD election were 314 (157 votes cast x 2 = 314). There was some confusion after the vote because the Grand Secretary had earlier announced that 94 votes were needed to receive a majority in the GLBOD election (and all other elections). That announcement of 94 was based on the number eligible to vote (there were 187 eligible to vote at Grand Lodge Sessions) – but the Grand Secretary's announcement was in error. Elections at Grand Lodge Sessions are not decided by a majority of those eligible to vote, but rather on a majority of the number of votes cast. Code at Article III, Section 12 C (9): "Any nominee receiving a majority of votes cast for that office shall be declared elected." As 157 votes were cast, a majority is 79. Wright was clearly elected, having received 113 votes. We note that both Astrahan with 87 votes and Krassow with 86 votes received a majority of the votes cast. The Code does not directly address what to do in such an event. However, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California does. In Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution, the following is noted: "In the absence of a specific rule on a point of procedure, the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail." And reference to Robert's Rules answers the question. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition, Section 46, page 441, prescribes the following: "In an election of members of a board or committee in which votes are cast in one section of the ballot for multiple positions on the board or committee, every ballot with a vote for one or more candidates is counted as one vote cast, and a candidate must receive a majority of the total of such votes to be elected. In such a case, if more than the prescribed number receives a majority vote, the places are filled by the proper number receiving the largest number of votes." Accordingly, as between Astrahan and Krassow, even though both received a majority, Astrahan would prevail because he got the "largest number of votes". That, however, does not answer the seminal question presented by this appeal: Was Astrahan a qualified candidate for election to the GLBOD in 2012?

If Astrahan is not a qualified candidate for election, then his nomination, placement on the ballot and election is void ab initio – that is, it must be treated as invalid from the outset. Only eligible candidates may stand for election. By analogy, could a person be nominated and be an eligible candidate who is not recommended by his/her Lodge, or who is not in good standing, or who is not a holder of the Grand Lodge Degree? Certainly, not. The same is equally true of a person who does not comply with the Code's requirement to submit a timely Statement of Qualifications and an endorsement letter from the person's Lodge. Accordingly, on its face and per the Code, Astrahan was not a qualified candidate for election to the GLBOD in 2012, and his declared election to that GLBOD cannot stand.

However, three contentions have been advanced seeking to overcome the clear and unambiguous requirements of the Code (cited above) to nevertheless make Astrahan a qualified and eligible candidate for election at Grand Lodge Session. We review each of the contentions.

First, it is argued that Article III, Section 12, allows nominations from the floor. In the years from 2006 to 2011, this section was very limited in scope, and in discussing the order of nominations, it read, in pertinent part, as follows: "if there shall be a vacancy in an unexpired term on a board, the nomination to fill the unexpired term shall be held immediately after the closing of nomination for the full term on the board." Clearly, the text of Section 12, prior to 2011, provides no basis for a floor nomination for Astrahan as there was no vacancy in an unexpired term on the GLBOD – in fact, the terms of both slots were expiring, both slots were filled, and the incumbents (Wright and Krassow) were running for re-election. At Grand Lodge Sessions in 2011, however, at the request of Grand Secretary Ray Link, Bill #26 was submitted and duly enacted. Bill #26, in substance, added a phrase to the body

of Section 12 so that it would read as follows: “If there shall be a [sic] open, non contested [sic] elected office or a vacancy in an unexpired term on a board, nominations to fill these positions shall be held immediately after the closing of nomination for the full term on that same board.” [Emphasis added.] Interestingly, although clearly adopted and enacted at the 2011 Grand Lodge Sessions, the added words failed to find their way into the 2011 published version of the Code. The Special Committee, however, considered this failure to be an oversight, and considered Section 12 duly amended. However, the added words do not provide a basis to justify late submission of a Statement of Qualifications and endorsement letter by Astrahan. Code sections have to be read together, to effectuate the intent of each. The plain language and intent of the added language of Bill #26 is to allow a nomination from the floor for a limited, albeit important, purpose: only in those cases in which no nomination had previously been submitted. (If the rule were otherwise, then nominations from the floor could be submitted for any and all elected positions, which would essentially gut the requirement to submit a Statement of Qualifications and endorsement letter by April 1). In other words, a nomination from the floor is only available if there be an “open, non-contested” position. For example, if no one had timely submitted their Statement of Qualifications and endorsement letter for the GLBOD then two positions on the GLBOD would have been “open” and nominations from the floor would have been in order. On the other hand, a position is not “open” if there is already a nominee for that position (duly and timely submitted). In this case, there were two nominations (Krassow and Wright) for the two positions, which were already in place. No GLBOD position was open and non-contested – so no nomination from the floor was in order.

Second, it has been contended that the Grand Lodge body voted to suspend the rules, and by such a suspension of rules, the nomination of Astrahan was permitted to be made from the floor, and the election, including the nomination of Astrahan, could proceed. But this contention does not withstand scrutiny. A motion to suspend the rules, was, in fact made, and passed on May 18, 2012. But it was not a motion to suspend all rules – rather it was limited in scope. The motion to suspend the rules was made by Pete Pohlhammer, who was the Parliamentarian during Grand Lodge Sessions. The motion to suspend the rules was specifically and expressly made for one purpose and one purpose only: to suspend the rules to allow the election to proceed in the morning rather than in the afternoon. The motion to suspend the rules affected only the timing of the election, and no other issue. (Parenthetically, we note that it is improper for the Parliamentarian to make motions during the session. Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition, Section 47, page 467, makes clear that Parliamentarians, to maintain their position of impartiality, should never make motions. The rule is even stricter for parliamentarians than it is for presiding officers. Unlike the presiding officer, a parliamentarian can never relinquish his/her chair to make a motion. Additionally, there may have been an unfortunate, unintended consequence to this motion. As noted earlier, 187 members were eligible to vote, but only 157 actually voted. What happened to the other 30 eligible voters? It is certainly possible that some of those 30 eligible voters were not present during the morning vote, assuming that the actual vote would occur in the afternoon as indicated in the Code’s order of proceedings.)

Third, there is the contention that even if the presiding officer erroneously permitted Astrahan’s name to be placed in nomination, and erroneously proceeded to conduct a contested election for GLBOD, the remedy for this error should have been a point of order raised during Grand Lodge Sessions to challenge the ruling of the chair. Because the rulings of the chair allowing the nomination and election were never challenged during Grand Lodge Sessions, then it is contended that the nomination and election of Astrahan should stand. Certainly, a remedy for a perceived error by the chair is to raise a point of order to challenge the ruling of the chair. Krassow, and others, have argued that they did not do so because they felt intimidated by the conduct and comments of the presiding officer and the visiting Past Sovereign Grand Master. However, the Special Committee does not address the claim of “intimidation” because, in the instant case, there is no need to do so. There is a well-recognized exception to the requirement that a point of order be made at the time of the challenged event. And that

exception applies directly to the Astrahan decision. Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition, section 23, page 251, states the general rule that a point of order must be made at the time of the breach, but then notes an exception if a main motion has been accepted which conflicts with the bylaws (or constitution) of the organization or assembly. In such cases “it is never too late to raise a point of order since any action so taken is null and void.” Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition, section 46, page 445, makes clear that this rule applies equally to elections. While points of order challenging election decisions need to be made at the time of the breach, the following is an exception: “If an individual does not meet the qualifications for the post established in the bylaws, his or her election is tantamount to adoption of a main motion that conflicts with the bylaws.” And such an election challenge may be made at any time. The failure to formally challenge the election of Astrahan during Grand Lodge Sessions is no bar to the challenge presented by the Link-Johnson appeal.

### **Decision**

The election of Astrahan was void ab initio, and a majority of the Special Committee so finds. He is not elected to the GLBOD. What should have been done at Grand Lodge Sessions is that the late submission of a nomination for Astrahan should not have been accepted and he should not have been a candidate for GLBOD. With only two candidates for two positions, the presiding officer, per Code, could have called for a voice vote, and presumably both Wright and Krassow would have been elected. But we cannot predict, after the fact, if the presiding officer would have called for a voice vote (which was customary) or a ballot, and we cannot predict the outcome. Further, Krassow has withdrawn his appeal.

Under the circumstances, a majority of the Special Committee declares the GLBOD position previously held by Krassow to now be vacant. Under the Code, the Grand Master, with the approval of the GLBOD, shall fill the vacancy pursuant to the process outlined in the Code, Chapter III, Sec. 13 B.

The Special Committee renders no “decision” on the issue of the rumor that was circulating before and during Grand Lodge. It is clear to the Special Committee that there was, in fact, a rumor circulating that certain Grand Lodge officials and members of the GLBOD (including Ray Link, Jay Johnson, Randy Krassow and Larry Brenner) were planning some sort of “coup” at Grand Lodge Sessions to remove the Grand Master at the time, Paul Pike. The Special Committee finds the rumor baseless. It is disturbing that any Brother or Sister would start such a rumor against another member of this Order. It is further disturbing that certain officials at Grand Lodge may have accepted the rumor as true, and never took the time to check with the accused Brothers. It is especially disturbing because the baseless rumor impugned members of the Order and may have, subtly or otherwise, influenced actions and decisions made by officials at Grand Lodge Sessions, and as a result may have influenced elections. However, in rendering its decision on the election, the Special Committee focused its attention on “what” was done at Grand Lodge Sessions regarding the GLBOD election, not on “why” it was done.

Dated: October 11, 2012

David Rosenberg, Chairman, Robin Oliver and Wayne Roberts, Members

After receiving the decision of the Special Committee which they declared/decided that Mel Astrahan was not a candidate and removed him from office and declared the GLBOD director seat as a vacant. I, Grand Master of California, followed the 2011 Roberts Code of California to fill that vacancy. After several meetings with all parties involved, and after a motion from the GLBOD in Dec 2012, to have Randy Krassow back on the GLBOD, I felt that the only option, because of the oath of office that I took, was to follow the 2011 Roberts Code of California strictly to the letter.

The code clearly defines that a letter must be sent to all the lodges, in California, declaring a vacancy on the GLBOD and that any member of the Odd Fellows can send their qualifications in to fulfill that vacancy. The Grand Master makes the choice from the number of qualifications to choose the candidate and the GLBOD must concur. Only one qualification letter was received from Neil Allen and I added him to the GLBOD because of his qualifications. There was a second vote of the GLBOD which concurred with the Grand Masters decision. According to the Grand Lodge Attorney, there is no legal

precedence that states that once an elected officer is removed from office, the second runner up is automatically elected to the vacant position.

There were two other recommendations by the Chairman of the Special Committee: 1) to keep it vacant up until the 2013 Grand Lodge session in May. 2) or to appoint anyone from the order. Once again, I choose to follow the 2011 Roberts Rules of California to the letter.

After the Special Committee report, I received 19 letters from Odd Fellow Lodges asking for a special Grand Lodge session to be held as soon as possible. After conferring with Sovereign I sent the following letter stating as to why the special sessions would not be happening:

***Grand Lodge of California  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows***

**14414 Oak Street, Suite B  
Saratoga, CA. 95070  
Grand Master  
Rodney Metoyer**

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**RODNEY METOYER, GRAND MASTER**

**GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA**

**TO: Lodges that requested a Special Session  
FROM: Grand Master Rodney Metoyer  
SUBJECT: Special Session**

I have received nineteen (19) requests to convene a special session for the purpose of fixing the legislative mess that was created with Grand Lodge.

The Roberts Code of California is very clear on how the Grand Master should call for a special session. Sec. 3. Special sessions shall be called by the Grand Master, on application by Resolution, under seal of the Odd Fellow Lodges. Only such business as shall be specified in the Resolution may be transacted at a special session. Such special sessions shall not be held unless all Odd Fellow Lodges have been notified by first class mail of the time, place, and purpose of the special session and representatives from at least ten Lodges and at least three elective officers and two appointive officers of the Grand Lodge are present. The Grand Master shall also be empowered to schedule special sessions for the sole purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge Degree upon all qualified Past Grands who appear for that purpose.

It was brought to my attention that the resolution for a special session was brought the attention of the Sovereign Grand Master Charles L. Renninger, as a professional question by someone at the Grand Lodge Office after a member of the Grand Lodge Board spoke to the Chairman of the Board about it. The Sovereign Grand Master made a decision that the way the Resolution was obtained was illegal base on the way the letter, instructing lodges, was written. It was viewed as soliciting. See copy of those instructions below.

Instructions: (A copy of this letter/resolution must be signed by the Noble Grand and attested by the secretary of each of the ten lodges with the date it was adopted by each lodge. The letters must be sent to the Grand Master directly to his home address rather than to the Grand Secretary or the Grand Lodge Office.

Upon receipt of Special Session requests from 10 Lodges, he must decide a date then instruct the Grand Secretary to notify all lodges by first class mail and each representative listed for the 2012 Grand Lodge Session of the special session.

The California Roberts Code states that under Amendments the following:

ARTICLE XIV.  
AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. This Constitution may be amended by submitting a bill containing the proposed amendment, in the form required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, at least sixty days prior to the regular annual session, when such bill may be acted upon; and if the bill as amended receives the affirmative vote of two thirds of the working members present, it shall be adopted; provided however, if an emergency exists, this Grand Lodge may by the affirmative vote of three fourths of the working members present, adopt an amendment presented at the session after it is printed and has laid over for at least one day.

Sec. 2. Amendments to this Constitution which require a two-thirds majority for passage shall become effective, subject to approval by the Sovereign Grand Warden and/or The Sovereign Grand Lodge, on January 1, following adoption, or at such time thereafter as shall be specified in the amendment. Amendments to this Constitution which require a three-fourth majority for passage shall become effective upon approval by the Sovereign Grand Warden or the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The Sovereign Grand Master's position is that amendment to our bay laws and Constitution can only be done at regular session.

Furthermore, that if I call a special session, anything that we pass, the Sovereign Grand Lodge would not approve because the special session is obtained illegally.

Be advised that the Sovereign Grand Master, Charles L. Renninger, made his decision based on a professional question from someone at the Grand Lodge Office never having a conversation with me, Grand Master of California.

This is the same Sovereign Grand Master that at the executive committee meeting at Sovereign Grand Lodge Session said he needed to here both sides in order to make a right decision.

Because of the Sovereign Grand Master, Charles L. Renninger's position that a Special session would be a waste of time and money.

I, as Grand Master, am in the position to protect our Order and our money. Therefore I will not be calling a Special Session at this time. The bill that was to be introduced can and should be submitted at regular sessions in May 2013

Thank You, Rodney Metoyer Grand Master, Grand Lodge of California

As for the rest of my year:

JUNE I attended the Rebekah Children's Home 115th Anniversary on June 02, 2012. Grand Lodge Board Meeting on June 09, 2013. On June 16, 2012, Grand Lodge Instructor / Warden Thank You for Tim Brown and the Rebekah Assembly Musician Reception at Grass Valley. 17 – 18 June, 2012 Nevada Sessions. On June 20 - 24, 2012. Summer camp work week at Mi-Wuk Village, Grand Lodge Chaplain, Marty Havenga and Rebekah Assembly Marshal, Lorna Hemphill Reception. Sunday Youth Camp Festival.

JULY I did an Official Visit to Woodland Lodge #111; Lodge is in good standing working toward getting new member. On July 14, 2012 I attended the President of Theta Rho Reception, Ontario. On July 17, 2012 I did an Official Visit to Napa Lodge #18 Lodge is in good standing need to working on getting more members. On 19 July 2012 I did an Official Visit to Mound Lodge #166 Lodge is in good standing need to work toward getting new member. On July 24 2012 I did a Official Visit to Gilroy Lodge #154, Lodge is in good standing need to work on getting new member, low membership at this time. On 29 July 2012, I work the Gilroy Garlic Festival.

AUGUST August 02, 2012 I did an Official Visit to Oakdale Lodge #228. Lodge in good standing has some new member. On August 04, 2012 I attended the Grand Lodge Board of Directors Meeting at Saratoga. On August 08, 2012 I did an Official Visit to Odin Lodge #393. Lodge in good standing

working on getting new member. On August 11, 2012 I attended the Grand Master, Rodney Metoyer and the Rebekah Assembly President, Sharon Burgess Reception at Rebekah Children's Service Gilroy. Good time with family and friend, a little hot.

On August 12, 2012 I attended the Home BBQ at Saratoga Home. August 16 – 19, 2012 I attended Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in Ohio.

SEPTEMBER September 01, 2012, I attended the Cave Degree at Yreka Lodge #19 there was 30 members install. Make a property inspection at the Merced Lodge, along with the historical committee. On September 11, 2012, I did an Official Visit to Stony Creek Lodge #218. Lodge in good standing has some new members. On September 15, 2012 I did an Official Visit to Volcano Lodge #25. Lodge is in good standing need more members. On September 20, 2012 I did an Official Visit to Little Lake Lodge #277. Lodge in good standing has some new members. On September 22, 2012 Grand Lodge Marshal Ed Brown Reception at Mt, View Lodge #344.

OCTOBER October 01, 2012 I did an Official Visit to Roseville Lodge #203. Lodge is in good standing has new members. On October 02, 2012 close San Bernabe Lodge #358 King City, California. On October 03, 2012 I did an Official Visit to Sonora Lodge # 10. Have new members. On October 04, 2012 Official Visit to Grass Valley Lodge #12 Lodges is in good standing has new members. On October 06, 2012 attended the Grand Lodge Board Meeting. On October 08 I did the Official Visit to Pine Tree Lodge #46. Lodge is in good standing. On October 13, 2012 I attended Bay View Lodge #109, 150 Years Old Anniversary at Mac Arthur Park, Palo Alto. On October 14, 2012 I attended the Grand Encampment and Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary and Patriarch Militant & Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant Sessions. Stockton California. On Saturday, October 27, 2012 I attended Joe Robertson, Grand Color Bearer, Grand Lodge of California reception, Masonic Hall Santa Cruz.

NOVEMBER November 03, 2012, I attended the Grand Lodge Board meeting and Reception for Jesse Dalton, Grand Patriarch of Grand Encampment, at 7th Street San Francisco. On November 06, 2012, I did an Official Visit to Geyserville Lodge #176 Lodge in good standing trying to get new members. On Wednesday, 14 November 2012, I did an Official Visit to Romero Lodge #413, Lodge in good standing. On Friday 16 November 2012, I attended the Festival of Trees, San Jose. 24 November 2012, HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

DECEMBER Wednesday December 05, 2012 did a United Nations Presentation at Half Moon Bay. On December 08, 2012 I attended the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Officers Party, Gilroy. On December 09, 2012 I attended the Children's Home Christmas Party, Gilroy. On December 11, 2012 I did an Official Visit to Saratoga Lodge #428 Lodge in good standing need some help with new members. On Decembers 13, 2012 I did an Official Visit to Scio Lodge #102 Lodge in good standing. On Decembers 20, 2012 I did an Official Visit to Memento Lodge #37 Lodge in good standing. Tuesday, 25 December have a great Christmas Day with your love ones. The 26 December 2012 through the 02 January 2013 I was in Pasadena at the Rose Bowl Float Activities.

JANUARY January 12, 2013 I did the Installation and Awards Dinner at Davis Lodge #169, Davis California.

FEBRUARY February 02, 2013 I attended the Grand Lodge Board Meeting Saratoga. On February 06, 2013 I did an Official Visit to Morse Lodge #257. Lodge in good standing. On February 10, 2013 I attended the Grand Ball, at Davis Odd Fellows Hall, Davis California all has a very good time, great band. On 12 February, 2013 I did an Official Visit to Bay City Lodge #71, Lodge in good standing. On February 16, 2013 I attended Grand Junior Lodge Round Table and Theta Rho Clubs Sessions. The Junior Lodges are in need of more young men. The Theta Rho young women are during very good also can use more young ladies. On February 20, 2013 I did an Official Visit to Romero Lodge #413 Lodge is in good standing. On February 23, 2013 I attended the Rebekah Assembly outside Guardian Reception, La Grange, California.

MARCH March 07, 2013 I did an Official Visit to Lompoc Lodge #248, Lodge is in good standing. 20 March 2013, I did an Official Visit to Bay Rock Lodge #300 Morro Bay, California. Lodge in good standing. March 31 through April 10 on cruise to Mexico.

APRIL April 12, 2013 I attended the Rebekah Assembly Color Bearer, and Chaplain Reception, and Golden Valley Day, Sacramento. On April 14, 2013 I attended the Grand Lodge of California, Grand Conductor Reception, and Davis Lodge #169. On April 15, 2013 I did an Official Visit to Costa Mesa Lodge #29, Costa Mesa, California. On April 18, 2013 I did an Official Visit to Osceola Lodge # 215 Winsor California. On April 20, 2013 I attended the Grand Lodge of California Grand Guardian Reception, Sycamore Lodge #129 Hayward California on April 26, 2013 Official Visit to Oceanside Lodge # 346, Oceanside California.

MAY May 01, 2013 – May 05, 2013, Tomb of the Unknowns Washington, D, C, On May 07, 2013 I did an Official Visit to Seaside Lodge #369, Santa Monica, and California On May 12, 2013 I attended Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions in Sacramento, California. .

I have also gone to the Grand Lodge Office in Saratoga on many different occasions to work on UN Pilgrimage Chairman, and Finance Committee. I have spent many hours on the phone and e-mailing Lodges to take care of needs and concern.

Recommendations:

- A. I recommend that a committee of past grand master be set up to rewrite the Robert Code of California and put it in as a bill next sessions.
- B. We need to set up a three to five member trials committee and oversee the trial and recommend the punishment.
- C. That the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Board of Directors both take care of all the business, ceremonial and ritualistic affairs of the order.

As for the rumor mentioned in the beginning of the letter, I investigated who and how the rumor was started and it was my decision that the rumor had not merit and revealing the people involved would hurt the order more than the results of the rumor itself. Remember R.I.S.K.

**Receive the rumor**  
**Investigate the rumor**  
**Satisfy the rumor**  
**Kill the rumor**

I would like to thank my lodges for their support, Boulder Creek #152

I would also like to thank my sponsor, Past Grand Master Glenn Bailey, for his wise counsel. He is a wonderful sponsor. I also thank other members who have assisted me a great deal, Jay Johnson, Ray Link, Paul Pike, Barry Prock, John Morgan, and quite a few others who have given me advice that often is much better than my own judgment.

Lastly, I thank my wife, Debbie and my children, and grandchildren for putting up with me and allowing me to be absent more often than a father and papa should be.

LETTERS

February 27, 2013

TO: Rod Metoyer, Grand Master

Dear Brother Rod:

I am writing this letter to you because of the outrageous accusations that were made involving me and others at the most recent Grand Lodge Sessions. I along with Jay Johnson, Grand Treasurer, Randy Krassow, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors and Larry Brenner, Grand Lodge Legal Counsel, were rumored to have created or were involved in some sort of conspiracy to get rid of Paul Pike, Grand Master.

I resent and strongly deny such an accusation in the strongest possible terms. I believe my personal integrity as Grand Secretary and as a long-time (since 1964) member of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs has been callously attacked. I have served this Order in many ways for many years and have seen much wrong doing, however, these attacks that were aimed at me personally as well as that of the aforementioned brothers is wrong and should not have taken place and hopefully never will again.

I believe that the purpose of such acts was to influence the outcome of various elections with offensive, improper and unacceptable electioneering by parties who have personal agendas and wanted certain members defeated in the elections. Electioneering is strictly forbidden by our Code and should never have been allowed to take place. The only conspiracy at the session was to deny Randy Krassow's re-election to the Grand Lodge Board of Directors where he has for the last twelve (12) years provided leadership and direction in a much needed manner. The nomination from the floor of Mel Astrahan and the failure to have a second ballot because of no direct majority was illegal, and denied him the due process he was entitled to, and should be reversed. Randy should be reinstated and the election voided.

Randy is by our Code, entitled to the status of 'Director Emeritus' as voted upon by the majority of the representatives in attendance and it too was denied him by an flawed, incorrect decision from Paul Pike, Grand Master, Pete Pohlhammer, Parliamentarian and George Glover, Past Sovereign Grand Master. This is another wrong that should not have taken place and definitely needs to be reversed.

Furthermore, I believe you, on behalf of the Jurisdiction of California, should initiate a grievance at Sovereign Grand Lodge against George Glover, Past Sovereign Grand Master for his overall actions and attitude in our session. The comment/threat personally to me "If the emeritus status is not rescinded I have the permission of Sovereign Grand Master Burns to pull the Charter of California and take it home with me". I personally find the threat to be irresponsible and totally 'unbecoming an Odd Fellow'.

Fraternally,

Ray Link, Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of California, I.O.O.F.

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June 6, 2012  
Grand Master Rod Metoyer  
Grand Lodge Board of Directors  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
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Dear Sirs and Brothers:

This letter is an appeal to the election for Board of Directors held at this year's Grand Lodge sessions in Sacramento, CA., May 16-19. Further it is a request to investigate the activities and unfounded defamatory comments, made by several members of this Order prior to and during the time the sessions were held.

THE ELECTION: Brothers, Paul Wright and Randy Krassow, both incumbent directors of the Grand Lodge Board had complied with requirements of Robert's Code and were listed in the advance proceedings as candidates for the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. On the opening day of sessions, Thursday, May 17th, as required by Code, Bro's. Wright and Krassow names were place before the body as nominees for the two (2) seats open on the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Bro Mel Astrahan name was also placed into nomination. Nominations for other offices proceeded. The Parliamentarian, Pete Pohlhammer, was asked by several members including Grand Secretary Ray Link, how Bro. Astrahan could be nominated since he hadn't meet the requirements for nomination which included sending in his Statement of Qualifications and Letter of Good Standing from his Lodge. Initially Bro. Pohlhammer believed that Bro. Astrahan could be nominated, however after further members questioned this issue Bro. Pohlhammer stated he would review Roberts Code that evening. Upon further review of Roberts Code, specifically as it relates to elections (see attached) Bro Pohlhammer agreed that Bro. Astrahan did not meet the eligibility requirements to be a candidate for the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Bro. Pohlhammer, told this to Grand Master Paul Pike that evening/the next morning. The Grand Master, as I understand it, told Bro. Pohlhammer he didn't care what the Code said he had decided that Bro. Astrahan was an eligible candidate, he had made his decision and that was the way it was going to be. The background to this and other conversations that many members had with the Grand Master during sessions was the false and malicious rumor that was being spread calling into question the integrity of Bro's. Krassow, Ray Link, Jay Johnson, and Larry Brenner. The representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge (PSGM) had heard these rumors and had, as evidenced by his actions, already made up his mind as to any questions regarding Bro's. Krassow, Link, Johnson and Brenner. It was in this atmosphere, that polluted the sessions, that made questioning actions of the Grand Master not only difficult but almost impossible. Bro. Pohlhammer told me and others of his conversation with the Grand Master regarding the eligibility of Bro. Astrahan candidacy. It also became quite apparent to all that the sessions and many decisions made were being controlled by the PSGM rather than Roberts Code and the long standing practices of the Grand Body. The rumors of the PSGM "pulling the charter of the Grand Lodge of California" also began.

After the election for GLBIOD was here held on Friday, May 18th many members began to question the election of Bro Astrahan, not only because the issue of his eligibility, but neither he nor Bro. Krassow had receive the 94 votes that the Grand Secretary had announced has required to be elected. That afternoon and evening, Bro Pohlhammer was questioned about this and again he discussed this the Grand Master Pike, who stated that that regardless of the Code or past practices the elections were over and he had made his decision and declared Bro. Astrahan elected.

As I and others were preparing to bring this matter to the floor, before the whole body, I was told by the PSGM that he was going to announce to the assembled body that he was taking the title of Director Emeritus, which the body the day before had given me, away from me. It was very clear to me by his tone and attitude that the PSGM had believed the vicious rumors about Bro's Link, Johnson, Brenner and myself and was going to punish me wherever possible. Brother Ray Link questioned the PSGM about removing the title Director Emeritus from me and was told by the PSGM that if representatives assembled did not go along with his decision to remove the honorary title from me he was authorized by the SGM, and would, pull the charter of the Grand Lodge of California and take it back with him the SGL offices. With this threat being made I decided that it was in the best interest of the Grand Lodge and myself to pursue the appeal after sessions were held through the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Board.

Clearly Brothers, the requirements to be a candidate for election to the Grand Lodge Board of Directors were not met by Bro. Astrahan, that cannot be in question. Although I could not find in our Roberts Code of California Law a time frame for an appeal of an election, I did find in our Code a reference to use Robert Rules of Order if a subject is not addressed in our Code. Roberts Rules of Order states that there is no "general timeliness" requirement if an individual does not meet the qualifications for the office. Bro. Astrahan, does not meet the qualifications for the office of director as he did not have his qualifications and letter from his Lodge in before sessions started.

As to the malicious rumors, that were being said about Brothers Link, Johnson, Brenner and myself they clearly had an impact on the elections, 29 members did not vote at all, but more importantly they damaged the reputations of good and honest Odd Fellows and ultimately the Order as a whole. Grand Master Rod Metoyer had a meeting we had a week and a half after sessions closed told me that he had received a telephone call a day or two before sessions started from Roberta Prosk informing him that Brothers Link,

Johnson, Brenner and myself were going to depose Grand Master pike at the beginning of sessions, how this would be possible I do not know. Grand Master Metoyer told me that informed Paul Pike of this and that perhaps that is how this rumor got going. Grand Master Metoyer at our meeting told me he was going to question Roberta Prosk who she heard this rumor from and that if she did not tell him he would assume that she started it and he would bring charges against her.

Regardless of who started this rumor and the many others that were going around this session it is clear to all attended that something was terribly wrong. The actions and activities of the members who started and/or spread these malicious lies must be investigated in order to maintain the integrity of the Grand Lodge and clear the names of those of us who were so wrongly accused. Those members, regardless of their offices, then or now, should face the consequences of their actions and be tried for "conduct unbecoming" and/or face impeachment from their offices. Clearly any investigation by whatever body or committee, PGM Pike and Prock would need to excuse themselves from serving on the investigation because of their involvement.

Brothers, I only request a fair and impartial hearing on this matter. Regardless of my friendship with many of you and the dislike that some of you may have for me the Order deserves better than what happened last month in Sacramento. You have the authority and ability to right some wrongs, clear our reputations and demonstrates to all our members that no one in this fraternity is above the laws of our Order and the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth really mean something.

Fraternally yours,  
Randy Krassow

July 30, 2012

Board of Directors,

Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Dear Grand Master, Rodney Metoyer, Elected Officers and Members of the Board of Directors:

I am writing you in my capacity as legal counsel to the Grand Lodge with respect to the legal sufficiency, accuracy, and broad implications of the recent letter dated July 20, 2012, which the Grand Master sent to the Board and individual Lodges of California. There were certain significant errors of law and mistakes of fact in that letter which I believe it is incumbent upon me to correct and clarify.

I have always had the deepest respect for our Order and the hard work and good faith of the members of the Board of Directors and the elected officers who have served so admirably over these many years. I am mindful of these sentiments even in this situation where my professional duty to you compels me to dispute certain legal interpretations made in the July 20th letter. It is important to emphasize that the Code of General Laws and the Robert's Rules of Order do not give any authority to the Grand Master to overturn a legitimate and valid vote of the Board of Directors. When the fraternal and business affairs of the Grand Lodge of California were divided in 1990 through the incorporation of the Grand Lodge and the creation of the Board of Directors (a structure which the Sovereign Grand Lodge approved at the time), that separation was codified and placed in Article VIII, Rules and Practices, Section 8 of the Robert's Rules of Order. Section 8 provides that: "the Grand Master shall have general authority over the ritualistic and ceremonial affairs of the Grand Lodge and the units of the Order." Section 9 provides that "the Board of Directors shall, during the adjournment of the annual Grand Lodge Session, have general authority over the business, financial and legal affairs of the Grand Lodge." It is also clear that conformity with the Rules of our Order with respect to elections is a legal matter and not a ritual one. The propriety of an election as to whether it occurred in congruence with procedural rules and Laws of the Order are legal rules over which the Grand Lodge Board of Directors has clear and sole authority. In short, when the Board voted to invalidate the election of an individual because he could not, under our rules, be nominated in the first place, then it had clear authority to do so and the Grand Master he has no authority to override it.

In addition, an illegal nomination and resulting election cannot be ratified. Our laws clearly state that there cannot be any nomination from the floor (except in the unlikely event no nominations have been made that comply with our rules). Article IX, Chapter iii, Section 7b, explicitly states that "each nominee for office shall comply with Section 12b of this Chapter in order to be an eligible candidate." Section 12b provides that anyone to be elected a member of the Board of Directors must, prior to April 1, provide a Statement of Qualifications as well as a letter of good standing from his or her Lodge. With all due respect to Brother Astrahan, no letter of good standing and no Statement of Qualification was provided by April 1. The primary reason for requiring nominees to turn in their papers early rather than taking nominations from the floor was that the body wanted those running for offices to be prepared to accept the duties, responsibilities and time commitments of the office and to avoid the sudden election of an unknown surprise candidate. Thus, Brother Astrahan's nomination was invalid from the moment it was made. Additionally, contrary to the assertions made in the Grand Master's letter, no motion to suspend the Bylaws as they pertain to the election was ever made. I have listened to the recording of the action to which the Grand Master refers and that motion was made to vary the order of business not to suspend the rules. More importantly, a motion to suspend the rules for an election is not permitted as the rules of due process cannot be suspended. Finally, the timeliness of the objection to the validity of the election is also not an argument that can be made because when our rules do not speak to a specific issue, the Robert's Rules of Order (not the

Rules of the Grand Lodge) state that objections to the propriety of an election can be made at any time during the illegal office holder's tenure.

Furthermore, the actions of Grand Master, Paul Pike, and for that matter, Past Sovereign Grand Master, Glover, were also without legal authority. In fact, when the parliamentarian, Pete Pohlhammer told the Grand Master of the ineligibility of the nomination and again when he told the Grand Master of the need for a second ballot since the previously announced required majority vote had not taken place, the Grand Master informed the parliamentarian that he didn't care what the Code said and that he, the Grand Master, was going to declare the election over, despite the illegal nomination and the failure to achieve the majority required. The fact is he did not have this authority just as he did not have the authority to overturn the Body's vote on having the sessions next year in Visalia instead of what the Body overwhelmingly voted for, Modesto. The sad fact is that the Rules and Procedures which have been put into place to guarantee due process and equal protection were not followed in this past session and it is the obligation of the Board of Directors to remedy this situation and see that this Body, our Order, adheres to its own Rules. That responsibility was taken by the Board of Directors at their last meeting and it is their sole responsibility to do so. While I am not privy to whatever oral communications were had with the Sovereign Grand Master, it nevertheless remains a fact that this is a legal issue and should be handled by the Body given the authority to handle legal affairs.

In light of the foregoing, it is my professional, studied, legal opinion that since the Board of Directors moved, seconded and voted that the nomination and election of Brother Astrahan was invalid thereby resulting in the election of the only two individuals running for the two offices, notwithstanding the opinion expressed in the July 20th letter by the Grand Master, this decision must stand and the Board is fully authorized to take action to implement that vote at its next Board Meeting. The Board should take actions necessary to remove the taint of a violation of due process in the functioning of our Order.

Finally, I would like to comment on the continuing predisposition of certain elected officers to blame legal counsel for actions that they have taken. While I cannot comment, having been out of the country on Grand Master Metoyer's suggestion that he was forced to sign this letter by legal counsel, I do believe my partner, Thornton Kontz, has in no uncertain terms rejected such an allegation. For my part, I, again reject in the strongest possible terms, Grand Master Breeland's statement that legal counsel forced him to sign his letter that was addressed to the Alisal Lodge. Not only do I know that not to be true but I have reviewed certain emails in which Grand Master Breeland clearly stated to all of the members of the board his willingness to sign that letter and I will happily make these available. While this may seem a personal matter rather than one impacting the Order, it is important not because it is an unfair charge against my professional integrity but because it represents a failure of Grand Masters to take responsibility for their actions. Just as it is incumbent upon the Board of Directors to act responsibly in managing the business, financial and legal affairs of this organization that has under its control more than \$800 million, it is also incumbent upon Grand Masters to accept along with the accolades that rightfully go with the office of Grand Master the responsibility to be accountable for any actions that they take.

While this has been a difficult letter to write to individuals with whom I have worked for many years and for whom I have the highest respect, it is also imperative that our Order act in a way that is true to itself and to its Rules and Regulations. In short, we either are going to use our Codes and Regulations as guidelines to our conduct or we should forget them altogether.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE M. BRENNER

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To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of California

Re: The Grand Masters report in the advanced proceeding

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, the Grand Master report is a valuable tool that will be printed in the Journals of our order for the preservation of the history of the current year. 100+ years from now these pages and reports will be read and appreciated by the membership of our future.

It is for this reason that our Lodge will have to take exception to the Grand Masters report in whole, which is very poorly written and edited, but in specific terms the comments made by the Grand Master of our Noble Grand.

At our visit of the Grand Master on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 we started with a wonderful dinner at the Olive Garden which was well attended by several members of the lodges in our district as well as the Grand Master, his wife and a couple of his officers. After dinner, all adjourned to our Lodge hall which was set up for our meeting and prepared for refreshments afterwards. The meeting opened in form, followed the ritual, and had a visit as a body by Livermore #219 and an installation of 2 officers by our DDGM Richard Perry.

Our Lodge has shown, in all its meetings that we are well versed in our charges, present our minutes and warrants in the proper manner and are all dedicated to our Lodge and its outcomes. This is not something we do lightly, we follow these processes at all meetings, whether there is an official visitor or not.

It is understandable that in the event of a larger crowd, the Noble Grand can exhibit signs of nerves, but does not mean he "needs some instruction". Our chairs are filled, we do have supporting membership, and we take offence to the comments in this report that do not mention the many good things we accomplished at this visit of our Grand Master, but are all negative and derogatory... calling out our Noble Grand by name, when it is not done in any other case through his report, making it seem that the comment was meant to be a direct and purposeful insult to one member.

Our Lodge respectfully asks this body to recommend that the comments of our Noble Grand be removed from the Grand Masters report before it is submitted to print in the journal.

In Friendship Love and Truth

Nancy Johnson



Secretary

Mission Peak Lodge #114

**REPORT #3**  
**DEPUTY GRAND MASTER REPORT**

Submitted by: Rick Boyles #3

To the Officers and Members of the Jurisdiction of California, I, Rick Boyles, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California submit this report of my term for 2012 – 2013.

First, I would like to thank my lodges for their support, specifically, Oakland Encinal Lodge #3, and Mission Peak Lodge #114.

Secondly, I would also like to thank my sponsor, Past Grand Master Gene Breeland, for his wise counsel. He is a wonderful sponsor. I also thank other members who have assisted me a great deal, Jay Johnson, Ray Link, Randy Krassow, Peter Sellars, Dave Rosenberg, Don Smith and quite a few others who have given me sage advice that often is much better than my own judgment.

Lastly, I thank my wife, Laurie, and my children, Michael, Jamie and Jessica for putting up with me and allowing me to be absent more often than a father should be.

Rather than bore everyone with what I did this past year, it might be more important to visit what I feel should be done. My recommendations are not in the form of necessary legislation but rather in a general plea to the order to maintain civility and reduce the raucous rhetoric we seem to have spread over the last year or two. It simply does not matter which end of the political spectrum you come from, what is more important is how do you interact with your fellow members? If we fail to co-exist with our own members how do we expect to get new members? This coming year, I will be serving as your Grand Master and I will implore all members to handle themselves with decorum and stop all this quibbling. No outsider would like to join a group that is so divisive. If we can't see this, then we are truly blind.

Recommendations:

- D. We must revise the way in which we handle trials and offenses. Lodges are quickly going away because of inner turmoil. No member on either side of an issue should be allowed to decimate a lodge. However, we also have to relate the penalty to the offense, to ensure that a member's rights are not abused. We may want to consider other methods by which to handle unruly members other than trials which tend to only prolong the turmoil. The objective of trials is generally to get rid of a member whom does not fit into the psychological make-up of a lodge. If a lodge determines that a member or members clash with the rest of their lodge, it should be evident that the rights of the many outweigh the rights of the few. It could be beneficial to both the member on trial and the members within the lodge to discuss other options such as the member being tried simply moving to another lodge, if the charges are not severe. This has been done a number of times without further incident. We may want to consider this option prior to continuing trials which seem to drag on forever.
- E. Our order is shrinking quickly. We need to be cognizant of this fact. We can no longer hide our heads in the sand, and say that the old ways will save us, because it is obvious that we must adapt to today's world or face the closure of more and more of our lodges. If we simply close more lodges due to the lack of attendance we are ignoring our final opportunity to adapt. It is time to wake up and realize that we are not stuck in the 1920's. If our goal is simply to block progress, to impede growth, and fight amongst ourselves, then we have already lost.
- F. We must ensure that we operate within legal guidelines. This extends to all avenues of our order, particularly where minors are involved, such as the Mi-Wuk Village Youth Camp. We must dedicate ourselves to having our counselors certified at camp. We have to look at the long range picture in all matters and not just take the short view.
- G. We must end all divisive behavior. None of us should think it acceptable to demean another member's character publicly. In the last few years, there have been differing political views on several subjects but this does not make one view the correct one. The important thing for all of

us to remember is that we are all part of this great benevolent group and that whatever our differences, we should maintain decorum or all is lost. Some prominent members get to the point where they won't speak to another member simply due to their differences. This is counterproductive. We must learn to work together if we are to survive. If we can do that, then all else is simple.

In F., L., & T., Rick Boyles, Deputy Grand Master

**REPORT #4**  
**GRAND WARDEN REPORT**  
Submitted by: Timothy Brown #12

To the Officers and members of the Jurisdiction of California, I Timothy Brown, Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of California submit this report of my activities during my term as Grand Warden for 2012-2013.

In May 2012 attended Joint Planning board meeting at the conclusion of Grand Lodge sessions to discuss further plans for the upcoming year.

On June 6th I attended the Grand Lodge Board meeting in Saratoga, on the 16th I honored RA Pheobe Astill reception At Grass Valley #12. Later in June 22-24 I participated in the Youth Camp festival, in which we Honored Grand Chaplain Marty Havenga with her reception.

In July I assisted Grand Master Rod Metoyer on his Official visit to Woodland #111 on July 10th, on July 17th I attended an official visit to Napa#18. I was special deputy and sent to Senora #10 on request of the Grand Master. On the 24th of July I attended Gilroy #154 for an Official visit with the Grand Master.

In August I attended the Grand Lodge Board meeting on the 4th, on the 11th I went to Gilroy for the Grand Master and RA receptions, The 12th I attended the Home Barbeque in Saratoga, on Aug 25th I attended Sacramento School of Instruction .

In September on the 1st and 2nd I participated in the Cave Degree and had my official visit to Yreka #19, On the 11th I went with the Grand Master to his Official visit to Orland #218, the 15th I visited Volcano Historical Lodge for the annual homecoming. On the 20th I went to a official visit to Little Lake #227 in Willits. I traveled to the Grand Conductors reception on the 22nd in Cupertino, I finished the month by participating in a consolidation in Windsor on the 25th.

In October on the 3rd we had an official visit to Senora #10, on the 5th I attended the Grand Lodge Board meeting in Saratoga, on the 5th I also attended RA Bay Area Days in San Jose. On the 7th I attended an official visit at Pine Tree #46 in Tuolumne, on the 10th I made my official visit to Redding #271, on the 13th I attended the 150th anniversary on San Pablo lodge, and on the 27th I attended the Grand Color Bearer reception in Santa Cruz.

In November I traveled to Geyserville #176 for an Official visit with the Grand Master.

In December on the 1st I went to Saratoga for out Grand Lodge Board meeting and Christmas Dinner at the Saratoga Home, on the 8th I attended the Grand lodge officers Christmas Party in Hollister and then the Rebekah Children Christmas Party in Gilroy on the 9th. On the 11th I attended an official visit to Saratoga #428. I was sent to Upper Lake #421 on the 12th to perform a consolidation, on the 20th I went to memento #37 in Georgetown for a official visit.

In January I went with the Grand Master and other Officers to attend Davis Installation.

In February I attended the Grand Lodge Board Meeting on the 3rd in Saratoga, on the 9th I returned to Davis for the First Odd Fellows Grand Ball, on the 20th I went to Romero #413 for an official visit.

In March on the 2nd I attended RA So Cal Days in El Cajon, on the 7th we had an official visit to Lompoc #248. On March 20th I attended an official visit to Bay Rock #300 in Morrow Bay. I went with the Grand Instructor to San Pablo Lodge #43 in Vallejo for an official audit on the 25th. In April I Attended the Board meeting on the 6th in Saratoga, on the 12th I attended the RA Color Bearer/Chaplain

reception in Sacramento, on the 13th I returned to Sacramento Lodge for RA Golden valley Days, I visited Osceola Lodge #215 on the 18th. I was part of the consolidation of Oriental #45 into Sacramento on the 25th. On the 26th I participated on an official visit to Oceanside #346, I attended the Grand Conductor reception on the 27th in Davis, and will be attending Grand Lodge sessions in May In Sacramento to finish my term as Grand Warden.

I wish to thank my sponsor Past Grand Master Paul Pike, Grand Master Rodney Metoyer, PGM Barry Prock, PGM Gene Breeland, Grass Valley #12 and the Officers in whom I have had the privilege to serve with.

Lastly I wish to thank my wife Nancy and family for allowing me continue on the path I have chosen.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

- H) In a Trial Situation, I would recommend that before a trial can proceed, a mediation panel could be formed to eliminate and overview the charges to see if they are justified before a trial can proceed. In the mediation process a positive outcome may curve a costly and damaging impact to the lodge and its members.
- I) As we look into the future, we must concentrate on building up the membership with new ways of informing people by using muti-media and modern technology as a guide to our future.
- J) Lodges must not just search out new members, but they need to apply their skills in retaining the members they have, and welcoming back members who no longer attend meetings.

**REPORT #5**  
**GRAND SECRETARY REPORT**  
Submitted by: Ray Link #1  
**PREFACE TO REPORT #5**

***I feel compelled to take this opportunity to answer what I feel are unwarranted attacks on my character, integrity and principles. A voluminous amount of the legislation coming from the State of the Order committee is directed at the Grand Secretary position, and I believe, me personally. This attack on my character through the legislative process is, I believe; without merit, vindictive and hateful towards me personally and harmful to the Grand Secretary position and the Grand Lodge that the office serves.***

I believe this stems from my involvement as the Grand Secretary with the issues surrounding the Rose Parade Float these past several years. The recent Rose Parade Float situation began in 2009 when the GLBOD was informed by then Grand Master Barry Prock that he was going to pay off the 2007 float debt of \$28,000.00 using funds from the \$150,000.00 the Grand Body that had been authorized to be used for TV commercials encouraging membership in the Order. This \$150,000.00 television commercial money was to come from the Membership/Promotional Fund. Many members of the Order felt that this was not what the membership intended when they granted the \$150,000.00 disbursement from the Membership Promotional Fund.

Concerns began to increase about the growing debt incurred by the LAPDDA for each year's float, the lack of fundraising success to pay for the floats and the complete lack of over sight or input by the Grand Lodge, which under our By-laws at that time made the Grand Lodge financially responsible. It was around this time that the GLBOD and then Grand Master Gene Breeland were informed that the Rose Parade committee's annual budget was almost twice the \$75,000.00 that we had been told for years was the cost for participation in the Rose Parade. We also found out at that time there were multiple checking accounts held by the Rose Parade committee. With this information along with the notice that the Rose Parade committee had not raised enough money for the 2008 float your GL Board decided to send a survey out to the Lodges to determine the level of financial support there was for the float going

forward. There were multiple questions and answers on each survey and below are the results of that survey:

138 (100.0%) Lodges participated

15 (10.87%) Lodges would support the Float in principle and donations

123 (89.13%) Lodges would not support the Float with funds

With these overwhelming results the GLBOD submitted legislation to eliminate the Float from our Code relieving the Grand Lodge from all financial responsibility for the float in the future. As this situation continued and the debt grew with each new float built, the GLBOD was informed by the builders of the Rose Parade Float and their attorney that based on the Roberts Code, Code of General Laws and the payment made by Grand Master Barry Prock they were looking to the Grand Lodge as the party responsible for the past due debt and were prepared to sue the Grand Lodge for payment of over \$65,000.00. To avoid a costly lawsuit and recognizing the ties created by the Code, the GLBOD reached a settlement with the (Phoenix Corporation) float builders for a onetime payment of \$63,000.00 for all past debt and liability and a release of all future liability related to the Rose Parade float.

The GLBOD, along with this payment to the float builders, also required that the Rose Parade committee form a Corporation separate from the Grand Lodge to build the Rose Parade floats. This new corporation was to bear full responsibility, financial and otherwise for the annual Rose Parade float, the committee agreed and began forming the new corporation. The initial application from Rose Parade committee to form a 501 C tax exempt organization contained information that I believe was incorrect and misleading, including a tie to our Children's Home that did not exist. I alerted the GLBOD and the SGL of this because I thought it could create a tax exemption issue which would affect all of us. The SGL, through its attorney issued a letter to the Rose Parade Float committee questioning the validity statements they made in their application to the IRS and informing them the Rose Parade Float was not officially recognized by the SGL.

Excerpt from Sovereign Grand Lodge Session and Journal of Proceedings

Report No.124

Rep. Kane of Rhode Island from the Committee on Constitutions.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O. F.:

Your Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the new By-Laws not reviewed by the Sovereign Grand Warden. Past District Deputies Association of Los Angeles County (Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Rose Float). The Committee referred the By-Laws to Legal Counsel R. Kenneth Babb for review and beg leave to report the Committee has carefully considered said By-Laws and would recommend they **NOT** be adopted.

Signed by the Committee

Report from R. Kenneth Babb, Legal Counsel:

The Constitutions Committee has received the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Odd Fellows Past District Deputies Association of Los Angeles County.

The Committee finds that the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws are not approved.

The stated reason in Section 2 for establishing the Corporation in the By-Laws is "exclusively for the purpose of providing educational opportunities to students and assistance to underprivileged and orphaned children".

The stated goals in Section 3 of the By-Laws "are to help the UNEPY, Inc."

The stated purpose of the Corporation in Article II of the Articles of Incorporation says that the Corporation is organized, and will be operated exclusively for the purpose of providing educational opportunities to students and assistance to underprivileged and orphaned children.

The Past District Deputies Association used the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the purpose of obtaining Federal Income Tax exemption under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This Committee feels that the Past District Deputies Association should have submitted its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to this Committee prior to making application for 501 (C) (3) tax exempt status. The Committee does not believe that the stated reason for establishing the Corporation, the goals and the purpose of the Corporation are accurate and are not the true reason goals and purpose.

The Committee directs the Past District Deputies Association to cease any affiliation with The Sovereign Grand Lodge and the UNEPY, Inc. based on these By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation.

Letter from Ken Babb, SGL Legal Counsel

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August 24, 2011

Roberta Prosk  
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Re: Odd Fellows Past District Deputies Association of Los Angeles County

Dear Ms. Prosk:

I represent the Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF. As you are aware from the meeting you attended with the Executive Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF on Thursday, August 18, 2011, there are great concerns about the direction that the Odd Fellows Past District Deputies Association of Los Angeles County (hereafter Association) has taken regarding their corporate structure and solicitation plans. Based on information that you provided to the Constitutions Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF, the Association executed Articles of Incorporation March 3, 2011 and By-Laws which show a revision date August 1, 2011. Certain provisions in these documents are disturbing to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF. These provisions are set out below:

**Articles of Incorporation – Article II**

This Corporation is a nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public and charitable purposes.

The Corporation is organized, and will be operated, exclusively for the purpose of providing educational opportunities to students and assistance to underprivileged and orphaned children.

**By-Laws – Article I, Section 2**

The Corporation is established exclusively for the purpose of providing educational opportunities to students and assistance to underprivileged and orphaned children.

R. KENNETH BABB  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW

Ms. Prosk  
August 24, 2011  
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It is the position of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF that the Association has not accurately stated the true purpose of Association when it states that the purpose is providing educational opportunities to students and assistance to underprivileged and orphaned children. Never in the 58 years of the Association has any assistance been provided in the way of educational opportunities to students and assistance to underprivileged and orphaned children. For that matter, to our knowledge, never in the 58 years has the Association provided any assistance to any entity outside the Rose Float. Our understanding is that the Association has a present deficit of approximately \$90,000.00 for 2010 and 2011.

It appears to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF that “providing educational opportunities to students and assistance to underprivileged and orphaned children” has only been used in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Association in order to obtain exemption from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The fact that Odd Fellows sponsor a float and because a television viewer sees the float and decides to make a contribution to someone needing an education or who is orphaned is a stretch at best of the true purpose for which the Association exists. To connect the float with possible contributions is far reaching and deceptive. Based on statements made by you in the meeting of August 18, 2011, the Association plans to solicit corporate and other persons or entities outside the Order for funding of the Rose Float, allowing to such entities or persons tax deductibility of their donations. The Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF code of laws provides for recognition of the Association for the purpose of entering a float in the parade. It further provides that the Association shall be authorized to solicit donations from Lodges to help defray the expenses of sponsoring a float. It appears that the Association has taken steps to go well beyond the authority given in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF code of laws to solicit Lodges.

For all of the reasons stated above, the Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF instructs the Association to immediately cease from any association with the Sovereign Grand Lodge, IOOF since it began operating under the current Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Our recognition of the Association to establish a committee to enter a float and authority to solicit donations from Odd Fellow Lodges pursuant to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws, Chapter XXXI, Section 8(A)(B), is hereby withdrawn. We cannot condone or approve the course of action that the Association has taken operating under the above referenced Articles of Incorporation.

Please also be advised that Sovereign Grand Master Delmar Burns will not participate in the construction of the Association’s float, nor ride on the float as a participant. If you have questions contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,  
R. Kenneth Babb  
RKB:tbk  
cc: Delmar Burns, SGM  
Terry L. Barrett, SGS  
George Glover, PSGM  
Ray Link, GS California

Another charge leveled at me as Grand Secretary is that I do nothing when I attend the SGL sessions. The last two years I have been in on several meetings with the Executive Committee of SGL involving situations directly related to the Grand Lodge and have provided documentation, both written and recorded to substantiate a number of issues of importance to California. The documentation I have provided to SGL has helped clear misunderstandings and incorrect assumptions made based on false information they have received. I have also attended committee meetings' involving the 'Model Constitution' that SGL is attempting to finalize for their Code. California has numerous issues that make it difficult for SGL to put into the Model Constitution without creating legal issues for us. I believe that my presence at the SGL is essential to the daily business operations of GL. At SGL sessions I am always mindful that I represent California and its unique position within our Order nationwide. I am also keenly aware at all times of the faith and trust the members of California have placed in me and I conduct myself accordingly. To deprive the Grand Lodge of California of its Grand Secretary at the annual SGL sessions only serves to weaken it.

Copy of an email sent to the Office (Jay Johnson) for distribution.

Sent: Sunday, August 19, 2012 3:09 PM

To: XO-J.JOHNSONc

Subject: Re: SGL

We met with SGL exec committee for 2.5 hours yesterday. I had all of my docs with me and the SGM was shown some info that he had not been told before - imagine that. The bottom line to everything is because no one disputed the different issues at the time there was NO change of mind by the SGM. He did agree that the Appeal Committee's upcoming decision needs to be the final decision. If the GLBOD votes to accept the decision it will need to be ratified by the GL members next May. Then any further appeal would go to SGL

Barry was the only one who spoke for them. I was not originally invited to be present even though I called Rod at 8AM and asked to let me know when he heard when the meeting was to happen. I had spoken to Terry and Chuck and they were responsible for having me and the docs at the meeting.

Rod, Barry and Paul were together at all times. Rod never spoke or called the whole time.

Ray, Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

There are a great number of other situations and issues that have come up over the last four years that have taken a great deal of GLBOD time and my time. These issues often require a great deal of research and finesse to bring to successful resolution. Besides the Rose Parade Float these other issues problems surrounding Lodges and their cemeteries, Missing Cemetery Trust Funds, Youth Camp potential liability, many instances of stolen or misappropriated Lodge funds, Lodge building disrepair issues, and on and on.

A few years back the GLBOD, of which I proudly serve, began giving verbal reports with a question and answer session at our annual GL sessions. The membership has shown its appreciation for this new format by giving the Board a loud appreciative applause after each report and many nice comments made about the work of the Board during the Q & A session. For some reason, unknown to me, last year a vicious rumor was spread by some who wished to discredit me personally and others who have faithfully served this Order. In this poisoned atmosphere they also worked to create and foster a distrust and dislike of the GL office and the GL Board of Directors. I understand that my position as your Grand Secretary and the Boards duties and responsibilities to the corporation sometimes put us at odds with some individual lodges and lodge members, including at times Grand Lodge officers. This however arises when issues or situations require that we follow our duties and responsibilities as officers and directors of the corporation and as your representatives that are charged with protecting and securing the assets and image of this great Order. It is not always easy to do what is right and what your office requires of you, it can put you at odds with some and it often requires that you take unpopular positions on issues. Quite often doing what's right allows those who wish you ill an opportunity to discredit you

and your work. They twist the truth to serve their own ends regardless of the hurt it does others. As I've said many times over the years I believe in Odd Fellowship and its principles. I am proud of my family's long history of service to the Order. I did not run for the Grand Secretary position to win any popularity contest. I did it to work situations that I saw being neglected and passed over and not really beneficial for the Order I love and to serve as a way of paying the Order back for all it has given to me. I want to see us put an end to the rumors, the misrepresentations lies that are continuously swirling around. It needs to end before anyone else is hurt and before it damages beyond repair Odd Fellowship in California.

### REGULAR PORTION OF THE REPORT

To the Officers, Representatives and Members of this Grand Lodge, I submit to you this report on behalf of the Grand Lodge office and its Staff for the fiscal term 4/1/2012 thru 3/31/2013.

The Grand Lodge office is currently operating and running with the following improvements:

1. [www.caioof.org](http://www.caioof.org) our Grand Lodge of California web page which is being updated constantly whenever the Office receives new and current information. The web page does include the other Branches of the Order that are willing give us their current information. PLEASE NOTE: the web page has many of the forms, reports and other materials that can be downloaded and printed.
2. a Facebook page dedicated to our Jurisdiction. This should be of some interest and has generated a large number of inquiries relative to membership and local Lodge information.
3. email addresses for every Lodge in an effort to be able to communicate with all of the lodges at one time. This should eventually cut down on the postage used by the Office. The Office will be able to communicate with the lodges regarding on ongoing activities, general office forms, place and receive orders and basically transact normal business in a more up-to-date manner. Lodges will be able to communicate with other lodges and promote fraternal activities. PLEASE NOTE: Lodges need to open and empty the unread emails to allow for new emails to be received.

I wish to thank both Jay Johnson and Marty Havenga for their effort, time and the considerate manner in which they handle the requests and needs of our members and the lodges of this Jurisdiction.

Jay Johnson, Office Manager and Grand Treasurer is responsible for all of the financial activity and the electronic capabilities within the Grand Lodge Office. He has, with the support of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, implemented a number of new ways to generate additional income for the Grand Lodge in a concerted effort to keep the Per Capita Tax at its current level, which is low and to once again build up our reserve account which had been used to assist in Lodge and Cemetery situations.

Marty Havenga, Office Clerk is responsible for taking care of the Orders from lodges and members, handles the mailings and generally assists whenever and wherever possible.

It was with regret that I accepted Daniel Honniball's resignation in October of 2012. I personally thanked him for all he did for the Grand Lodge Office and wished him well.

We at the Grand Lodge Office wish to continue our services to all of the Lodges and Members as is the duty and responsibility we have as a fraternal organization. We also are continually looking to improve our operation and thereby offer even better service to the lodges and members

Here are some of the issues that continue to be ongoing and need to be addressed:

**Lodge Halls:** It seems that a number of Lodge Halls are NOT being properly maintained. Over the last number of years the lack of proper maintenance has created a financial problem for the Lodges and a liability concern for both the Lodges and Grand Lodge as the parent organization.

**Lodge Issues:** We still continue to encounter Lodges with financial and membership issues. Rather than asking for assistance they seem to ignore the situations until it is too late which then causes the Lodge to go away.

**Annual Reports:** Once again this year there were some Lodges still experiencing problems with completing the report forms. The main problem seems to be that the Lodges are not properly reconciling their checking accounts. The amount shown as the "Beginning Balance" should be the same amount as shown on previous report as your "Ending Balance". These dollar amounts along with the beginning

membership numbers are shown on the Sovereign Grand Lodge (SGL) reports that the Grand Lodge is required to return to the SGL by April 15th of each year. When these numbers and amounts differ, it creates a problem for both Grand Lodge and the SGL. There remains a significant number of Lodges who do NOT file their reports in a timely manner. This results in late filings to SGL and the possibility of penalties assessed by the SGL against our Grand Lodge. The “Annual Report” continues to change slightly in an effort to simplify the report. The goal is have all lodges receive their individual report via email, complete the report, print a copy for the lodge and then return it back to Grand Lodge.

The report would include cells with embedded formulas to assist in the calculations needed and thereby eliminate the majority of errors involved with the “Annual Reports”. The Lodges have the option to pay the Per Capita either once a year in January or pay half in January and the remaining portion in June, but just one (1) report to be filled out every year. I would like to emphasis the following information to every Lodge’s attention because there are still a number of Lodges who still do not adhere to any one of the three items listed below:

**Incorporation:** Chapter IV-B10, Section 1. Odd Fellow Lodges, Paragraph G. Incorporation, Subsections 1 through 4 on page 104 of the Roberts Code of California Laws. This section is mandatory and needs to be done by ALL Lodges.

**Insurance:** Chapter IV-B11, Section 1. Odd Fellow Lodges, Paragraph H. Property, Subsection (5), Subparagraphs (a) through (c) on pages 105 and 106 of the Roberts Code of California Laws. Insurance is mandatory in order to protect the Members, Lodges and Grand Lodge and should be purchased by ALL Lodges, especially a Liability and Fire policy.

**Membership Dues:** Article V, Chapter IV-A4, Sec. 6. The annual dues of each REGULAR contributing member of a Lodge shall be established in the By-Laws and shall be not less than the existing per-capita tax – which is currently \$45.00.

I wish to thank and acknowledge some of the other individuals who have assisted me throughout this year and helped make this another, I believe, successful year for the Grand Lodge Office. Tracy Levine, CPA, who monitors our financial activity on a monthly basis and keeps Jay on the straight and narrow, Larry Brenner, Attorney, James Bargetto, Financial Advisor, Conrad Seales, Tax Advisor and Tom O’Rourke, Insurance Broker. All of these individuals help make the Grand Lodge Office run smoothly and assist in serving the Lodges and Members of California.

Don Smith, for being my friend since 1986 and sponsor since 1990, when I first became involved in the Grand Lodge. Margareut Oleson, RA Secretary, for her cooperation whenever it has been needed by me or the Grand Lodge Office.

To Grand Master, Rod Metoyer, it has been a difficult year, however I hope the differences encountered did not disrupt your year. To Rick Boyles and Tim Brown I wish you good luck, good health and safe travels as you move forward in Odd Fellowship.

To the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, this has really been a year to remember for all of us. I trust your report to the membership will detail the issues that have been encountered this year and those we may still face in the near future. A very special “Thank You” to Randy Krassow for all of his time, effort and contributions to the Order and Board dealing with all of the complicated and delicate issues, especially the cemeteries that have surfaced in the last number of years, many of which we are still working on. His dedication to our Order should never be forgotten or diminished.

To the Boards of the Odd Fellow Homes of California and California Odd Fellows Foundation, I thank you for your continued patience as I learn the needs of your Boards and the individual members.

I especially want to thank my wife, Joyce for her support and tolerance as I continue to relentlessly try and fulfill the business duties of this office. She is always there to assist me and often times, renders some good and well meaning advice. She also serves as the ‘Grand Caterer’ and provides catering services for the Grand Lodge Board of Director’s meetings, which gives me one less thing to worry about. Thank you again, many times over. Your continued support and encouragement keeps me going – I love you very much.

(All of the Membership & Lodge information based on Annual Reports received as of 3/31/2013)

**MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012**

	<u>Bros</u>	<u>Sis</u>	<u>Mbrs</u>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON 01/01/2012</b>	<b>3,770</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>4,783</b>
MEMBERS ADDED	323	138	461
MEMBERS DEDUCTED	392	97	489
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON 12/31/2012</b>	<b>3,701</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>4,755</b>
NET GAIN OR LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP	-069	+041	-028
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	202	58	260
NON-CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS	83	8	91
<b>DUES PAYING MEMBERS (SGL PCT)</b>	<b>3,416</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>4,404</b>

**TEN LARGEST LODGES IN TOTAL MEMBERSHIP**

CALIFORNIA #1	341	LODI #269	120
APOLLO #123	296	VACAVILLE #83	104
YERBA BUENA #15	247	FRANCO-AMERICA #207	96
DAVIS #169	188	SANTA ROSA #53	90
GOLDEN WEST #322	164	MT. BROW #82	88

**TEN LODGES SHOWING LARGEST NET GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP - INITIATIONS**

YERBA BUENA #15	26	MONTEZUMA #172	24
DAVIS #169	17	OCEANVIEW #143	17
AMERICA #385	16	VACAVILLE #83	14
OCEANSIDE #346	13	CALIFORNIA #1	12
SARATOGA #428	11	APOLLO #123	9

**LODGE SUMMARY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012**

<b>ODD FELLOW LODGES AS OF: 01/01/2012</b>	<b>131</b>
LODGES INSTITUTED	000
LODGES REINSTITUTED	000
LODGES CONSOLIDATED	003
LODGE CHARTERS SURRENDERED	001
LODGE CHARTERS SUSPENDED	001
<b>ODD FELLOW LODGES AS OF: 12/31/2012</b>	<b>126</b>

**LODGE CONSOLIDATIONS (3)**

HEALDSBURG #64 > OSCEOLA #215	09/25/2012
SAN DIEGO #153 > OCEANSIDE #346	09/28/2012
SEQUOIA #14 > UPPER LAKE #241	12/12/2012

**CHARTERS SURRENDERED (1)**

SAN BERNBE #358	10/02/2012
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**CHARTERS SUSPENDED (1)**

EL CENTRO #397	10/10/2012
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**13 LODGES HAVE NOT YET FILED THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS AS OF 3/31/2013.**

The membership of these Lodges is: 321 members, we pay SGL \$18.50 per member.

The amount of PCT we had to pay SGL without the reports is: **\$ 5,938.50.**

**REPORT #6A**  
**GRAND TREASURER REPORT**  
 Submitted by Jay Johnson #114

It is an honor and pleasure for me to serve you as your Grand Treasurer. With the assistance of the Grand Secretary Ray Link, John Morgan, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, Grand Lodge Board of Directors, Grand Lodge Office CPA Tracy Levine, Grand Lodge CPA Conrad Seales, Grand Lodge Attorney Larry Brenner, Grand Lodge Insurance Tom O'Rourke and our Office Staff Marty Havenga, we have been able to continue to bring about positive changes in the operations of the Grand Lodge office. Working together we have implemented programs and strategies that have led to greater accountability from individual Lodges, their Boards and Officers and through this we have managed to help preserve assets of the Order. Once again there is **No Increase In Per Capita Tax This Year**. As your Grand Treasurer my commitment to you is, I will work to preserve and grow the assets of the Order. The overall state of our financial outlook has never looked better. (See GT Table A, below) The chart is broken into four areas; Income, Investments, Office Salaries, and a comparison of Income vs. Expenses. This year alone \$210,000 was put back into our Grand Lodge Portfolio. This will be the first year that the budget does not ask for all the earnings. Instead the budget only calls for \$2,000 per month to offset expenses and keep per capita at \$45.00.

Cash accounts at Wells Fargo Bank continue to be in line with the maximum FDIC insurance coverage by transferring excess funds to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and maximizing our earnings. Through this strategy we have been earning on about 7.34% on our investments. Grand Lodge continues to loan lodges funds at a reasonable rate. The interest earnings from those loans are now part of our General Fund Accounts. This enables Grand Lodge to continue supporting the work of the order. To upgrade and make better use of technology which will enable us to improve services. We have started to utilize SKYPE. This service allows users to communicate with peers by voice using a microphone, video by using a webcam over the Internet. Clarence Woodbey, Grand Lodge Director has been able to log on to view and participate in our Board meetings from his home to represent Southern California while recuperating from surgery. I hope that we can have a permanent site at a lodge in Southern, Northern, and Central California to set up and host the board meetings live for all third degree members. If you have not already, please visit the Grand Lodge's updated web site. (<http://www.caioof.org/>) Also FaceBook at <http://www.facebook.com/GrandLodgeOfCalifornia>. We have also been able to issue an email address to every lodge. Once all lodges have had time to adjust to having email, publications will be emailed and uploaded to the Grand Lodge web page. This will help with the continuing increases in postage and allow lodges and members to receive information and forms faster. I will continue to work with the budget committee to keep the Per Capita Tax as affordable as possible impacting the level of service Grand Lodge provides to individual Lodges, to maintain sufficient assets for our future, and the obligation we owe our State and Country as a tax exempt organization.

All lodges are required to file a 990 form, which is located on the internet: Log onto the internet with: (<http://www.irs.gov/eo>). California Tax Requirement: 199-N All California clubs must file by May 15, 2011. California filing requirement (199-N), similar to the Federal 990-N, went into effect in 2011 for all California-based clubs. There are a few differences between the California and federal filings.

Gross receipts normally equal to or less than \$25,000 Note: Organizations eligible to file FTB 199N may choose to file a complete Form 199.	Yes – File FTB 199N
Gross receipts normally greater than \$25,000	Yes – File FTB 199

[http://www.ftb.ca.gov/businesses/bus\\_structures/Filing\\_Requirements\\_Form\\_199N.shtml](http://www.ftb.ca.gov/businesses/bus_structures/Filing_Requirements_Form_199N.shtml)

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I wish to thank our Grand Master, Rod Metoyer, for the many visits he has made and the information he has provided to those lodges. To the Grand Secretary, Ray Link, thank you for the professional and ethical manner in which you conduct business and the support you have given me as I carry out my duties and responsibilities as Grand Treasurer. I thank all Boards that serve this great order. I want to acknowledge and thank them for taking on the responsibilities and duties and the professional manner with which they handle the many challenges they faced during the year. I wish to thank my lodges, Mission Peak Lodge #114 and Silver Star Rebekah #336 for all your support and most of all, my Wife Nancy.

GT Report Table A

Year				Ray's Term Started May 2008		Jay Elected GT May 2011		2012-2013
	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	
<b>Income</b>								
Assessment	\$ 39,342	\$ 78,628	\$ 48,865	\$ 74,071	\$ 63,120	\$ 84,826	\$ 72,596	\$ 68,125
Investments	\$ 82,948	\$ 105,038	\$ 124,729	\$ 79,014	\$ 126,640	\$ 165,805	\$ 257,555	\$ 306,873
Billed Services	\$ 105,500	\$ 110,000	\$ 128,000	\$ 167,456	\$ 180,316	\$ 187,248	\$ 191,458	\$ 199,174
Rentals	\$ 17,760	\$ (24,783)	\$ 37,140	\$ 16,459	\$ 85,103	\$ 116,660	\$ 78,122	\$ 52,813
Sale Of Supplies	\$ 3,627	\$ 12,025	\$ 11,443	\$ 17,921	\$ 18,620	\$ 15,291	\$ 17,059	\$ 15,368
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,966	\$ 7,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 11,860	\$ 4,961	\$ 9,600	\$ 11,465	\$ 18,796
Other	\$ 36,383	\$ 52,972	\$ 38,763	\$ -	\$ 10,076			\$ 35,382
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 289,526</b>	<b>\$ 341,680</b>	<b>\$ 393,740</b>	<b>\$ 366,781</b>	<b>\$ 488,836</b>	<b>\$ 579,430</b>	<b>\$ 628,255</b>	<b>\$ 696,530</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Investments</b>								
Education Fund	\$ 51,840	\$ 60,821	\$ 53,754	\$ 42,272	\$ 49,165	\$ 208,086	\$ 238,866	\$ 255,457
Visual	\$ 29,573	\$ 24,754	\$ 21,326	\$ 9,243	\$ 17,961	\$ 21,457	\$ 20,337	\$ 20,833
GL	\$ 1,754,720	\$ 1,730,267	\$ 1,564,538	\$ 1,297,016	\$ 1,807,366	\$ 1,485,104	\$ 1,735,179	\$ 1,995,069
Endowment	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 13,108,599	\$ 11,872,570	\$ 9,131,098	\$ 11,994,306	\$ 13,225,903	\$ 14,599,319	\$ 14,924,136
Beneficial Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 173,328	\$ 302,960	\$ 343,307
Mem Promotional	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 222,178	\$ 253,838	\$ 291,348
Disaster Fund	\$ 72,837	\$ 83,925	\$ 84,377	\$ 88,685	\$ 109,289	\$ 109,300	\$ 109,449	\$ 121,629
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 12,908,970</b>	<b>\$ 15,008,366</b>	<b>\$ 13,596,565</b>	<b>\$ 10,568,314</b>	<b>\$ 13,978,087</b>	<b>\$ 15,445,356</b>	<b>\$ 17,259,948</b>	<b>\$ 17,951,779</b>

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Office Salaries								
Plus Health Insur	\$ 84,954	\$ 83,028	\$ 88,284	\$ 104,972	\$ 116,945	\$ 130,595	\$ 150,226	\$ 154,000

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Income	\$ 289,526	\$ 341,680	\$ 393,740	\$ 366,781	\$ 488,836	\$ 594,125	\$ 628,986	\$ 692,734
Expenses	\$ 306,681	\$ 294,320	\$ 346,059	\$ 398,645	\$ 398,645	\$ 392,477	\$ 482,057	\$ 488,320
NET	\$ (17,155)	\$ 47,360	\$ 47,681	\$ (31,864)	\$ 90,191	\$ 201,648	\$ 146,929	\$ 204,414
				Christine Hired	Jay Hired			

**GRAND LODGE OPERATING FUNDS (Unaudited)****Mar 31, 2013**

	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
1010 · Petty Cash	75.00	
1015 · WFB Checking Account	250,494.07	
1032 · MSSB - MMA Acct	237,048.24	
1050 · WFB Grd Ldg Emp Retirement Chkg	1,079.67	
1055 · WFB Grd Ldg Emp Retirement Sav	58,915.43	
1060 · WFB HEF Ckg (C)	10,085.28	
1115 · Adopt a Resident Fund		23,791.26
1125 · Youth Nite Collect GJL & TRA		5,006.56
1130 · Youth Honors Program		3,214.00
1155 · UN Pilgrimage Fund		20,694.21
1180 · Disaster Fund Donations Rec'd		2,426.89
1199 · Temp Restricted Assets Beg Yr	55,328.46	
1205 · Accounts Receivable	896.62	
1215 · Inventory Supplies	12,478.79	
1225 · Prepaid Insurance	7,063.00	
1315 · MSSB - Stocks & Bonds	1,619,485.36	
1320 · Allow for Inc/Dec in FMV	168,691.46	
1345 · MSSB - Disaster Fund (E)	107,350.49	
1365 · MSSB - Higher Educ Fnd Invstd (D)	232,403.40	
1365 · MSSB - Higher Education Fd (D)	10,000.00	
1372 · MSSB - VRF Memorial Fd Invstd (B)	18,930.89	
1385 · MSSB - Membership Promotion Fund	256,197.11	
1395 · MSSB - Membership Beneficial Fund	317,710.05	
1410 · Oak St Leasehold Improvements	35,607.75	
1415 · Accum Depr-Leaseholds		21,278.27
1420 · Grd Ldg Officers Regalia	12,152.56	
1425 · Accum Depr-Regalia		12,153.00
1430 · Grd Ldg Equipment & Furniture	95,692.02	
1435 · Accum Depr-Furniture & Fixtures		65,822.77
1510 · Real Estate Notes Receivable	4,613,495.45	
1515 · HEF Loans Receivable (C)	12,487.25	
1525 · Rental Real Estate Property	625,000.03	
2011 · Other Acct Payable		2,758.80
2015 · Sales Tax Payable		564.75
2030 · Suspense		6,228.33
2035 · SGL Assessments PCT		100,307.23
2045 · CA Visual Research (General)		12,075.16
2050 · Beneficial Custodial Fund		28,536.66
2055 · VRF Memorial Donations, Members		16,049.98
2060 · VRF Invested Memorial Fds (B)		18,930.89

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3005 · Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Benefial		14,069.32
3015 · Benevolent Fund - PCT		180,394.03
3020 · Odd Fellow/Rebekah Paper PCT		24,148.46
3030 · Grand Master Projects Fund		2,109.00
3040 · OFHC BBQ Fund		9,234.36
3050 · Grand Jr Lodge Fund		2,631.96
3070 · Higher Education Fund (C)		21,092.27
3075 · Higher Education Loan Fund (C)		12,487.25
3080 · Higher Educ Fds Invest (D)		222,403.20
3100 · Member Promo Fnd PCT		30,772.23
3125 · Disaster Fund MRA (E)		107,350.49
3135 · Grd Lodge Emp Retirement Fund		17,773.54
3145 · Volcano Lodge #25		5,772.52
3150 · Gene Bianchi Lodge #4		3,033.48
3165A · Representative Registration		9,132.50
3165B · Visitor Registration		700.00
3165C · Golf		65.00
3165E · Cross Over Second Registration		195.00
3900 · BDNA Offset- Bd Desg Net Assets	647,987.27	
32000 · Bd Designated Net Assets		2,548,442.08
4010 · Undesignated Net Assets		5,154,689.01
4015 · Equity- Temp Restricted Assets		54,544.75
5010 · Grd Ldg Assessment Income		68,124.50
5013 · MSSB Income Earned		61,486.56
5015 · Int & Dividends - General Fund		245,529.85
5018 · Other Interest & Dividend		15.55
5020 · Billed Services-OFHC		199,174.96
5023P · Merced Property	43,904.05	
5025 · Rental Property Income		52,812.68
5035 · IOOF / Reb Paper		35,238.50
5045 · Sales of Supplies (Product, Pub)		15,368.02
5050 · Miscellaneous Income		18,795.50
6010 · Grd Master Travel\Reimbursed	14,459.04	
6015 · Dep Grd Master Travel/Reimburse	4,759.10	
6020 · Grd Warden Travel/Reimbursed	5,565.79	
6023 · Grd Appointed Officers	816.96	
6025 · Grd Secty Travel/Reimbursed	5,326.55	
6030 · Grd Treasurer Travel/Reimbursed	1,083.36	
6035 · Bd of Drctrs Travel/Reimburse	22,047.98	
6040 · Grd Secty SGL Travel/Reimbursed	2,000.00	
6045 · Grd Rep Travel/Reimbursed	1,750.00	
6110 · Grd Lodge Office Salaries	154,709.00	
6125 · Payroll Taxes & Fees	16,877.75	

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<b>6210 · Accounting</b>	3,100.00	
<b>6215 · Auditor</b>	15,000.00	
<b>6220 · Attorney</b>	34,960.82	
<b>6230 · Other Professional Svcs</b>	1,080.00	
<b>6240 · Odd Fellow Magazine</b>	33,509.79	
<b>6310 · Telephone</b>	5,480.95	
<b>6315 · Utilities</b>	3,873.15	
<b>6320 · Postage</b>	5,235.30	
<b>6335 · Office Rent</b>	42,000.00	
<b>6340 · Bldg Maintenance</b>	617.36	
<b>6345 · Equipment Maintenance software</b>	4,235.17	
<b>6350 · Equipment Prop Tax</b>	0	
<b>6355 · Insurance - Prop &amp; Liability</b>	16,057.35	
<b>6360 · Fire &amp; Security Alarms</b>	537.00	
<b>6365 · Office Printing - Supplies</b>	9,066.80	
<b>6410 · Grd Ldg Sessions Expense</b>	8,430.63	
<b>6415 · Grand Lodge Sessions Printing</b>	2,500.00	
<b>6420 · Journal Printing &amp; Distribution</b>	4,826.51	
<b>6455 · Cemetery Committee</b>	0	
<b>6460 · Audit Committee</b>	426.58	
<b>6465 · ByLaws Committee</b>	898.02	
<b>6470 · Finance Committee</b>	596.33	
<b>6475 · 990 Training / Assist Committee</b>	2,206.00	
<b>6480 · Training &amp; Education Committee</b>	2,669.22	
<b>6510 · Grand Instructor</b>	311.73	
<b>6515 · Grd Master Supplies</b>	1,344.26	
<b>6525 · Grd Lodge Officers Jewels</b>	2,998.50	
<b>6535 · Supplies for Resale</b>	10,052.82	
<b>6545 · Tomb of the Unknown</b>	1,599.28	
<b>6600 · Rental Property Expenses</b>		52,705.69
<b>6610 · Rental-Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>	6,766.92	
<b>6615 · Rental-Insurance</b>	7,592.50	
<b>6620 · Rental-Utilities</b>	9,843.07	
<b>6625 · Rental-Property Taxes</b>	5,560.98	
<b>6630 · Rental-Legal</b>	12,358.26	
<b>6635 · Rental-Depreciation</b>	6,182.00	
<b>6640 · Property Management</b>	4,401.96	
<b>6710 · Contingency Items</b>	2,503.50	

**OPERATIONAL BUDGET - SUMMARY**

<b><u>REVENUE Line Item Descriptions</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Amt</u></b>	<b><u>Actual Amt</u></b>	<b><u>NET Amt</u></b>
Grand Lodge Per Capita Assessments	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 68,124.50	\$ 3,124.50
Grand Lodge MSSB Received	\$ 61,485.00	\$ 61,486.68	\$ 1.68
Grand Lodge Investments	\$ 208,515.00	\$ 245,529.85	\$ 37,014.85
Billed Services	\$ 200,500.00	\$ 199,174.96	\$ (1,325.04)
Rental Properties	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 52,812.68	\$ 7,812.68
Odd Fellow / Rebekah Magazine	\$ 33,552.00	\$ 35,238.50	\$ 1,686.50
Sale of Supplies	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,368.02	\$ 368.02
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 18,795.50	\$ 8,795.50
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 639,052.00</b>	<b>\$ 696,530.69</b>	<b>\$ 57,478.69</b>
<b><u>EXPENSE Line Item Descriptions</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Amt</u></b>	<b><u>Actual Amt</u></b>	<b><u>NET Amount</u></b>
Grand Master Expenses	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 14,459.04	\$ 12,540.96
Deputy Grand Master Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,748.10	\$ 5,251.90
Grand Warden Expenses	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,565.79	\$ 1,934.21
Grand Appointed Officers	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 816.96	\$ 6,183.04
Grand Secretary Expenses	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 5,326.55	\$ 13,673.45
Grand Treasurer Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,083.36	\$ 8,916.64
Board of Directors Expenses	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 22,047.98	\$ 12,952.02
Grand Secretary (SGL) Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ .00
Grand Representative Expenses	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ .00
Grand Lodge Office Salaries	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 154,709.00	\$ 10,291.00
Employment Taxes, Fees, Work Comp.	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 16,877.94	\$ 122.06
Accounting	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 1,900.00
Auditors	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Attorney	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 34,960.82	\$ 39.18
Outside Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 420.00
Odd Fellow / Rebekah Magazine	\$ 33,552.00	\$ 33,509.79	\$ 42.21
Telephone + Uverse	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 5,480.95	\$ (1,180.95)
Utilities	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,873.15	\$ 1,126.85
Postage & Shipping	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,273.15	\$ (773.15)
Office Rent	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ .00
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 617.36	\$ 382.64
Equipment / Software Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,235.17	\$ (235.17)
Equipment (Business Taxes)	\$ 500.00	\$ .00	\$ 500.00
Insurance (Property & Liability)	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 16,057.35	\$ 942.65
Fire & Security Fees	\$ 400.00	\$ 537.00	\$ (137.00)
Office Expenses (Printing, Supplies, etc.)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,097.81	\$ 902.19
Grand Lodge Session Expenses	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,430.63	\$ 69.37
Advance Reports (Printing)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ .00
Journals & Code Changes (Printing)	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 4,826.51	\$ 2,373.49
Cemetery Committee	\$ 3,000.00	\$ .00	\$ 3,000.00
Audit Committee	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 426.58	\$ 3,573.42
By Laws	\$ 900.00	\$ 898.02	\$ 1.98

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Finance	\$ 900.00	\$ 595.83	\$ 304.17
Training & Education	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 4,875.22	\$ 14,124.78
Grand Instructor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 311.73	\$ 688.27
Grand Master Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,344.26	\$ 155.74
Grand Lodge Officers Jewels	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,998.50	\$ 201.50
Grand Lodge Youth Committee	\$ 500.00	\$ 67.50	\$ 432.50
Supplies for Resale (Expenses)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,052.82	\$ (52.82)
Sov. Grand Master Entertainment	\$ 700.00	\$ .00	\$ 700.00
Tomb of the Unknown Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,599.28	\$ (99.28)
Rental Property (Combined Expenses)	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 52,705.55	\$ 17,294.45
Contingency	\$ 23,650.00	\$ 2,503.50	\$ 21,146.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 639,052.00</b>	<b>\$ 498,343.20</b>	<b>\$ 140,708.80</b>

### GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

**Beginning April 1, 2012**

**\$ 1,735,179.77**

**Ending March 31, 2013**

**\$2,008,072.25**

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#### Account Summary

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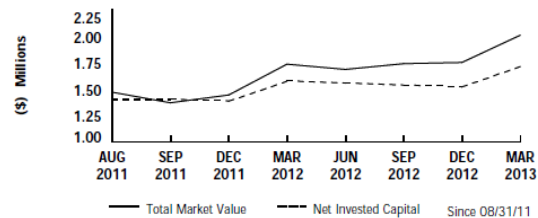
#### CHANGE IN VALUE OF YOUR ACCOUNT

	This Period (3/1/13-3/31/13)	This Year (1/1/13-3/31/13)
<b>Total Beginning Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$1,778,393.50</b>	<b>\$1,750,855.63</b>
Credits	210,000.00	210,000.00
Debits	(5,212.28)	(17,638.54)
Security Transfers	—	—
Net Credits/Debits	<b>\$204,787.72</b>	<b>\$192,361.46</b>
Change in Value	<b>24,891.03</b>	<b>64,855.16</b>
<b>Total Ending Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$2,008,072.25</b>	<b>\$2,008,072.25</b>

*Net Credits / Debits include investment advisory fees to the extent applicable. Please see the activity section of your statement for more specific details on any advisory fees.*

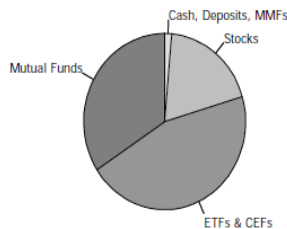
#### CHANGE IN VALUE OVER TIME

This graph compares the total value of your account to the net amount invested. Net investment is the total amount invested minus the total amount withdrawn.



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#### ALLOCATION OF HOLDINGS



	Market Value	Percentage %
Cash, Deposits, MMFs*	\$27,424.50	1.4
Stocks	381,385.22	19.0
ETFs & CEFs	912,110.73	45.4
Mutual Funds	687,151.80	34.2
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>	<b>\$2,008,072.25</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL FUND**

**Beginning April 1, 2012**  
**\$253,838.12**

**Ending March 31, 2013**  
**\$292,784.33**

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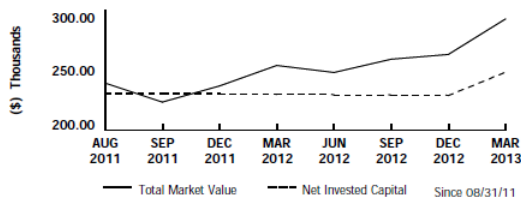
**CHANGE IN VALUE OF YOUR ACCOUNT**

	This Period (3/1/13-3/31/13)	This Year (1/1/13-3/31/13)
<b>Total Beginning Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$269,147.96</b>	<b>\$263,278.71</b>
Credits	20,000.00	20,000.00
Debits	(6.63)	(298.75)
Security Transfers	—	—
Net Credits/Debits	<b>\$19,993.37</b>	<b>\$19,701.25</b>
Change in Value	<b>3,643.00</b>	<b>9,804.37</b>
<b>Total Ending Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$292,784.33</b>	<b>\$292,784.33</b>

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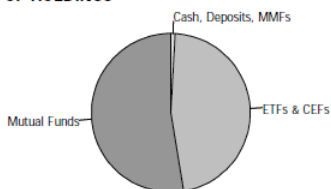
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**ALLOCATION OF HOLDINGS**



	Market Value	Percentage %
Cash, Deposits, MMFs*	\$2,593.83	0.9
ETFs & CEFs	136,272.42	46.5
Mutual Funds	153,918.08	52.6
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>	<b>\$292,784.33</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**GRAND LODGE IOOF/REBEKAH BENEFICIAL FUND**

**Beginning April 1, 2012**  
**\$302,960.79**

**Ending March 31, 2013**  
**\$344,999.50**

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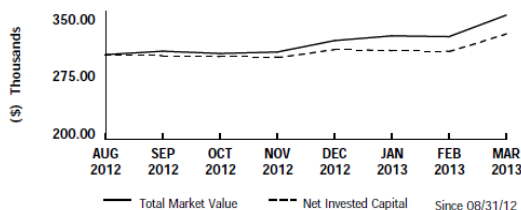
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	This Period (3/1/13-3/31/13)	This Year (1/1/13-3/31/13)
<b>Total Beginning Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$320,051.67</b>	<b>\$315,317.09</b>
Credits	21,749.26	21,749.26
Debits	(1,124.05)	(3,628.55)
Security Transfers	—	—
Net Credits/Debits	<b>\$20,625.21</b>	<b>\$18,120.71</b>
Change in Value	<b>4,322.62</b>	<b>11,561.70</b>
<b>Total Ending Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$344,999.50</b>	<b>\$344,999.50</b>

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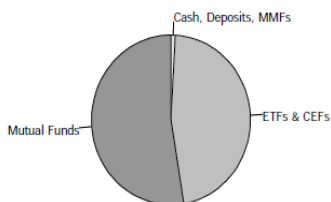
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**ALLOCATION OF HOLDINGS**



	Market Value	Percentage %
Cash, Deposits, MMFs*	\$3,008.77	0.9
ETFs & CEFs	160,554.87	46.5
Mutual Funds	181,435.86	52.6
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>	<b>\$344,999.50</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

GRAND LODGE VISUAL RESEARCH - MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning April 1, 2012  
\$ 20,337.48

Ending March 31, 2013  
\$20,975.19

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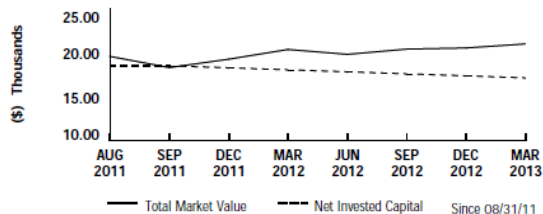
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	This Period (3/1/13-3/31/13)	This Year (1/1/13-3/31/13)
<b>Total Beginning Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$20,790.95</b>	<b>\$20,535.32</b>
Credits	—	—
Debits	(72.73)	(236.38)
Security Transfers	—	—
Net Credits/Debits	<b>\$(72.73)</b>	<b>\$(236.38)</b>
Change in Value	<b>256.97</b>	<b>676.25</b>
<b>Total Ending Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$20,975.19</b>	<b>\$20,975.19</b>

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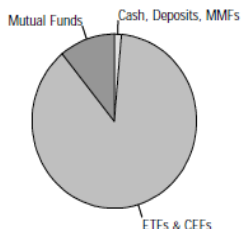
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ALLOCATION OF HOLDINGS



	Market Value	Percentage %
Cash, Deposits, MMFs*	\$292.69	1.4
ETFs & CEFs	18,406.50	87.8
Mutual Funds	2,276.00	10.9
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>	<b>\$20,975.19</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

GRAND LODGE HIGHER EDUCATION FUND

Beginning April 1, 2012  
\$ 238,866.97

Ending March 31, 2013  
\$256,716.63

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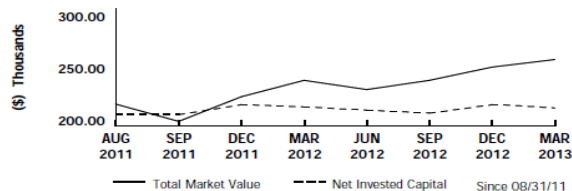
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	This Period (3/1/13-3/31/13)	This Year (1/1/13-3/31/13)
<b>Total Beginning Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$254,193.22</b>	<b>\$250,346.48</b>
Credits	—	—
Debits	(886.64)	(2,847.50)
Security Transfers	—	—
Net Credits/Debits	<b>\$(886.64)</b>	<b>\$(2,847.50)</b>
Change in Value	<b>3,410.05</b>	<b>9,217.65</b>
<b>Total Ending Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$256,716.63</b>	<b>\$256,716.63</b>

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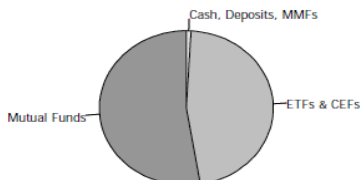
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ALLOCATION OF HOLDINGS



	Market Value	Percentage %
Cash, Deposits, MMFs*	\$2,336.11	0.9
ETFs & CEFs	119,427.41	46.5
Mutual Funds	134,953.11	52.6
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>	<b>\$256,716.63</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

GRAND LODGE DISASTER FUND

Beginning April 1, 2012

\$113,755.28

Ending March 31, 2013

\$122,231.05

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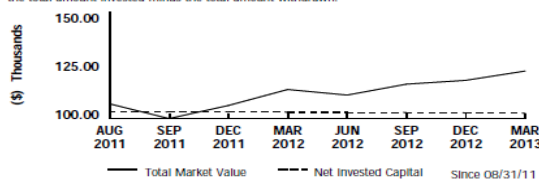
CHANGE IN VALUE OF YOUR ACCOUNT

	This Period (3/1/13-3/31/13)	This Year (1/1/13-3/31/13)
<b>Total Beginning Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	\$120,610.40	\$117,980.42
Credits	—	—
Debits	—	(130.92)
Security Transfers	—	—
Net Credits/Debits	—	\$(130.92)
<b>Change in Value</b>	<b>1,620.65</b>	<b>4,381.55</b>
<b>Total Ending Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$122,231.05</b>	<b>\$122,231.05</b>

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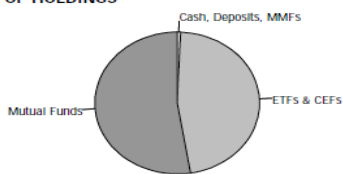
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ALLOCATION OF HOLDINGS



	Market Value	Percentage %
Cash, Deposits, MMFs*	\$856.51	0.7
ETFs & CEFS	57,117.01	46.7
Mutual Funds	64,257.53	52.6
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>	<b>\$122,231.05</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**REPORT #6B**  
**ENDOWMENT FUND & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**  
 Submitted by: Jay Johnson, #114

At the present time there are 10 Lodges, and 11 private buyers with loans from the Grand Lodge.

Established loan policy; when a request comes in from a Lodge for a loan, (line of credit) the project shall have (3) three bids for the work specified, and that the First Deed of Trust will be signed after the loan is approved and then will the checks be issued directly to the contractor. A promissory note will be initiated with the stated years that the loan is for and the interest rate. It will also state the penalty for late payments, and the First Deed of Trust will be recorded.

To apply for a loan from Grand Lodge, please send a letter with the lodge seal along with the above documents to the Grand Secretary. You will be scheduled with an appointment to meet with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to review your documents, Lodge Secretary's Books, Bank Statements, Treasurer's Books, Bylaws, last three Per Capita Reports, and any other pertinent information your lodge can provide to secure a loan.

At the present time we have sixteen (11) Odd Fellows Lodges, three (3) Rebekah Lodges, one (1) Encampment, the Grand Lodge, Three Links Camp, Membership Promotional, Benefit Fund, Education, and Visual Research programs invested with the Grand Lodge Program. All accounts are kept separate and all that have investments gets a statement each month.

It has been suggested by the committee with the recommendation of our Stock Broker that any new accounts be about \$25,000.00. The funds will be invested in the lodge's name and number and will need your EIN and Corporation number. You will receive a statement every month from our broker. (At the present time it is James Bargetto at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney). Grand Lodge no longer collects fees to manage these accounts and checks are sent directly to the lodges.

For over twenty years your Grand Lodge has offered Investment services to all the local Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges in California. Through this program our lodges have had the opportunity to benefit

from professional money management at a cost that is almost impossible to achieve on an individual basis.

Jim meets with the Grand Lodge Investment Committee three times a year to not only review the performance of the accounts but he also updates and advises the Investment Committee on opportunities and changes that may be coming to the market. Jim is backed by the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Global Investment Committee in New York. These world renowned investment professionals, with areas of expertise in various industries, have developed investment portfolios designed to meet the unique financial needs of their many clients. Working together Jim and the clients he serves select the appropriate model for them. The model the Grand Lodge is currently using is a fairly conservative equally balanced model that affords moderate growth with great deal of safety. No one can guarantee that our Lodges will not challenged by the ups and downs of investing, but Grand Lodge can promise you this... if you invest with this program you willing be receiving the highest level of professional services offered with a commitment from Grand Lodge of providing oversight so that your Lodges valuable resources receive the attention they deserve. The following is the investment policy:

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Account Name: Grand Lodge of California

Target Rate of Return: 4% - 6%

Time Horizon: 10 years or greater

Distribution Policy: The distributions will be 4.25% of the corpus determined as of 3/31 (Endowment and Grand Lodge) and 12/31 (Lodges), annually.

Asset Allocation:

Equities: 40% - 60%

Fixed Income: 40% - 60%

Rebalancing Procedures: The Portfolio is rebalanced when the Morgan Stanley Global Investment Committee deems appropriate based on research, market conditions, and asset allocation models

Cash Limits: The Grand Lodge of California wishes to maintain a minimal cash position. Cash is to be held to satisfy monthly distribution and asset allocation of Morgan Stanley's Global Investment Committee.

Meeting Frequency: Quarterly, unless specifically stated by the Grand Lodge Investment Committee

#### INTRODUCTION

One of the important purposes of this Investment Policy Statement (IPS) is to establish a clear understanding as to the investment goals, objectives and management policies applicable to the Grand Lodge of California investment portfolio.

#### OVERVIEW COMMENTARY

Investor Information:

Account Name: Grand Lodge of California  
14414 Oak Street Suite B  
Saratoga, CA 95070  
408-867-0231

Committee Members:

Jay Johnson, gl-oa@sbcglobal.net  
Ray Link, gs@caioof.org  
John Morgan, jmorgan7@comcast.net  
Neil Allen, neilallen@live.com  
Pete Pohlhammer

Authorized Decision Makers

The authorized decision maker(s) for the assets under this IPS are:  
Jay Johnson, Ray Link, John Morgan, Pete Pohlhammer, and Neil Allen.

A majority of the decision makers must approve any decisions. Assets to be considered under this IPS

Individual Lodges utilizing the Grand Lodge Investment Program, Endowment and the Grand Lodge and its entities.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The investment objectives addressed in this investment policy statement represent the portfolio's overall investment objectives.

The Investment Committee's objective for this investment portfolio is moderate capital growth, income and capital preservation.

The long-term objective for the assets under this policy is to achieve after fees and expenses a target return of 4% - 6%.

#### SPENDING POLICY

##### Goal of Grand Lodge

The Grand Lodge feels that income in the future is as important as income today. This is consistent with the philosophy that this Endowment is to exist in perpetuity, and therefore, should provide income into perpetuity. To attain this goal, the overriding objective is to maintain purchasing power. That is, net of spending, the objective is to grow the aggregate portfolio value at the rate of inflation over the investment horizon.

##### Distribution Amounts

Highest emphasis should be placed on meeting income needs, growing assets and preserving capital. The distribution policy for the accounts will be as follows:

The distributions from the portfolio will be 4.25% annually, paid monthly and based upon year end account valuations (3/31 Endowment and Grand Lodge, 12/31 Lodges) Capital values fluctuate, especially so, over shorter periods of time. The Investment Committee recognizes that the possibility of capital loss does exist. However, historical data suggests that the risk of principal loss can be minimized if the long-term investment mix employed under this Investment Policy Statement is maintained over a holding period of at least three to five years.

#### RISK TOLERANCE

The Investment Committee desires long-term investment performance sufficient to meet the objectives. The Investment Committee understands that to achieve such performance the portfolio may experience periods of decline. The Investment Committee further understands that in a severe market, the potential recovery period could be extensive. Although the Investment Committee prefers to limit the portfolio's volatility, they are comfortable with fluctuations in their portfolio, and the possibility of large declines in value, in order to seek to grow their portfolio over time.

##### Adjustment in the Target Allocation

Modifications to the approved model allocations may be needed from time to time. When such a change to the approved model allocations needs to occur, it shall only be made with the concurrence of the Investment Committee.

#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The underlying approach to managing this Policy shall be to optimize the risk-return relationship appropriate to the Grand Lodge of California's needs and goals. The portfolio will be diversified globally, employing a variety of asset classes. Mutual funds, exchange traded funds and separately managed portfolios may be utilized to implement the portfolio and the chosen asset classes will be periodically re-balanced to maintain a more consistent risk/reward profile.

#### FREQUENCY OF IPS REVIEW

The Investment Committee recognizes that all investments go through cycles and therefore there will be periods of time in which the investment objectives are not met or when specific managers fail to meet their expected performance expectations. The Investment Committee accepts the principle that, in the absence of specific circumstances requiring immediate action, patience and a longer-term perspective

will be employed when evaluating investment performance. The advisor and Investment Committee will meet at least annually to review and update this IPS.

#### LIQUIDITY

Investor's liquidity requirements are the monthly distribution amount in cash or equivalents.

#### DIVERSIFICATION, ASSET ALLOCATION AND INVESTMENT CONSTRAINTS

Academic research offers considerable evidence that the asset allocation decision far outweighs security selection and market timing in its impact on portfolio variability and performance. After reviewing the long-term performance and risk characteristics of various asset classes and balancing the risk and rewards of market behavior, the following asset classes were selected to achieve the objectives of the Grand Lodge of California's portfolio, which may include but are not limited to:

Assets Classes: U.S. Large Growth Equity, U.S. Large Value Equity, U.S. Mid Growth Equity  
U.S. Mid Value Equity, U.S. Small Growth Equity, U.S. Small Value Equity  
International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, Ultra Short Duration Income  
U.S. Core Fixed Income, Inflation Linked Securities, High Yield Fixed Income

International Fixed Income, Emerging Markets Fixed Income,

Investment Types: Individual Stocks or Bonds, Open-ended Mutual Funds, Closed-end Mutual Funds, Exchange Traded Funds, Separately Managed Accounts

#### NON-TRADITIONAL/ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS

As of the date of this policy, the Investment Committee does not invest in Alternative or Non Traditional Investments. This policy may be changed if the Investment Committee wishes to add additional Alternative or Non Traditional asset classes.

#### INVESTMENT MONITORING AND CONTROL PROCEDURES

Benchmarks: The following benchmarks are currently utilized to evaluate performance, but are not limited to:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Index</u>
Large Cap Growth	Russell 1000 Growth
Large Cap Value	Russell 1000 Value
Mid Cap	Russell Mid Cap Value and Growth Indices
Small Cap	Russell 2000
Developed International	MS EAFE - Net Dividend
US Core Bonds	LB Aggregate Bond

Reports: The investment custodian shall provide the Investment Committee with monthly statements for each account held by the Grand Lodge of California and subject to this Investment Policy Statement. Such reports shall show values for each asset and all transactions affecting assets within the portfolio, including additions and withdrawals.

The Advisor shall provide the Investment Committee the following management reports on a periodic basis:

- Portfolio performance results over varying time periods
- Performance results of comparative benchmarks over varying time periods
- Review of current asset allocation versus policy guidelines
- Any recommendations for changes of the above

Meetings and Communication between Investment Committee and Advisor

As a matter of course, the Advisor shall keep Investment Committee apprised of any material changes in the Advisor's outlook, recommended investment policy, and tactics.

In addition, Advisor shall meet with Investment Committee approximately quarterly to review and explain the Portfolio's investment results and any related issues. Advisor shall also be available on a reasonable basis for telephone and email communication as needed.

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Advisor

Advisor shall be responsible for:

- Assisting in the development and periodic review of investment policy.
  - Designing and implementing an appropriate asset allocation plan consistent with the investment objectives, time horizon, risk profile, guidelines and constraints outlined in this statement.
  - Advising the Investment Committee about the selection of and the allocation of asset categories.
  - Identifying specific assets and investment managers within each asset category.
  - Providing “due diligence”, or research, on the Investment Manager(s)
  - Monitoring the performance of all selected assets.
  - Recommending changes to this investment policy statement.
  - Periodically reviewing the suitability of the investments for the Investment Committee.
  - Being available to meet with the Investment Committee at least four times each year.
  - Being available at such other times within reason at the Investment Committee's request.
  - Preparing and presenting appropriate reports.
- Discretion and Title
- Advisor will have discretionary control.
  - Advisor shall have no authority to withdraw funds from the Grand Lodge of California’s accounts, except to cover payment of previously agreed to fees or at Investor's specific direction.
  - Advisor may not change the Grand Lodge of California’s investment policy, including the targeted asset allocation, without Investment Committee's prior approval.

The Investment Committee

Investment Committee shall be responsible for:

- The oversight of the Portfolio.
- Defining the investment objectives and policies of the Portfolio.
- Directing Advisor to make changes in investment policy and to oversee and to approve or disapprove Advisor's recommendations with regards to policy, guidelines, and objectives on a timely basis.
- Providing Advisor with all relevant information on the Grand Lodge of California’s financial conditions and risk tolerances and shall notify Advisor promptly of any changes to this information.

The following is the Endowment Fund Balance. Anyone wishing to view the full March 31, 2013 statement may do so by contacting the Grand Treasurer.

**Beginning April 1, 2012**

**\$14,599,319.31**

**Ending March 31, 2013**

**\$15,042,287.47**

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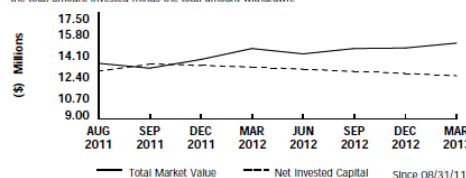
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<b>Total Beginning Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$14,880,365.38</b>	<b>\$14,666,622.71</b>
Credits	—	—
Debits	(48,577.59)	(166,385.38)
Security Transfers	—	—
<b>Net Credits/Debits</b>	<b>\$(48,577.59)</b>	<b>\$(166,385.38)</b>
<b>Change in Value</b>	<b>210,499.68</b>	<b>542,050.14</b>
<b>Total Ending Value</b> (includes accrued interest)	<b>\$15,042,287.47</b>	<b>\$15,042,287.47</b>

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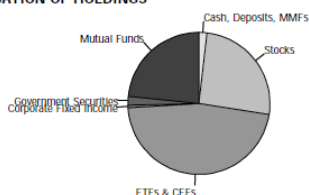
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**ALLOCATION OF HOLDINGS**



	Market Value	Percentage %
Cash, Deposits, MMFs*	\$279,606.82	1.9
Stocks	3,857,018.08	25.6
ETFs & CEFs	6,987,056.72	46.4
Corporate Fixed Income ^	86,268.93	0.6
Government Securities ^	320,763.73	2.1
Mutual Funds	3,511,573.19	23.3
<b>TOTAL VALUE ^</b>	<b>\$15,042,287.47</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**REPORT #7**  
**GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Presented by: John Morgan #8, Chairman

To the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of California, your board presents the following report for the 2012 – 2013 term.

This board met on the following dates: June 9, 2012, August 4, 2012, October 6, 2012, December 1, 2012, February 2, 2013 and April 6, 2013. All meetings were held at the Saratoga office.

At the June meeting brother John Morgan was elected as the chairman and brother Pete Sellars the vice chairman. Brother Morgan and Sellars have filled these chairs in the past and bring leadership experience to the board.

Not only did your Board work to meet the ongoing demands of operating a corporation and addressing the issues that we face as an Order in this jurisdiction, but it also dealt with challenges of correcting mistakes made during the 2012 sessions and dilemmas which needed to be resolved.

Most time consuming were the decisions made by the Grand Master at the 2012 sessions. Decisions were contrary to the rules of the Order, namely the nomination and election of an ineligible candidate to the Grand Lodge Board.

Elections: False accusations were spread just prior to the Grand Opening, naming our Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge Attorney and Board Chairman, with a mission to remove the Grand Master as soon as sessions opened. These rumors spread among our representatives and to the SGL representative, which apparently affected the outcome of some elections. Slanderous statements were made and decent reputations have been damaged. As of this date, no attempt has been made to investigate this fraternal conduct that is definitively unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

The Grand Lodge voted to move sessions to Modesto in 2014, but the chair ruled in favor of Visalia. Fortunately, we were able to adhere to the Grand Lodge vote, without any financial penalties imposed by Visalia.

A prominent Board member was denied the status of "Director Emeritus" by the threat from the SGL representative that he would suspend the Charter of California, if awarded.

See the Grand Lodge Board minutes of June 9, 2012, and the report from the Special Judiciary Committee.

It should be pointed out that your Board of Directors is not paid. They worked hard to put together reports, studies, responses, and plans for which each gives their time without compensation. It should also be mentioned, the board is not only comprised of 8 elected "Directors", but all the line officers, representatives, grand treasurer, grand secretary, and the Jr. past grand master as ex-officio members with voice and vote.

The directors have the primary responsibility to handle business related matters. The line officers have the responsibility to address the fraternal matters. Both work in cooperation with each other to address the fraternal and business matters that present themselves at each and every meeting.

We are most happy with our financial results over the past few years that have kept our per capita tax at \$45.00. In the past we had to use funds from the general fund to balance the budget. With this growing financial position we are able to provide lodges and members with greater service. See the Grand Treasurer's report.

We continue to work closely with all Associate boards, including the Rebekah Assembly executive committee. A member of the Grand Lodge Board is assigned to, and attends the meetings of all associate boards. We also encourage them to send a representative to our meetings.

It is not simple or easy to address the matters that come before the board, especially when it involves a lodge. None are taken lightly. We have approved loans, adjusted rates, budgeted, managed assets, protected I.O.O.F. property, and set up investments to perform our fiduciary and legal responsibilities. The acumen of this board keeps our financial position in the black.

This board thanks the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their work in assisting with the reports and the prepared information provided at every meeting. We also appreciate their transparency in dealing with and handling records, reports and the availability of information.

Our committee reports have been prepared for your perusal and approval. At the end of this report you can find the minutes of the Board's meetings for the past year.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

This year has seen a marked improvement with regard to how we disseminate the useful information for lodges to grow and/or improve. The improvement came primarily with the return of the Educational / Membership Seminar. This offered us a forum in which to present material to all interested members.

In addition to the Educational/Membership Seminar in Santa Nella, the Grand Master tasked the committee to have a Membership Discussion in August of 2012. This was an excellent forum to present tough questions and answers to attendees on how to navigate new members or potential members when addressing the Order. The theme was more progressive than we have seen in the past.

Each of the committee members were asked to write a single page on what they thought was the best idea(s) for membership growth. These suggestions were shared at the two aforementioned membership events, offering those who attended many ideas for lodge and membership improvement. Thanks to each of the committee members for their contributions.

As has always been the case, the Grand Lodge office maintains several different brochures related to the Order. Having brochures available in each lodge is paramount to having a successful lodge because these provide information to new applicants. If your lodge does not have application forms available, how will bring in new members?

Membership growth is central to all organizations. It is paramount to a shrinking organization. The Odd Fellows must incorporate the ideas of what is working for our successful lodges. While several lodges are growing, many are not. The Membership Committee has looked at these successful lodges and determined they are succeeding because they have evolved within the allowable perimeters of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

For example, our Order allows people of all genders meeting our qualifications to join. The Order is inclusive, as is evident by the writings of our degrees. We admit people of all cultures, sexual preferences (gays and lesbians), religions, and beliefs, as long as they believe in a Supreme Being, a Creator of the Universe. These can come in many different ideologies. We allow people who are "unlearned" and "learned" too apply. We allow the poor and the rich to join us. We allow whites, browns, blacks, and any other description used by society to join us. We allow those who are 16 years or older to join. If those failing lodges would remove their barriers, they would find more members. It is the bigoted and racists members who find the previous paragraph offensive who we see as being the hindrance to finding new members. This committee challenges them to break down their self-imposed barriers. This committee has even been asked not to speak of these things, as it "disturbs" some of the members. Of course, it disturbs some of the members - the same members who are destroying this Order.

Your lodges were tasked by Sovereign Grand Lodge to look "around your communities to see what you can find" asking you to chose "a project in your community to become involved in." (Vol. 15, Issue 2 - I.O.O.F. News. Pg 21) why do we not see lodges opening their doors to its communities. Why are there lodges not working beyond their doors? Your membership committee sees lodge involvement within the community as the most vital part of attracting new members.

The membership committee has written several articles this past year for the California Odd Fellows and Rebekahs' magazine providing valuable information and ideas.

Brothers and sisters, it is incumbent upon you to evolve and attract applicants by using the tools and suggestions provided to you. Thank you for allowing this committee to work for you.

## PROPERTY REPORT

Your Grand Lodge Property Committee has again had another busy year dealing with the sale of assets and managing our rental properties. When lodge properties become an asset of Grand Lodge, we transfer the deed to Grand Lodge and determine if the property should be listed for sale or kept as a rental unit.

During the last year the following properties were sold: Merced - \$300,000.00, Manteca - \$300,000.00. Listed for sale are: Mojave, Kernville, and El Centro. The property in El Centro will be difficult to dispose of because of the poor condition. We currently have four rental units, 12 properties that we carry mortgages on and 12 more loans that we hold the 1st deed of trust on. All total that generates \$240,000 in annual revenue. These notes are between 6.25% and 8.0% and do not exceed 30 years. All notes are current and up to date.

Your Property Committee and the Grand Lodge Board strongly suggest that if your Lodge owns any rental or leasable property, that you hire a reputable Property Manager. The Property Manager will help keep your rental income current with market rates, prepare lease agreements and deal with most issues that your tenant may have. Their management fees are very reasonable and most importantly, you would benefit from having an expert in the field to manage and look after what is probably your Lodges greatest asset. When hiring a Property Manager, make certain that you have an agreement in writing, outlining duties, responsibilities, and fees.

As a reminder, per Roberts Code, if your Lodge or property needs major work that would exceed \$25,000.00, you will need approval from the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Standard business practices are to solicit at least 3 bids.

Your Property Committee is here to assist or serve this Order in preserving these most important assets, and to assist you with your Lodges property issues. We thank you for this opportunity to be of service to this Jurisdiction.

## LEGAL REPORT

The past year has been a very challenging one for this Order beginning with substantial procedural irregularities, numerous violations with the Roberts Code of General Laws, and blatant disregard of due process protections that took place at last year's Grand Lodge session. Legal Counsel provided counsel and advice to the Board of Directors and Grand Officers regarding compliance with California Corporations Code, the Roberts Code of General Laws and the legal implications and potential liabilities inherent in the violations of those rules at last year's sessions. Among the numerous errors made were: the nomination and election of an ineligible candidate; the Grand Master, without any legal authority, overturning the legal vote of the members with respect to where future sessions were to be held; and the allowance of frivolous and slanderous accusations to be made against fellow Odd Fellow members which seriously impugned and defamed their ethical integrity.

Because such disregard of due process and good fellowship demeans our Order and denigrates our processes, legal counsel spent a great deal of time stressing to the board and individual members the importance of adhering to our rules and the requirements of California Corporations Code in order to enforce respect for the Order and maintain our non-profit status. It is clear that it is in the best interest of the Order that all of our best efforts be made to see that the high ethical principles of the Order continue to be at the forefront of our activities and that adherence to our rules should be foremost among them.

Legal counsel also assisted the Grand Lodge Board of Directors in addressing a number of issues involving stolen or misappropriated Lodge funds, missing cemetery trust funds and the potential liabilities of those occurrences. Legal counsel was instrumental in obtaining the return to the Order of approximately \$130,000.00 in funds that had been placed in the names of private individuals who were former members of Lodges that had ceased to exist. Through interfacing with various financial institutions those funds were located, recovered and deposited to the benefit of Grand Lodge.

Legal counsel also assisted the property committee in leasing property to third parties by drafting

leases and negotiating long-term leases. In addition, legal counsel dealt with a number of tenant issues including obtaining back rent, facilitating tenant property repair, and expediting the eviction of tenants who refused to pay their rental obligations. Legal counsel also assisted the property committee in reviewing and negotiating contracts of sale for the sale of certain real property that the board of directors believed was appropriate to sell. To that end, legal counsel interfaced and communicated with a number of title companies in explaining the nature of our Order and how title to certain properties should be taken by and from non-profit organizations.

Legal counsel continued its efforts to review issues related to Lodge owned cemeteries and advised them of their compliance obligations required by the California Cemetery Code and the California Funeral and Cemetery Board. This included addressing a number of licensing issues which came to be reviewed by the State agency. Legal counsel also assisted the Board in a number of other issues including analysis of California Corporation issues, property insurance issues, construction contract issues, and changes in the Sovereign Code of General Laws.

Legal counsel attended all of the Board Meetings of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors and advised the Board of certain statutory changes that had taken place that affected non-profit corporations, including the changes made by the Internal Revenue Service and the requirements for filing the Form 990 with the service. To that end, legal counsel assisted the Grand Lodge's CPA in preparing for a number of seminars for various local lodges on those new Form 990 requirements. Finally, legal counsel, at the express direction of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, corresponded with a number of third parties as well as members with respect to legal issues that arose before the Board. In that regard, it should be noted that legal counsel provides copies of all correspondence to his client, the Board of Directors, either before they are sent out or simultaneously, which is standard and professional practice in the legal community.

In short, legal counsel advises Grand Lodge on a wide variety of issues impacting our statewide organization, issues which become more complicated as the Order's financial strength has grown even as its membership has been reduced. Legal counsel, at the direction of Grand Lodge, also advised a number of local Lodges regarding local issues about which those local Lodges requested advice. Advising the Board and helping this Order preserve its great heritage as well as continue to thrive in the future is a great privilege, and legal counsel has always been grateful for the opportunity. Legal counsel believes that he has been able to help this Order in a number of ways these past 12 years by providing his best professional judgment and advice to the Board, consistent with the Code of Professional Responsibility. In summary, legal counsel, both as a legal professional and as a past Noble Grand, enjoys serving this Order and its members navigate the varied legal issues that come before it.

**REPORT #8**  
**GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
 Presented by: John Morgan #8, Chairman  
**Per Capita Assessment From Lodges To Remain At \$45.00**

<b>GRAND LODGE - PROPOSED BUDGET - 2013 / 2014</b>			
<b>RESTRICTED REVENUES</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Sovereign Grand Lodge Assessments	\$ 18.50	\$ 83,250.00	To SGL (Per Capita)
Odd Fellow - Rebekah Beneficial Fund	\$ 3.00	\$ 13,500.00	To the BENEFICIAL FUND
Odd Fellow / Rebekah Magazine	\$ 8.00	\$ 32,000.00	To the Cost of the Magazine
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 29.50</b>	<b>\$ 128,750.00</b>	
<b>UNRESTRICTED REVENUES</b>	<b>4200</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	
Grand Lodge Assessments	\$ 15.50	\$ 62,000.00	To Grand Lodge Operations
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 15.50</b>	<b>\$ 62,000.00</b>	
<b>PER CAPITA AMOUNTS &gt;&gt;</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>	<b>\$ 190,750.00</b>	
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>NOTES / COMMENTS</b>	
Grand Lodge Per Capita Assessments	\$ 62,000.00	Approximately 4200 members @ \$15.50 per member	
Grand Lodge Investments (MSSB)	\$ 24,000.00		
Grand Lodge Property Loans	\$ 250,000.00		
Billed Services (OFHC - Saratoga & Napa)	\$ 200,000.00		
Rental Properties (Combined Revenues)	\$ 25,000.00		
Odd Fellow Magazine	\$ 32,000.00		
Sale of Supplies (Products, Publications)	\$ 11,000.00		
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 11,000.00		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 615,000.00</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>AMOUNTS</b>	<b>CATAGORIES</b>
Grand Master Travel/Expenses	\$ 27,000.00		
Deputy Grand Master Travel/Expenses	\$ 10,000.00		
Grand Warden Travel/Expenses	\$ 7,500.00		
Appointed Officers Travel/Expenses	\$ 7,500.00	Collectively	
Grand Secretary Expenses	\$ 4,000.00		
Grand Treasurer Expenses	\$ 4,000.00		
Board of Directors Expenses	\$ 35,000.00		
Grand Secretary (SGL) Expenses	\$ 2,500.00		
Grand Representative Expenses	\$ 2,500.00		
Tomb of the Unknown Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	<b>\$ 102,000.00</b>	<b>TRAVEL EXPENSES</b>
Grand Lodge Office Salaries (Combined)	\$ 172,000.00	Grand Secretary=65K (Salary & Taxable Tvl Exp)	
Employment Taxes, Fees, Worker Comp.	\$ 18,000.00	<b>\$ 190,000.00</b>	<b>SALARIES &amp; TAXES</b>
Accounting	\$ 6,000.00		
Auditors	\$ 18,000.00		
Attorney	\$ 35,000.00		
Outside Services	\$ 2,500.00	<b>\$ 61,500.00</b>	<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>
Odd Fellow / Rebekah Newspaper	\$ 32,000.00		
Telephone	\$ 6,000.00		
Utilities	\$ 5,000.00		
Postage & Shipping	\$ 5,000.00		
Office Expenses (Printing, Supplies, etc.)	\$ 10,000.00		
Office Rent	\$ 42,000.00		
Building Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00		
Equipment, Software, IT (Maint & Support)	\$ 10,000.00		
Equipment (Business Taxes)	\$ 500.00		
Insurance (Property & Liability)	\$ 20,000.00		
Fire & Security Fees	\$ 500.00	<b>\$ 133,000.00</b>	<b>OFFICE EXPENSES</b>

**Advance Proceedings - 2013**

Grand Lodge Session Expenses	\$ 10,000.00		
Advance Reports (Printing)	\$ 3,000.00		
Journals & Code Changes (Printing)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	<b>SESSIONAL EXPENSES</b>
Cemetery Committee	\$ 3,500.00		
Audit Committee	\$ 3,500.00		
By Laws	\$ 1,000.00		
Finance	\$ 1,000.00		
Youth Committee	\$ 500.00	\$ 9,500.00	<b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>
Grand Instructor	\$ 1,000.00		
Grand Master Supplies	\$ 1,500.00		
Grand Lodge Officers Jewels	\$ 3,500.00		
Rental Property (Combined Expenses)	\$ 50,000.00		
Supplies for Resale (Expenses)	\$ 10,000.00		
Sovereign Grand Master Entertainment	\$ 700.00		
Leadership Training & Education	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 76,700.00	<b>GENERAL OPERATIONS</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 591,700.00</b>		
CONTINGENCY (approx 4% as per Code)	\$ 23,300.00	\$ 23,300.00	<b>CONTINGENCY AMOUNT</b>
	<b>\$ 615,000.00</b>		

**REPORT #9**

**GRAND LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MINUTES**

Submitted by: John Morgan #8, Chairman

**Grand Lodge of California, I.O.O.F.**

**Special Board of Directors Meeting**

**Saratoga, California – 04/18/2012**

**Call to Order:** Randy Krassow, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

**Roll Call:**

Elected Board Members Present: Randy Krassow (Chairman), John Morgan (Vice Chairman), Roy King (phone), Pete Pohlhammer, Barry Prock, Peter Sellars, Paul Wright.

Elected Board Members Absent: Clarence Woodbey (Via Phone Conference)

Grand Lodge Officers Present: Paul Pike (GM), Rod Metoyer (DGM), Rick Boyles (GW), Jay Johnson (GT), Ray Link (GS), Don Lang (GR), Barry Prock (GR), Gene Breeland (Jr.PGM).

Grand Lodge Officers Absent: NONE

Others Present: Larry Brenner (GL Attorney),

**Discussion / Business:**

Odd Fellow/Rebekah Beneficial Fund/Board: Larry Brenner explained IRS and Corporate status and all of the different versions of the By-Law and the current issues. Larry presented two (2) suggestions:

1. Draft a new set of By-Laws – suggest amending the current (2011) By-Laws.
2. Do not surrender funds – Grand Lodge to control funds.

Grand Lodge Bills:

1. Bill #1
2. Bill #2
3. Bill #3 (dropped by maker)
4. Bill #4 (change to Grand Body)
5. Bill #5 (repeal GL Ch#30 and reenact with SGL Ch#38) – emergency.
6. Bill #6
7. Bill #7
8. Bill #8 (dropped by maker)
9. Bill #9 (Rebekah entitlement)

10. Bill #10 (dropped by maker)
11. Bill #11
12. Bill #12
13. Bill #13 Limit term Chairman & Vice Chairman
14. Bill #14 GM = Chairman

LaFayette 65: Grant request for repairs to back stairway. **Moved by Paul Pike, seconded by Barry Prock to allow a line of credit not to exceed \$6,500.00 to repair the back stairway – PASSED.**

Grand Lodge Visitors: Look into the visitor charge for next year.

Merced: John Morgan to work with Property Management. **Moved by Rod Metoyer, seconded by Barry Prock to allow John Morgan to work with the Property Management – PASSED.**

Santa Rosa Cemetery/Lodge: Letter received regarding changes.

Rose Parade Float: donation forwarded to Float Board.

**Executive Session:** NO ACTIONS NEEDED.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, June 2, 2012 in Saratoga at 9:00AM

**Adjournment:** 2:15PM, Fraternaly Submitted, Ray Link, Grand Secretary

### Grand Lodge of California, I.O.O.F.

#### Board of Directors Meeting

Saratoga, California – 06/09/2012

**Call to Order:** John Morgan, Acting Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

#### **Roll Call:**

**Elected Board Members Present:** John Morgan (Acting Chairman), Pete Pohlhammer, Barry Prock, Peter Sellars, Clarence Woodbey (Via Skype), Paul Wright.

**Elected Board Members Absent:** Roy King,

**Grand Lodge Officers Present:** Rod Metoyer (GM), Rick Boyles (DGM), Tim Brown (GW), Jay Johnson (GT), Ray Link (GS), Barry Prock (GR).

**Grand Lodge Officers Absent:** Paul Pike (GR&JPGM)

**Others Present:** Thornton Kootz (GL Attorney), Randy Krassow, Mel Astrahan, Bob & Rose Saari, Jackie Brown (RAEC), Daniel Honniball.

#### **Open Discussion Session:**

John Morgan: read a letter he had prepared that took place at last months Grand Lodge sessions. John listed 7 areas of primary concern to him, prefaced with his belief that the GL Board had been harmed and board members, Randy Krassow, GS Ray Link, GT Jay Johnson and GL attorney, Larry Brenner had their character, reputations, honesty and professionalism unduly called into question.

PGM Paul Pike requesting Rick Boyles to draft a Bill deleting Roberts California Code which could have serious ramifications for California and is in direct violation of the obligation he took.

Rumors, falsehoods and lies spread by many including Grand Lodge officers against GT Jay Johnson, GS Ray Link, GLBOD chairman Randy Krassow and GL attorney Larry Brenner claiming they had a plan in place to remove Paul Pike as Grand Master at the start of sessions. This rumor was not only completely false it created an atmosphere that impacted the re-election bid of Brother Krassow.

The nomination and subsequent ruling by the Grand Master of Mel Astrahan was an outright violation of the Roberts Code.

Odd Fellow/Rebekah Beneficial Fund Bylaws legislation was allowed to be returned to the maker even though it had received a favorable committee report.

Why was the PSGM permitted to intervene on several issues but also appeared to have great influence over how the sessions were conducted by the Grand Master. What allowed the PSGM to threaten to pull the charter of the Grand Lodge of California over the issue of bestowing an emeritus status.

Where and by what authority did the Grand Master illegally, at his sole decision, select Visalia over Modesto as the site for the 2014 – 2016 Grand Lodge sessions, when the Grand Lodge representatives overwhelmingly elected to hold those sessions in Modesto.

Why was Rose Saari granted time on the floor at sessions to air her grievances over receiving a letter of censure regarding the problems that occurred at Alisal Lodge #163 and the Garden of Memories cemetery, a letter of censure that was approved by the body when they accepted the Grand Lodge Board of Directors report two years ago. Why did PGM Breeland and Director Prock apologize to Rose Saari and make the false claim that PGM Breeland was forced to sign the letter of censure, when they were both involved in all the decisions, including the letter of censure, regarding Alisal Lodge #163.

After Director Morgan read his letter he called on Randy Krassow to make his presentation to the Board. Brother Krassow presented a formal Letter of Appeal (attached) on the elections for Grand Lodge Director held last month at sessions. Brother Krassow's letter of appeal included the following:

Appeal and Investigation re: Actions, Inactions and Irregularities at the Grand Lodge sessions

Nomination and Election process

Roberts Rules of Order re: exceptions on election appeals

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the recent Grand Lodge sessions, Director Morgan's letter regarding his many concerns and Brother Krassow's letter of Appeal.

Brother Astrahan was asked whether he complied with the Code requirements for election to the GL Board of Directors. He stated that he did not comply with the letter of qualification or the requirement that his lodge send in a letter of endorsement.

All board members and officers agreed that Brother Astrahan was not, by California Code, eligible for election to the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Questions arose as to why this wasn't caught by the Parliamentarian or others. It was noted by the Parliamentarian, Pete Pohlhammer that this and other questionable items were brought to the attention of the Grand Master. Grand Master Pike stated to the Parliamentarian and others that he had made his decisions and they were final.

Brother Krassow reported that he didn't push the issue during sessions because of threats made by PSGM George Glover to pull the charter of the Grand Lodge of California.

Grand Master Metoyer informed the officers and board that he had a conversation this past week with the SGM Delmar Burns who stated to him that he would suspend the charter of the Grand Lodge of California if the Grand Lodge Board of Directors election appeal was upheld. He told the Grand Master Metoyer that he was basing this on his belief, after reviewing Roberts Rules of Order that election appeals had to be made during sessions. Grand Lodge attorney, Thornton Kontz, noted that there were 5 exceptions to that, the first of which is that an appeal of election where the party elected who was not eligible and/or did not meet the requirements an appeal could be made anytime during the term of the party illegally elected.

There was great concern expressed by everyone over this latest threat made by the SGM Burns to pull the charter of the Grand Lodge of California, and what was said to the SGM Burns to make him feel this drastic and illegal action was appropriate.

Discussion was also held on the continued interference of PSGM Glover during the recent sessions. Grand Master Metoyer informed everyone that the PSGM Glover had been informed prior to sessions on the rumors, falsehoods and lies that were spread before and during sessions and that clearly he and the SGM Burns were making decisions and judgments on California members and the California Code based on discussions he had with Grand Master Pike and perhaps others and they believed these many falsehoods.

Letters from Grand Lodge attorney Brenner and Grand Treasurer Jay Johnson (both attached) regarding the rumors, lies and falsehoods made against them and others at the recent Grand Lodge sessions were distributed to members. It was noted that the Grand Secretary Link had sent a letter to the Grand Master Metoyer as well on these same issues.

Director Barry Prock stated that he had heard, and had repeated to others, that there was a plan to remove Grand Master Paul Pike at the beginning of sessions. He said that he had heard it only involved the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and not Brothers Krassow and Brenner. Director Prock was asked why, when he heard this rumor, he didn't go directly to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to check on the validity of the rumor rather than spreading it.

The Grand Secretary then asked Director Prock about comments he had heard that Director Prock hated him. Director Prock responded "I don't hate you Ray, I just don't trust you".

Director Prock refused to say why he didn't trust the Grand Secretary and why he didn't go to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer about the rumor that they were going to remove the Grand Master rather than spreading it.

Brother Krassow suggested that he along with Brother Astrahan and the guests excuse themselves so that the Officers and Board could discuss all of this further without the conflict of them being present. Brother Krassow and the guests excused themselves, Brother Astrahan stayed. The Grand Lodge Board of Directors went into Executive Sessions to discuss these issues.

**Executive Session ended:**

**Moved by Pete Pohlhammer, seconded by Paul Wright to have Thornton Kontz to write a letter signed by the Grand Master to SGL relative to the nomination/election process set forth in our Code – PASSED.**

**(Rod Metoyer, Mel Astrahan, Clarence Woodbey Abstained).**

**Moved by Ray Link, seconded by Paul Wright to submit an 'Emergency' Bill at the next Grand Lodge Session to substitute 'Honorable' for 'Voluntarily' in Chapter III, Sec 20, Paragraph 9 (Qualifications) of the Roberts Code – PASSED.**

Randy Krassow discussed the Grand Lodge Auditor's questionnaire. Brother Krassow was authorized to complete the Auditors questionnaire.

**Election of Board Officers:**

Rick Boyles nominated John Morgan for Chairman – elected by a 6-4 vote.

Rod Metoyer nominated Pete Pohlhammer for Chairman.

Rick Boyles nominated Peter Sellars for Vice Chairman – elected by acclamation.

**Meeting Minutes approval: (03/31/2012 and 04/18/2012). Moved by Paul Wright, seconded by Pete Pohlhammer to approve the minutes – PASSED.**

**Sick Report:** Clarence Woodbey recovering from back surgery, Fred Lansdow died, Orin Johnson died.

**Communications:** (\*indicates having been emailed or sent to ALL of the Board Members)

**\*Jack and Betty Jean Reasoner:** Information on their transfer to Nevada

**\*St. Helena #167:** 'Thank You' card for the set of chain regalia

**\*Healdsburg #64:** email sent relative to consolidation with Osceola – DDGM to handle.

**\*Letter: Larry Brenner:** re: Sessions – requested letter to be in minutes

**\*Letter: Jay Johnson:** re: Sessions – requested letter to be in minutes

**\*Rose Float:** 'Thank You' for the \$5,000.00 donation approved by the body at the GL sessions.

**\*Letter San Pablo #43:** requesting a rate drop on their loan – referred to Investment committee.

**Letter Mission Peak #114:** re: Session – requested by the lodge to have the letter in the minutes – Rod Metoyer to discuss with Paul Pike contents of his report to Grand Lodge.

**Letter Santa Cruz #96:** re: Sessions – requested letter to be in the minutes. Acknowledge required.

**Letter LaFayette #65:** Requesting a grant for \$5,500 between \$6,500 refer to Investment committee.

**Old Business:**

**Cemeteries:**

**Crescent City:** TBC

**Santa Rosa:** STATUS – Not completed.

**San Jose:** 33 Plots to sell.

**Lodges:**

Sonora #10: Noble Grand dispensation, Dell Jackson letters, Rod Metoyer to write a letter to suspend Lodge for 60 days to handle internal issues.

San Jose #34: STATUS – Roof – Lodge to write a letter to the Board requesting a loan.

Yosemite #97: STATUS – Les Weir

Sycamore #129: STATUS – Elevator – Frank Goulart made a presentation for a grant of \$250,000 for an elevator at the Hayward Hall – grants are not available.

San Leandro #231: STATUS – Grand Master to visit

Lemoore #280: STATUS – Grand Master to visit

Manteca #425: STATUS – Annuity Issue – Papers in the Office – Lease needed – Tax matter.

**Moved by Barry Prock, seconded by Rod Metoyer to get an appraisal on building – PASSED.**

Victor #429: STATUS – DDGM to check on it.

**General Issues:**

Annual Reports: Healdsburg #64, Evergreen #161 (Check-No Report) still missing.

**New Business:**

Third Day Proceedings: corrections mentioned and noted for journal.

Rose Saari: disputed her censure letter – wanted it removed – it was explained to her that the letter of censure was not recorded anywhere to remove.

Education Seminar: Sacramento on August 25th at 9:00AM to 2:00PM. **Moved by Pete Sellars seconded Rod Metoyer to provide lunch and hall rental fee expenses from the Membership Promotional Fund – PASSED.**

Foundation's Development Committee appointments: next COFF meeting 7/29 in Saratoga.

Pete Pohlhammer and John Morgan appointed with Jay Johnson & Ray Link to assist.

Odd Fellow/Rebekah Beneficial Fund: By-Law Discussion/Agreement – Rod Metoyer to get a committee of Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly and Fund Board members to work on a solution.

Committee & Meeting Appointments: see below.

Committee & Board Meeting Assignments

Board Meetings:

OFHC – Pete Pohlhammer, RCS – Jay Johnson, Camp – Barry Prock, COFF – Jay Johnson

RA Executive Committee – Ray Link, Plaza Development – Pete Pohlhammer

Committee Assignments:

Membership – Pete Sellars, Property – John Morgan, Rod Metoyer, Barry Prock

Odd Fellows/Rebekah Beneficial Fund By-Laws – Rod Metoyer, Rick Boyles

Investments – Randy Krassow, Jay Johnson, John Morgan, Ray Link, Pete Pohlhammer

**Consent Agenda Reports: PLEASE NOTE: The 'Consent Agenda' reports will NOT be discussed unless someone asks to have them removed from the Consent Agenda. All reports that are not specifically removed from the Consent Agenda will be accepted as mailed or emailed.**

Grand Master: Rod Metoyer

Deputy Grand Master: Rick Boyles

Grand Warden: Tim Brown

Grand Representatives: Barry Prock, Paul Pike

\*Audit: Jay Johnson

\*Budget: John Morgan

Investment: Jay Johnson

Legal: Larry Brenner (Jackson, Mound)

Legislation:

\*Membership: Peter Sellars

\*Property: John Morgan Merced – new tenant – maintenance issues – 2 sales bids were rejected  
Larry Brenner contested lease to Church

OF Homes:

Foundation:

Development:

\*Children's Home: Rick Boyles

Youth Camp:

Rebekah Assembly: Jackie Brown

**Comments:**

Rod Metoyer said he invited the leaders of the other Branches to meet relative to joint sessions.

Peter Sellars spoke on re-establishing the Membership Seminar in February at Santa Nella. **Moved by Barry Prock, seconded by Pete Pohlhammer to support the Membership seminar – PASSED.**

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 4th, 2012 in Saratoga at 9:00AM

Adjournment: 4:45PM

**Fraternally Submitted, Ray Link, Grand Secretary**

ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES

Letters requested to be included in the minutes

Read by: John Morgan, June 9, 2012

Recently things and events have happened that have caused grave damage and harm to not only the integrity of the Grand Lodge Board, but to certain individuals of this Board. The character, reputations, honesty and professionalism of some have been questioned and attacked, even some publicly embarrassed.

The obligation that we all took, especially the Officers and Directors state that, "I will support and abide by the laws of the SGL and the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of CA., to the faithful performance of all which I pledge my sacred honor."

Items of great concern:

Grand Master Paul Pike ask Rick Boyles to draft legislation to submit to the upcoming Grand Lodge Sessions a bill that would attempt to throw out Roberts Code Book. This is in defiance of the above obligation that he took. Our legal counsel met with him. and was able to convince him of the possible consequences and damage this bill would bring upon the Jurisdiction of California.

Vicious rumors were spread that Grand Secretary: Ray Link, Grand Treasurer: Jay Johnson, Board Chairman: Randy Krassow and our legal counsel Larry Brenner had conspired to remove Grand Master: Paul Pike after he opened Sessions. Even the Representative from SGL stated that he had heard that before he left Rhode Island. The real conspiracy was that Link, Johnson, Krassow and Brenner had never heard of this. I can only imagine that this malicious rumor spread like wildfire, enough so that it had an impact on the outcome of the elections and the attempt to grant Randy Krassow the Emeritus status.

The nomination and ruling that allowed Mel Astrahan on the ballot is an outright violation of the requirements set forth for nominations on page Ill-27Sec. 12. Even our own parliamentarian did not support this rule.

Why were the much needed By-Laws for the Benefit Fund returned to sender when the Legislation Committee recommended adoption of the Bill?

When did the Representative from SGL ever intervene and influence how our presiding Grand Master would conduct our Sessions and decision making? Especially when he said that he would suspend our Charter if Randy Krassow was granted Emeritus status.

With 131 Odd Fellow Lodges and 80 Rebekah Lodges, where is it written or ever practiced that the Rebekah Assembly would have the right to chose where the Grand Lodge Conventions would be held? Especially after the Grand Lodge members voted to go to Modesto.

Allowing Rose Saari to read her letter to the Grand Lodge Representatives was another attack on the integrity of the Grand Lodge Board, especially when Past Grand Masters Gene Breeland and Barry Prock (who were both in on the decision to send the letters of Censure to the Salinas Cemetery Board). With Gene Breeland apologizing and stating that he was forced to sign the letter. I don't recall it that

way. Then Barry Prock apologizes and said that the letter was caused by "old bad blood," who are no longer on the Board.

I have a stack of letters to support what I have written here. Brothers are we in a mode of self destruction that will hasten our demise, caused by actions outside of this room and spread beyond belief. Friendships are being destroyed, alliances are being defied, and the Brotherhood of Man appears to have lost its footing.

Randy Krassow  
106 Geneva Court  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

June 6, 2012

Grand Master Rod Metoyer  
Grand Lodge Board of Directors  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
14414 Oak St, "B"  
Saratoga, CA 95070

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

This letter is an appeal to the election for Board of Directors held at this year's Grand Lodge sessions in Sacramento, CA., May 16-19. Further it is a request to investigate the activities and unfounded defamatory comments, made by several members of this Order prior to and during the time the sessions were held.

THE ELECTION: Brothers, Paul Wright and Randy Krassow, both incumbent directors of the Grand Lodge Board had complied with requirements of Robert's Code and were listed in the advance proceedings as candidates for the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. On the opening day of sessions, Thursday, May 17th, as required by Code, Bro's. Wright and Krassow names were place before the body as nominees for the two (2) seats open on the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Bro Mel Astrahan name was also placed into nomination. Nominations for other offices proceeded. The Parliamentarian, Pete Pohlhammer, was asked by several members including Grand Secretary Ray Link, how Bro. Astrahan could be nominated since he hadn't meet the requirements for nomination which included sending in his Statement of Qualifications and Letter of Good Standing from his Lodge. Initially Bro. Pohlhammer believed that Bro. Astrahan could be nominated, however after further members questioned this issue Bro. Pohlhammer stated he would review Roberts Code that evening. Upon further review of Roberts Code, specifically as it relates to elections (see attached) Bro Pohlhammer agreed that Bro. Astrahan did not meet the eligibility requirements to be a candidate for the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Bro. Pohlhammer, told this to Grand Master Paul Pike that evening/the next morning. The Grand Master, as I understand it, told Bro. Pohlhammer he didn't care what the Code said he had decided that Bro. Astrahan was an eligible candidate, he had made his decision and that was the way it was going to be. The background to this and other conversations that many members had with the Grand Master during sessions was the false and malicious rumor that was being spread calling into question the integrity of Bro's. Krassow, Ray Link, Jay Johnson, and Larry Brenner. The representative from Sovereign Grand Lodge (PSGM) had heard these rumors and had, as evidenced by his actions, already made up his mind as to any questions regarding Bro's. Krassow, Link, Johnson and Brenner. It was in this atmosphere, that polluted the sessions, that made questioning actions of the Grand Master not only difficult but almost impossible. Bro. Pohlhammer told me and others of his conversation with the Grand Master regarding the eligibility of Bro. Astrahan candidacy. It also became quite apparent to all that the sessions and many decisions made were being controlled by the PSGM rather than Roberts Code and the long standing practices of the Grand Body. The rumors of the PSGM "pulling the charter of the Grand Lodge of California" also began.

After the election for GLBIOD was here held on Friday, May 18th many members began to question the election of Bro Astrahan, not only because the issue of his eligibility, but neither he nor

Bro. Krassow had receive the 94 votes that the Grand Secretary had announced has required to be elected. That afternoon and evening, Bro Pohlhammer was questioned about this and again he discussed this the Grand Master Pike, who stated that that regardless of the Code or past practices the elections were over and he had made his decision and declared Bro. Astrahan elected.

As I and others were preparing to bring this matter to the floor, before the whole body, I was told by the PSGM that he was going to announce to the assembled body that he was taking the title of Director Emeritus, which the body the day before had given me, away from me. It was very clear to me by his tone and attitude that the PSGM had believed the vicious rumors about Bro's Link, Johnson, Brenner and myself and was going to punish me wherever possible. Brother Ray Link questioned the PSGM about removing the title Director Emeritus from me and was told by the PSGM that if representatives assembled did not go along with his decision to remove the honorary title from me he was authorized by the SGM, and would, pull the charter of the Grand Lodge of California and take it back with him the SGL offices. With this threat being made I decided that it was in the best interest of the Grand Lodge and myself to pursue the appeal after sessions were held through the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Board.

Clearly Brothers, the requirements to be a candidate for election to the Grand Lodge Board of Directors were not met by Bro. Astrahan that cannot be in question. Although I could not find in our Roberts Code of California Law a time frame for an appeal of an election, I did find in our Code a reference to use Robert Rules of Order if a subject is not addressed in our Code. Roberts Rules of Order states that there is no "general timeliness" requirement if an individual does not meet the qualifications for the office. Bro. Astrahan does not meet the qualifications for the office of director as he did not have his qualifications and letter from his Lodge in before sessions started.

As to the malicious rumors, that were being said about Brothers Link, Johnson, Brenner and myself they clearly had an impact on the elections, 29 members did not vote at all, but more importantly they damaged the reputations of good and honest Odd Fellows and ultimately the Order as a whole. Grand Master Rod Metoyer had a meeting we had a week and a half after sessions closed told me that he had received a telephone call a day or two before sessions started from Roberta Prosk informing him that Brothers Link, Johnson, Brenner and myself were going to depose Grand Master pike at the beginning of sessions, how this would be possible I do not know. Grand Master Metoyer told me that informed Paul Pike of this and that perhaps that is how this rumor got going. Grand Master Metoyer at our meeting told me he was going to question Roberta Prosk who she heard this rumor from and that if she did not tell him he would assume that she started it and he would bring charges against her.

Regardless of who started this rumor and the many others that were going around this session it is clear to all attended that something was terribly wrong. The actions and activities of the members who started and/or spread these malicious lies must be investigated in order to maintain the integrity of the Grand Lodge and clear the names of those of us who were so wrongly accused. Those members, regardless of their offices, then or now, should face the consequences of their actions and be tried for "conduct unbecoming" and/or face impeachment from their offices. Clearly any investigation by whatever body or committee, PGM Pike and Prock would need to excuse themselves from serving on the investigation because of their involvement.

Brothers, I only request a fair and impartial hearing on this matter. Regardless of my friendship with many of you and the dislike that some of you may have for me the Order deserves better than what happened last month in Sacramento. You have the authority and ability to right some wrongs, clear our reputations and demonstrates to all our members that no one in this fraternity is above the laws of our Order and the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth really mean something.

Fraternally yours,  
Randy Krassow

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To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of California

Re: The Grand Masters report in the advanced proceeding

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, the Grand Master report is a valuable tool that will be printed in the Journals of our order for the preservation of the history of the current year. 100+ years from now these pages and reports will be read and appreciated by the membership of our future.

It is for this reason that our Lodge will have to take exception to the Grand Masters report in whole, which is very poorly written and edited, but in specific terms the comments made by the Grand Master of our Noble Grand.


At our visit of the Grand Master on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 we started with a wonderful dinner at the Olive Garden which was well attended by several members of the lodges in our district as well as the Grand Master, his wife and a couple of his officers. After dinner, all adjourned to our Lodge hall which was set up for our meeting and prepared for refreshments afterwards. The meeting opened in form, followed the ritual, and had a visit as a body by Livermore #219 and an installation of 2 officers by our DDGM Richard Perry.

Our Lodge has shown, in all its meetings that we are well versed in our charges, present our minutes and warrants in the proper manner and are all dedicated to our Lodge and its outcomes. This is not something we do lightly, we follow these processes at all meetings, whether there is an official visitor or not.

It is understandable that in the event of a larger crowd, the Noble Grand can exhibit signs of nerves, but does not mean he "needs some instruction". Our chairs are filled, we do have supporting membership, and we take offence to the comments in this report that do not mention the many good things we accomplished at this visit of our Grand Master, but are all negative and derogatory... calling out our Noble Grand by name, when it is not done in any other case through his report, making it seem that the comment was meant to be a direct and purposeful insult to one member.

Our Lodge respectfully asks this body to recommend that the comments of our Noble Grand be removed from the Grand Masters report before it is submitted to print in the journal.

In Friendship Love and Truth  
Nancy Johnson

  
Secretary  
Mission Peak Lodge #114



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May 30, 2012

Rod Metoyer, Grand Master  
Members of the Board of Directors

Brothers:

I am writing this letter to the Grand Master and the Board of Directors to describe my outrage to the accusations made at the recent Grand Lodge Sessions. I along with the Grand Secretary, Chairman of the Board and Grand Lodge Attorney were accused of some sort of conspiracy to get rid of the Grand Master. I deny such accusation in the strongest possible terms. I believe my integrity as Grand Treasurer and as a long-term law enforcement officer has been damaged and I resent it. I have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and as a Sheriff's Deputy and have seen much wrong doing in my career, however, the attacks upon my integrity as well as my fellow brothers is a wrong that should not have taken place and which I am hopeful never happens again.

I believe that the purpose of such acts was to influence the outcome of various elections that took place and that it was vulgar electioneering by parties who wish to see certain members defeated in their elections. Electioneering is strictly forbidden by our Code and should never have been allowed to take place. In fact, if there was a conspiracy at the session it was to deny Randy Krassow's election. The nomination from the floor and failure to have additional ballots denied him due process and should be reversed. Randy should be reinstated and the election voided. Also Randy is entitled to the position of emeritus and it too was denied to him. This was another wrong that should not have taken place.

Fraternally,

Jay Johnson, Grand Treasurer

I was also asked to include my letter to Grand Master Rod Metoyer as part of these minutes. Ray

May 31, 2012

TO: Rod Metoyer, Grand Master

Dear Brother Rod:

I am writing this letter to you because of the outrageous accusations that were made involving me and others at the most recent Grand Lodge Sessions. I along with Jay Johnson, Grand Treasurer, Randy Krassow, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors and Larry Brenner, Grand Lodge Legal Counsel, were rumored to have created or were involved in some sort of conspiracy to get rid of Paul Pike, Grand Master.

I resent and strongly deny such an accusation in the strongest possible terms. I believe my personal integrity as Grand Secretary and as a long-time (since 1964) member of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs has been callously attacked. I have served this Order in many ways for many years and have seen much wrong doing, however, these attacks that were aimed at me personally as well as that of the aforementioned brothers is wrong and should not have taken place and hopefully never will again.

I believe that the purpose of such acts was to influence the outcome of various elections with offensive, improper and unacceptable electioneering by parties who have personal agendas and wanted certain members defeated in the elections. Electioneering is strictly forbidden by our Code and should never have been allowed to take place. The only conspiracy at the session was to deny Randy Krassow's re-election to the Grand Lodge Board of Directors where he has for the last twelve (12) years provided leadership and direction in a much needed manner. The nomination from the floor of Mel Astrahan and the failure to have a second ballot because of no direct majority was illegal, and denied him the due process he was entitled to, and should be reversed. Randy should be reinstated and the election voided.

Randy is by our Code, entitled to the status of 'Director Emeritus' as voted upon by the majority of the representatives in attendance and it too was denied him by an flawed, incorrect decision from Paul Pike, Grand Master, Pete Pohlhammer, Parliamentarian and George Glover, Past Sovereign Grand Master. This is another wrong that should not have taken place and definitely needs to be reversed.

Furthermore, I believe you, on behalf of the Jurisdiction of California, should initiate a grievance at Sovereign Grand Lodge against George Glover, Past Sovereign Grand Master for his overall actions and attitude in our session. The comment/threat personally to me "If the emeritus status is not rescinded I have the permission of Sovereign Grand Master Burns to pull the Charter of California and take it home with me". I personally find the threat to be irresponsible and totally 'unbecoming an Odd Fellow'.

Fraternally,

*Ray Link*

Ray Link, Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of California, I.O.O.F.

**Grand Lodge of California, I.O.O.F.**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Saratoga, CA. – 08/04/2012**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to Order by Chairman, John Morgan at 9:05AM

**Roll Call:** Silent roll call taken – absentees noted

**Elected Board Members Present:** John Morgan (Chairman), Peter Sellars (Vice Chairman) Mel Astrahan, Roy King, Pete Pohlhammer, Barry Prock, Clarence Woodbey (Via Skype), Paul Wright.

**Elected Board Members Absent:** NONE

**Grand Lodge Officers Present:** Rod Metoyer (GM), Rick Boyles (DGM), Tim Brown (GW), Jay Johnson (GT), Ray Link (GS), Paul Pike (GR&JPGM), Barry Prock (GR).

**Grand Lodge Officers Absent:**

**Others Present:** Thornton Kootz (GL Attorney), Randy Krassow, Robert Forthun, John Bellotti, Ronnye Lamphere, Paulette Lamphere, Sharon Burgess, Rose Saari, Ed Brown, Jackie Brown, Frank Goulart.

**Chairman's Remarks:** Regarding the letter to SGL written by Larry Brenner stating the direction the GLBOD was taking because of improper actions at the Grand Lodge session and irregularities with nomination/election process. After much discussion it was:

**Moved by Roy King, seconded by ? to seat Mel Astrahan and declare Randy Krassow as emeritus – NO SECOND**

**Moved by Rick Boyles, seconded by Peter Sellars to seek a consensus for both to participate – PASSED.**

Moved by Roy King seconded by Barry Prock to ratify the election of Mel Astrahan – secondary motion **Moved by Jay Johnson, seconded by Peter Sellars to have a 'paper ballot' – PASSED.**

**Moved by Pete Pohlhammer, seconded by Peter Sellars to table Roy King's motion.**

**Moved by Rod Metoyer, seconded by Rick Boyle to have a special committee to hear Randy Krassow's appeal – PASSED.** Committee appointed Dave Rosenberg, Wayne Roberts, Frank Goulart, Jerry Worth, Mike Young.

**Sick Report:** Ken Kuklish (PGM) passed away, Jerry Rickner passed away, John Hughes recovering at home.

**Approval of Minutes:** (06/02/2012) **Moved by Rod Metoyer, seconded by Pete Pohlhammer to accept the minutes as corrected – PASSED.**

**Communications:** (\* indicates having been emailed or sent to ALL of the Board Members)

\*Letter from SGM Delmar Burns re:

\*Letter from SGL attorney Ken Babb re:

\*Thank you letter from the Arthritis Foundation – No action required.

\*Letter – San Pablo #43 requesting rate reduction – **Moved by Jay Johnson, seconded by Ray Link to a 1% reduction in their interest rate – PASSED.**

\*Letter – Sunset #328 requesting/notification of their lodge's need to move – Rod & Rick to write letter,

\*Letter – SGL/SGW approving our legislation – No action required.

\*Letter – San Diego #153 requesting consolidation with Oceanside #346 – Rod to handle

\*Letter – Yerba Buena #15 appealing the Grand Master's (PP) regarding site selection for 2014 sessions **Moved by Pete Pohlhammer, seconded by Roy King to notify the Convention Committee that we should be negotiations with Modesto, if available, instead of Visalia – PASSED. (9 - 3)**

\*Letter – Redding #141 and Millville #241 regarding transfer issues over dues – Rod to write letter

\*Letter – Odd Fellow Recreation Club – Rod to write letter.

Letter from RCS to have an open member at large position – Rod to appoint.

**Old Business:**

**Cemeteries:**

Crescent City: STATUS – Grand Lodge owns the cemetery – Caretaker still being paid

Santa Rosa: STATUS – New By-Laws submitted, remaining issues – Mortuary Board removed

San Jose #34: STATUS – 33 Plots to sell

**Lodges:**

Sonora #10: STATUS – Lodge Suspension by Grand Master – back to being a Lodge

Sequoia #14: Possible Consolidation request

San Jose #34: STATUS – Roof – Audit on 8/9 – **Moved by Pete Pohlhammer, seconded by Rod Metoyer to fix the roof and put a lien on the property – PASSED.**

Campo Seco #66: possible reinstatement of Lodge

Pajaro #90: Need to contact Grand Lodge before approval

Sycamore #129: Frank Goulart made a presentation relative to an elevator **Moved by Barry Prock, seconded by Paul Pike to refer to the Investment Committee to make the final decision – PASSED.**

San Diego #153: Consolidation request – time sensitive – action required – Audit

San Leandro #231: STATUS – Grand Master's to visit

Lemoore #280: STATUS – Grand Master's to visit

Sunset #328: Lease and moving to new location

Manteca #425: STATUS – (NY LIFE) Annuity Issue, Tax matter, new lease needed for Tenant

Victor #429: STATUS of DDGM's visit – 9 new members

General Issues:

Odd Fellow/Rebekah Beneficial Fund: STATUS of Grand Master's Committee to work on the By-Laws and current operations – 2011 By-Laws.

New Business:

'Tomb of the Unknown': check for wreath presentation (#13079-\$60.00) was given to senior representative Barry Prock to deliver at SGL Sessions. NOTE: Email correspondence from SGL: "A word of caution to California. The Pilgrimage Committee is not bound by any legislation the jurisdiction of California may adopt. The Committee could at any time change the order in which wreaths are presented. For example, the Committee could use a lottery for the wreath laying. Since we are getting more and more requests from jurisdictions to be among those at the head of the line, we will be exploring alternatives".

Final Audit: Moved by Rod Metoyer, seconded by Paul Wright to approve the final audit – PASSED.

New Recording equipment: Moved by Ray Link, seconded by Tim Brown to purchase new recording system – PASSED.

Technology: Moved by Rod Metoyer seconded by Paul Wright to allow \$10K for technology – PASSED.

SGL PR: Moved by Rod Metoyer seconded by Pete Pohlhammer to buy 125 pins and 125 coins for PR purposes at SGL – Amended by Jay Johnson seconded by Paul Wright to include pins only – PASSED. Original motion as amended – PASSED.

Consent Agenda Reports: PLEASE NOTE: The 'Consent Agenda' reports will NOT be discussed unless someone asks to have them removed from the Consent Agenda and then discussed separately. All reports that are not specifically removed from the Consent Agenda will be accepted as mailed or emailed.

Grand Master: Rod Metoyer

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\*Audit: Jay Johnson – written report

\*Budget: John Morgan – written report

Investment: John Morgan

Legal: Larry Brenner

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Membership: Peter Sellars

Property: John Morgan – verbal report

Merced – church group has a sweetheart deal – new lease agreement being worked upon

Kernville – 2 renters – no leases with either one – no rental monies being received

Manteca – appraised at \$325K – possible new lease

Coloma – quick claim deed to State

OFHC: Pete Pohlhammer – verbal report

Refinancing the bond debt

CCRC construction on fire doors/exits

Appraised value significant upgrade

COFF: Jay Johnson/Ray Link reported on the following:

New Screen Doors being purchased

Speed Bumps have been installed and painted white for safety purposes

Painting the Patios, Buildings and remodeling the kitchens – sent to Development Committee

COFF Development:

Proposed meeting for August 11th or 12th – perhaps at Home BBQ.

\*RCS: Jay Johnson – written report

Youth Camp: Barry Prock – Rod Metoyer to appoint Les Weir to YC Board – Grand Lodge Board approval

RA Executive Committee: Ray Link reported on the following discussions:

An internal Ad-Hoc Committee, Service Contract with RCS, By-Laws Committee, Cost cuts with Izabel (Auditors), Recording their meetings and Jackie Brown chosen to represent at GLBOD meetings.

**Moved by Ray Link, seconded by Pete Pohlhammer to accept the Consent Agenda except for the OFHC report from Pete Pohlhammer and the Property Committee from John Morgan.**

**Executive Session:** 3:30PM – 4:40PM

**Moved by Paul Wright, seconded by Pete Sellars to change the Beneficial Fund Tax ID# to the Grand Lodge Tax ID# - PASSED.**

**Adjournment:** 5:00PM

**Fraternal Submitted: Ray Link, Grand Secretary**

### **Grand Lodge of California, I.O.O.F.**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Saratoga, CA. – 10/06/2012**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to Order by Chairman, John Morgan at 9:00AM

**Roll Call:** Silent roll call taken – absentees noted

**Elected Board Members Present:** John Morgan (Chairman), Peter Sellars (Vice Chairman) Mel Astrahan (Via Skype), Roy King, Pete Pohlhammer, Barry Prock, Clarence Woodbey (Via Skype).

**Elected Board Members Absent:** Paul Wright (Out of State)

**Grand Lodge Officers Present:** Rod Metoyer (GM), Rick Boyles (DGM), Tim Brown (GW), Jay Johnson (GT), Ray Link (GS), Paul Pike (GR/JPGM), Barry Prock (GR).

**Grand Lodge Officers Absent:** NONE

**Others Present:** Larry Brenner (GL Attorney), Ed Brown, Frank Goulart, Ron Lamphere.

**Executive Session:** (9:00AM – 9:45AM) General Discussion regarding Board personnel issues.

Rod Metoyer stated that the current appeal committee to look into all of the issues stemming from Grand Lodge session.

**Sick Report:** Clarence Woodbey progressing after surgeries, Rod Metoyer has pinched nerve in his neck, John Hughes recovering from heart surgery and has returned to Lodge meetings, Terry Olson's father passed away.

**Approval of Minutes:** (08/04/2012) – **Moved by Ray Link, seconded by Roy King to accept the minutes – PASSED.**

**Communications:** (\* indicates having been emailed or sent to ALL of the Board Members)

\*SGL: official confirmation of Code changes – no exceptions

\*Sunset Lodge #328: relative to consolidation, moving and use of restricted funds

\*NOVARA Rebekah #61: requesting 'caretaker' status – see New Business.

\*Ontario #345: Tenant issues

\*Kernville #251: Lease with library – Rod and Paul to visit.

\*Visalia: Convention & Visitors Bureau – re: vacated sessions – no further response – no action.

\*Report by Ray Link relative to SGL Executive Committee meeting with California delegation regarding the nomination/election process at Grand Lodge session – information only – no action needed.

Ontario #345: email (10/5) requesting a rate reduction on their loan – see new business.

Manteca #425: (10/5) current lease for tenant – fire department notice relative to fire alarm system in house.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Cemeteries:**

Crescent City: STATUS – back flow system tested.

Livermore: Audit not completed – John Morgan and Pete Pohlhammer to check it out

Santa Rosa: STATUS – New By-Laws submitted, remaining issues – Rod Metoyer to visit.

#### **Lodges:**

Sonora #10: STATUS – Lodge reinstated by Grand Master

Sequoia #14: Possible Consolidation request

San Jose #34: STATUS – Roof

Healdsburg #64 & Osceola #215: Consolidation completed – money need to be changed to new lodge.

Campo Seco #66: Al Oberst working with the Lodge – possible reinstatement of Lodge

Pajaro #90: Need to contact Grand Lodge before approval to sell Hall – Paul Pike to handle

Sycamore #129: Frank Goulart status on elevator project – proceeding forward.

San Diego #153 & Oceanside #346: Consolidation completed

Kernville #251: STATUS

Lemoore #280: STATUS – Grand Master's to check on it – hall in disrepair.

San Bernabe #328: Charter surrendered – Hall

Manteca #425: STATUS – (NY LIFE) Annuity Issue, Tax matter, Lease to 2016

Victor #429: STATUS of DDGM's visit

El Centro #000: Gerald Poarch assigned to check out and check with real estate agent

Euclid #68: HEF Loan payment due

Grass Valley #12: Barry Prock to assist – no audit necessary

Elk Grove Hall: **Moved by Jay Johnson, seconded by Roy King to allow El Dorado #8 and Elk Grove Rebekah Lodge #136 to work out the project – PASSED.** (1 Abstention).

Hemet #190: Bob Forthun reported the lodge doing fine.

French Gulch #75: Hall completed

Volcano Lodge Hall: **Moved by Rod Metoyer, seconded by Roy King to donate \$500.00 a year for the maintenance of the building from the Property account – PASSED.** (1 Abstention).

#### **General Issues:**

Odd Fellow/Rebekah Beneficial Fund: STATUS of Grand Master's Committee to work on the By-Laws and current operations – 2011 By-Laws.

### **New Business:**

Snelling Rebekah #121: letter confirming status for their use – Larry to write

Holiday Dinner: Date, Menu, etc. **Moved by Paul Pohlhammer, seconded by Rod Metoyer to pay for the Holiday dinner with the Rebekah Assembly – PASSED.**

Ontario #345: Rate reduction request. **Moved by Jay Johnson, seconded by Peter Sellars to reduce their current rate to 6% - PASSED.**

OFHC Bond Documents: Release of Guaranty and Resolution Approving and Authorizing

Execution of Guaranty of Grand Lodge of California, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. **Moved by**

**Pete Pohlhammer, seconded by Paul Pike to authorize the Grand Secretary to on behalf of the Grand Lodge of California – PASSED.**

**Moved by Peter Sellars, seconded by Rod Metoyer to allow Oscar DelFellera to transport furnishings from El Centro to Mexico – PASSED.**

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COFF Development:

\*RCS: Jay Johnson – written report

\*Youth Camp: Barry Prock

RA Executive Committee: Next meeting 10/7

**Moved by Ray Link, seconded by Pete Pohlhammer to accept the Consent Agenda except for the Property and Budget reports pulled by John Morgan – PASSED.**

Budget: John Morgan was asked to discuss the Grand Secretary’s travel expenses in the budget.

Property: Merced hall – buyer motivated – issues over church’s lease.

Property: Peter Sellars and Roy King added to the Property Committee.

Cemetery: Salinas (GOM) cemetery crematory does not work properly – possible legal action.

**Executive Session:** (2:00PM – 2:40PM) – No action necessary.

**Adjournment:** 2:45PM

Fraternally Submitted: Ray Link, Grand Secretary

### **Grand Lodge of California, I.O.O.F.**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Saratoga, CA. – 12/01/2012**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to Order by Chairman, John Morgan at 9:05AM

**Roll Call:** Silent roll call taken – absentees noted

**Elected Board Members Present:** John Morgan (Chairman), Peter Sellars (Vice Chairman)  
Roy King, Pete Pohlhammer, Paul Wright.

**Elected Board Members Absent:** Clarence Woodbey, Barry Prock

**Grand Lodge Officers Present:** Rick Boyles (DGM), Tim Brown (GW),

Jay Johnson (GT), Ray Link (GS), Paul Pike (GR/JPGM), Barry Prock (GR).

**Grand Lodge Officers Absent:** Rod Metoyer (GM), Paul Pike (GR), Barry Prock (PR)

**Others Present:** Larry Brenner (GL Attorney), Frank Goulart, Ron Lamphere, Ed Brown, Jackie Brown, Neil Allen, Carlos Garcia (COFF Administrator).

**Executive Session:** (9:05AM – 10:05AM) – No Actions Needed

**Sick Report:**

**Deceased:** Robert Hoenig PGM, Doyle Childers PGM, Don Fetherlin #11, Danny Wong #397, Jay Miller #43

**Distressed:** Rod Metoyer (Surgery), Clarence Woodbey (Surgery)

**Approval of Minutes:** *Moved by Ray Link, seconded by Roy King to accept the minutes of the 10/06/2012 meeting – PASSED.*

**Communications:** (\* indicates having been emailed or sent to ALL of the Board Members)

\*Trinity #299: requested reinstatement of 3 members – referred to Grand Master

\*Tom Hinton: requesting reinstatement – referred to Grand Master

\*Charity #6: regarding letter to reactivate Manteca #425 – referred to Grand Master – dropped by Charity #6

\*Upper Lake #241: Consolidation approval letter re: Sequoia #14 – referred to Grand Master – date set

\*Sonora #10: requesting loan – roof and kitchen

Via Email: Neil Allen's Statement of Qualifications

Phone Message: Jan T. re: Sierra Park on SGL Web Page

**Old Business:**

**Cemeteries:**

Crescent City: STATUS – TBC

Livermore: Audit not completed – John Morgan and Pete Pohlhammer to check it out – TBC

Salinas: STATUS – Crematory issues – air quality issues – possible legal action – TBC

Santa Rosa: STATUS – New By-Laws submitted, remaining issues – Rick and Conrad to visit – TBC

**Lodges:**

Grass Valley #12: STATUS – Barry Prock to assist – New Officers – Complete

Sequoia #14: consolidating into Upper Lake #241 – date set for December 12th

Oriental #45: consolidation into Sacramento #2 – Lodge illegal only 2 legal members – TBC

Campo Seco #66: Al Oberst working with the Lodge – reinstatement of Lodge in January, 2013

Kernville #251: STATUS – possible sale

San Bernabe #358

Lemoore #280: STATUS – Grand Master's to check on it – TBC

El Centro #397: Charter Suspended – Gerald Poarch assisted

Manteca #425: STATUS – (NY LIFE) Annuity Issue, Tax matter, Lease to 2016 – possible offer to buy

**General Issues:**

Odd Fellow/Rebekah Beneficial Fund: STATUS – 2011 By-Laws – due by end of January

Snelling Rebekah #121: letter confirming status for their use – Larry to write

Euclid #68: HEF – \$1,000 Loan payment due – Rod/Rick to handle

**New Business:**

Charity #6: regarding letter to reactivate Manteca #425 – Grand Master said issue dropped by Charity #6

Sonora #10: requesting loan – roof and kitchen – no paperwork

**Moved by Roy King, seconded by Jay Johnson to grant Randy Krassow 'EMERITUS' status – PASSED.**

Temple of Praise – behind in payments – requesting decrease in rate. *Moved by Jay Johnson, seconded by Ray Link to reduce interest rate to 6.5% to begin January 1, 2013 – PASSED.* New note to be drafted.

**Consent Agenda Reports: *PLEASE NOTE: The ‘Consent Agenda’ reports will NOT be discussed unless someone asks to have them removed from the Consent Agenda and then discussed separately. All reports that are not specifically removed from the Consent Agenda will be accepted as mailed or emailed.***

Grand Master: Rod Metoyer

Deputy Grand Master: Rick Boyles

Grand Warden: Tim Brown – written travel report provided

Grand Representatives: Barry Prock, Paul Pike – NO report

\*Audit: Jay Johnson – written report

\*Budget: John Morgan – written report

Investment: John Morgan

Legal: Larry Brenner

Legislation: Rick Boyles

\*Membership: Peter Sellars

\*Property: John Morgan – verbal report

OFHC: Pete Pohlhammer – Report given

COFF Development: Carlos Garcia spoke on the project

Startup amount placed into a new, separate account

Explained the process with the assistance of PRS as developers – not managers

Low cost housing – no Section 202 housing or funds

RCS: Jay Johnson – written report

Youth Camp: Barry Prock – STATUS – NO REPORT

***Moved by Ray Link, seconded by Paul Wright to accept the Consent Agenda except for the Property, Budget and OFHC reports – PASSED.***

**Consent Agenda Reports Removed:**

Budget: John Morgan

Discussed the current budget – proposed \$ 175,234.00 budget surplus

Presented the proposed 2012/2014 budget – TBC

Property: John Morgan

Merced: Church to modify their rent – SOLD

Kernville: 2 tenants – possible buyer – \$500,000

King City: TBC

East Nicholas: Need legal description

Manteca: offer received from renter \$300,000 at 6.1/4% and Closing Costs – 10 year balloon payment ***Moved by Ray Link, seconded by Paul Wright to accept the proposed offer and sell it – PASSED***

El Centro: terrible condition – TBC

Coloma: quick claim deed to State – Larry to handle

OFHC: Pete Pohlhammer – Report given

Refinancing of the bond debt completed

NEW \$123M Bonds at a reduced rate

\$5M to be used for maintenance and upgrade projects at Napa and Saratoga

3 Board Directors will not be running again

Occupancy MNV 90% – SRC 92%

**Discussion Period:**

Hayward:

Frank Goulart talked about the Lodge's elevator project. Frank Goulart presented a mural sketch for their Lodge Hall. **Moved by Roy King, seconded by Peter Sellars to allow the mural to be done at NO liability to Grand Lodge – PASSED.**

Director Position:

**Moved by Roy King, seconded by Paul Wright that the Grand Lodge Board of Directors in attendance recommend to the Grand Master that Randy Krassow be returned as a full Director of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors – PASSED.** (1 Abstention)

Next Meeting: February 2, 2013 – 9:00AM – Grand Lodge Office at Saratoga, CA

Adjournment: 1:45PM

Fraternally Submitted: Ray Link, Grand Secretary

**Grand Lodge of California, I.O.O.F.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saratoga, CA. – 02/02/2013**

Call to Order: 9:00AM – Meeting called to Order by John Morgan, Chairman.

Roll Call: Silent roll call taken – absentees noted

Elected Board Members Present: John Morgan (Chairman), Peter Sellars (Vice Chairman), Neil Allen, ~~Roy King~~, Pete Pohlhammer, Barry Prock, Clarence Woodbey (via skype), Paul Wright.

Elected Board Members Absent: Roy King-Funeral-Excused,

Grand Lodge Officers Present: Rod Metoyer (GM), Rick Boyles (DGM), Tim Brown (GW), Jay Johnson (GT), Ray Link (GS), Paul Pike (GrdRep/JrPGM), Barry Prock (GrdRep).

Grand Lodge Officers Absent: NONE

Others Present: Thornton Kontz (GL Attorney), Ron Lamphere, Sharon Burgess (PRA), Jackie Brown,

Bill Schneider #43, Ed Cull #43, Paul Thorn #43.

Presentation by San Pablo #43: Requesting more funds for renovations and a rate reduction of current loan.

Audit will be conducted by Ron Lamphere, Tim Brown & Mike Young on Monday 2/4/2013 at 5:00PM.

Sick Report:

Deceased: Leland Safranek #300, Roy King's mother.

Distressed: Clarence Woodbey (Surgery 2/19), John Meierdierks (Broken Leg), Len Forthun (Heart),

Ken Ronning (Heart and Kidneys).

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by Ray Link, seconded by Rod Metoyer to accept the minutes of the 12/01/2012 meeting as corrected – PASSED.** (Paul and Barry were absent).

Discussion: Odd Fellow/Rebekah Beneficial Fund Application – too long and involved.

Communications: (\*indicates having been emailed or sent to ALL of the Board Members)

\*\*"Thank You" note from Madison Hughes for her Scholarship Grant.

\*\*"Thank You" note from Taylor Crump for her Scholarship Grant.

San Pablo #43: Request for funds – 3 members attended to make their presentation.

Old Business:

Cemeteries:

Crescent City: STATUS – Randy Krassow to assist.

Livermore: Audit not completed – John Morgan and Pete Pohlhammer to check it out – TBC

Santa Rosa: STATUS – By-Laws – Larry to resubmit another letter – TBC

Lodges:

San Pablo #43: STATUS – Rick visited

Oriental #45: STATUS – consolidation into Sacramento #2 – TBC

Campo Seco #66: reinstatement of Lodge sometime in early 2013

Lemoore #280: STATUS – Grand Master’s to check on it – TBC

Manteca #425: STATUS – Property in Escrow – (NY LIFE) Annuity Issue still active

**General Issues:**

Odd Fellow/Rebekah Beneficial Fund: STATUS – 2011 By-Laws – Board Resolution to except.

Euclid #68: HEF – \$1,000 Loan payment due – Paul Pike to handle.

**New Business:**

Youth Camp: Grand Lodge position and liability – possible vacating our involvement.

Florin Lodge Hall: Legal property ownership – old quick claim transfer irregularities.

GLBOD Awards: Last year and this year – 3 Awards agreed upon.

Saratoga #428: Audit requested by Special Deputy Paul Pike.

San Pablo #43: requested a reduction in the rate and an increase in funds for upgrades to their Hall.

**Consent Agenda Reports: PLEASE NOTE: The ‘Consent Agenda’ reports will NOT be discussed unless someone asks to have them removed from the Consent Agenda and then discussed separately. All reports that are not specifically removed from the Consent Agenda will be accepted as mailed or emailed.**

Grand Master: Rod Metoyer – **Moved by Paul Wright, seconded by Barry to donate \$1,000.00 from Grand Master Funds for the Grand Ball – PASSED.**

Deputy Grand Master: Rick Boyles

Grand Warden: Tim Brown

Grand Representatives: Barry Prock, Paul Pike – report by April 1st – Advanced Report.

\*Audit: Jay Johnson – written report –

El Centro – complete

San Bernbe – checking account to be closed

\*Budget: John Morgan

Current 2012-2014 Budget: looking good

Proposed 2013-2014 Budget: explanation of line items. **Moved by Paul Wright seconded by Rod Metoyer to accept the proposed budget – PASSED.** Notations were asked to be made on the Proposed Budget for Grand Lodge Sessions and they are:

1. Appointed Officers Expenses – this is an amount to be used ‘Collectively’).
2. Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer travel/mileage is taxable and therefore has been factored into the salary for each in order to have taxes taken out.

Investment: John Morgan

10.88% Rate of Return for 2012

Financial Manager: given discretionary authority to change financial managers

Sonora #10: requesting loan for repairs to roof and kitchen – line of credit agreed upon – Lodge papers.

San Pablo #29: Audit to be conducted – request to be considered at that time.

Legal: Larry Brenner

Manteca: Annuity Issue

Florin Lodge Hall: Deed irregularities

Youth Camp: GL involvement/liability

\*Legislation: Rick Boyles and Pete Sellars

Resubmission of the GLBOD’s Bill (2012-16 hold over) re: OFRBF By-Laws

Emeritus Status: Bill to change “voluntarily” to “honorable”

Nominations/Elections: Bill to clarify parameters

GLBOD Committees: using non-directors

Foundation By-Laws: Bill to change Trustee to Director

Youth Camp: Resolution relative to qualifying counselors

Resolution: regarding Lodge Deed information

\*Membership: Peter Sellars – written report

\*Property: John Morgan

Coloma: quick claim deed to State – Larry to handle

East Nicholas: Needs legal description

El Centro: 1.7 acres, squatters, hall in terrible condition – TBC

Kernville: Renters to use for ‘Whiskey Flat Day’, Realtor to list property

King City: Building Issue – Close accounts – Rod to handle

Manteca: in Escrow

Mojave: Possible buyer – **Moved by Paul Wright, seconded by Pete Pohlhammer to proceed with sale with the Lessee – PASSED.**

Clear Lake: possible problems

OFHC: Pete Pohlhammer – verbal report

Increase member benefit/credit monthly increased from \$3 to \$10 per month

8.7% return on investments

Schuyler Colfax Award: Harwood Kolsky first recipient

Cash on hand: 368 to 000 days on hand

COFF: Bill to change ‘Trustee’ to ‘Director’.

\*RCS: Jay Johnson – written report

Youth Camp: Barry Prock – written report provided

RA: Jackie Brown – Sharon Burgess expressed willingness to continue meeting with the GLBOD.

**Executive Session:** (1:45PM – 3:25PM)

**Moved by Peter Sellars, seconded by Paul Wright to write a letter to ALL members of the Youth Camp Board directing them to require all Camp Counselors (minors and adults) and the Summer Camp Manager to receive certification and training and be certified prior to conducting the summer program in 2013 – PASSED.** Rod Metoyer to deliver to the next Camp meeting. **Moved by Rod Metoyer seconded by Clarence Woodbey to have our attorney to write the Youth Camp letter – PASSED.**

**Discussion Period:**

Next Board meeting: No change to schedule.

Youth Committee: Junior Lodges and Theta Rho Clubs accredited advisors and persons needed.

Lodge Officer Bonding: **Moved by Pete Pohlhammer, seconded by Ray Link to raise the Bond for Lodge Officers from \$2,500 to \$10,000 - PASSED.**

Grand Ball: Moved by Paul Pike, seconded by Barry Prock to donate \$1,000 from Grand Master expense to help fund

Tim Brown brought up about the Religious issues discussed at the Sacramento seminar and the impact it had on some of the attendees.

**Next Meeting:** April 6, 2013 – 9:00AM – Grand Lodge Office at Saratoga, CA.

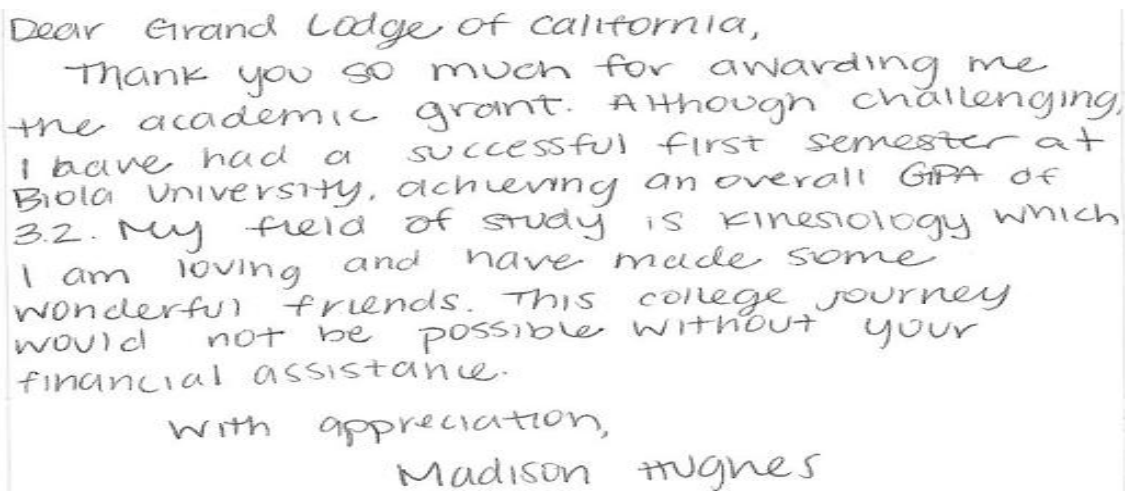
**Adjournment:** 3:50PM – Meeting Adjourned.

Fraternally Submitted: Ray Link, Grand Secretary

Dear Grand Lodge Members,

I would like to sincerely thank you for awarding me the generous scholarship of one thousand dollars. Your generosity has helped me to fund and further explore my academic journey here at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Without your help, I could not have paid for the materials and education to further my opportunities as a Public Relations major. I hope that you all know how truly thankful I am to have been granted this and how hard I have worked to use this scholarship to its full academic ability. I thank you all so much and hope all is well.

Sincerely,  
Taylor Crump



Dear Grand Lodge of California,  
Thank you so much for awarding me the academic grant. Although challenging, I have had a successful first semester at Biola University, achieving an overall GPA of 3.2. My field of study is Kinesiology which I am loving and have made some wonderful friends. This college journey would not be possible without your financial assistance.  
With appreciation,  
Madison Hughes

#### **REPORT #10**

#### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Submitted by: Barry Prock #63 and Paul Pike #96

The 186th annual Sovereign Grand Lodge Session of 2012 was held on August 20 – 24, 2012 in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Charles Renninger from Washington, DC is our new SGM, Robert Smith from Illinois is our Deputy SGM and the newly elected SGW is Jimmy C. Humphery of Georgia.

Next year's Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions will be held in Schaumburg, Illinois.

We flew into Dayton, Ohio on Thursday, August 16. After we arrived and settled into our rooms, we were given the opportunity to attend a Cincinnati Reds game with the youth as they had extra tickets that they were selling.

On Friday evening because of the very close proximity of our hotel and the Reds and Bengals stadiums, we were all fortunate enough to attend another Reds game and a Bengals vs. Packers game.

One of the main Bills of interest to our Grand Lodge Board of Directors was Bill #3 submitted by Reps. Muchow of Mississippi and Hayden of North Carolina. This was a hold over bill from the 2011 SGL Session.

This is the bill where the Legislation Committee was attempting to appease all jurisdictions so they could remove the word model from the SGL code. After much debate the bill was pulled and sent back to the Legislation committee.

**Dues for SGL will remain the same again next year.**

The committee assignments for our CA Representatives are: Barry Prock – State of the Order, Committee, Paul Pike – Drawing of the Seats Committee and Gerald Poarch – Property Committee.

Monday morning began with the usual introductions and formalities, and then we got down to business. The following Resolutions and Bills were submitted and voted on.

**Resolution no. 10 - 2010 - Was NOT adopted**

Appoint a Revitalization Committee, review, update, modernize oaths and obligations.

Referred to State of the Order, Ritualistic and Revitalization

**Resolution No. 17- 2010 - Was NOT adopted**

Change Odd Fellow Initiatory Degree

Referred to State of the Order and Ritualistic Work

**Resolution No. 18 - 2010 - Was NOT adopted**

Review all laws, practices and rituals.

Referred to State of the Order and Ritualistic Work

**Resolution No. 1 - 2011 - Was NOT Adopted**

Change Odd Fellow ritual second degree

Referred to Ritualistic Work

**BILLS ADOPTED AT THE 2012 SESSION.**

**Bill No. 21 – 2011 – Adopted as Amended**

Rep. Poarch of California from the Committee on Property presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committees on Legislation, Properties and the Executive Committee.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXXVII, Section 3 be amended by adding a Section 3 B, regarding records of cemeteries.

*Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge I.O.O.F.*

That Chapter XXXVII, Section 3 be amended by adding a Section 3 B as follows:

B. The cemetery's records are to be administrated through the ~~Sovereign Grand Master's Office~~ **Lodge of each jurisdiction and reported to The Sovereign Grand Lodge.**

Bill No. 23 – 2011 – Adopted

Reps. Muchow of Mississippi, Hayden of North Carolina, and Wilson of Ontario from the Sub-committee on Legislation at the request of PSGM Lohman and PSGM Petersen presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committee on Legislation; with amendments from the July sub-committee meeting.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXXIX of the Code of General Laws relating to the International Advisory Council of Odd Fellows by deleting the current Chapter XXXIX in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter XXXIX – International Advisory Board, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

*Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:*

**That a new Chapter XXXIX of the Code of General Laws shall be as follows:**

**CHAPTER XXXIX**

**International Advisory Board**

**Independent Order of Odd Fellows**

**Article I. Name.**

**The name of this body shall be the International Advisory Board of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.**

**ARTICLE II. Membership.**

*SEC. 1.* The International Advisory Board shall be composed of representatives of the member bodies all with equal rank. Terms to run consecutive with elected term of office.

SEC. 2. The member bodies are:

The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. represented by four (4) members: (Sovereign Grand Master, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Warden, Sovereign Grand Secretary to be the Secretary of the Board).

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, I.O.O.F. consists of three (3) members: (President, Vice President, Warden).

General Military Council, P.M., I.O.O.F. represented by one (1) member: (General Commanding).

Grand Lodge of Europe consists of three (3) members: (Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sires).

Grand Lodge of Australasia, I.O.O.F. consists of three (3) members: (Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sires, Grand Secretary).

Independent Order of Oddfellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society consists of two (2) members: (Grand Master, Secretary of the Order).

A. If a designated member is unable to attend, an alternate from the same body may be designated to attend.

### **ARTICLE III. Cost of Representatives**

The expenses of the Representatives to the Board shall be borne by their respective member body.

### **ARTICLE IV. Meetings**

The Board shall meet on the Saturday prior to, and at the site of, the Annual Communications of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. Minutes of the meetings shall be entered into the final Journal of Proceedings of the session following such meeting.

### **ARTICLE V. Purpose**

To exchange ideas, discuss concerns and make recommendations to all worldwide bodies of Odd Fellowship. This body shall have no legislative authority.

### **BILLS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE 2012 SESSION.**

#### **Bill No. 3 – Adopted**

Rep. Provins of Oregon from the Committee on Youth Activities presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committees on Legislation and Youth Activities.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter III, Section 1 J [Page III-2] of the General Code of Laws relating to Membership in United Youth Group.

*Be it enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:*

That Chapter III, Section I J be amended as follows:

J. <sup>09</sup>~~United Youth Group – All persons who believe in a supreme being and are of good moral character, between the ages of eight (8) and eighteen (18) years shall be eligible for membership by initiation.~~ Further requirements to those found in Section 1 A (1) and Section 1 B (1) above, are as follows:

Males and Females within the range of eight (8) and eighteen (18) years.

Members may remain members through the age of twenty-one (21) years before graduating.

#### **Bill No. 4 – Adopted as Amended**

Reps. Muchow of Mississippi, Hayden of North Carolina, and Wilson of Ontario from the Subcommittee on Legislation presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter III, Section 12 A [Page III-9] of the Code of General Laws relating to Associate Membership.

*Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:*

**That a Chapter III, Section 12 A of the Code of General Laws be amended as follows:**

#### **SEC. 12. Associate Membership.**

A. <sup>06</sup>**A Grand Body may provide for associate membership in the components over which it has legislative power.**

**(1) A member shall be restricted to associate membership in not more than three (3)**

**components under each Grand Body within the Jurisdiction, further associate memberships may be granted:**

- (a) To those members who have moved ninety (90) miles or greater from their home Lodge (Unit) [a sojourner].
  - (b) To assist a Lodge (Unit) within the same district in which their Lodge (Unit) is associated for the purpose of assisting the lodge (unit) to rebuild membership.
  - (c) To an Ancient and/or Historical Lodge (Unit) which by reason of the economic conditions of its domicile, is in danger of losing its charter and it is desired to maintain such charter and thus perpetuate its historical and traditional worth to the Order and jurisdiction.
- (2) Associate membership is not authorized in jurisdictions that do not adopt provisions pursuant to this section.

**Bill No. 6 – Adopted**

Rep. Scott of Indiana from the Committee on Youth Activities presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XX Article III [Page XX – 2] of the General Code of Laws relating to Membership in Junior Lodges.

*Be it enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:*

That Chapter XX, Article III, be amended as follows:

SEC. 1. The members of a Junior Lodge shall be as specified in Chapter III (Membership). Associate Membership is as noted in Chapter III, ~~Section 13.~~ **Honorary Membership is as noted in the Ritual.**

**Membership in a Junior Lodge is not affected by taking a withdrawal card provided it is deposited within one year in another Odd Fellow lodge.**

**A. Graduate Members. Members who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years may receive the graduate degree and retain all rights privileges of a member until age twenty one (21). A certificate authorized by The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be issued to graduate members signed by the Chief Ruler, Grand Ruler, and Grand Master and recorded in the records of the Jurisdictional Youth Committee.**

**B. Seniors Members.**

**(1) An Odd Fellow may be elected by ballot to Senior Membership on petition accompanied by the required fees and dues.**

**(2) When a senior member is admitted to membership, the Recorder of a Junior Lodge shall report the member's name to the Secretary of the Odd Fellows lodge. The Secretary shall notify the Recorder of suspension, reinstatement, or withdrawal of the senior member.**

**C. Life Members. A member of a Junior Lodge who acquires membership in an Odd Fellows Lodge shall be a life member of the Junior Lodge so long as he remains an Odd Fellow in good standing. He will receive an appropriate certificate of life membership signed by the Chief Ruler and the Grand Master.**

**Bill No. 7 – Adopted**

Rep. Beck of Wyoming from the Committee on Youth Activities presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXII Article III [Page XXII – 2] of the General Code of Laws relating to Members in Theta Rho Girls' Club.

*Be it enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:*

That Chapter XXII, Article III, be amended as follows:

SEC. 1. The members of a Theta Rho Girls' Club shall be as specified in Chapter III (Membership). Associate Membership is as noted in Chapter III, ~~Section 12.~~ **Honorary Membership is as noted in the Ritual.**

**Membership in a Theta Rho Girls' Club is not affected by taking a withdrawal card provided**

it is deposited within one year in another Rebekah lodge.

**A. Graduate Members.** Members who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years may receive the graduate degree and retain all rights privileges of a member until age twenty one (21). A certificate authorized by The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be issued to graduate members signed by the Club President, Theta Rho Assembly President, and Rebekah Assembly President and recorded in the records of the Jurisdictional Youth Committee.

**B. Seniors Members.**

(1) Any member of a Rebekah lodge may be elected by ballot to Senior Membership on petition accompanied by the required fees and dues.

(2) When a senior is admitted to membership, the Secretary of a Theta Rho Girls' Club shall report the members name to the Secretary of her Rebekah lodge. The Secretary shall notify the Secretary of suspension, reinstatement, or withdrawal of the senior member.

**C. Life Members.** A member of a Theta Rho Girls' Club who acquires membership in a Rebekah Lodge shall be a life member of the Theta Rho Girls' Club so long as she remains a Rebekah in good standing. She will receive an appropriate certificate of life membership signed by the President of the Club and the Rebekah Assembly President.

**Bill No. 8 – Adopted**

Rep. Parrish of Texas from the Committee on Youth Activities presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXVIII Section 2 B [Page XXVIII – 2] of the General Code of Laws relating to Regalia.

*Be it enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:*

That Chapter XXVIII, Section 2 B be amended to add a (9) United Youth Group:

**SEC. 2. Regalia.**

**B. (9) United Youth Group – Yellow and Black**

**Bill No. 9 – Adopted**

Rep. Scott of Indiana from the Committee on Youth Activities presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXVIII SEC. 3 B (4) & (5) [Page XXVIII–3] of the General Code of Laws relating to Veteran Jewels.

*Be it enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:*

That Chapter XXVIII, SEC. 3 B (4) & (5) be amended as follows:

(4) Odd Fellows Non – Continuous Membership Jewel. A member with twenty – five (25) or more non-consecutive years of good standing in a Junior Lodge, United Youth Group, and/or Odd Fellow Lodge is entitled to wear this jewel.

(5) <sup>04</sup>Rebekah Non – Continuous Membership Jewel. A member with fifteen (15) or more non-consecutive years of good standing in a Theta Rho Girls' Club, United Youth Group, and/or Rebekah Lodge is entitled to wear this jewel.

**Bill No. 10 – Adopted**

Rep. Scott of Indiana from the Committee on Youth Activities presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXX [Page XXX – 3] of the General Code of Laws relating to Component Unit.

*Be it enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:*

That Chapter XXX, Component Unit be amended as follows:

*Component Unit:* A constituent group of persons having a common interest and answerable to a superior body. A Lodge, Encampment, Canton, Auxiliary, or Club or Group of the Order.

**Bill No. 11 – Adopted**

Reps. Muchow of Mississippi, Hayden of North Carolina, and Wilson of Ontario from the Subcommittee on Legislation presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXX [Page XXX-5] of the Code of General Laws relating to Emeritus.  
**Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:**

**That Chapter XXX of the Code of General Laws be amended as follows:**

*Emeritus:* Retired or honorably discharged from a specific office, but retaining the title of one's office or position in a ceremonial fashion accorded by Resolution. "Officer" Emeritus is an honorary title which may allow one to advance for presentation according to jurisdictional custom; but is not entitled to Honors of the Order or the Degree where extended. (See Ritual: ...honors are given to elective Officers...)

A person holding an emeritus title who is re-elected or re-appointed to the position shall relinquish the title of emeritus during active service; i.e. Grand Secretary vs. Grand Secretary Emeritus or Grand Marshal vs. Grand Marshal Emeritus. At the end of active service the member may re-assume the title Emeritus without due process.

### **Bill No. 12 – Adopted**

Rep. Parrish of Texas from the Committee on Youth Activities presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXX [Page XXX – 7] of the General Code of Laws relating to Jewel of the Order.

**Be it enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:**

**That Chapter XXX, Words & Phrases, Jewel of the Order be amended as follows:**

*Jewel of the Order:* An authorized Badge or Medal of fraternal significance, worn to indicate office, honors of office, service in the Order, or in recognition for some special achievement, which may be worn in lieu of regalia when not occupying an official station in a lodge, encampment, auxiliary, ~~or~~ club, or group.

### **Bill No. 13 – Adopted**

Reps. Muchow of Mississippi, Hayden of North Carolina, and Wilson of Ontario from the Subcommittee on Legislation presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXX of the Code of General Laws relating to Words and Phrases.

**Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:**

**That Chapter XXX, of the Code of General Laws be amended as follows:**

*Meeting:* <sup>06</sup>An assembling of members of a component unit for the purpose of conducting business and/or performing ritualistic work or for some social function.

A. <sup>11</sup>Regular:

- (1) The meetings of ~~all~~ Odd Fellows Lodges shall be held weekly, bi-weekly or semi-monthly. Terms shall be annual, except those lodges meeting weekly may have six (6) month terms. Local Units shall meet at the hour on the day specified in the Unit's By-laws.
- (2) The meetings of Rebekah Lodges shall be held weekly or semi-monthly. Terms shall be annual, except those lodges meeting weekly may have six (6) month terms. Local Units shall meet at the hour on the day specified in the Unit's By-laws.
- (3) The meetings of Encampments and Ladies Encampment Auxiliaries shall be held monthly or semi-monthly. Terms shall be annual. Local Units shall meet at the hour on the day specified in the Unit's By-laws.
- (4) The meetings of Cantons and Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant shall be

**held monthly or semi-monthly. Terms shall be annual. Local Units shall meet at the hour on the day specified in the Unit's By-laws.**

(5) **The meetings of Junior Lodges, Theta Rho Girls' Clubs, and United Youth Groups shall be held weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Terms shall be annual. Local Units shall meet at the hour on the day specified in the Unit's By-laws.**

- B. <sup>11</sup>**For units meeting more than once a month,** one regular meeting a month could be conducted as a social/informal type meeting if the Grand Body so provides.
- C. Regular meetings falling on legal holidays may be omitted.
- D. A Grand Body may grant a dispensation to a Local Unit enabling the Local Unit to dispense with meetings for a period not to exceed two months in a calendar year.
- E. Special Meetings may be held at which no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting was called.
- F. <sup>11</sup>Quorum: See Chapter XXX.

**Bill No. 14 – Adopted**

Reps. Muchow of Mississippi, Hayden of North Carolina, and Wilson of Ontario from the Subcommittee on Legislation presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to delete Chapter XXXI, SEC. 8 [Page XXXI-2] of the Code of General Laws relating to Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade Float Committee.

***Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:***

**That Chapter XXXI, SEC. 8 of the Code of General Laws be deleted in its entirety.**

**Bill No. 15 – Adopted**

Reps. Muchow of Mississippi, Hayden of North Carolina, and Wilson of Ontario from the Subcommittee on Legislation presented the following Bill which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXXI, SEC. 11 [Page XXXI-3] of the Code of General Laws regarding International Homes Association.

***Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:***

**That Chapter XXXI, SEC. 11 of the Code of General Laws be amended as follows:**

**SEC. 11.** International Association of Homes.

The International Association of Homes is recognized by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The International Association of Homes will meet during session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge as required by the By-laws of the International Association of Homes.

**Bill No. 16 – Adopted**

Reps. Muchow of Mississippi, Hayden of North Carolina, and Wilson of Ontario from the Subcommittee on Legislation presented the following Bill which was referred to Committee on Legislation and the Executive Committee.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter II, Section 12 E (4) [Page II-22] of the Code of General Laws relating to Executive Committee.

***Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:***

**That Chapter II, Section 12 E (4) be amended as follows:**

E. Special Committees and Boards, and their duties are:

- (4) **Executive Committee** consists of the elective officers of The Sovereign Grand Lodge; and the immediate Past Sovereign Grand Master **who shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee by reason of service of his/her past office.** This committee meets between sessions and promulgates plans and programs and works with the officers of all bodies under

the immediate supervision of The Sovereign Grand Lodge for the development and expansion of the Order. It shall direct and promote the operations and general welfare, consistent with the laws, customs and usages of the Order.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall submit a Master Report of their minutes to The Sovereign Grand Lodge so the Grand Representatives may ratify or change their actions.

**Bill No. 19 – Adopted as Amended**

Rep. Muchow of Mississippi, Hayden of North Carolina, Wilson of Ontario from the Committee on Legislation presented the following Bill at the request of DSGM Renninger, which was referred to the Committees on Legislation and Youth Activities.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter II Section 12 E (9) [Page II – 23] of the General Code of Laws relating to the S.G.L./I.A.R.A. Joint Youth Committee.

*Be it enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:*

That Chapter II, Section 12 E (9) be amended as follows:

- (9) <sup>04</sup>**The S.G.L./I.A.R.A. Joint Youth Committee** consists of five (5) members, two (2) of whom are qualified to attend the Sovereign Grand Lodge, two (2) qualified to attend the International Association of Rebekah Assembly one (1) chairman qualified to attend either. (The Sovereign Grand Master may add additional members, as requested during session.) The Deputy Sovereign Grand Master shall recommend a chairman for a one (1) year term and appoint a replacement for a two (2) year term. The Vice President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies shall appoint member qualified to attend the I.A.R.A. for a two (2) year term. The Chairman and replacements are to be appointed ~~by July 1<sup>st</sup>~~ May 1<sup>st</sup> and confirmed the **first (1st)** ~~first (1<sup>st</sup>)~~ ~~last~~ day of the annual session. The committee shall:

- (a) Promote, under direction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Executive Committee during recess of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Junior Lodge, Theta Rho Girls' Club and United Youth Group activities.
- (b) Meet on the call of the Sovereign Grand Master.
- (c) Make necessary reports to the Executive Committees of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies and an Annual Report to The Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies. Its actions, when The Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies are not in session, shall be subject to review and approval of the Executive Committees.

**Bill No. 21 – Adopted**

The Past Sovereign Grand Masters presented the following Bill.

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXXI, Sec. 9 [pg XXXI-2] of the Code of General Laws, relating to the Thomas Wildey Museum.

*Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.:*

That Chapter XXXI, Sec. 9 be amended as follows:

**SEC. 9. Thomas Wildey Museum Trustees. [See also Chapter II, Sec. 6 A (28)]**

- A. The Thomas Wildey Museum Trustees **shall be the repository of I.O.O.F. antiquities, archives, and items of interest to the membership of the Order** are responsible for the continued maintenance and improvement of the Thomas Wildey Museum. They shall keep the Executive Committee, when The Sovereign Grand Lodge is not in session, informed of their action and progress. ~~Any expenditure necessary for maintenance and improvement of the Thomas Wildey Museum are authorized from the Thomas Wildey Museum account.~~

- (1) ~~The term of Thomas Wildey Museum Trustees shall be for a term of three (3) years.~~ **The Sovereign Grand Secretary may from time to time enlist the Past Sovereign Grand Masters for counsel and advice regarding acquisitions and display.**

**REPORT #11**

**ODD FELLOW HOMES OF CALIFORNIA**

dba: Saratoga Retirement Community  
and dba: The Meadows of Napa Valley  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by: Dave Rosenberg #169, Chairman

Two of the crown jewels of Odd Fellowship in California are the outstanding retirement communities owned by the Order: Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC) and The Meadows of Napa Valley (MNV). Both SRC and MNV are recognized as among the finest retirement communities in the West. These two remarkable campuses are owned by the Order and are controlled by a 13-member Board of Directors known as the "Odd Fellows Homes of California," a corporation which it is my honor and privilege to chair. All the members of the board, except one public member, are Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Your hard-working Odd Fellows Homes of California Board of Directors is composed of Mary Ann Tschernoscha, Don Smith, Dorothy Handy, Jerry Worth, Robin Oliver, Gerald Poarch, Terry Olson, Lois Mullen, Lynn Hill, Grand Secretary Ray Link, Grand Treasurer Jay Johnson, Board Vice Chair Vic Bucher, and Board Chair Dave Rosenberg.

Visitors to SRC and MNV are always amazed to see these modern, bright, clean facilities, and the energetic community of people who live and work there. Both SRC and MNV offer the full range of services for aging in place, including spacious independent living (IL), comfortable assisted living (AL), and first-class nursing care (HC). And both SRC and MNV provide special memory care units (MC) for active seniors who have memory issues and challenges.

SRC and MNV are important programs that not only further the aims of Odd Fellowship to elevate the character of man and help those in distress, but also provide substantial financial support for Grand Lodge and the beneficial work of this Order. These retirement campuses allow us to do good and important works in California.

**SARATOGA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**

The campus at SRC has been owned by the Order since 1912 – the oldest continuously operating retirement community in California. In fact, SRC is celebrating its 101st year of operation this year – a remarkable achievement in the world of retirement communities. Currently, 175 residents live in independent living at SRC, 104 residents live in assisted living, and 82 residents receive care at the health center. Additionally, 11 residents make their homes in memory care units. Attending to the residents' needs, SRC is budgeted for 270 loyal and hard-working employees, many of whom have worked at SRC for a generation. For example, Scott Richardson, the facility services director, has been at SRC for 27 years, and Maria Perez, a housekeeper, has served the community for 35 years. Among the residents of SRC are 19 members of the Order including 3 Rebekahs in independent living, 3 Odd Fellows and 8 Rebekahs in assisted living, and 5 Rebekahs in the health care center.

Set within a woodsy 37-acre campus, SRC provides all the amenities one would expect in a first-class retirement community including gourmet meals, an active social program, an indoor pool, a park and walking trails, Bocce ball court, the Seven Stars Tavern, Barnes Hall Auditorium, a large library, beauty and massage salon, a gift shop, arts and crafts rooms, a woodworking center, computer lab, wine tasting room, and much more.

Recently SRC was honored in the retirement industry by receiving a 5-year CARF-CCAC accreditation in ten areas of strength, and an exemplary conformance. This past year, a \$200,000 renovation of Cal Villa was accomplished, modernizing and improving the first floor, the reception area and the marketing area. A much-needed \$160,000 parking lot expansion project was also accomplished for the benefit of residents and their guests.

There have been some recent management changes on campus with the departure of Katie Ledford who was the Executive Director for five years. Replacing Katie is Cathy Schumacher. Cathy has worked

at a CCRC in Southern California for the past 10 years. She was the Director of Nursing, the Corporate Risk Manager, the Director of Health Services and the Executive Director in her tenure. Another change is the promotion of Jennifer Martinez to the Director of Assisted Living. Jennifer is a beloved employee of 10 years who held the position as Executive Assistant. She is a licensed RCFE administrator and the promotion was lauded by the community. We have also welcomed Maren McCarthy, the Director of Human Resources and Amy Leeman as the Resident Services Coordinator.

Operationally, SRC has maintained a solid census in both IL and AL averaging 94%. Our HC census is under budget at 80.4% YTD. On a positive note, we had our best state survey ever in October with 1 minor deficiency, 1 deficiency on the Life Safety Survey and no deficiencies on the HPPD survey. Our SC area has seen falling census over the fiscal year, but is the focus of strategic planning with possible expansion and changes to the program offerings.

### **THE MEADOWS OF NAPA VALLEY**

The Napa campus was purchased by the Order twenty-one years ago, in 1992, and offers a 20-acre community in the very heart of California's wine country. MNV is a full-service retirement community featuring independent living, assisted living, a health care center, and memory care units. This last year saw major improvements and accomplishments at MNV. Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the year was the dramatic improvement in occupancy. In 2011, for example, independent living occupancy was at 69%; but as of April 1, 2012, occupancy in independent living has risen to 84%. Major apartment renovations and an active marketing program have definitely made MNV one of the places to be for active seniors in Northern California. Other completed renovation projects include the Fellowship Hall remodel, the West Wing Courtyard drainage project (which also resulted in the addition of a 9-hole putting green), the Atrium Theater remodel (perfect for watching movies and sporting events), a remodel of a private dining room with a "wine room" motif, as well as the creation of a business center for residents. MNV has also enjoyed major modernizations over the past year including a new and important state-of-the-art fire alarm system.

MNV continues to be unique among California retirement communities as it allows residents to join the community with the payment of month-to-month rent, and no requirement to "buy in." But this last year, in order to expand options for new and existing residents, the Homes Board approved allowing MNV to become a hybrid CCRC/Rental retirement community – with the assurance that at least 50% of the apartments in independent living would remain in the rental mode. Opening up the possibility of a CCRC option will, in future years, not only increase the occupancy rate, but will give residents more options in their retirement planning. The California Department of Social Services has approved a Provisional Certificate of Authority for MNV to be a CCRC. And by direction of the Homes Board, MNV is now accepting long term Medi-Cal residents in the health care center, which certainly supports the mission of the Order to support the community in a benevolent and charitable way.

The MNV campus features an enormous, cathedral ceiling lobby, a library, a billiard and card room, Rebekah Deli Café, Meadows Mall gift shop, a beauty parlor, exercise and fitness room. Bocce Ball courts, and a heated swimming pool are offered, among other amenities. And, of course, dining is a pleasure with food to match any gourmet's palate.

The IL occupancy improvement that was seen in the prior year has continued. IL has achieved better than budget occupancy for the year, surpassing the 90% level and recently as high as 91.7% occupancy. Two years ago, IL occupancy was hovering around 70%, so we have achieved a huge improvement in IL occupancy, partially due to incentives, value pricing of certain apartments and offering three meals per day like the other IL retirement communities in Napa. The main reason IL occupancy has been sustained at its current 90% level is a new feeling that the IL retirement community is vibrant, desirable and the residents are very satisfied with their active lifestyle at MNV. Also helping with IL occupancy is the move-out rate has decreased compared to prior years, as we are now attracting younger retirees in the IL Retirement Living area. In addition to improved IL occupancy over the year we have also achieved sustained improvements in Memory Care and Health Center census and occupancy. As a result

of our overall improved campus occupancy (averaging 87% to 90%) we are seeing a much improved financial picture for MNV.

The latest capital improvement at MNV that has consumed the main portion of the Capital Budget for the year is the Stairwell Renovation Life Safety project. The Stairwell Renovation project is a building requirement (for RCFEs), to be in compliance with becoming a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC). The improvement is required for all 12 stairwell/exits in the main Atrium Building. As of mid-January the project is 50% complete, and is scheduled to be finished by the end of April 2013. We have received a total of seven (7) 10% Deposits for the CCRC, 6 internal, 1 outside, 3 non-refundable, 4 refundable (90%). We will be offering incentives to 10 CCRC "Charter" internal IL residents. Our PCOA has been approved by DSS to extend additional 6 months out to July 31, 2013, due to our Stairwell Project running behind schedule.

The Health Center just had its best California Dept. of Public Health re-certification survey in four years, receiving only 6 deficiencies total. The survey team leader complemented our program, and stated the residents are being well cared for. Currently we have 5 Odd Fellows and Rebekah's residents living at the Meadows (3 residents in IL, 2 AL). There are 2 residents (1 AL, 1 IL) receiving the IOOF Member Related Resident Benefits (\$3 per month per year of service in the Order, starting at year 15).

### **ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AND PROGRESS**

As we all know, over the past five years we have lived through challenging economic times in this country and in California. They don't call it "The Great Recession" for nothing. These difficult times affected most everyone. The retirement home industry was affected, as well. The financial concerns we experienced last year troubled the Board, especially when it became necessary to tap into our investment accounts to meet unanticipated shortfalls of cash in our operating accounts. The poor economy and the decline of the housing market took its toll on all retirement homes. When the economy is slumping and housing prices are dropping, folks who are at the age when they are considering movement to a retirement community often postpone making that move. SRC and MNV were faced with the same problems, but fortunately we did not suffer as much as many other retirement home operations. Our census figures at both SRC and MNV have been improving, and we are hopeful that this improvement will continue in the months and years to come.

The OFHC received a BB+ rating from Fitch Ratings earlier this year. The improved financial position of the Odd Fellows Homes supported this rating and allowed them to successfully complete a refinancing of the bonds that resulted in an all in cost of debt of 4.26%. This financing will result in significant savings of \$2.9 million annually. The occupancy at the homes as of December 12, 2012 was 599, broken out as follows:

**SRC:** 138 in IL, 94 in AL, 5 in MC, and 84 in HC.

**MNV:** 149 in IL, 48 in AL, 18 in MC, and 147 in HC.

Total for SRC and MNV: 287 in IL, 142 in AL, 23 in MC, and 147 in HC.

Total assets as of December 31, 2012 are \$169,535,961 with cash and investments including reserves of \$48,928,715. The Homes Board has worked with Merrill Lynch to invest well – our portfolio has earned a rate of return of 8.79% in 2012.

### **MEMBER BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE**

We are asked, from time to time, why California Odd Fellowship is in the business of owning retirement homes when we have a declining membership. It's a fair question. Our two retirement campuses are recognized as two of the finest such facilities in California. We don't take a back seat to any other organization, and we should utilize them for promoting Odd Fellowship and helping to increase our membership.

With our two Homes we have a place where Odd Fellows and Rebekahs can go in their sunset years, and still be able to react with members of the Order. Those having adequate assets for their senior years can move into one of our Homes and still benefit from the monthly stipend that we provide to assist Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in covering the cost of an apartment. The stipend isn't huge, but it increases

based on the number of years that the retiring member was a member of the Order, and it is a recognition of that coveted membership. Depending on available funds, the Board of Directors can, and will, consider increasing the stipend in future years. On January 26, the Homes Board raised the monthly stipend to \$10 per year of membership, so long as the member has a minimum of 15 years continuous membership, in good standing, in the Jurisdiction of California. Accordingly, the membership stipend would provide, for example, a monthly discount of \$150 for a 15-year member, \$250 for a 25-year member, or \$500 for a 50-year member. Future increases to these benefit, if any, will be determined based upon the available funds.

Some of our members have limited assets or no assets at all, and are unable to afford the going rate at our Homes (or other homes, for that matter). The Board can assist such members with partial support from the Odd Fellow Endowment Fund. Currently, such members are paying as little as \$750 monthly for their units, including board and care. They are required to be members of the Order for 15 years or more, must qualify for Medi-Cal and have not divested themselves of assets to their children or others. Currently, members of the Order residing at SRC and MNV also receive financial help in various forms from income in the Endowment Fund, including reduced rental rates for apartments based upon available income.

### **WORKING WITH OTHER RETIREMENT HOMES OF THE ORDER**

In February, 2013, the Board hosted the semi-annual meeting of the International Association of Homes. The goal of the International Association of Homes is to increase networking of the few homes that remain throughout Sovereign Grand Lodge. Our Board has assisted that group in drafting legislation regarding the Homes, and in getting legislation adopted through Sovereign Grand Lodge.

### **ANNUAL BBQ/PICNIC SLATED FOR**

Our annual BBQ and Picnic last year was a memorable one as we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SRC. It was held on Sunday, August 12, at SRC and was attended by several hundred residents, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, family and friends. The “Old-Fashioned BBQ” featured grilled tuna, hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the trimmings, thanks to the dining services staff. We wish to extend a very big hug of appreciation to Ed Tschernoscha for donating 400 pounds of fresh tuna and for grilling up that tuna to the appreciative folks attending the BBQ. A special treat last year was the outstanding entertainment provided by “The Harmonettes”, a talented trio singing songs of yesteryear, including the dedication of a song to Katie Ledford, the retiring administrative director of SRC. A “History of the Odd Fellows Home of California” was published and presented to those attending the celebration.

As the annual BBQ and Picnic alternates between SRC and MNV, this year’s BBQ and Picnic will be held at MNV. The date will be in August once again, and the event will feature good old-fashioned food and entertainment. The Board encourages all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to attend this fun event at MNV, and to see the excellent facilities we have available in the Napa Valley.

### **APPRECIATION**

The members of the Homes Board wish to express their appreciation to our management company, Pacific Retirement Services (PRS), for their efforts in providing California Odd Fellowship with two very successful and well-run facilities. The Homes Board recently negotiated a new contract with PRS and we are very pleased to continue our productive relationship with them. We also wish to express our thanks to Katie Ledford who has served as our administrative director at SRC for several years until her resignation last summer. Our Board and residents were sorry to see her leave, and we wish her a bright future. We welcome Cathy Schumacher as the new administrator at SRC. Special thanks to Wayne Panchesson who has served as an excellent administrator at MNV for more than 10 years. Wayne has provided great service in filling vacant units in Independent Living. We further appreciate the excellent managers and staffs at both campuses for their support, hard-work, caring and professionalism.

Finally, the Homes Board extends a big “thank you” to all the Lodges and members who have donated to the various projects and funds for the benefit of the residents. Special mention should be

made of the Adopt-A-Resident Program at both homes under the leadership of Marty Havenga. Those residents with no close family especially appreciate the thoughtfulness of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The faithful Lodges of Districts 8 and 72 in Sonoma County continue their support for MNV with some thoughtful gifts, while the Rebekah Auxiliary continues operating the Cal Villa Country Store at SRC under the leadership of Carol Kaderabek. We wish to acknowledge the support over the years of Pat McLean with her cross stitch work to raise funds for our homes and other projects of the Order. Her most recent project helped provide for the new Wine Room at MNV.

Our Lodge members have generously contributed to the well-being of our residents and we on your Homes Board of Directors, sincerely thank you.

**2013/2014 Consolidated Budget Summary**

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
Monthly Fees – Apartments	13,214,750	13,769,705	14,413,548
Monthly Fees – Residential/Assisted Living	8,811,184	8,748,651	8,819,348
Monthly Fees – Memory Care	1,980,802	1,525,033	1,726,908
Monthly Fees – Ancillary HC	20,257,865	16,734,372	19,678,084
Resident Assistance	(21,572)	(9,787)	(2,000)
Other Income	1,941,178	1,830,634	1,731,357
Gain (Loss) on disposal of Capital Assets	(110,000)	(150,000)	
Total Income	46,184,207	42,488,608	46,217,245
Entrance Fees Earned	3,754,922	3,503,903	3,837,345
Termination Revenue	310,000	624,166	450,000
Total Amortization Income	4,064,922	4,128,069	4,287,345
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>50,249,129</b>	<b>46,616,677</b>	<b>50,504,590</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
Administration	1,758,845	1,700,096	2,201,872
Foundation Program Support	6,000	12,199	8,000
Resident Services/Reception	446,904	410,131	444,355
Marketing	1,142,461	1,228,973	1,365,639
Accounting	536,637	529,593	547,257
Information Technology	125,768	99,214	153,209
Human Resources	467,715	384,829	430,274
Dining/Food Service	6,578,838	6,578,166	7,070,790
Nutritional Services	627,163	651,170	675,210
Health Center	7,977,537	7,288,608	8,159,858
Assisted Living	3,683,391	3,676,193	3,819,657
Ancillary	3,803,944	3,340,226	3,968,316
Wellness/Activities	352,727	341,593	350,121
Facility Services Management	283,694	310,012	334,724
Environmental Services	1,737,558	1,701,228	1,716,228
Laundry	596,021	535,494	612,653
Maintenance	1,320,751	1,314,043	1,482,126
Renovation	87,700	126,018	76,000
Security	160,000	176,083	172,500
Transportation	398,482	381,301	414,422
Grounds	283,000	261,442	247,620
Utilities	2,101,648	2,115,153	2,169,637
Depreciation/Amortization	6,353,239	6,414,784	6,766,913

**Advance Proceedings - 2013**

Management Fees	2,436,633	2,436,327	2,505,316
Total Operating Expense:	43,266,656	42,011,307	45,692,698
<b>NET of Revenue over Expense – Operations</b>	<b>6,982,473</b>	<b>4,605,370</b>	<b>4,811,892</b>
Total Other Operating Income (Expense)	24,300	58,232	34,600
<b>NET Revenue over Expense – Operations</b>	<b>7,006,773</b>	<b>4,663,602</b>	<b>4,846,492</b>
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>Financing Activity:</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
Investment/Interest Revenue	1,406,796	1,069,408	692,300
Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	800,000	173,100	
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	624,362	(710,284)	865,400
Investment Manager Fees	(163,787)	(149,607)	(150,000)
<b>NET Financing Activity</b>	<b>1,867,371</b>	<b>1,009,518</b>	<b>1,580,800</b>

**Consolidated Saratoga / Napa  
Cash Flow – 2013 / 2014**

	<b>Saratoga</b>	<b>Napa</b>	<b>Combined</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>1,720,658</b>	<b>408,481</b>	<b>2,129,139</b>
Plus:			
Entrance Fees from New Sales	9,854,650	2,147,500	12,002,150
Less: Entrance Fee Refunds	(5,458,616)		(5,458,616)
Depreciation	4,415,913	2,351,000	6,766,916
Amortization (Bond Issue, Insurance, Etc.)	305,523	42,337	347,860
Miscellaneous Receipts (Proceeds on Notes)	2,495,000		2,495,000
Less:			
Amortization on Entrance Fees, incl. Terminations	(4,108,345)	(179,000)	(4,287,345)
Bond Principal Payments	(1,045,000)	(105,000)	(1,150,000)
Capital Budget (Incl. Project Funds)	(1,412,555)	(1,280,949)	(2,693,504)
Capital Budget (Bond Project Funds)	(2,495,000)	(2,495,000)	
<b>Projected Current Year Cash Flow</b>	<b>4,272,228</b>	<b>3,384,369</b>	<b>7,656,597</b>

**REPORT #12  
CALIFORNIA ODD FELLOWS FOUNDATION  
dba: FELLOWSHIP PLAZA  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
Submitted by: Anthony Pruitt #2, President**

The Trustees of the California Odd Fellows Foundation Inc. submit for your consideration their Annual Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013.

Once again Fellowship Plaza went through the customary annual government inspections with high marks. In the Management review we scored above average in a non-compulsory audit; and in the Property review (REAC) as in previous years scored over 90 out of 100 percentile.

After the patio/balcony project completed in 2011, the Foundation have started to renovate and modernized their apartments. This renovation includes the expansion of its kitchens, new kitchen cabinets and countertops, new and larger stoves, faucets and sinks, new texture throughout the unit, installation of additional electrical outlets, carpeting, floors, new locks, patio screen doors as well as other minor items. Residents that have been living at the Plaza for a significant number of years are allowed and encouraged to move into these renovated units in order for their old unit to be also renovated.

**New Development:** After hiring Pacific Retirement Services Inc. to assist us in developing a new property in your land in Saratoga, a Development Committee chaired by Anthony Pruitt was appointed

by the board. The Committee includes three members of the Foundation board and two from the Grand Lodge. HUD has been informed by the board's President of our intentions and we hope to have a meeting with them soon, to explain our plans and seek their support.

**Stella Rebekah Lodge #22:** continues to be chartered at the Plaza. One of the most successful Rebekah Lodges in the state, Stella meets every other Thursday in our community room. We are very supportive of this lodge and their charitable work in the local community.

**Resident Council:** This active group of residents continues their work promoting and supporting the community's quality of life. This year the President is Sister Marjorie Iller, Vice President is Larry Chang, Secretary is Ana Dayel, Treasurer is Tim Tang and Arkady Kristberg, Councilman.

**Finances:** As in previous years the Foundation's finances are very stable and sound. Our market rents (Not what residents pay) are \$894.00 for a one bedroom, and \$1,025.00 for the five two bedrooms we rent. Please consider the following synopsis of our budget for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2013:

Total Annual Revenue	\$1,623,422
Administrative Expenses	479,665
Utilities Expense	86,861
Operating & Maintenance	364,644
Insurance & Taxes	293,592
Financial Expenses	397,959

In addition, the Foundation has about a million and a half in their reserves for the upkeep of the property.

The California Odd Fellows Foundation Inc. and Fellowship Plaza, their community in Saratoga, continue to provide clean, safe and affordable housing to those in the area that cannot afford regular housing. I will like to extent congratulations to my colleagues in the board for their dedication and commitment to our mission. These are: Marlene Bois, John Hughes, Emma Hannaford, Karolinne Livingstone, our Grand Secretary, Ray Link and our Grand Treasurer, Jay Johnson.

To our wonderful staff, led by Brother Carlos E. Garcia, I express on behalf of the board our most profound appreciation for all of the hard work. This group of thirteen individuals is very much responsible for following the board policies in creating a formidable community for the residents to enjoy their "Golden Years".

Finally, the board recognizes and celebrates the enormous contributions of my very good friends Max Holloway and Leland Safranek during their many years in the board. These two brothers past away in recent years and without their contributions we would not be as strong and effective as we are today.

### **REPORT #13**

### **THREE LINKS CAMP**

Submitted by: Gene Rasor #2, President

We experienced some accomplishments, as well as some setbacks this past year and that can happen in any business. We continue to increase the use of the camp to the public both in the summer as well as the winter. The biggest problem that we are faced with is the swimming pool, at the end of last summer it developed another leak and drained rapidly. We have been in contact with several pool companies and have had many suggestions but no solutions. Our future Grand plan is the replacement of the pool. The Board had scheduled two work weeks, the first on starts on the 17th of June and the second one to start on the 24th of June and between them the Camp Festival the weekend of June 21, 22, and 23. We are hoping that with the cancellation of Youth Camp this year, and this year only, that you will bring your

children and enjoy the festival, remember there is plenty of fresh air, hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and fun for everyone.

With you permission I would like to introduce the members of our Board: Jack Whitney (VP), Donna Morrison (Sec), Lorna Hemphill (Treas), Glen Powell, Marcy Harper, Richard Alaskin, Les Weir, Rose Saari, Allen Merriman, Betty Stevens, Camp Director, John King Camp Manager, and Barry Prock GL Liason. Gerald Poarch are the Festival Chairs. Emeritus Directors: Don Pixon, Doris Williamson, Robert Forthun, Paulette Lamphere. Most importantly the Board of Directors and myself with to thank all of the Lodges and individuals who have donated to the camp, these donations are what enables us to make the necessary and need repairs that keep our camp and buildings safe and inviting to the public. Thank You, Eugene Rasor

PROPOSED BUDGET - 2013

Camp Income	\$ 43,750.00
Other Income	\$ 20,950.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 64,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$109,479.00
NET VARIANCE	\$ -44,779.00

**REPORT #14**

**REBEKAH CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Submitted by: Bill Maxwell #82, Chairman

This year at the Odd Fellows-Rebekah Children`s Home, d/b/a Rebekah Children`s Services has been a successful one under the day to day leadership of our Executive Director Mary Kaye Gerksi in which we continue to provide premier care and services to our children while balancing the challenges of meeting the State`s financial cutback requests. The following report is given to update the membership on the overall health of RCS.

At the May 2012 Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions two new board members, Mike Young and Ruth Schuyler were elected to the board. At the June 2012 board meeting, the following officers were elected: Board President-Bill Maxwell, Vice President Charmian Hadlock, Secretary-Margareut Oleson, and Treasurer-Mary Lou Lang.

**Buildings & Grounds**

The committee toured the campus every month, and has found the grounds to be in great shape. Any problems or issues that came up with the main building, cottages, school modules, gym, or recreation building were addressed and corrected as needed. On the whole, the buildings are being maintained well with several improvements identified over the next few years. The Hospital Diversion project is almost complete and is in operation. Two class rooms were completed and are now in use. New heating and cooling units were installed in some of the rooms. A lift was installed in front of the main entrance which can be used for handicapped so they don`t have to use the stairs. Working on an updated Safety program for the Home. The Culinary Academy is operation and doing very well, they are selling their good at three locations in Gilroy. We are still looking for a place for the Culinary Academy to use.

**Financial**

The RCS financial position is still strong at the end of January 2013. The committee finished the goal of cleaning up the reporting process and the funds have all been written out for the handbook. This next year, our committee goal is to go through the Scholarships and write up reports for the handbook. Budgets have been presented at the meetings in a timely manner and have been carefully review and presented to the board. There have been, and will continue to be, financial challenges for RCS, but these are not in the control of the Finance Committee other than to report.

### **Investments & Fund Development**

The investment committee discussed the need to maybe change Investment Advisor, after the board voted to seek a different Investment Advisor we put a feeler for anyone interested in doing the backgrounds, many interviews with applicant we felt fit our needs, we selected a new Advisor in July. This new investment company has experience in what we were looking for, Fund Raising, Training the board on how investments work. They are versed in Non-Profit organization workings and are willing too come and meet with the Board when ever required. Their service fee was very reasonable so we selected a local group out of Los Gatos, Ca. We are having quarterly reviews and training sessions and so far the Board has been extremely pleased with the service we have received and have even seen a slight growth in our Investments.

The Fund Development team has seen many changes this year. Going from a 3 person office to a 1 person office. Make for a large workload for one person But we are very lucky to have a caring person working to raise funding for the Home. We worked together to insure we had volunteers for the Garlic Festival and made a small amount of dollars \$6,700 for the home and many wonderful friendships, all smelling Garlic. We also, like to thank the Sacramento Lodge #2 who's continues support the shuttle service for volunteers every year. Our biggest affair the Festival of Trees was another success story we like to brag about. It is held in November every year and this last year we moved the location to San Jose in a historical building called the Corthian. The affair made \$61,747.57 for RCS. Many generous people purchased trees and bid on other donated items, making this event a success. Another fund raising activities is in the works, we just aren't sure which one and when it will be held, will make sure all the lodges know about it in advance. We are currently in the process of hiring a new Fund/Community Relation Director, we lost our previous Director after the first of the year. So with a new face comes new ideas so we are most anxious to get her on the board. We need to be able to do more fund raising activities, because as we all know funding from the government is becoming very unpredictable. We need to be able to rely on our ability to do fund raising and grant writing to get the dollars that are still out there, lots of money still available, if we can find it.

### **Audit**

The 2012 audit was approved by the board in November. There were no exceptions found by the auditors and this resulted in a clean audit. A copy of RCS audit report is available through Rebekah Assembly and is part of their Advanced Proceedings. On behalf of the board of directors , I would like to thank you for your continued support of RCS, and please consider today becoming involved either as a volunteer or as a financial sponsor of any one or all of the wonderful programs and services that are offered to children in need. For more information, please visit RCS website at: [www.rcskids.org](http://www.rcskids.org) Fraternaly from RCS: Bill Maxwell-President, Charmian Hadlock-Vice President, Margauet Oleson-Secretary, Mary Lou Lang-Treasurer, board members Phoebe Astill, Nancy Johnson, Marjorie Knieriem, Sherry Pruitt, Ruth Schuyler, Mike Young, Karen Wolk, Marilyn Nichols, and Executive Director Mary Kaye Gerski.

### **REPORT #15**

### **CALIFORNIA ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH NEWSPAPER**

Submitted By: Carol A. Fraher #1, Editor

Since its inception in 1952, the "California Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine" has tried to offer a publication which grows to meet the needs of its membership. The magazine has worked hard to continue to stay on top and offer the members new around the State. With the approval of the Board of Directors, I have continued the good work that former Editor Emeritus, Don Smith started. I have now held the position of Editor for the past nine years, and have worked to make this publication something that California can be proud of!

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge Board of Directors for their vision and support in seeing that the “California Odd Fellow and Rebekah” magazine continue to grow and to be a publication that is state-of-the-art graphically, as well as one that is beneficial to the membership. I would also like to thank the members of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges who have helped to support and guide me these past years. I am happy to report that the number of articles and photos received keeps increasing! Our Order is involved in many areas and good works that publishing these pieces have been a real tribute to the good that each of your lodges have done throughout the year. ALL members of the Order are encouraged to send in articles about your Lodge activities. I look forward in continuing to publish the future accomplishments and achievements from each of our lodges.

#### **Publication Format**

The Board has continued to support the publication of the magazine, and wished to maintain the color and quality that we have had in the past, but the rising cost of printing was becoming more of a concern. After exploring various options and costs, the Board of Directors made the decision that in order to keep the all color formatting, that we would need to move to a 16 page edition. The change was implemented, and this current format has been in effect since April 2011. This full color 4/4 format with 70# paper has reduced the cost of the issues and also the cost of the mailing, due to its lighter weight.

The Grand Lodge Office has worked diligently to clean up the mail lists, and the publication currently print 4,000 copies per issue. The total cost of the publication for the 2012-2013 term was \$29,320.46. We have worked hard to get the publication to the members on a timelier basis, with the majority of publications hitting the first week of the month in which they are due.

The lead time needed for layout, printing and mailing remains at approximately 6-8 weeks prior to the next issue. Less time (up to 2-3 weeks less) are available, but would result in a higher cost of the publication. Currently, we use the longer lead time with the printer to ensure the lowest rate possible rate and this always something that the Board might wish to consider for the future.

#### **Plans for the Future**

The format of the magazine will remain the new style unless directed by the Board of Directors. All members and lodges are encouraged to submit new articles and pictures for publication in an upcoming edition two (2) months prior to the next issue of the magazine. Currently, issues are done for July-September (*articles due by May 1st*); October – December (*articles due by August 1st*); January – March (*articles due by November 1st*) and April – June (*articles due by February 1st*). Please mail all publication pieces to: Carol A. Fraher, 1365 De Soto Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010 or send via email to: [carolfraher@aol.com](mailto:carolfraher@aol.com).

#### **Grand Lodge Handling Mailing & Subscriptions**

For the past several years, the Grand Secretary’s office has maintained the master mailing list.

#### **Income for Grand Lodge**

During the past year, I did not receive any money for individual subscriptions or advertising and any requests for such were handled directly by the Grand Lodge. Please refer to the Grand Secretary/Grand Treasurer’s Report for any information regarding these items of possible additional income.

#### **Conclusion**

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has lent their support and encouragement this past year. To the members of the Board of Directors, all other officers, and individual members, I thank you for your continuing contributions. Without the support of all of you, the California Odd Fellow and Rebekah would not be the great publication that it is today, and I look forward to serving you again next year.

**REPORT #16**  
**REBEKAH AUXILLIARY AT THE ODD FELLOWS HOME IN SARATOGA**

Submitted by: Mary Lou Lang #145

The highlight of the week at Cal Villa, the assisted living facility at the Home in Saratoga, is still the Tuesday Morning's Country Store. Three or more Rebekahs help the residents choose greeting cards, obtain much needed supplies and just drop in to say hello over a cup of coffee. This is the most popular activity at the Home.

The Country Store under the direction of Carol Kaderabek is a non-profit service that supplies everything from tooth paste and tissues to special order items for the residents who cannot take the rigors of mall shopping. This includes the residents at both the Skilled Nursing Facility and Assisted Living in Cal Villa. The prices are kept low by taking advantage of sales items from the large chain stores. We are subsidizing the Country store to help pay for those items that go unpaid for by residents that have become ill and those (God Bless them) that forget, leave or are transferred. We do not want to raise the prices to cover this enviable shortfall. To continue to meet their needs and their safety, they charge their orders and the Home accounting office bills their families at the end of each month. This of course requires much more accounting on our part. Every week Carol has to prepare statements on every resident and present them for reimbursement. Our biggest and most expensive item continues to be Depends. Carol keeps four to six different sizes and thicknesses on hand for the residents.

The Country Store is opened every Tuesday at 8:30 to 11:30. The Country Store's location is on the second floor in the lobby near the elevator. The bright lit atrium windows makes this a sunny and bright area, the beautiful cabinet doors slide open and out of sight and are built into the side wall. The storage room is not far off and is large enough to hold the bulk of the supplies. Carol has 2 assistants to help her as so many residents are in need of the store's services. We do not forget the residents when they transfer to the Health Care Center and special deliveries are made. The Country Store also sells greeting cards, so residents can sit and look through them.

Carol has to make so many trips a month shopping and traveling around getting discounts, the Auxiliary has voted to reimburse her gasoline used for these trips. It is like shopping at a village marketplace, where everyone knows your name and takes special delight in getting you just what you want. The volunteers get to know the residents and Carol has been able to even get some of the chain stores, she shops at, to save extra sale items for her.

Mean while keep the cards and letters coming to your members and adopt-a-resident living at the homes. Visit them when you are in the area. Take them out to a movie or a treat. You are the reason this Home is such a friendly place to live and don't forget to keep us in your prayers and support us as best you can. Your very active Rebekah Auxiliary.

**REPORT #17**  
**DISASTER COMMITTEE'S REPORT**  
Submitted by: Gene Breeland #2, Chairman

While California suffered the normal fires, wind storms, floods, mudslides, and earthquakes during the past year; fortunately there were no Odd Fellows or Rebekahs in good standing who had their principal residence made uninhabitable by any of these disasters. Therefore, there were no claims paid during this past Grand Lodge year. There were however, a couple of reports made, but neither met the criteria in the code and the reporting District Deputy Grand Master was advised to refer the matter to the Odd Fellow / Rebekah Beneficial Fund. It should also be reported that the makeup of the committee changed in the 2012 term in that each District Deputy Grand Master was made a member of this committee and charged with the responsibility of keeping me and the Grand Lodge aware of any occurrence within their respective districts. So in closing my hope is that if we have a member who

suffers a loss that it will be reported to the Grand Lodge Office and the proper assistance can be rendered. C. Eugene Breeland, Chairman

**REPORT #18**  
**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**  
Submitted by: Rick Boyles #3, Chairman

Under the guidance of Grand Master Paul Pike, we have reviewed over 30 by-laws submitted by lodges throughout our state. We treat every lodge uniformly and ensure that all lodges operate within both the Roberts Code of California and the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws.

Our committee is made up of fine members who give their time freely with the ideal of maintaining this uniformity. A couple years ago, our committee under the guidance of the Grand Master, then Gene Breeland, and now Paul Pike, along with the judiciary committee, have written and revised what we now call The Model By-Laws. This enables each lodge to update their by-laws in a much more efficient manner. It is a virtual fill-in-the-blank form, which can be downloaded from the Grand Lodge Website, Forms section.

Please note that all lodge by-laws are to be updated within 5 years.

The By-Laws Committee reviews approximately 30-40 submitted by-laws annually. Our committee is made up of 5 committed members who now review by-laws which are scanned and emailed to each member of the committee. Our job has been simplified greatly by virtue of creating what we call a "model by-laws" which is easily downloaded from the Grand Lodge website. The model by-laws form makes the lodge's job simpler by enabling the lodge to submit their by-laws utilizing the form and simply filling in the blanks on the form. Nothing could be simpler. By each lodge using this form they greatly increase the chances that their by-laws will be accepted quicker and without question. A special note, a wonderful member who passed away in 2010, Art Wilson, was instrumental in the design of this form, and his input was invaluable. He was very influential on our committee. Rick Boyles, By-Laws Committee

**REPORT #19**  
**UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE AND EDUCATIONAL TOUR FOR YOUTH**  
Submitted by: Rodney Metoyer #152, Co-Chairman.

The California Jurisdiction is sending six (6) delegates on this year tour. These delegates were chosen through speech and essay competitions, interviews and sponsorships. They will leave in July from San Francisco and Los Angeles Airports and arrive at Philadelphia, where they will join young people from throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. They will then by bus to New York City to tour this great city and study the United Nations at work, the tour will also include travel to Canada and Niagara Falls. They will return to Philadelphia after visiting Gettysburg and Washington D.C. In New York, each delegate will participate in a speech contest where a winner will be selected.

We wish to thank this year sponsoring lodges and their committees for all their hard work in selection of this year delegates for the tour. The sponsoring lodges are, Ventura Lodge No 201, Sacramento #2, Bay Rock #300, Los Angeles Golden Rule #35, and the Grand Lodge of California & Rebekah Assembly.

We also wish to give special thanks and Recognition to the Rebekah Assembly for their sponsorship of a delegate from the Theta Rho's and Co-Chairperson, Ruth Schuyler for her hard work in the selection of the delegate from the Theta Rho. Were it not for Ruth efforts, there would probably be no delegate from our own Youth Organization. Thank You, Ruth Schuyler and Sisters.

Again this year this year your committee is still having difficulty with lodges not recognizing the deadlines established. This year California had two applicants who could not go because paper work was not in on time.

Because in the last two years we have paid for three reserving spaces at the cost of \$2,850.00 and did not sent a delegate, the committee will only reserve space for delegates who names and paper work is in Grand Lodge office by March 15, 2013.

Suggestions:

1. The Lodges that or interested in this program immediately begin to plan and work for 2014 Tour. It is never too early. If you have any questions contact the Co- Chairperson for information and assistance in the methods and techniques in the selection and sponsorship process.
2. Thanks again to Grand Master, Paul Pike, and President, of Rebekah Assembly, Betty Rasor, the Grand Lodge Office Staff, Daniel, Marty, Jay and Ray for working so closely with me in coordinating this program.
3. The sponsoring lodge must make sure the delegate has a current Pass Port that does not expire before the tour is over. And a letter from the delegate's medical insurance that the person is covered outside of the United States of American, at the time of selection.

**REPORT #20**  
**ADOPT-A-RESIDENT**

Submitted by: Marty Havenga #152, Chairman

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, the Adopt-A-Resident Committee for Saratoga and Napa Homes present this report.

In June 2012, letters were sent to all Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges asking them to adopt a resident or donate money. Thank you letters were sent to lodges and individuals who donated money. As soon as a lodge responded, a letter was sent to the lodge with the name of their resident. The letter also asked for Christmas gifts to be sent to the Adopt-A-Resident public mailbox (PMB #157 at 6172 Bollinger, San Jose, CA. 95129).

In January 2013, a letter was sent to the lodges thanking them for adopting a resident, sending a gift and reminding them to remember their resident all year long and some suggested ways to do so. Letters have been sent to lodges when their resident has moved or passed away. Lodges have appreciated this contact. Telephone calls have been made to lodges to answer their questions or help with gifts.

At Saratoga, Christmas gifts were personally delivered a few days before Christmas by several members of the committee. Residents not adopted by a lodge were given a gift with a card: Holiday Greetings from California Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

For the Saratoga residents in Assisted Living, Special Care Unit and Health Care Center, there is a lot of personal contact with Carol Kaderabek and Marty Havenga being at the Home weekly (at least). Many needs of the residents are taken care of or passed on to the lodges.

For the Napa residents in Assisted Living, Memory Care and Health Care Center, Christmas gifts were personally delivered by Marlene Bois, Don and Mary Lou Lang, Nancy Johnson, Pat McLean, Alice Anger and Marty Havenga. We were met by Jim Page, Facility Service Director who stayed and helped us all day. Many, many thanks to him and his staff for all the help and a wonderful lunch.

Balance Forward as of 04/01/2012	\$ 21,922.35
Total Revenues	\$ 3,737.82
Total Expenses	\$ 1,868.91
Balance Forward as of 03/31/2013	\$ 23,791.26

Please note that the Adopt-A-Resident is self-sustaining and no per capita funds are used.

To Rod Metoyer, Grand Master, thank you for the appointment to this committee. To the administrative staff at both Homes, many thanks for all your help and cooperation.

**REPORT #21**  
**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

Submitted by: Barry Prock #63, Chairman

The Judiciary Committee offered advice, when requested, by Grand Master Rodney Metoyer, about code sections and their interpretations on several occasions.

There were no trials or appeals requested of the Judiciary Committee this term.

**REPORT #22**  
**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Submitted by: Peter Sellars #15

This year has seen a marked improvement with regard to how we disseminate the useful information for lodges to grow and/or improve. The improvement came primarily with the return of the Educational/Membership Seminar. This offered us a forum in which to present material to all interested members.

In addition to the Educational/Membership Seminar in Santa Nella, the Grand Master tasked the committee to have a Membership Discussion in August of 2012. This was an excellent forum to present tough questions and answers to attendees on how to navigate new members or potential members when addressing the Order. The theme was more progressive than we have seen in the past.

Each of the committee members were asked to write a single page on what they thought was the best idea(s) for membership growth. These suggestions were shared at the two aforementioned membership events, offering those who attended many ideas for lodge and membership improvement. Thanks to each of the committee members for their contributions.

As has always been the case, the Grand Lodge office maintains several different brochures related to the Order. Having brochures available in each lodge is paramount to having a successful lodge because these provide information to new applicants. If your lodge does not have application forms available, how will bring in new members?

Membership growth is central to all organizations. It is paramount to a shrinking organization. The Odd Fellows must incorporate the ideas of what is working for our successful lodges. While several lodges are growing, many are not. The Membership Committee has looked at these successful lodges and determined they are succeeding because they have evolved within the allowable perimeters of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

For example, our Order allows people of all genders meeting our qualifications to join. The Order is inclusive, as is evident by the writings of our degrees. We admit people of all cultures, sexual preferences (gays and lesbians), religions, and beliefs, as long as they believe in a Supreme Being, a Creator of the Universe. These can come in many different ideologies. We allow people who are "unlearned" and "learned" too apply. We allow the poor and the rich to join us. We allow whites, browns, blacks, and any other description used by society to join us. We allow those who are 16 years or older to join. If those failing lodges would remove their barriers, they would find more members.

It is the bigoted and racists members who find the previous paragraph offensive who we see as being the hindrance to finding new members. This committee challenges them to break down their self-imposed barriers. This committee has even been asked not to speak of these things, as it "disturbs" some of the members. Of course, it disturbs some of the members - the same members who are destroying this Order.

Your lodges were tasked by Sovereign Grand Lodge to look "around your communities to see what you can find" asking you to chose "a project in your community to become involved in." (Vol. 15, Issue 2 - I.O.O.F. News. Pg 21) Why do we not see lodges opening their doors to its communities? Why are there lodges not working beyond their doors? Your membership committee sees lodge involvement within the community as the most vital part of attracting new members.

The membership committee has written several articles this past year for the California Odd Fellows and Rebekahs' magazine providing valuable information and ideas.

Brothers and sisters, it is incumbent upon you to evolve and attract applicants by using the tools and suggestions provided to you. Thank you for allowing this committee to work for you.

**GRAND LODGE REPORT #23  
CAVE DEGREE COMMITTEE**

By Representative: Richard Brouse #19, Committee Member

This is the Yreka Cave Report for the year 2012-2013.

The 66th Annual Second Degree Cave Ceremonial was held on Saturday, September 1 and Sunday September 2, 2012 in Yreka.

A total of 18 members from 10 lodges of the Order received degrees, starting with 7 for the Initiatory, 15 for the First, 18 for the Second (at the Cave), and 16 for the Third (Sunday morning). All of the degrees were conferred in good form by a team led by Past Grand Master Gene Rasor as Acting Noble Grand and PGM Gene Breeland as Degree Captain. Several of the attendees filled in for absent staff members. There were 74 persons present at the excellent catered dinner, and there were about 60 at the Cave.

The Second Degree was nearly completed when the full moon, turned deep orange by smoke from forest fires, rose far to the left of Mount Shasta. The mountain itself was partially obscured by smoke, and it showed only a few streaks of white, as often occurs this late in the summer.

The Cave Degree Committee has observed a considerable degree of deterioration in the railings and deck boards at the cave in recent years. Major replacement work needs to be done as soon as possible, and bids on this work are being solicited. Also, some of the culverts are becoming obstructed with sand and gravel. A local contractor has been asked to clear them with pressurized water, if possible. If this fails, it will be expensive to dig out and replace some of the culverts.

There is a current balance of \$6,933.86 in the Cave Fund at Yreka Lodge #19, which includes all funds raised through the Cave Associate memberships and other donations. However, a major fund-raising effort may be needed to fund all of the work that may need to be done. Also, the road may need to be graded before this Cave Degree Ceremonial, and if so, that will be done.

In the longer term, there are other improvements to the property that should be considered, so we need to encourage additional donations to this fund, either directly to Yreka Lodge #19 (along with the \$5 per year Cave Associate memberships) or through the Cave Fund at Grand Lodge. All of the moneys held by Yreka Lodge in the Cave Fund are kept in an account separate from all other Lodge funds. They are used only for the maintenance of the Cave and its property.

Cave Associate memberships in Yreka Lodge #19 can be accepted from members of any other Odd Fellows Lodges, within or outside of California. The application forms are available from members of this committee and from Yreka Lodge. Cave Associate members promise to do all they can to support and promote this unique program of Odd Fellowship in California. All of that support is greatly appreciated.

The date for the 67th Annual Second Degree Cave Ceremonial is July 20, 2013. Moonrise then will be early at about 7:10 PM. The moon should be just a little above Mt. Shasta when we arrive at the cave. Incoming Grand Master Rick Boyles has arranged for the Degree teams to confer the degrees. We will confer the Initiatory and First Degrees at the Lodge Hall in the afternoon to qualify candidates for the

Second Degree at the Cave, and we will confer the Third Degree in the Hall after breakfast on Sunday morning. Flyers detailing costs of the dinner and recommended housing are available from Cave Committee members in the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly sessions. The information will also be published in the California Odd Fellow and Rebekah News.

The date for the 68th Annual Second Degree Cave Ceremonial will be August 9, 2014. The incoming Deputy Grand Master, Tim Brown, will be asked to arrange for the Degree teams to confer the degrees. Moonrise then will be about 8:20 PM, which is OK. We will get to see the moon rise near Mount Shasta during the degree work. This date may be in conflict with the Home Barbeque, but no other Saturdays that summer are suitable for the Cave Degree.

**REPORT #24**  
**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**  
Submitted by: Pete Sellars #15

This past year, your historical committee has been active. We have renewed hope for the recovery and preservation of our Order's historical and significant relics. We now have the means to quickly organize a group of experience members who possess the learned knowledge of which antiquities are significant and need to be protected.

In years past, we found members who were unaware of the real value hidden inside their hall's closets, attics, and basements. Only through perseverance and education have we been able to finally see the rewards of this effort.

The Grand Lodge Board of Directors, including all of the elected officers and directors, have discussed the recovery of items when a lodge has closed. Unfortunately, in past years, when a lodge's membership became too small, things disappeared. Some members actually believe they owned these items. Even worse, items were stolen.

Brothers and Sisters, if you have never sat through a lecture by this committee chairman on the value of historical items, then make an effort try and familiarize yourself with what you have inside your halls.

For example, Yerba Buena Lodge #15 found a letter signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in its old papers and donated it to the San Francisco Odd Fellows Museum. This signature has an approximate value of \$2,000.00. Some ballot balls made of dropped glass are worth more money than clay balls. Some of the decorative braids on the old regalia are made of silver or gold. Many projectors are different and collectible. Items made by hand and are unique are sometimes valuable and irreplaceable. Books are collectible. Then there are items with little or no monetary value that have intrinsic value to the Order.

Your historical committee does not need to guess what has value or not. It now possesses the knowledge needed to identify and preserve our fraternal heritage.

This past year, the committee, with other members, organized the new museum at the Grand Lodge office in Saratoga. It started a repository so that small items may be placed in specific display cases where the members, along with others may view. Thanks to the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, along with their staff, for maintaining these items until they could be displayed. There is still more work to be done.

Also, it should be noted that the San Francisco Odd Fellows Temple now houses a wonderful Odd Fellows Museum, which was established by this chairman six years ago. It is full of items donated by members, lodges, and Golden Gate Encampment #1. Items were purchased on ebay and other auctions. Grand Lodge has provided some items as well. These items have been credited to their donors by a small listing their names in the descriptions. The museum has been visited from members all over the world as well as the public.

In addition to recovering historical items, which would have been lost to us, we have recovered furniture that has been in turn provided to lodges needing furniture. Davis Lodge #169, Grafton Lodge

#293, Garcia Lodge #240, and other lodges have received furniture. At this moment, we have contributed all of the furniture as we quickly locate homes for these larger pieces.

One of the most puzzling questions this committee came up with this year, is located the final resting places of our first Grand Master Samuel Hale Parker and the other Past Grand Master who he was buried with – James Bohen. In January of 2012, an article appeared in your California Odd Fellow and Rebekah magazine concerning this perplexing question. This committee asks for your help in this search.

This committee recognizes Sister Nancy Johnson, your co-chair for the historical committee, for her continued assistance in researching history. Also, thanks is given to the following members for their assistance in bringing their vehicles to the various defunct buildings and taking direction of what needs to go where and, separating and documenting, and carefully loading and unloading of items: Bonnie Sellars, Mark Bradley, Jim Koehne, Richard Perri, Stanley and Jane Hernandez, David Jung, Adam Carter.

During the past several years, several techniques have been pick-up through local historical societies and other groups on how to protect fragile items. Some items should never be cleaned. Rolled up panoramic photos need to be flattened out without damaging them. Some documents need to be preserved in acid free containers. Fabric is cleaned with vodka. Photographs need to be digitized (costly and the most needed). There are specific methods of protecting our artifacts. This committee is considering offering a basic presentation of preservation and becoming a curator of a small museum.

Your historical committee is working for you.

**GRAND LODGE REPORT #25**  
**Decision of the Special Committee**  
Submitted by: Dave Rosenberg #169, Chairman

**Background**

By letter dated June 6, 2012, Randy Krassow (hereafter “Krassow”) submitted an appeal to the Grand Master (hereafter “GM”) and the Grand Lodge Board of Directors (hereafter “GLBOD”) challenging the GLBOD election conducted during the May, 2012, Grand Lodge Sessions which resulted in the election of Mel Astrahan (hereafter “Astrahan”) to the GLBOD, and the defeat of Krassow. As a result of the appeal letter, the GM, with authorization by the GLBOD, appointed a Special Committee to review the matter and to render a final decision. By designation of the GM, the Special Committee is chaired by Dave Rosenberg, and includes members Frank Goulart, Robin Oliver, Wayne Roberts, and Mike Young. After the appointment of the Special Committee, Krassow, on August 14, sent an e-mail to the Special Committee stating that his letter of June 6 should not have been sent to the Special Committee as his appeal, and that he was going to submit a new letter of appeal addressed to the Special Committee.

By letter dated September 24, 2012, Grand Secretary Ray Link (“Link”) and Grand Treasurer Jay Johnson (“Johnson”) submitted their own appeal, as corporate officers of the Grand Lodge, substantially raising the same issues that were raised in the Krassow appeal. Link and Johnson explained that they felt an appeal was necessary to protect the corporation from any future action that might question the legality of corporate actions based on the possibility that an unqualified person was sitting and voting on the board. The GM charged the Special Committee with handling the Link-Johnson appeal.

On October 1, 2012, Krassow communicated with the GM, the GLBOD and the Special Committee, and withdrew his appeal. Accordingly, the Special Committee, effective October 1, 2012, began in earnest to pursue the fact finding and review necessary to process the Link-Johnson appeal.

**Issues on Appeal**

The main issue presented on this appeal is a challenge to the election of Astrahan to the GLBOD. A second issue concerns a “rumor” purportedly circulating before and during Grand Lodge Sessions. In

undertaking its work on this appeal, the Special Committee interviewed a substantial number of officials present at Grand Lodge Sessions, listened to relevant parts of the audio recording of Grand Lodge Sessions, and reviewed numerous documents and letters.

### **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

Prior to the 2012 Grand Lodge Sessions, it was duly announced that two (2) positions were open for election on the GLBOD. These two positions were held by incumbents Paul Wright (hereafter “Wright”) and Krassow. Both subsequently sought re-election. Roberts Code of California Odd Fellow Laws (hereafter referred to as “Code”) creates the GLBOD and states in Chapter 2, Article V, Section 6, that “each candidate for [GLBOD] shall procure the endorsement of [his/her] Lodge prior to having their name placed in nomination.” In addition, the Code at Chapter III, Section 12, mandates that candidates for election to the GLBOD “must submit” a “Statement of Qualifications” and a “Letter of Good Standing” from his or her Lodge to the Grand Lodge office “prior to April 1” of the year in which the election is to take place. The Letter of Good Standing must be on Lodge letterhead, properly sealed, signed by the Noble Grand, attested by the Secretary, and dated as to when the Lodge action was taken. In addition, the Statement of Qualifications, per the Code, must include the date the candidate’s Lodge endorsed him or her. Only persons who have the Grand Lodge Degree (or are about to receive it) are eligible. In law, the term “must” is mandatory, not permissive.

It is undisputed that both Wright and Krassow timely obtained and submitted their respective Lodge’s endorsements in proper form, and timely submitted their respective Statement of Qualifications prior to Grand Lodge Sessions in accordance with the Code. No other candidate for GLBOD complied with the Code prerequisites to election to the GLBOD. Both Wright and Krassow, and only Wright and Krassow, were listed in the advance proceedings as candidates for the GLBOD.

During Grand Lodge Sessions, on or about May 17, 2012, Astrahan submitted a Statement of Qualifications. Astrahan also stated in an interview with a Special Committee member that he had obtained the endorsement of his Lodge, but that he had failed to bring it with him to Grand Lodge Sessions. In fact, even as of the date of this Decision, no Lodge endorsement letter for Astrahan has been received at the Grand Lodge office. It is undisputed that Astrahan did not submit a Statement of Qualifications nor an endorsement letter from his Lodge, in required form, prior to Grand Lodge Sessions, and certainly not prior to April 1.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, on the first day of Grand Lodge Sessions, May 17, 2012, Astrahan’s name was placed in nomination, along with the names of Wright and Krassow. On the second day, May 18, 2012, an election was held, with three candidates – Astrahan, Krassow and Wright - vying for two positions on the GLBOD. In the election, Wright was elected, without dispute, and Astrahan received one vote more than Krassow, and was declared elected.

In the election, Wright received 113 votes, Astrahan received 87 votes, Krassow received 86 votes and there were 28 blanks. There were 157 votes cast, and since two positions were available, each voter could cast two votes. The total votes possible for the GLBOD election were 314 (157 votes cast x 2 = 314). There was some confusion after the vote because the Grand Secretary had earlier announced that 94 votes were needed to receive a majority in the GLBOD election (and all other elections). That announcement of 94 was based on the number eligible to vote (there were 187 eligible to vote at Grand Lodge Sessions) – but the Grand Secretary’s announcement was in error. Elections at Grand Lodge Sessions are not decided by a majority of those eligible to vote, but rather on a majority of the number of votes cast. Code at Article III, Section 12 C (9): “Any nominee receiving a majority of votes cast for that office shall be declared elected.” As 157 votes were cast, a majority is 79. Wright was clearly elected, having received 113 votes. We note that both Astrahan with 87 votes and Krassow with 86 votes received a majority of the votes cast. The Code does not directly address what to do in such an event. However, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California does. In Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution, the following is noted: “In the absence of a specific rule on a point of procedure, the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall prevail.” And reference to Robert’s Rules answers the

question. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition, Section 46, page 441, prescribes the following: "In an election of members of a board or committee in which votes are cast in one section of the ballot for multiple positions on the board or committee, every ballot with a vote for one or more candidates is counted as one vote cast, and a candidate must receive a majority of the total of such votes to be elected. In such a case, if more than the prescribed number receive a majority vote, the places are filled by the proper number receiving the largest number of votes." Accordingly, as between Astrahan and Krassow, even though both received a majority, Astrahan would prevail because he got the "largest number of votes". That, however, does not answer the seminal question presented by this appeal: Was Astrahan a qualified candidate for election to the GLBOD in 2012?

If Astrahan is not a qualified candidate for election, then his nomination, placement on the ballot and election is void ab initio – that is, it must be treated as invalid from the outset. Only eligible candidates may stand for election. By analogy, could a person be nominated and be an eligible candidate who is not recommended by his/her Lodge, or who is not in good standing, or who is not a holder of the Grand Lodge Degree? Certainly, not. The same is equally true of a person who does not comply with the Code's requirement to submit a timely Statement of Qualifications and an endorsement letter from the person's Lodge. Accordingly, on its face and per the Code, Astrahan was not a qualified candidate for election to the GLBOD in 2012, and his declared election to that GLBOD cannot stand.

However, three contentions have been advanced seeking to overcome the clear and unambiguous requirements of the Code (cited above) to nevertheless make Astrahan a qualified and eligible candidate for election at Grand Lodge Session. We review each of the contentions.

First, it is argued that Article III, Section 12, allows nominations from the floor. In the years prior to 2011, this section was very limited in scope, and in discussing the order of nominations, it read, in pertinent part, as follows: "if there shall be a vacancy in an unexpired term on a board, the nomination to fill the unexpired term shall be held immediately after the closing of nomination for the full term on the board." Clearly, the text of Section 12, prior to 2011, provides no basis for a floor nomination for Astrahan as there was no vacancy in an unexpired term on the GLBOD – in fact, the terms of both slots were expiring, both slots were filled, and the incumbents (Wright and Krassow) were running for re-election. At Grand Lodge Sessions in 2011, however, at the request of Grand Secretary Ray Link, Bill #26 was submitted and duly enacted. Bill #26, in substance, added a phrase to the body of Section 12 so that it would read as follows: "If there shall be a [sic] open, non contested [sic] elected office or a vacancy in an unexpired term on a board, nominations to fill these positions shall be held immediately after the closing of nomination for the full term on that same board." [Emphasis added.] Interestingly, although clearly adopted and enacted at the 2011 Grand Lodge Sessions, the added words failed to find their way into the 2011 published version of the Code. The Special Committee, however, considered this failure to be an oversight, and considered Section 12 duly amended. However, the added words do not provide a basis to justify late submission of a Statement of Qualifications and endorsement letter by Astrahan. Code sections have to be read together, to effectuate the intent of each. The plain language and intent of the added language of Bill #26 is to allow a nomination from the floor for a limited, albeit important, purpose: only in those cases in which no nomination had previously been submitted. (If the rule were otherwise, then nominations from the floor could be submitted for any and all elected positions, which would essentially gut the requirement to submit a Statement of Qualifications and endorsement letter by April 1). In other words, a nomination from the floor is only available if there be an "open, non-contested" position. For example, if no one had timely submitted their Statement of Qualifications and endorsement letter for the GLBOD then two positions on the GLBOD would have been "open" and nominations from the floor would have been in order. On the other hand, a position is not "open" if there is already a nominee for that position (duly and timely submitted). In this case, there were two nominations (Krassow and Wright) for the two positions, which were already in place. No GLBOD position was open and non-contested – so no nomination from the floor was in order.

Second, it has been contended that the Grand Lodge body voted to suspend the rules, and by such a suspension of rules, the nomination of Astrahan was permitted to be made from the floor, and the election, including the nomination of Astrahan, could proceed. But this contention does not withstand scrutiny. A motion to suspend the rules, was, in fact made, and passed on May 18, 2012. But it was not a motion to suspend all rules – rather it was limited in scope. The motion to suspend the rules was made by Pete Pohlhammer, who was the Parliamentarian during Grand Lodge Sessions. The motion to suspend the rules was specifically and expressly made for one purpose and one purpose only: to suspend the rules to allow the election to proceed in the morning rather than in the afternoon. The motion to suspend the rules affected only the timing of the election, and no other issue. (Parenthetically, we note that it is improper for the Parliamentarian to make motions during the session. Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition, Section 47, page 467, makes clear that Parliamentarians, to maintain their position of impartiality, should never make motions. The rule is even stricter for parliamentarians than it is for presiding officers. Unlike the presiding officer, a parliamentarian can never relinquish his/her chair to make a motion. Additionally, there may have been an unfortunate, unintended consequence to this motion. As noted earlier, 187 members were eligible to vote, but only 157 actually voted. What happened to the other 30 eligible voters? It is certainly possible that some of those 30 eligible voters were not present during the morning vote, assuming that the actual vote would occur in the afternoon as indicated in the Code's order of proceedings).

Third, there is the contention that even if the presiding officer erroneously permitted Astrahan's name to be placed in nomination, and erroneously proceeded to conduct a contested election for GLBOD, the remedy for this error should have been a point of order raised during Grand Lodge Sessions to challenge the ruling of the chair. Because the rulings of the chair allowing the nomination and election were never challenged during Grand Lodge Sessions, then it is contended that the nomination and election of Astrahan should stand. Certainly, a remedy for a perceived error by the chair is to raise a point of order to challenge the ruling of the chair. Krassow, and others, have argued that they did not do so because they felt intimidated by the conduct and comments of the presiding officer and the visiting Past Sovereign Grand Master. However, the Special Committee does not address the claim of "intimidation" because, in the instant case, there is no need to do so. There is a well-recognized exception to the requirement that a point of order be made at the time of the challenged event. And that exception applies directly to the Astrahan decision. Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition, section 23, page 251, states the general rule that a point of order must be made at the time of the breach, but then notes an exception if a main motion has been accepted which conflicts with the bylaws (or constitution) of the organization or assembly. In such cases "it is never too late to raise a point of order since any action so taken is null and void." Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition, section 46, page 445, makes clear that this rule applies equally to elections. While points of order challenging election decisions need to be made at the time of the breach, the following is an exception: "If an individual does not meet the qualifications for the post established in the bylaws, his or her election is tantamount to adoption of a main motion that conflicts with the bylaws." And such an election challenge may be made at any time. The failure to formally challenge the election of Astrahan during Grand Lodge Sessions is no bar to the challenge presented by the Link-Johnson appeal.

### **Decision**

The election of Astrahan was void ab initio, and the Special Committee so finds. He is not elected to the GLBOD. What should have been done at Grand Lodge Sessions is that the late submission of a nomination for Astrahan should not have been accepted and he should not have been a candidate for GLBOD. With only two candidates for two positions, the presiding officer, per Code, could have called for a voice vote, and presumably both Wright and Krassow would have been elected. But we cannot predict, after the fact, if the presiding officer would have called for a voice vote (which was customary) or a ballot, and we cannot predict the outcome. Further, Krassow has withdrawn his appeal. Under the circumstances, the Special Committee declares the GLBOD position previously held by Krassow to now

be vacant. Under the Code, the Grand Master, with the approval of the GLBOD, shall fill the vacancy pursuant to the process outlined in the Code, Chapter III, Section 13 B.

The Special Committee renders no “decision” on the issue of the rumor that was circulating before and during Grand Lodge. It is clear to the Special Committee that there was, in fact, a rumor circulating that certain Grand Lodge officials and members of the GLBOD (including Ray Link, Jay Johnson, Randy Krassow and Larry Brenner) were planning some sort of “coup” at Grand Lodge Sessions to remove the Grand Master at the time, Paul Pike. The Special Committee finds the rumor baseless. It is disturbing that any Brother or Sister would start such a rumor against another member of this Order. It is further disturbing that certain officials at Grand Lodge may have accepted the rumor as true, and never took the time to check with the accused Brothers. It is especially disturbing because the baseless rumor impugned members of the Order and may have, subtly or otherwise, influenced actions and decisions made by officials at Grand Lodge Sessions, and as a result may have influenced elections. However, in rendering its decision on the election, the Special Committee focused its attention on “what” was done at Grand Lodge Sessions regarding the GLBOD election, not on “why” it was done.

### **GRAND LODGE REPORT #26**

Convention Committee Report

Submitted by: Diana Carranza #241, Chairman

To the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of California:

The Convention Committee has met with hotel staff two times this year so far. Again this year we will be using the Grand Ball Room for the Rebekah Assembly. This Ballroom will hold 850 people so works nicely for joint projects. There is no solid partitioning of the room so we will again be using tables to define the space for the Assembly. The Grand Lodge will be held downstairs in the Capital Ball Room. The Grand Secretary’s office will be found in the Sacramento Room right across from the meeting room.

The committee has been again allowed to accommodate those who have handicaps or difficulty in walking to be housed in the Cal Expo Wing. We Thank the President and Grand Master for being flexible with their officers. Again the parking will be free for those at the hotel. The committee has communicated with the Deputy Grand Master so as to meet his needs for space.

This year in August the committee was told by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors that the decision announced at Sessions was illegal according to Code. We were informed to cancel the Letter of Intent with Visalia and make a contract with the Doubletree in Modesto. The committee followed these instructions and the Grand Secretary signed the contract for 2014-2016 in Modesto.

In F. L. & T., Diana Carranza #241, PP, Chairman, Ray Link #1, GS and Eugene Rasor #2, PGM.

### **GRAND LODGE REPORT #27**

Odd Fellow and Rebekah Beneficial Fund

Submitted by: Ron Lamphere #8, President

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah’s Beneficial Fund Board is completing their second year of providing assistance to members in need. This last year grants in the amount of \$11,421.14 have been given to nine Odd Fellow and Rebekah members.

There are three bank accounts and one investment program with Morgan Stanley that support the work of this Board. One bank account is in U.S. Bank and is managed by the Beneficial Fund Board. This account is funded by donations specifically designated to the purpose of paying operating expenses of the Board. Checks amounting to \$1,200.00 were originally given for this specific fund. No expenses were paid this year and the account is still over \$1,100.00. No Board expenses have come from any of the other accounts. The Board members have assumed most of their expenses.

The other two bank accounts are currently managed by the Grand Lodge and this Board is informed of the account statuses. One of the accounts receives all the Odd Fellow lodges and Rebekah lodges per capita paid with semi-annual and annual reports. It also receives all donations specifically designated to the investment program. This year the Odd Fellow per capita was \$13,183.00 and the Rebekah's was \$4,211.00. Donations to this account totaled \$2,240.00.

The other bank account is used to pay out grants to members. It is funded by donations specifically given for this purpose. The total donations this year was \$4,801.00. Other deposits to this account are the earnings of the investment program. The Fund realized \$12,067.90 income from the investments this year.

The Morgan Stanley Investment account ended March 31, 2013 with a value of \$345,000.00. This was an increase of \$42,040.00 from last year. Of this, \$19,634.00 was per capita and lodge or member donations. In addition to these gains, there was the \$12,067.90 which came from this account to pay grants.

Applications are available from any Board member who will also answer or get the answer to any questions you might have. Feel free to ask. Members who have received grants have expressed their appreciation of the assistance they were given. There have been recipients who have been able to turn their financial situations around since receiving the grant.

The grants given requiring no payback. If at any time the recipient wants and is able to consider the grant a loan or partial loan, they can make a donation back to the Beneficial Fund to give assistance to another. Please remember, this is not necessary.

Respectfully submitted, The Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Beneficial Fund Board

**Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Beneficial Fund****Balance Sheet**

Ending March 31, 2013

UnAudited/ US Dollars

**Assets****Current assets:**

Cash	
Checking Account operating US Bank	1,133
Grant Available Funds ( At GL 3005)	14,069
Investments income ( Administered by GL)	0
Receiving Account (At GL 3015)	20,617
<b>Total Cash</b>	<u>35,819</u>
Accounts receivable	983
Inventory	0
Investments ( Administered by GL)	345,000
<b>Total Current assets:</b>	<u>381,802</u>
Plant, Property and Equipment	
Equipment	0
less Accumulated Depreciation	0
<b>Total Plant, Property and Equipment</b>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>381,802</u>

## Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

## Liabilities:

**Current Liabilities:**

Accounts payable (grants Payable)	750
<b>Total Current Liabilities:</b>	<u>750</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>750</u>
Stockholders' Equity	
Prior Retained earnings	356,720
Net Income	24,332
<b>Total Stockholders' equity</b>	<u>381,052</u>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity.</b>	<u>381,802</u>

**Income**

Donations	6,091
Investment Income	12,068
Per Capital Donations Grand Lodge	13,183
Per Capital Donations Rebekah Assembly	4,211
Memorials	200
increase to Investments	42,039
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>77,792</u>

**Operating expenses:**

Postage, office supplies, Printing	0
Grants paid out	11,421
Salaries and Wages Expense	0
Filing Fees	0
Insurance	0
Miscellaneous	0
<b>Total Operating expenses</b>	<u>11,421</u>
<b>Net income from Activities</b>	<u>66,371</u>
Investment increase /decrease	(42,039)
<b>Net income</b>	<u>24,332</u>

**REPORT #28**  
**STATE OF THE ORDER**

Submitted by Chris Greenwood #365, Chairman

Pursuant to Chapter III, Section 14, C, 10 (a) thru (d), the State of the Order Committee is mandated to submit a report to the Grand Lodge on the state of our order. In accordance herewith, we hereby submit this report and the accompanying bills, recommendations and resolutions.

**Introduction**

When the State of the Order Committee decided to submit this report -- our first, and most perplexing, problem was defining exactly what is 'State of the Order'. We finally concluded that it was an all-encompassing term that included everything under the umbrella of the Grand Lodge of California. Remembering a law of physics that 'for every action, there is an equal'; anything and everything affects the state of our order.

Having defined our goal, we needed to limit our report on some of the more pressing issues that needs immediate attention. They are:

1. Rebekah Lodges and Rebekah Assembly
2. District Deputy Grand Masters
3. Membership
4. Rose Parade Float
5. Public Relations
6. Grand Lodge Board of Directors

**Rebekah Lodges and Rebekah Assembly**

**Observation**

Each year we see a decline in the number of Rebekah Lodges and an alarming decrease in Rebekah members. While this is also an unfortunate trend in Odd Fellow Lodges, the loss of Rebekah Degree members and lodges is even more alarming. Part of the problem can be attributed to the decision by Sovereign Grand Lodge to allow women, who may or may not members of the Rebekah Degree, to become members of Odd Fellow Lodges. Many woman found the 'no frills' meeting of an Odd Fellows lodge more to their liking and thus failed to join or continue their membership in the Rebekahs.

If we fail to act now and support our Rebekah Lodges and Assembly, we face a total extinction of this very important Degree of Odd Fellowship.

This loss in membership has had a devastating effect on our Rebekah Assembly. With the loss of membership comes with it a loss in revenues. Today our Rebekah Assembly is struggling to stay afloat financially. Remember --- if we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem.

**Recommendations**

We should encourage every Odd Fellow in this jurisdiction to join a Rebekah Lodge. Even if attendance to meetings is difficult. They need our support -- membership wise and financially.

- K. Since our Grand Lodge had been the benefactor of additional membership due to the siphoning of members from the Rebekah Degree, it is imperative that an annual donation of \$25,000 be budgeted to help defray the costs of day to day expenses of the Rebekah Assembly office. It is the right thing to do!
- L. That we add two voting members from the Rebekah Assembly to the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. The representatives from the Rebekah Assembly must be Third Degree Members of an Odd Fellow lodge in good standing.
- M. That the membership committee of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors devotes more of their time and resources on developing a 'Rebekah Membership Recruiting Campaign'

**District Deputy Grand Masters**

This unfortunately is one of our weakest areas -- finding qualified brothers and sisters to fill this very important, perhaps most important, office in our order. They are the eyes and ears for the Grand Master

and the Grand Lodge. Small districts tend to re-elect the same member to serve as DDGM and they end up being only an 'Installing Officer' and tend to be unwilling to submit a critical report on a lodge. Nipping a problem early on is better than allowing it to fester and get totally out of control, possibly turning it into a huge issue that could cost a lodge valuable resources and members or worse involve the Grand Lodge and potentially drain the resources of all lodges in the state. This important function must be impressed upon the DDGM's.

#### Recommendations

- N. A standardized and mandatory report form that all DDGMs must submit when they visit a lodge socially or officially. This report should be submitted to the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Warden, and should be available on the Grand Lodge website so all can see how a lodge is graded. It should be a comprehensive report, but one that is easy to execute. Having the ability to submit the report electronically would be of benefit as well.
- O. The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Warden should solicit members to serve as DDGMs just as they do for their Appointive Officers.
- P. That DDGM's be graduates of the annual Officers' or Membership seminar or that a similar seminar be included in their training.
- Q. That DDGM's have seen the fine presentation by Davis Lodge on increasing membership and becoming involved in the community as part of their training.
- R. Part of the DDGM's training would be become familiar with the annual reports that must be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office.
- S. That the DDGM be invited by the lodge's committee on finance to be present at the annual audit they conduct.

#### Membership, the Elephant in the Room

##### Observation

This is our most important and vexing problem. Each year we see a decline in membership and the number of lodges. In 1998 we had a total of 189 lodges with a membership of 6464. In the Grand Secretary's report this last May of 2012, he reported a total membership of 4429 with lodges numbering 131. In just 14 years we have lost 2000 members and 58 lodges. Shocking as this may be, we were forewarned. Brother Gene Bianchi, PSGM and PGM made a presentation to the Grand Lodge at the sessions held in San Jose in 1974, that if we didn't respond soon, the trend would become irreversible. The Grand Lodge, indeed almost every Lodge, failed to heed Brother Bianchi's warning and our precipitous loss of members and lodges goes unabated.

The only lodges in the order which are growing by leaps and bounds share one thing in common; they have activities for their members. It is of vital importance that each lodge has activities which engage their members. It is only through having activities that a lodge has any value to its members. There is nothing more boring than simply getting together once or twice each month to vote to pay the utility bills. There is no reason to belong to such a lodge. We have heard it expressed more than once that the dues are too high to get members because "our lodge doesn't provide enough value." We say **PROVIDE THE VALUE!**

We can't require any activity; anything we would pick would not be suitable for some lodges. We could put together a list of possibilities, bingo, hiking, poetry readings, bike rides, wine tastings, trips, pancake breakfasts, etc., but that is not the right thing either. The lodges themselves should poll their members on what their interests and hobbies are and what opportunities there might be from those for a group activity. We should also point out the obvious that a lodge can have several different activities as not all members may be interested in the same thing. We should also point out that two or more lodges may combine for an activity and suggest that the DDGM should be keeping his eyes and ears open to having district activities. This is fellowship, part of our name and purpose.

We have heard it expressed by some Brothers and Sisters about weak lodges that we should just let them die a slow death. We do not think that is correct. By doing so we present to the public, our

potential new members, that we are sick and we also accept the death of the order. **THIS ATTITUDE CAN NOT STAND.** We feel that these weak lodges should have their feet put to the fire and see if that causes them to begin to function as a lodge. If they don't then the Grand Master shall have the hard decision to make to prune the dead wood so the rest of the tree can flourish.

**Dangling The Carrot!** We feel that the Grand Lodge should continue to 'dangle the carrot' by making Brother Dave Rosenberg's Challenge Grant Program a permanent program. A \$100 reward for a new third degree member should be quite an incentive – especially with lodges that have limited financial resources. But – for this program to be effective, the Grand Secretary **MUST** send out constant reminders of the program and if possible give each lodge an update as to the status of each new member. Lodge hall conditions are another issue that at many times inhibits the recruiting of new members. An Odd Fellow Temple that is rundown, filthy and in need of repair is certainly not a place of pride, nor is it a place that would be conducive to membership recruitment. Lodges with temples in need of a facelift must organize a work party and have a cleanup, fix up day. DDGM's should strongly encourage this to happen at substandard halls in their district, perhaps with a district fixup. Removing a decade of dust and dirt coupled with a new coat of paint hides a multitude of sins.

#### **Recommendation**

- T. That the Challenge Grant Program become a permanent program of the Grand Lodge with reminders being sent with every mailing from the Grand Lodge Office.

#### **Tournament of Roses and the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Rose Parade Float**

##### **Observation and History**

The first time that the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs placed float entries into the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade was in 1908, then again in 1909 and 1911. And on several occasions, Canton members marched in formation down Colorado Blvd. In 1955, Brother Paul Bishop PGP under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Past District Deputy Grand Master's Association again entered a float in the Rose Parade and we have been a continuous participant since. Hence – the relationship between the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs date back for over 100 years. In fact, over the years, many members of the Pasadena Lodge 324 and Crown City Lodge 395 were active members of the Tournament of Roses Association.

Currently, there has been a concerted effort by some members of the Board of Directors to eliminate this valuable public relations program to the point of souring the relationship between the Float Committee and the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Originally the concern was financial, but Brother Chris Lofthouse, a member of America Lodge 385 and owner of Phoenix Decorating, the builder of our float, has placed in the contract the provision that the Grand Lodge of California and the Sovereign Grand Lodge are in no way financially responsible. Unfortunately, this has not stopped the effort to eliminate the Rose Parade Float Program.

Since the beginning of the 1960's, every Sovereign Grand Master and President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies as well as the General Commanding and the IALAPM President has participated in the decoration of our float and enjoyed the fellowship of decoration week – this is until two years ago.

So this begs the question: What created this impasse?

1. Personality conflicts between members of the GLBOD and the Float Committee?
2. The continuation of the North vs. South political schism in California?
3. The demand by the GLBOD to be intimately involved in the financial aspects of the Float Committee?
4. Refusal of Float Committee to turn over a complete financial report to the GLBOD?
5. Creation of a mistrust of the Float Committee with the Sovereign Grand Lodge?

None of these should stand in the way of this, our only international public relations program that brings publicity and recognition to the order.

### Recommendations

- U. That the Grand Lodge reinstates the Rose Parade Float as an official program of the Grand Lodge.
- V. Instruct our Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to submit legislation to keep the float as project of the SGL and IARA.
- W. That the Float Committee be required to submit a complete detailed report, including independently audited financial statements, to the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of California (not the GLBOD) and submit the same report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and IARA. Failure to submit such report would immediately result in the elimination of the Rose Parade Float as an official project.
- X. Copies of the contract between the Rose Parade Float Committee and the float builder, presently Phoenix Decorating, must be submitted to the Grand Lodge and Sovereign Grand Lodge for informational purposes only. Included in the contract must be the continued provision to indemnify the Grand Lodge and Sovereign Grand Lodge against any financial liability.
- Y. That the Float Committee arrange for volunteer brothers and sisters to be present at the post parade viewing to hand out literature about the Odd Fellows and to answer questions asked by the throngs of the public who come to see, photograph and **smell** the floats.

### Rose Parade Participation and Public Relations

#### Observation

We have very little in the way of public relations. Lodges are pretty much left on their own, plus the majority of our members do not have the expertise to mount an effective public relations effort on their own --- let alone the financial resources. Newspapers are not as effective as they once were. It has been reported that only 20% of the general public subscribes to a newspaper and much of that is not read. Sports, funnies and entertainment sections are the most popular with national and international news bringing up the rear. The young vigorous member we want to attract does not read from ink printed on paper. They read online from their smart phone or tablet. If a lodge is to thrive in the coming world it must be active in the online world. In the world of print --- community newspapers are the best bet, but trying to get anything published is very difficult – especially in the large metropolitan areas. Community blogs are now filling the role of the community newspaper. They must be included in press releases. One important thing to remember about the online world is that timeliness of response is paramount. We feel every lodge that wants to expand must have a strong online presence.

Currently the only national, indeed international, public relations program is our participation in the Rose Parade. This year's television coverage was just under one minute and last year's coverage was well over one minute. If the order was to purchase two 30 second spots on national television, it would cost the order almost one million dollars. The Rose Parade reaches over 50 million viewers and combine that with the 1.5 million parade-goers plus the hundreds of thousands of people to view the float that is on display for two days following the parade. In advertising parlance, these are millions of impressions which is priceless.

Also consider this --- our float costs us \$75,000. A bargain considering that Honda Corporation spends \$500,000 for a float plus 3 – 5 million dollars as the grand sponsor of the parade. Miracle Gro, a new addition to the parade spent \$350,000, Dole a likewise amount. Corporations do not throw money around! They consider the Tournament of Roses a wise investment – we should do the same.

In 2019, we will be celebrating our bicentennial – 200 years of Odd Fellowship on the North American Continent. This begs the question – what will the Sovereign Grand Lodge do? Issue another meaningless proclamation that no one reads? What is the Sovereign Grand Lodge's plan? What must be at the top of the list is to produce a spectacular Rose Parade entry to kick off a year's celebration.

**Recommendations**

- Z. That the Grand Lodge submits the appropriate legislation at SGL forming a Bicentennial Committee! One of the objects of this committee would be to raise additional monies for a larger and more spectacular entry in the Rose Parade. Getting a lot more bang for our bucks!
- AA. That the Grand Lodge urge the SGL to produce promotional materials that each lodge in Odd Fellowship should use as a guide in attempting to gather publicity from all local media outlets about their specific lodge and its connection to the Tournament of Roses so that we obtain even more bang for our buck.
- AB. That a section on the basics of public relations and preparing press releases be included in the annual Officer's or Membership seminar.

**Grand Lodge Board of Directors**

**Observation**

Over the past several years there has been an undercurrent of dissatisfaction with our Board of Directors. Some members of the Grand Lodge feel that they have overstepped their authority and are trying to usurp the authority of the Grand Lodge. Whether this is true or just idle rumors, this is not good for our State of the Order. It has created an environment of mistrust of our elected officials.

First and foremost, we would like to remind the members of the Board of Directors and the Grand Master that the ultimate authority in this jurisdiction is this Grand Lodge. Make no doubt about it! It is the Grand Lodge that empowers the Board of Directors and Grand Master by their election. This is not a coronation nor are they anointed. Their actions must be completely transparent and open to all members and they are NEVER to countermand the decisions of this Grand Lodge or meddle in an election held during a session of the Grand Lodge. We have even heard that some of the members of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors feel that they are not subservient to the Grand Lodge or to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and that the general membership are a 'bunch of fifth graders'.

In discussions with many members of our order across this jurisdiction there are concerns seem to carry the same theme. We feel that now is the time to air these concerns and allow the Board of Directors an opportunity to refute them. To quote Michele Malkin; 'Sunlight is the best disinfectant'. So now is the time to put all these issues to rest so we can maintain peace and harmony among our members and get on with solving our most important issue at hand – loss of membership! The following examples are presented without malice or prejudice but in the interest of permanently putting to rest the rumors and innuendos, underlying them that have permeated the fabric of California Odd Fellowship. Here are some examples:

Example #1. Prior to our sessions held this past May, it had been rumored, falsely, that there were several, back room actions, by some members of the Board of Directors that almost resulted in the suspension of the Grand Lodge Charter by the representative of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at our May session. Brother George Glover, PSGM who was representing the Sovereign Grand Master, was less than impressed by this --- in fact he reportedly mentioned during the session that it appears as if 'the tail is wagging the dog'. Some members of the Board of Directors felt that Brother George unduly interfered in the affairs of the Grand Lodge. That may be true, but the OFFICIAL Representative from the Sovereign Grand Lodge seemed less than impressed with the conduct.

Example #2. It has also been rumored, that the Grand Lodge Attorney has written 'uncomplimentary' letters to members of the Grand Lodge, possibly without the knowledge or approval of the Board of Directors. When the State of the Order Committee requested copies of any letters mailed to our members, we were flatly refused. Names could have been redacted so confidentiality should not have been a reason to deny the committee copies, but we note that we were not told that no such letters were mailed.

Example #3. A rumor that persists today is that some members of the Board of Directors became involved with the election of our current Grand Secretary. It was rumored that the Board of Directors was unhappy with Brother Poarch and wanted a change – so much so, that they 'sweetened the pot' to

encourage anyone else or Brother Link specifically, depending on the rumor, to run against Brother Poarch. In researching this rumor it could have some basis, we reviewed the Grand Secretary's salary's, mileage and per diem expenses, see Table 1, and noticed that Grand Secretary's salary and per diem increased significantly after he was elected. Brother Poarch was not given an increase in salary and travel expenses (he was required to rent an apartment at his own expense) while the current Grand Secretary receives a travel allowance and an apartment PAID FOR by the Grand Lodge. We draw no conclusion as to the validity of the rumor.

Example #4. That private meetings, either face to face or by e-mail or other electronic communications, are held by some of the board members prior to a regularly scheduled board meeting to lay out a strategy for controversial items that may come before the Board of Directors.

Example #5. Persistent rumors of potential conflicts of interest. Being as concerned with legal minutia as the Board appears, we are surprised at the lack of transparency surrounding business dealings with a then member of the board. This lack of transparency by way of excessively abbreviated minutes has created an atmosphere where rumors of conflicts of interest have flourished. While it is perfectly acceptable for this now former board member to profit in business dealings with the Grand Lodge, what is unacceptable is for the board to not have provided transparent proof, without being asked, that these dealings were in fact the best bid and conducted at arms length. The minimum expectation would be publication of all bids received, after selection, to show to the Grand Lodge they picked the best bid, and practices consistently followed, including no private meetings and detailed minutes, to show that all dealings have been at arms length. We are certain no untoward dealings occurred, but it was within the board's power to have proven that at the time, but they did not.

Other items that we felt were a problem that should be addressed is as follows:

Item #1. The minutes of the Board of Directors meetings are particularly vague. Is this just shorthand or is it to keep the membership uninformed as to the issues in California and the actions of the Board; but yet they expect the Grand Lodge to approve their minutes in their annual report to Grand Lodge? There is an essential difference between the minutes of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors and the minutes of a lodge meeting. The board exists and its powers were delegated to it by this Grand Lodge as an expediency measure for not having monthly sessions of the Grand Lodge to consider business matters. As such the minutes, in addition to being a record of actions taken must also serve as the substitute of not having all the members of the Grand Lodge present at the meeting. This important function has been forgotten.

Item #2. The meetings of the Board of Directors are sometimes chaotic, a waste of time and lack direction. Too much time spent on bloviating and pointing fingers rather than conducting the important business of the Grand Lodge. Robert's Rules or Order are not enforced to the point we wonder if the chairs are even familiar with them.

Item #3. That 'Executive Sessions' are subverted and used as a MYOB or CYA meeting. Executive Sessions are for pending litigation and sensitive personnel issues. The excessive use of executive sessions causes rumors to be spread as people will speculate as to what is going on. Transparency cures this. Backroom politics, veils of secrecy, executive sessions and confidential emails are not in the best interests of the members of this jurisdiction and must stop.

Item #4. That the Grand Master in seeking advice and consent on those fraternal matters where the code requires this, may unintentionally draw the GLBOD into other fraternal matters they have no jurisdiction over or that the Grand Master may seek advice on other purely fraternal matters from the gathered brothers. We suggest that a strict observance of Roberts Rules of Order and that such advice and consent only be considered as a discussion of a motion to approve the Grand Master's proposal be used, and if the Grand Master seeks other advice that the board go into open recess so it is clear to all that the advice being sought or given is in no way official.

It is because of the foregoing items that we know there is significant mistrust in the order and as the membership continues to shrink we feel this mistrust will only grow unless something is done to

counteract it. We are reminded of Mikhail Gorbachev's favorite word Glasnost or openness. We are also reminded of Ronald Reagan's phrase 'Trust, but verify'. We hope that our proposed fixes will allow Détente to exist between the Past Grands and the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, by laying open the actions and decision making processes thereby making it possible to verify them. Trust, is something that every Brother should have and must have in every other Brother.

#### **Other Areas of Major Concern**

- During the Grand Lodge Session held in May of 2012, the Grand Lodge held an election for two seats on the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Brother Mel Astrahan was declared elected and unseated Brother Randy Krassow. This did not sit well with some of the members of the Board of Directors and they tried several maneuvers to reverse the election and seat Brother Krassow – even to the point of having the Grand Lodge Attorney drafting a letter, to be signed by the Grand Master, INFORMING the Sovereign Grand Master that he, the Grand Master, was going to reverse the election. The Board of Directors wasted the majority two board meetings on an issue that they had, and should have no control over, it being a fraternal matter. Obviously each individual member of the board as a representative to Grand Lodge has the ability to question and appeal, but the board as a whole does not. Who sits on the Board of Directors is the decision of this Grand Lodge as announced by the Chair. There was a decision by the Sovereign Grand Master and SGL Attorney that the election stand. But that did not put the issue to rest and the controversy and the acrimony continued to the point where our Grand Master was forced to agree to have an independent committee review the election and that the GLBOD would agree to abide by their decision. Chaired by Brother Rosenberg, the committee overturned the decision by the SGM and the seat was declared vacant and neither Brothers Astrahan nor Krassow were elected. This controversy is now settled, and all parties are satisfied, but the question remains – Why was the Grand Master forced by the Board to appoint a committee, when this is purely a fraternal matter, even if chaired by renowned jurist, Brother Rosenberg, to potentially write a decision to overturn the lawful decision of the Sovereign Grand Master? It is the State of the Order committee's opinion that the Sovereign Grand Master's decision should have been appealed to the Judiciary Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It was not in the GLBOD or Grand Master's purview to overturn a decision by the Sovereign Grand Master.
- We also wonder why, when Brother Rosenberg's committee found that rumors were spread before the last sessions, that the Grand Master has not ordered the investigation of them. They obviously are Conduct Unbecoming an Odd Fellow and the Grand Master is required to initiate charges when he becomes aware of such. A failure to initiate charges would be an impeachable offense.
- An appearance of a permeating attitude by some board members that they Board of Directors should control of all monies held by all lodges and boards in this jurisdiction. It appears as if they have an insatiable appetite for money and power. We acknowledge that the Grand Lodge does own everything and that the GLBOD is for 51 weeks a year in charge of all financial matters of the Grand Lodge, but they are not in charge of the subordinate lodges' funds or in charge of other corporations or their funds. We admit the possibility this attitude is a result of having so many recent situations like Hemet and Salinas where major fraud occurred and was not spotted by DDGM's and nipped in the bud, so they no longer trust subordinate lodges or the fraternal side to handle any funds. This trust however is required by Odd Fellowship. Perhaps they should teach basic business skills and ethics if they feel it isn't being done correctly rather than meddle in affairs where they have no business.

#### **Minor Matters**

Sad state of some the Permanent Committees of the Grand Lodge. These vital committees exist year round are for the most part unfunded in the budget. If they do not have funds then how can we expect them to do their important work? It is also hard to find qualified brothers to fill these important

positions, especially when the District Deputies do not do their duty to recommend persons to fill them. Also the prevailing attitude that 'sessional' means 'in session'; it does not, they are permanent and required to operate year round. They are also hamstrung when the Grand Secretary fails in his duty to have given current copies of the SGL journal, the Code of General Laws, our journal, and Roberts code of California Odd Fellows laws, to the respective chairmen as required by Roberts code of California Odd Fellows laws. Recently several situations and conflicts have come up, some extremely contentious, where if the committees had proper access to such material, qualified brothers serving, with resources to have meetings to consider matter in their subject area without time pressure, those situations and conflicts would not have occurred, saving the Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Board of Directors with having to deal with them later and creating the hard feeling such situations and conflicts have brought about.

#### **Recommendations:**

- AC. That the committee on assignment makes preliminary assignment of all proposed legislation submitted to the Grand Lodge office in advance of the session and transmit such legislation to the chairs of the respective committees. **This is required and part of the Grand Secretary's duties.**
- AD. That each committee to which legislation is preliminarily assigned hold a meeting with the authors of all proposed legislation to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, if the same legislation is assigned to more than one committee such meetings may be joint for expediency, to ask the authors for clarification or make suggestions for improvement, on the first day of District Deputy school of Instruction, following that school.

#### **Summation**

We believe the Odd Fellows in California will have a long future, if we are able to stop our infighting, pettiness and rumors, and additionally become open to changes for the betterment of our beloved order. We hope our proposed legislation, resolutions and recommendations will go a long way towards furthering that cause. We feel that by increasing transparency and communications between the members this can happen, in addition to some brotherly love support and encouragement. We don't seek to condemn or blame -- everyone shares guilt, but to cause self reflection so that past mistakes will not be repeated. We know that not every word we have written in them may be the best possible solution, but feel we can't wait forever to find the perfect wording and must act now. Inaction will simply result in more lodges closing forever. What doesn't work can be revised at the next session.

Obviously the largest part of our future hinges upon the ability of each subordinate lodge to have something of value to offer to their members and their local community. Unfortunately, that cannot be mandated from the top, it must be grown from the roots. This Grand lodge can only offer a supply fertilizer and water; the subordinate lodge must apply it. We also need brothers willing to remember the hand of a brother is always open another, and go visit and shore up a nearby weak lodge, teach the brothers how to recruit and how to have activities and engage the members they have and participate in the community. This is why we need strong DDGM's who are not afraid to speak up and are trained in what must be done and can persuade and motivate others to get the important tasks done and are able to provide trust to this grand lodge that the lodges in their district are being good Odd Fellows lodges.

We leave with this important reality: The Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction does not yield its sovereignty to the boards and committees which serve it. The Grand Lodge, in delegating authority, does not give their servants the right to decide what is good for the Grand Lodge to know and what is not good for them to know. The Grand Lodge must insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.

Junior Past Grand, Paul Pike #152 opened the 161st Session of the Grand Lodge for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the Jurisdiction of California and requested the 2012-2013 Officers and Appointed Officers to enter. All Officers were introduced by the Grand Marshal, Ed Brown #244. The Officers took their seats at their respective stations.

Grand Master, Rodney Metoyer #152 received the gavel from Junior Past Grand, Paul Pike #152, and then asked the Grand Guardian, Frank Goulart #129 to verify that the Grand Herald; Carlos Juarez #314 is at his post and to secure the doors.

Grand Master instructed all voting members to move to the front section and all non-voting members to be seated in the back section. Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to ascertain that all are qualified to sit in Grand Lodge Degree. Grand Marshal reported all are qualified to sit in this degree.

Grand Master appointed the following to assist the Grand Color Bearer Pro Tem, Mike Young #2, presenting the flags: J.R. Prosk #195, Danny Barsamian #395, Terry Cree #37

Grand Master requested the Grand Color Bearer and assistants to retire and present the flag of our country and other flags.

Grand Master requested Grand Conductor to escort Brother Mike Branson #203 to the podium.

Grand Master appointed Alan Thomas #257 as Musician.

Grand Master appointed Paul Wright #78, Nancy Johnson #114 to printing committee, and assistants to Grand Secretary.

Grand Master appointed Mike Branson #203 song leader.

Grand Color Bearer and assistants entered the Lodge room and posted the flags.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mike Branson Sr. #203 led the members in singing the National Anthem and Canada's National Anthem.

Grand Chaplain Marty Havenga #152 gave the opening prayer:

***"Heavenly Father, we thank you, for delivering each of us safely this day, as we begin this, the one hundred and sixty sixth Session for the Grand Lodge of California. We thank you for our Order, and we pray that you will bless each of the members assembled here with prosperity, and good health. Father, we ask that you guide our Grand Master, his Officers, and all representatives assembled here, and install in them the wisdom and vision necessary to guide our Order to prosperity. Please bless all the people who are guarding us here at home and overseas. All this we ask in thy holy name. Amen"***

Grand Master requested Grand Conductor to escort Brother Mike Branson #203 back to his seat.

Grand Master requested Grand Secretary to ascertain that a quorum was present.

Grand Secretary Ray Link #1 called roll of all Officers and 1/3rd of all Lodges.

Grand Secretary Ray Link #1 reported a quorum was present.

Deputy Grand Master Rick Boyles #3 declared the 161st Session of Grand Lodge duly opened, the Grand Master declared it opened accordingly.

Grand Master requested members to advance the sign of the Grand Lodge Degree, Grand Master returned the sign

Grand Master appointed Gene Breeland #2 and Don Lang #70 to the Courtesy Committee.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort the Sovereign Grand Master, Charles "Chuck" Renninger out of the Lodge room.

Grand Master requested Courtesy Committee to retire and escort the Sovereign Grand Master into the room.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort the Grand Warden Tim Brown #12 to the podium.

Courtesy Committee escorted Sovereign Grand Master into the room, Gene Breeland #2 introduced Sovereign Grand Master, Charles "Chuck" Renninger.

Grand Warden gave the honors of the order.

Grand Master requested Courtesy Committee to escort Sovereign Grand Master to the podium.

Grand Master told the Grand Guardian to inform the Grand Herald that the Grand Lodge is now opened in the Grand Lodge Degree; any members who are waiting may now enter, if correct.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Grand Warden to the podium.

Grand Master asked if the Credentials Committee was ready to make their report.

Credentials Committee reported Report #1 Richard Gunnels #166 reported the following:

Representatives,	154
Past Grand's for the Degree,	21
Past Grand Masters,	8
Third Degree Members,	17
Out of State	1
Total in Attendance	203
Members eligible to vote	185

Richard Gunnels #166 moved to accept this report, 2nd, motion carried. Grand Secretary has the original report.

Grand Master requested the Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to retire and escort the candidates for the Grand Lodge Degree into the Grand Lodge to have the Grand Lodge Degree conferred on them.

Grand Master appointed Past Grand Master Paul Pike #152 to assume the duties of the Grand Warden.

Grand Marshal presented the candidates to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

Grand Master welcomed candidates and commended them for wishing to attain the Grand Lodge Degree.

Grand Warden congratulated the candidates for wishing to attain this degree then conferred the Grand Lodge Degree in a very creditable manner. Grand Warden welcomed the new members to this Grand Body.

Grand Master gave them a welcome and requested they report to the credentials committee and receive their proper badges.

Grand Master introduced new members:

Donna Olson #377	Imogene Gray #15
Augustus Alegado #7	Ralph Huerta #1
Joseph Stark #257	Marilyn Nichols #219
Herb Spencer #426	Josephine Toomata #195
Carol Dion #123	Marti Neumann #463
Lulu Robertson #71	Rory Peters #8
Wayland Chin #322	Ursula Finck #53
Bernard Mirante #15	Denise Pederson #215
Varetta Gough #71	Deane Gough #71
Clifford Parker #461	Stephen Meriam #73

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort the new members out of the Lodge room, and again congratulated them on attaining this degree.

Grand Master congratulated the Grand Warden on an outstanding job conferring the Grand Lodge Degree.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Grand Warden to his station.

Grand Master declared a 10 minute recess. Grand Master declared recess over at 10:13 am.

Grand Master requested Deputy Grand Master to close in Grand Lodge Degree and open in 3rd Degree.

Deputy Grand Master Rick Boyles #3 closed the Lodge in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened the session in the 3rd Degree.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to insure all are qualified to sit in the 3rd degree.

Grand Master requested the Grand Guardian to inform the Grand Herald that the Grand Lodge is now open in the 3rd Degree.

Grand Master requested the Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Past Sovereign Grand Master, Don Smith #6 to the podium.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Past Grand Master Gerald Poarch #29 to the platform.

Past Grand Master Gerald Poarch #29 presented the Welty Jewel to the Senior Past Grand Master and Senior Past Sovereign Grand Master of the World, Don Smith #6. Past Sovereign Grand Master, Don Smith #6 accepted his jewel and thanked Past Grand Master Gerald Poarch #29.

Past Sovereign Grand Master Don Smith #6 then presented the Ezra Pearson Jewel to Past Grand Master Gerald Poarch #29. Past Grand Master Gerald Poarch #29 accepted the jewel.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Past Sovereign Grand Master Don Smith #6 and Past Grand Master Gerald Poarch #29 back to their seats.

Grand Master made the following appointments:

Finance Committee: Ron Mills #53, Bob Mordecai #271, Carl Henning #8, Terry Olson #377

Parliamentarian: Robert Forthun #385

Assignments: Gene Razor #2

Assistant to Grand Marshal: Dave Rosenberg #169

Assistant to Grand Conductor: Glenn Lindsay #300

Assistant to Grand Chaplain: Jeff Le Roux #270

Assistant to Grand Color Bearer: Nancy Johnson #114

Assistant to Grand Guardian: Al Raffo #123

Assistant to Grand Herald: Daniel Roger Williams #346

Assistant to Grand Instructor: Peter Sellars #15

Grand Master requested Grand Secretary Ray Link, #1 to read records of last sessions.

Ray Link, #1 made a motion to accept the Journal as written, with minor corrections, 2nd, motion carried.

Terry Olson #377 made a motion to correct last year's Journal and reprint. Robert Forthun #385 moved to amend to make correction to prior two years. Pete Pohlhammer #109 took the motion by Robert Forthun #385, due to his position as Parliamentarian, to amend to prior (2 years, 2011-2012) additions of Journal.

Motion as 3rd amended, standing vote, 57 voted "Yes", and 81 voted "No", motion defeated.

Motion as amended 2nd, 37 voted for "Yes", and 99 voted for "No", motion defeated

Motion to accept as printed, motion amended with four corrections, motion carried.

Motion to accept original motion, motion carried.

Grand Master requested all Past Grand Masters to stand for recognition, he introduced them all. Motion by Paul Pike #152 to hold over Reports until tomorrow, motion carried.

Gene Razor #2 made the following committee assignments.

Bill #1 on Page 1 – State of the Order, Legislation, and Judiciary

Bill #2 on Page 9 – State of the Order and Legislation

Bill #3 on Page 9 – State of the Order, Legislation and Judiciary

Bill #4 on Page 12 – State of the Order, Legislation and Finance

Bill #5 on Page 12 – Legislation and Finance

Bill #6 on Page 12 – Legislation and Finance

Bill #7a on Page 12 – State of the Order, Legislation and Judiciary

Bill #7b on Page 13 – State of the Order and Judiciary

Bill #8 on Page 13 – State of the Order and Judiciary

Bill #9 on Page 13 – State of the Order  
Bill #10 on Page 14 – State of the Order and Judiciary  
Bill #11 on Page 14 – Legislation and Judiciary  
Bill #12 on Page 14 – Legislation and Judiciary  
Bill #13 on Page 15 – Legislation and Finance  
Bill #14 on Page 15 – Legislation and Finance  
Bill #15 on Page 16 – Legislation and Judiciary  
Bill #16 on Page 16 – Legislation  
Bill #17 on Page 17 – Legislation and Judiciary  
Bill #18 on Page 17 – Legislation and Finance  
Bill #19 on Page 17 – **Withdrawn**  
Bill #20 on Page 18 – Legislation and Judiciary  
Bill #21 on Page 18 – Legislation and Judiciary  
Bill #22 on Page 18 – **Withdrawn**  
Bill #23 on Page 19 – **Postponed to 2014**  
Bill #24 on Page 24 – **Postponed to 2014**  
Bill #25 on Page 26 – Legislation and Judiciary  
Bill #26 on Page 27 – Legislation Committee  
Bill #27 on Page 27 – Legislation and Judiciary  
Bill #28 on Page 28 – Legislation and Judiciary  
Bill #29 on Page 29 – Legislation and Judiciary  
Bill #30 on Page 29 – State of the Order and Finance  
Bill #31 on Page 30 – State of the Order and Judiciary  
Bill #32 on Page 30 – State of the Order and Judiciary  
Bill #33 on Page 30 – **Withdrawn**  
Bill #34 on Page 31 – State of the Order  
Bill #35 **Not in print** – State of the Order and Past Grand Masters  
Resolution #1 on Page 31 – **Withdrawn**  
Resolution #2 on Page 31 – State of the Order  
Resolution #3 on Pages 31-32 – State of the Order and Finance  
Resolution #4 on Page 32 – Judiciary  
Resolution #5 on Pages 32-33 – Judiciary  
Resolution #6 on Page 33 – State of the Order  
Resolution #7 on Page 33 – State of the Order  
Recommendation (1) #A on Page 56 – State of the Order  
Recommendation (2) #B on Page 56 – State of the Order and Judiciary  
Recommendation (3) #C on Page 56 – **Not Assigned**  
Recommendation (4) #D on Page 64 – State of the Order  
Recommendation (5) #E on Page 64 – State of the Order and Judiciary  
Recommendation (6) #F on Page 64 – **Not Assigned.**  
Recommendation (7) #G on Page 64 – Judiciary  
Recommendation (A) #H on Page 66 – Judiciary  
Recommendation (B) #I on Page 66 – Membership  
Recommendation (C) #J on Page 67 – Membership  
Recommendation #K on Page 147 – Membership  
Recommendation #L on Page 148 – Membership  
Recommendation #M on Page 148 – Membership  
Recommendation #N on Page 148 – Membership  
Recommendation #O on Page 148 – Membership and Judiciary

Recommendation #P on Page 148 – Membership  
Recommendation #Q on Page 148 – State of the Order  
Recommendation #R on Page 149 – State of the Order  
Recommendation #S on Page 149 – State of the Order  
Recommendation #T on Page 152 – State of the Order  
Recommendation #U on Page 152 – State of the Order

Chris Greenwood #385, made a motion to withdraw Bills #19 & #22, and hold over Bills #23 & #24 until 2014 sessions, motion passed.

Grand Master appointed the following members to Judiciary Committee:

Barry Prock #63, Don Lang #70, Paul Pike #96, Mike Young #2 and Mel Astrahan #385

Grand Master recessed for lunch until 12:30. Grand Master declared recess over at 12:43 pm.

Grand Master requested the Grand Guardian to close the outer door.

Grand Master requested Grand Secretary to read the list of positions that are open.

Grand Secretary read positions that are open.

Grand Master opened nominations for Grand Master for upcoming term.

C. Eugene Breeland #2 nominated Richard “Rick” Boyles #3. No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master opened nominations for Deputy Grand Master.

Paul Pike #152 nominated Tim Brown #12. No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master opened nominations for Grand Warden.

Don Smith #6 nominated Dave Rosenberg #169.

Barry Prock #63 nominated Mike Young #2

Paul Pike #152 nominated Melvin Astrahan #385

Rodney Metoyer #152 nominated Rose Saari #372, No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master opened nominations for Home Board – At Large position.

Jerry Worth #18 nominated Robin Oliver #428,

Gerald Poarch #29 nominated Jerry Worth #18, No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master opened nominations for Children’s Home Board.

Albert Allahyari #123 nominated Les Genneria #195, No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master opened nominations for Youth Camp Board of Directors.

Richard Alaskin #7, nominated Allen Merriman #241, No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master opened nominations for the Home Boards of California

Ed Brown #244 nominated Dave Reed #169, No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master opened nominations for Beneficial Fund Board

Gerald Poarch #29, nominated Ron Lamphere #8, No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master reopened Children’s Home Board.

Anthony Pruitt #2 nominated Mike Young #2, No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master opened nomination for the Foundation.

Anthony Pruitt #2 nominated John Hughes #8, No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master opened nominations for Grand Lodge Representative.

Paul Pike #152 nominated Rodney Metoyer #152.

Peter Sellars #15 nominated Jessie Dalton #15.

Grand Master reopened nominations for Home Board.

John Morgan #2 nominated Neil Allen #2, No other nominations, nominations closed.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to pass-out Bills #35 & #36 these Bills need to be assigned.

Mel Astrahan #385 announced that Jonathon Galvan a member of #385 received a Bronze Medal at the Special Olympics in Utah.

Grand Master requested Gene Razor #2 to come to the podium.

Gene Razor #2 assigned Bill #35 and Bill #36 to the State of the Order, Legislation and Judiciary Committees.

Grand Master opened nominations for Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

Roy King #35 nominated Peter Sellars #15

Tim Brown #12 nominated Paul Pike #152

Jerry Worth #18 nominated Neil Allen #2

John Morgan #8 nominated Roy King #35

Rodney Metoyer #152 nominated Rose Saari #372

Chris Greenwood #385 nominated Mel Astrahan #385, No other nominations, nominations closed.

The following donations were made:

Dave Rosenberg #169

Rebekah Children's Home, \$2,000.00

Odd Fellows & Rebekah's Beneficial Fund, \$500.00

Wayland Chin #322

Odd Fellows Heart Foundation, \$200.00

Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, \$200.00

Odd Fellows Visual Memorial Fund, \$200.00

Al Raffo #123

Rebekah Children's Service, \$500.00

Adopt a Resident, (Saratoga), \$250.00

Adopt a Resident, (Napa), \$250.00

Odd Fellows Visual Research Fund, \$500.00

Odd Fellows Arthritis Fund, \$500.00

Three Links Camp, \$500.00

Odd Fellows & Rebekah's Beneficial Fund, \$500.00

Rebekah Children's Service, (Major Medical Fund) \$500.00

Rebekah Children's Service, (Non-Public schools) \$500.00

Rebekah Children's Service, (Good Time Fund) \$500.00

Rebekah Children's Service, (Links 2 Life) \$500.00

Frank Goulart#129

Three Links Camp, \$100.00

Cave Floor Remodel, \$100.00

Rebekah Children's Service, \$100.00

Odd Fellow & Rebekah Beneficial Fund, \$100.00

Fred Sanders #201

Rebekah Children's Service, \$200.00

Odd Fellows Heart Foundation, \$100.00

Joseph Micallif #322

Grand Master Projects, \$400.00

Rebekah Children's Service, \$300.00

Ron Mills #53

Three Links Camp, (Swimming Pool Fund) \$500.00

Joe Lester #299

Three Links Camp, \$200.00

Educational Fund, \$100.00

Tina Phaniuong #322

Adopt a Resident Napa Care Home, \$200.00

Three Links Camp, (Swimming Pool Fund) \$200.00  
Adopt a Resident Saratoga Care Home, \$200.00  
Milo Winhart #322  
Rebekah Children's Service (Good Times Fund), \$200.00  
Rebekah Children's Service, Culinary Program, \$200.00  
Rebekah Children's Service, (Non-Public Schools), \$200.00  
Fred Sanders #201  
Three Links Camp, (Campership Fund), \$200.00  
Saratoga Retirement Community \$100.00  
Mike Young #2  
Rebekah Children's Service, (Garlic Festival Vans) \$2,500.00  
Grand Lodge Disaster Fund \$500.00  
Anthony Pruitt #2  
Foundation Plaza, (Trustees Fund) \$800.00  
GL/RA Benevolent Fund, \$500.00  
Gene Breeland #2  
Three Links Camp, (General Fund) \$200.00  
Three Links Camp, (Capital Swimming Pool Fund) \$1,000.00  
Rod Metoyer #152  
Cave Degree Floor Fund \$1, 016.00  
Three Links Camp, \$1,150.00  
Youth Camp, \$46.78

Grand Master requested the Grand Chaplain to give the closing prayer.

Grand Chaplain gave the closing prayer:

*“Father, we pray that you bless the business conducted here today. We pray that you protect and safely deliver us back here for tomorrow's session. We thank you for our Order and the fellowship that we have with each other. We ask your blessing for all the people who are guarding us here at home and overseas. In Your Holy Name Amen”*

Grand Master declared a recess at 1:17 pm until 9:00 am Friday, May 17, 2013.

#### **REPORT #29**

By Representative: Barry Prock #63

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #31 found on page 30 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Rescind and Abolish chapter II, Constitution of California.

Report as follows: We the committee find Bill #31 to be in order and find they do not violate any codes or laws. Signed: By the Committee

#### **REPORT #30**

By Representative: Chris Greenwood #385

Your Committee on State of the Order/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #32 found on page 30 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Rescind and abolish Chapter III, Grand Lodge of California Roberts code

Report as follows: We the committee find Bill #32 to be in order. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #31**

By Representative: Anthony Pruitt #2

Your Committee on Legislation/State of the Order to whom was referred Bill #2 found on page 9 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Qualifications for Title (Officer, Director, Trustee) Emeritus.

Report as follows: We the committee find Bill #2 to be in proper form. We concur with the intent and recommend the adoption of this report. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #32**

By Representative: Randy Krassow #96

Your Committee on Legislation/State of the Order/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #3 found on page 9 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: California Odd Fellows Foundation trustees, Chapter XXIV Sec. B.

Report as follows: We the committee find Bill #3 to be in proper format. We concur with the intent and recommend adoption of this report. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #33**

By Representative: Randy Krassow #96

Your Committee on State of the Order/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #4 found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Odd Fellows Lodge Trustees and Directors.

Report as follows: We the committee find Bill #4 to be in proper form. We concur with the intent and recommend adoption of this report. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #34**

By Representative: Chris Greenwood #385

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred Resolution #7, found on page 33 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Director Emeritus of Odd Fellows Homes of California.

Report as follows: We the committee concur with the resolution and commend Brother Smith for his many years of service. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #35**

By Representative: John Hughes #8

Your Committee on Legislation/Finance to whom was referred Bill #5 found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Increase the Surety Bond for Trustees/Directors.

Report as follows: We the committee find Bill #5 to be in proper format. With concurrence of the maker amend this to read as follows: The Trustees/Directors of a Lodge shall have a Surety Bond, through the Grand Lodge Office, at no cost to the individual Lodge in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #36**

By Representative: John Hughes #8

Your Committee on Legislation/Finance to whom was referred Bill #6 found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Increase the Surety Bond for Desk Officers.

Report as follows: We the committee find Bill #5 to be in proper format. With concurrence of the maker amend this to read as follows: The Trustees/Directors of a Lodge shall have a Surety Bond, through the Grand Lodge Office, at no cost to the individual Lodge in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #37**

By Representative: Gene Breeland #2

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred Bill #13 found on page 15 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Modify the Grand Secretary Travel expenses.

Report as follows: As a committee we cannot recommend the passage of this Bill but agree that the Grand Secretary travel to the Sovereign Grand Lodge require a report of his activities. We also recommend that the expenses be combined with the regular travel expenses. Therefore we recommend that this bill stand on its own merit. Signed: By the Committee

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR RON LAMPHERE  
FOR THE OFFICE OF ODD FELLOWS AND REEKAHS BENEFICIAL FUND DIRECTORS  
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,  
THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.**

Three year term.

I am a member of El Dorado #8. I have served on Beneficial fund Board for past two years and currently serving as President.

**GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION #9**

Submitted by: Randy Krassow #96

**TITLE:** GRAND LODGE GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE MEMBESHIP

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Lodge of California was instituted in 1851, and,

**WHEREAS**, membership in California Odd Fellows Lodges grew to 58,820 members in 1928, and,

**WHEREAS**, membership in California has steadily declined since 1928, and,

**WHEREAS**, total membership in 2012 had declined to 4,770, and,

**WHEREAS**, several previous programs and projects, on a statewide level, have been funded by the Grand Lodge over the past several years, and,

**WHEREAS**, those statewide programs and projects have failed to increase membership, and,

**WHEREAS**, those few lodges that have shown a gain in membership have done so through local programs and projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Grand Lodge of California create a grant program whereby individual lodges can apply for funding up to \$1,000.00 for Lodge events and programs to increase their membership.

This grant program to run for 3 years, with \$50,000.00 a year allowed for funding these grants, for a total funding of \$150,000.00. The funds for this grant program to come from the Membership Promotion account.

A joint committee made up of the Grand Masters membership committee and the Grand Lodge Board of Directors membership committee will review the grant application and be responsible for approving or denying these grant requests.

Lodges receiving grants from this program will provide the committee with a report on how the program or event funded through this grant program and showing whether there was an increase in their lodge membership.

Past Grand Master Paul Pike #152 asked the Grand Lodge Officers to enter. The Grand Marshal Ed Brown #271 introduced all Grand Officers to the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Rodney Metoyer #152, received the Gavel, declared recess over then asked the Grand Guardian Frank Goulart #129 to secure the door, and ascertain that the Grand Herald, Carlos Juarez #314 is at his station.

Grand Master instructed all voting members to move to the front section, and all non-voting members to move to the rear of the room.

Grand Master requested the Grand Marshal and assistant Dave Rosenberg #169 and Grand Conductor David Reed #169 to verify all present are qualified in the Third Degree.

Grand Marshal verified all present are qualified.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Mike Branson to the podium.

Grand Master asked members to join in The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mike Branson led the singing of Stars Spangled Banner and Canada's National Anthem.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Mike Branson to his seat.

Grand Master requested the Grand Chaplain Marty Havenga #152 to give opening prayer.

Grand Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

***“Heavenly Father, we come to you again this morning and thank you for blessing our Order and this body. We thank you for guiding our leaders, and we pray that you bless the decisions we make today. We pray that you allow your light to shine down on the candidates for election today, and guide those voting to elect the officers that will best do your will, and the will of the membership. Father, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our Order. Please bless all the people who are guarding us here at home and overseas. In Your Holy Name, Amen.”***

Grand Master asked for the reading of the first day's proceedings, Grand Secretary Ray Link, #1 moved to accept the first day's proceedings as printed, with minor corrections, moved to adopt with corrections, 2nd motion carried.

Gary Charpentier #377 moved to reconsider printing the 2012 journal, 2nd, after brief discussion, motion defeated.

Grand Master asked if the Credentials Committee was ready to make their report.

Richard Gunnels #166, Credentials Committee presented:

Representatives:	181
Past Grand's to receive the Degree:	1
Past Grand Masters:	8
Third Degree members:	17
Out of Jurisdiction:	1
Total in attendance:	208
Eligible to Vote:	190

Grand Warden Tim Brown gave the Grand Lodge Degree to Diana Carranza #241 and Karolinne Livingston #186.

Grand Master requested the Grand Secretary to ascertain that a quorum was present.

Grand Secretary called the roll of all Grand Masters present, and second 1/3rd of Lodges, a quorum was present.

Gene Razor #2 Resolution #8 assigned to Judiciary & Legislation.

Grand Master presented Report #2, found on page 48 of the Advanced Proceedings with corrections about 2011 to 2012, and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Gene Razor assigned Bill #37 to State of Order and Legislation.

Grand Master requested Report #3, Deputy Grand Master's Report.

Deputy Grand Master, Rick Boyles #3 presented Report #3 found on page 63 of the Advanced Proceedings, and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd. Report held over until tomorrow for additional information.

Grand Master requested Report #4, Grand Warden's Report.

Grand Warden, Tim Brown #12 presented Report #4 found on page 64 of the Advanced Proceedings, and moved for the adoption of this report except for the Recommendations as assigned, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master called for the Grand Secretary's, Report #5.

Grand Secretary, Ray Link#1 presented Report #5 found on page 65 of the Advanced Proceedings, he read first paragraph, then moved for adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Grand Treasurer's Report #6A & 6B.

Grand Treasurer, Jay Johnson #114, presented Report #6A & 6B found on page 73 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Ron Mills #53 announced that Harry Ford #53 passed away.

Grand Master requested Report #7, Grand Lodge Board of Directors Report.

John Morgan #8 presented Report #7 found on page 87 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report as amended, 2nd. Chris Greenwood #385 moved to amend Report #7 and give raise of 7% to the Office Manager and Office Clerk, 2nd motion defeated. Grand Master called for Original Report #7, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #8, Grand Lodge Board of Directors (Proposed Budget)

John Morgan #8 presented Report #8 found on page 91 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #9 Grand Lodge Board of Directors (Meeting Minutes)

John Morgan #8 presented Report #9 found on page 92 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report as previously amended, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #10 Grand Representatives Report

Barry Prock #63 presented Report #10 found on page 113 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master called for a 10 minute recess at 10:14AM.

Grand Master declared recess over at 10:29AM.

Grand Master requested Report #11 Odd Fellows Homes

Dave Rosenberg #169 presented Report #11 found on page 121 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #12, California Odd Fellows Foundation

Anthony Pruitt #2 presented Report #12 found on page 126 of the Advanced Proceedings and introduced Carlos Garcia, Executive Director and then moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #13, Three Links Camp – which was not in print until Day 2.

Grand Master requested Report #14, Rebekah Children's Service

Bill Maxwell #82 presented Report #14 found on page 128 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #15, California Odd Fellow/Rebekah Newspaper.

John Fraher #1 presented Report #15 found on page 129 of Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #16, Rebekah Auxiliary at the Odd Fellows Home in Saratoga.

Marty Havenga #152 presented Report #16 found on page 131 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #17, Disaster Committee's Report.

Gene Breeland #2 presented Report #17 found on pages 131 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report as amended, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #18, By-Laws Committee.

Rick Boyles #3 presented Report #18 found on page 132 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #19, United Nations Pilgrimage and Educational Tour for Youth.

Rodney Metoyer #152 presented Report #19 found on page 132 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report as amended, 2nd, motion carried.

SGM Chuck Renninger removed his regalia and spoke on a situation that happened at United Pilgrimage tour last year by 19 youths, 6 of which were from California. Gerald Poarch #29 moved to have the District of Columbia reimbursed for the damages of \$7,000.00, 2nd, Roy King amended motion to send \$3,500.00 instead, 2nd amendment passed, the motion as amended.

Doralee Dalton Yerba #15 moved to have the United Nation Pilgrimage Co-Chair write a letter of apology to the District of Columbia, 2nd, motion carried.

Andrew Skaggs #169 moved to have Grand Lodge Board of Directors do a feasibility study of changing fiscal year, 2nd, motion carried.

Chris Greenwood #385 withdrew Resolution #8.

Grand Secretary Ray Link #1 announced he had received the Youth Camp Report. It will be in print tomorrow for consideration.

Grand Master requested Report #20, Adopt-A-Resident.

Marty Havenga #152 presented Report #20 found on page 133 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #21, Judiciary Committee.

Barry Prock #63 presented Report #21 found on page 134 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #22, Membership Committee.

Peter Sellars #15 presented Report #22 found on page 134 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report as amended, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #23, Cave Degree Committee.

Richard Brouse #19 presented Report #23 found on page 135 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report as amended, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #24, Historical Committee.

Peter Sellars #15 presented Report #24 found on page 136 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #25, Decision of the Special Committee.

Dave Rosenberg #169 presented Report #25 found on page 137 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd - a minority report will be printed and added as 25B and held over until tomorrow.

Grand Master requested Report #26, Convention Committee Report.

Ray Link #1 presented Report #26 found on page 141 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #27, Odd Fellow and Rebekah Beneficial Fund.

Ron Lamphere #8 presented Report #27 found on page 141 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #28, State of the Order Committee.

Chris Greenwood #385 presented Report #28 found on page 144 of the Advanced Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report as amended and assigned, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master called for the Report #29.

Barry Prock #63 presented Report #29 found on page 158 of the Day 1 Proceedings pertaining to Bill #31 and then moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, after much discussion Dave Rosenberg #169 moved to call for the question, 2nd motion carried. Dave Rosenberg #169 moved to vote on Bill #31, 2nd, a standing vote was held, there were 21 votes for "Yes" and votes for 131 "No" Bill #31 was defeated.

Grand Master called for the Report #30.

Chris Greenwood presented Report #30 found on page 158 of the Day 1 Proceedings pertaining to Bill #32 and moved for adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, 17 votes for "Yes", and votes for 125 "No" Bill #32 defeated.

Grand Master called for the Report #31.

Anthony Pruitt #2 presented Report #31 found on page 159 of the Day 1 Proceedings, pertaining to Bill #2, and then moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, 145 votes for "Yes" and 9 votes for "No", motion passed.

Richard Brouse Moved to table reports, 2nd motion defeated.

Grand Master called for the Report #32.

Randy Krassow #96 presented Report #32 found on page 159 of the Day 1 Proceedings pertaining to Bill #3 and moved for adoption of this report except amendments, 2nd, a standing vote was held, 144 votes for "Yes" stand 0 votes "No" motion carried.

Grand Master called for the Report #33.

Randy Krassow #96 presented Report #33 found on page 159 of the Day 1 Proceedings pertaining to Bill #4 and moved for adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, 147 votes for "Yes" and 8 votes for "No" motion carried.

Grand Master called for the Report #34.

Chris Greenwood #385 presented Report #34 found on page 159 of the Day 1 Proceedings pertaining to Resolution #7 and moved for adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried by voice vote.

Grand Master called for the Report #35.

John Hughes #2 presented Report #35 found on page 159 of the Day 1 Proceedings pertaining to Bill #5 and moved for adoption of this report except as amended, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master called for the Report #36.

John Hughes #2 presented Report #36 found on page 160 in the Day 1 Proceedings pertaining to Bill #6 and moved for adoption of this report except as amended, Robert Forthun #385 moved to send back to maker for clarification, 2nd motion carried, motion carried.

Grand Master called for the Report #37.

Gene Breeland #2 presented Report #37 found on page 160 of the Day 1 Proceedings pertaining to Bill #13 and moved that the Bill stand on its own merit. Robert Forthun #385 moved to adopt Bill #13, 2nd, a standing vote was held, 131 votes for "No", Bill #13 defeated.

Gerald Poarch #29 spoke on attendance at Sovereign Grand Lodge, moved to place the name of Barry Prock #63 in nomination for Sovereign Grand Warden, 2nd, motion carried.

Gene Razor #2 assigned Resolution #9 to State of Order and Finance Committees.

Chris Greenwood #385 withdrew Bills #28 and #29.

John Morgan #8 withdrew Bill #10.

Grand Master declared a recess for lunch at 12:30 PM until 1:30 PM.

Grand Master declared recess over at 1:43 PM.

Grand Master declared a closed session until voting is complete.

Grand Master requested Grand Secretary to read names of candidates.

Grand Master requested Grand Secretary read names where there is only one candidate for each office. Moved to elect these officers collectively by acclamation, 2nd, motion carried.

Pete Pohlhammer #109 moved that where there be but one nominee that they be elected by acclamation, collectively, 2nd motion carried.

Grand Secretary announced Rick Boyles #3, Tim Brown #12, Robin Oliver #428, Jerry Worth #18, John Hughes #2, Allen Merriman #241, and Ron Lamphere #8, were elected by acclamation, collectively.

Grand Secretary read candidates' names for Grand Warden, Mel Astrahan #385, Dave Rosenberg #169, Rose Saari #372, Mike Young #2.

Grand Secretary read candidates for Grand Lodge Board of Directors, Mel Astrahan, #385, Neil Allen #2, Roy King #35, Paul Pike #152, Peter Sellars #15, and Rose Saari #372.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to appoint 10 Representatives to act as tellers.

The following were assigned as tellers: Chairman: Danny Pederson #215, Norman Tevis #428, Wayland Chin #322, Patricia Lester #299, John Fraher #1, Albert Allahyari #325, Terry Cree #37, Clifford Parker #416, John Bellitti #385, Mario Chisesi #428.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Grand Warden Candidates to podium. Candidates gave a brief point of their qualifications and future expectations.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Grand Warden Candidates back to their chairs.

Grand Master appointed Deputy Grand Master, Rick Boyles to conduct voting.

Deputy Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductors to pass out the ballots to the tellers for position of Grand Warden, There are 163 Representatives eligible to vote.

Grand Master asked if all who have voted who are entitled to vote, he then declared vote closed.

Tellers were direct to collect ballots.

Robert Murphy #3 presented \$1,000.00 to the Three Links Camp, (Swimming Pool Repair)

John Morgan #8 presented Larry Brenner #96 Directors Award

Peter Sellars #15 presented Davis Lodge #169 Directors Award

Roy King #35 presented Odd Fellow and Rebekah Float Committee the Directors Award

Jeff LeRoux #270 reported Ed Donnell #270 passed away.

Robert Forthun #385 presented four checks

Odd Fellow & Rebekah Rose Float Committee - \$1,000.00

Three Links Camp (General Fund) \$1,000.00

Saratoga, Good Time Fund \$1,000.00

Rebekah Children's Home \$1,000.00

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Jack Fulmer #257 to the podium.

Grand Master presented him with his 25 year jewel.

Allen Merriman #241 presented Joe Vail #91 Perfection Award for his unwritten work.

Tellers stepped to the side of the room to count the vote. The results were:

Dave Rosenberg #169 - 87

Mel Astrahan #385 - 33

Mike Young #2 - 30

Rose Saari #372 -16

Dave Rosenberg #169 was elected Grand Warden Elect.

Dave Rosenberg #169 thanked the members for their vote, and thanked the other candidates for their obligations to the Order.

Grand Master ordered the ballots be destroyed.

Mel Astrahan #385 congratulated Dave Rosenberg #169 and thanked the members for their votes.

Mike Young #2 congratulated Dave Rosenberg #169 and thanked the members for their votes.

Rose Saari #372 congratulated Dave Rosenberg #169 and thanked the members for their votes.

Grand Secretary read candidates for Grand Lodge Board of Directors, Mel Astrahan #385, Neil Allen #2, Roy King #35, Paul Pike #152, Peter Sellars #15, and Rose Saari #372.

Grand Master declared a 10 minute recess. Grand Master declared recess over at 3:15 PM.

Ron Lamphere #8 announced he is pulling his by-laws and will have both boards sit down and work them out collectively.

John Morgan #8 Chairman Grand Lodge Board of Directors refused to pull bylaws.

Roberta Prosk #295 reported they won't pull theirs either then.

Jan Hall #345 reported Glenn Bailey #345 is having family illness and could not be present.

Grand Master requested Report #3.

Deputy Grand Master, Rick Boyles #3 presented Report #3 found pages 65 - 66 in the Grand Lodge of California Advanced Proceedings, with additions, and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Grand Conductor to count those eligible to vote, there are 168 eligible.

Deputy Grand Master requested tellers come to the front and to pass out ballots for Grand Lodge Board of Directors, vote for three (3).

Deputy Grand Master asked if all who have voted who are entitled to vote, he then declared vote closed.

Tellers stepped to the side of the room to count the vote. The results were:

Peter Sellars #15 - 116 (4 Year Term)

Mel Astrahan #385 - 91 (4 Year Term)

Paul Pike #152 - 86 (3 Year Term)

Neil Allen #2 - 70

Rose Saari #372 - 70

Roy King #35 - 61

Joe Stark #257 announced they collect toiletries, please bring in any extras you may have.

John Morgan #8 presented \$440.00 to the Three Links Camp (Swimming Pool Fund).

Grand Master ordered ballots to be destroyed.

Dave Rosenberg #169 resigned his position on the Home Board.

Grand Master declared a 10 minute recess 4:00 PM. Grand Master declared recess over at 4:13 PM.

Grand Master requested Grand Conductor to count all Representatives who are eligible to vote, there were 157.

Grand Master announced there are now two positions Homes Board.

Dave Rosenberg #169 made a motion to acclamation collectively, 2nd motion carried. Dave Rosenberg #169 accept Dave Reed #169 and Neil Allen #2 collectively.

Deputy Grand Master requested all candidates to come to the front and introduce themselves.

Grand Master requested tellers to pass out ballots for Grand Representative and Rebekah Children's Service.

Grand Representative: Jesse Dalton #15 and Rod Metoyer #152

Rebekah Children's Services: Les Gennaria #195 and Mike Young #2

Tellers stepped to the side of the room to count the vote. The results were

Rod Metoyer #152 - 106

Jesse Dalton #15 - 51

Mike Young #2 - 111

Les Gennaria #195 - 42

Grand Master ordered the ballots be destroyed.

Grand Master thanked the tellers for their service.

Frank Goulart #129 withdrew Bills #9 and #34.

Grand Master requested Chaplain to give the Closing Prayer.

Grand Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

***“Heavenly Father, bless all we have done this day. Grant us lasting fellowship and peace this day. Bring us all back here safely tomorrow. Bless all the people who are guarding us here at home and overseas. In Your Name, Amen”***

Grand Master declared recess until 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, May 18, 2013.

**REPORT #13**  
**THREE LINKS CAMP REPORT**

Submitted by: Gene Rasor #2

We experienced some accomplishments, as well as some setbacks this past year and that can happen in any business. We continue to increase the use of the camp to the public both in the summer as well as the winter. The biggest problem that we are faced with is the swimming pool, at the end of last summer it developed another leak and drained rapidly. We have been in contact with several pool companies and have had many suggestions but no solutions. Our future Grand plan is the replacement of the pool. The Board had scheduled two work weeks, the first one starts on the 17th of June and the second one to start on the 24th of June and between them the Camp Festival the weekend of June 21, 22, and 23. We are hoping that with the cancellation of Youth Camp this year, and this year only, that you will bring your children and enjoy the festival, remember there is plenty of fresh air, hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and fun for everyone.

With your permission I would like to introduce the members of our Board: Jack Whitney (VP), Donna Morrison (Sec), Lorna Hemphill (Treas), Glen Powell, Marcy Harper, Richard Alaskin, Les Weir, Rose Saari, Allen Merriman, Betty Stevens, Camp Director, John King Camp Manager, and Barry Prock GL Liason. Gerald Poarch are the Festival Chairs. Emeritus Directors: Don Pixon, Doris Williamson, Robert Forthun, Paulette Lamphere. Most importantly the Board of Directors and myself wish to thank all of the Lodges and individuals who have donated to the camp, these donations are what enables us to make the necessary and need repairs that keep our camp and buildings safe and inviting to the public. Thank You, Eugene Rasor

**REPORT #38**

By Representative: Robert Uribe #7

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Resolution #3 found on page 32 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Awarding the Meritorious Service award for Brother Dave Rosenberg.

Report as follows: We the committee on State of the Order find the recommendation to be in proper form and concur with the intent of the recommendation. We recommend adoption of this report. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #39**

By Representative: Gary Charpentier #35

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred Resolution #2 found on page 32 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Submission of copy of Lodges' and Hall Associations' Deeds/Titles.

Report as follows: We the committee find the Resolution #2 to be in order and agree with its intent and recommend its adoption. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #40**

By Representative: Melvin Astrahan #385

Your Committee on Judiciary/State of the Order to whom was referred Bills #8 & #10 found on pages 13 & 14 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Duplicate positions on the Board of Directors.

Report as follows: Bills #8 & #10 are duplicates. These bills eliminate the possibility of the Grand rep. to Sovereign Grand Lodge to also hold an elective position on the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. We do not recommend the passage of either bill. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #41**

By Representative: Melvin Astrahan #385

Your Committee on Judiciary/State of the Order to whom was referred Resolution #4 found on page 33 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Obligation of those handling money and property.

Report as follows: We the committee find resolution #4 to be in the best interest of the order and recommend its passage. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #42**

By Representative: Paul Pike #152

Your Committee on State of the Order/Judiciary to whom was referred Resolution #5 found on page 33 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Translation of instructional and promotional materials to Spanish

Report as follows: We the committee find Resolution #5 to be in proper form and recommend its adoption. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #43**

By Representative: Paul Pike #152

Your Committee on Judiciary/State of the Order to whom was referred Resolution #6, found on page 34 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Translation of instructional and promotional materials to languages where we have Lodges.

Report as follows: We the committee find this Resolution in proper order and not in violation of any laws or codes. We recommend its passage. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #44**

By Representative: Don Lang #70

Your Committee on State of the Order/Judiciary to whom was referred Report #2, Recommendation #B found on page 57 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Grand Masters Report on Trials.

Report as follows: We the committee concur with the intent of this recommendation, however, legislation needs to be drawn up, spelling out all aspects of this recommendation, and if it requires any Sovereign grand Lodge changes, that our Grand Lodge Reps. presents them to Sovereign Grand Lodge. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #45**

By Representative: Barry Prock #63

Your Committee on State of the Order/Judiciary to whom was referred Report #4, Recommendation #H found on page 67 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Grand Wardens Report on Trial Situation.

Report as follows: We the committee find this recommendation to be in the best interest of the Order and recommend its adoption. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #46**

By Representative: Carlos Garcia #428

Your Committee on State of the Order/Judiciary to whom was referred Report #28, Recommendation # V-Z found on pages 149 & 150 of the Advanced Proceedings.  
Pertaining to: State of the Order Report, Rose Parade Float recommendations.

Report as follows: As a committee we support recommendation #Z and recommendation #W with the word change from ~~keep~~ to reinstate. We do not support #V, #X, & #Y. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #47**

By Representative: Paul Pike #152

Your Committee on Legislation/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #21 found on page 18 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Permanent committees as standing committees.

Report as follows: We the committee agree with the intent of this Bill and with concurrence of the maker, makes changes to the language to read as follows: H. A permanent committee as defined by Chapter III - B (1)(A) exists and shall carry out its duties from appointment of its members at a Grand Lodge session until the next Grand Lodge session. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #48**

By Representative: Shay Harris #53

Your Committee on Rebekah Legislation:

Pertaining to: Rebekah Legislation

Report as follows: We the committee find no conflict with the code on these bills and recommend this Grand Lodge submit the legislation to Sovereign Grand Lodge for approval. <Report attached>  
Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #49**

By Representative: Barry Prock #63

Your Committee on State of the Order/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #35 found on page 155 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: At Large Representation.

Report as follows: We the committee find this bill does not conflict with any laws or codes. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #50**

By Representative: Don Lang #70

Your Committee on Legislation/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #17 found on page 17 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Nepotism in the Grand Lodge Office

Report as follows: Nepotism is frowned on in most business, because it tends to lead to abuses of power and in financial matters. Therefore this bill should be implemented to avoid the appearance of those temptations. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #51**

By Representative: Mike Young #2

Your Committee on Legislation/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #11 found on page 14 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Correct an error in the California Code of Odd Fellows Laws

Report as follows: We the committee find the conflict to be a verbiage error, where correction will not change the intent of the existing passage. We find this bill to be in proper order and recommend its adoption. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #52**

By Representative: Barry Prock #63

Your Committee on Legislation/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #15, found on page 16 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Requiring the Grand Secretary to publish more informative minutes.

Report as follows: We the committee agree with this bill and recommend its adoption. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #53**

By Representative: Paul Pike #152

Your Committee on Legislation/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #20, found on page 18 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Establish a Grand Lodge Oversight committee.

Report as follows: We the committee recommend returning this bill to its author to re-write it to include a system of "checks & balances" rather than "Oversight". Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #54**

By Representative: Terry Olson #377

Your Committee on Finance/Legislation to whom was referred Bill #14, found on page 15& 16 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: A bill to clarify the Grand Secretaries Financial compensation.

Report as follows: Compensation of Grand Secretary is a matter of the budget and is approved when the budget is approved. We do not need a second vote on the Grand Secretary Compensation package. That we recommend that the budget show compensation of each Grand Lodge employees be shown individually by position not by name. The matter of travel expenses should be addressed in a separate bill. We the committee recommend this bill stand on its own merit. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #55**

By Representative: Ron Mills #53

Your Committee on Finance/Legislation to whom was referred Bill #18, found on page 17 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: A bill to clarify financial compensation for employees of the Grand Lodge.

Report as follows: While this bill has some merit, we find some timing conflicts and recommend it to be returned to the maker. Signed: By the Committees

**COMPANION REPORT #56 TO #57**

By Representative: Melvin Astrahan #385

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #25, found on page 27 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Clarify the April 1st filing date deadline for offices.

Report as follows: We the committee find this bill to be in the best interest of the Odd Fellowship and recommend its passage with minor correction to remove a word, so as to read "...Grand Lodge in session, "he" must comply...". Signed: By the Committee

**COMPANION REPORT #57 TO #56**

By Representative: John Hughes #8

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred Bill #25, found on page 27 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Clarify the April 1st filing date deadline for offices.

Report as follows: We the Legislation committee find Bill #25 in proper form. However we do not concur with the intent and do not recommend its adoption and recommend Bill #25 stand on its own merit. Signed: By the Committee

**COMPANION REPORT #58 TO #59**

By Representative: Melvin Astrahan #385

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #16, found on page 16 & 17 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Limit use of Closed or Executive meetings of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

Report as follows: We the committee find this recommendation to be in the best interest of the Order and recommend its adoption. Signed: By the Committee

**COMPANION REPORT #59 TO #58**

By Representative: John Hughes #8

Your Committee on Legislation to whom was referred Bill #16, found on page 16 & 17 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Limit use of Closed or Executive meetings of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

Report as follows: We the committee find this bill in proper form but cannot recommend its passage and recommend this bill stand on its own merit. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #60**

By Representative: Mike Young #2

Your Committee on Legislation/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #12, found on page 14 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Clarify the authority of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

Report as follows: We the committee find no conflicts with the code and recommend its adoption. Add the following amendment:

E. Nothing in this section can be in conflict with California Corporate Code, State or Federal laws.

Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #61**

By Representative: Mel Astrahan #385

Your Committee on State of the Order/Judiciary to whom was referred Report #4, Recommendation #D-#G found on page 65 & 66 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Deputy Grand Master Report, Recommendations.

Report as follows: We the committee find the entire report of the Deputy Grand Master to be out of order and recommend it to be returned to the maker for revision and re-submission. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #62**

By Representative: Mel Astrahan #385

Your Committee on Legislation/Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #27, found on page 28 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Conducting business while tellers count votes.

Report as follows: We the committee find this bill to be in the best interest of the Grand Lodge and recommend its passage with care that counting votes does not have to be "Out of the room" and should be done, perhaps, in the back of the room, in plain sight of the body. We would recommend an amendment to that effect. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #63**

By Representative: Gene Breeland #2

Your Committee on Finance/Legislation to whom was referred Bill #30, found on page 30 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Place moratorium on any increases on Per-Capita of California for 5 years.

Report as follows: We the committee find this bill too confining and ties the hands of those assigned to make the future budgets and meet the obligations of this Grand body. We recommend it stand on its own merit. Signed: By the Committee

**COMPANION REPORT #64 TO #66**

By Representative: John Hughes #8

Your Committee on State of the Order/Legislation to whom was referred Bill #37, found on page 181 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Revision of the Articles of Incorporation

Report as follows: We the committee find this bill in proper form. With concurrence of the maker we submit the language changes: Add the following to the last sentence of Article V, of the articles of

incorporation. "The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of California may receive compensation for services rendered." Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #35-revised**

By Representative: John Hughes #8

Your Committee on Finance/Legislation to whom was referred Bill #5, found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Increase the Surety Bond for Trustees/Directors.

Report as follows: We the committee find the Bill to be in proper form, agree with its concept and recommend its adoption; If adopted shall read: (3) Bonds of Trustees/Directors. The Trustees/Directors of a Lodge, shall individually or as a group, as provided by the by-laws of the Lodge, give a Surety Bond payable to the Lodge in the amount of \$10,000.00. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #36-revised**

By Representative: John Hughes #8

Your Committee on Finance/Legislation to whom was referred Bill #6, found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Increase the Surety Bond for Desk Officers.

Report as follows: We the committee find the Bill to be in proper form, agree with its concept and recommend its adoption; If adopted shall read: (7) Bonds of Officers. The Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer of a Lodge, prior to installation, shall individually or as a group, as provided by the by-laws of the Lodge, give a Surety Bond payable to the Lodge in the amount of \$10,000.00. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #65**

By Representative: Gary Charpentier #35

Your Committee on State of the Order to whom was referred Report #2 Recommendation #A, found on page 57 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Grand Masters Report #2, Recommendation #A, Rewriting the Roberts Code.

Report as follows: We the committee refers this recommendation to the Judiciary and Legislation committees for appropriate legislation. Signed: By the Committee

**COMPANION REPORT #66 TO #64**

By Representative: Melvin Astrahan #385

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #7A, found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Duties of the Grand Treasurer.

Report as follows: We the committee find this bill to be in order and not in violation of any laws or codes if the proposed changes to the articles of incorporation are amended as proposed in Bill #37 (Report 64) and support its adoption if bill #37 is passed. Signed: By the Committee.

**REPORT #67**

By Representative: Melvin Astrahan #385

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #7B, found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Duties of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

Report as follows: We the committee find this bill to be in order and not in violation of any laws or codes if the proposed changes to the articles of incorporation are amended as proposed in Bill #37 (Report 64) and support its adoption if bill 37 is passed. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #68**

By Representative: Anthony Pruitt #2

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Bill #26, found on page 27 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Correct error in 2010 code reprint on the number of representatives.

Report as follows: We the committee find this bill to be in proper format and concur with its intent and recommend adoption. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #69**

By Representative: C. Eugene Breeland #2

Your Committee on Assignments to whom was referred Report #28, Recommendation #AD found on pages 154 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: State of the Order Report, Preliminary Assignments.

Report as follows: The recommendation is doable and we recommend that instructions be sent to Chairman with Advanced Proceedings with requirement that the assignments be returned to Grand lodge May 1st prior to Grand Lodge. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #70**

By Representative: Don Lang #70

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Report #28, Recommendation #AE found on pages 154 of the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: State of the Order Report, Committee review legislation early at session.

Report as follows: We your committee concurs with the recommendation to meet on Tuesday to go over the legislation; however this would mean that many of these committee member & legislation originators will have to come to session one day early. Therefore we suggest that it stand on its own merit. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #71**

By Representative: C. Eugene Breeland #2

Your Committee on State of the Order/Legislation/Finance to whom was referred Resolution #9 found in the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: Grant Program to increase membership.

Report as follows: We the committees concur with the intent. Signed: By the Committees

**REPORT #72**

By Representative: Don Lang #70

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Report #28, Recommendation #AA found on page 150 in the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: State of the Order Report, Rose Parade participation & PR Observation, SGL Bicentennial Committee.

Report as follows: The Sovereign Grand Lodge already has a Bicentennial committee which has been working hard for the last couple of years. Therefore there is no need for this recommendation and do not recommend it. Signed: By the Committee

**REPORT #73**

By Representative: Don Lang #70

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred Report #28, Recommendation #AC found on page 150 in the Advanced Proceedings.

Pertaining to: State of the Order Report, Rose Parade participation & PR Observation, Public relations & Seminar Press releases.

Report as follows: There is already material on public relations and press releases that are handed out at the annual officers' seminar at Santa Nella. The amount of time spent on the topic varies depends on the questions, interest and time available. Therefore there is no need for this recommendation and do not recommend it. Signed: By the Committee

Junior Past Grand Paul Pike #152 requested members to rise and requested the Grand Master and Officers entered for our final day of sessions.

All Officers were introduced by the Grand Marshal Ed Brown #244. The Officers took their seats at their respective stations.

Grand Master Rodney Metoyer #152 declared the recess over.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor Dave Reed #169 to verify all are qualified to sit in this degree.

Grand Master requested Grand Conductor to escort Mike Branson #203 to the podium.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Mike Branson #203 led the singing of National Anthem, Canada's National Anthem.

Grand Master thanked Mike Branson #203 for leading the singing during sessions.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Mike Branson #203 back to his seat.

Grand Master requested the Grand Secretary to ascertain that a quorum was present.

Grand Secretary called the roll of the remaining 1/3rd of the Lodges.

Grand Secretary declared a quorum was present.

Grand Master asked Grand Guardian Frank Goulart #129 to verify the Grand Herald, Carlos Juarez #314 is at his station and secure the door.

Grand Master requested the Credentials Committee to make their Report #1 (Day 3)

Richard Gunnels #166 reported Final Report #1 Credentials Committee presented the following:

Representatives,	184
Past Grand to Receive Degree,	1
Past Grand Masters,	8
Third Degree members,	17
Out of Jurisdiction,	1
Total Attendance,	211
Eligible to Vote,	194

Richard Gunnels moved the adoption of this report, seconded, motion carried.

Grand Master thanked Credentials Committee.

Grand Marshal requested all appointed to report to the center of the floor, he then requested the Grand Master to come to the floor. They presented the grand Master with a gift from his officers.

Grand Master thanked Alan Thomas #257 for assisting the Grand Musician during sessions.

Grand Master asked all former members of the armed services to stand for recognition. Grand Master thanked them for their service.

Grand Master thanked all law enforcement officers, past and present for their service.

Grand Master requested Grand Chaplain Marty Havenga #152 give opening prayer.

Grand Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

***“Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing us back to this place safely. We thank you for guiding us and our future leaders. We pray that You guide us all to prosperity. Bless our Order and grant us a beautiful installation tonight. We ask a special blessing for all the people who are guarding us here at home and overseas. In Your Name, Amen”***

Grand Master thanked Jack Fulmer #123 for audio services during our sessions.

Grand Master asked for the reading of the second day's proceedings.

Grand Secretary Ray Link, #1 moved to accept the second day's proceedings as printed, with minor corrections, moved to adopt with corrections, 2nd motion carried.

Roy King #35 pledged the following donations:

Visual Research Fund \$100.00

Beneficial Fund \$100.00

Rebekah Children's Service \$100.00

Three Links Camp \$100.00

United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth \$100.00

Grand Masters Project \$100.00

Paul Wright #78 made the following donation:

Florin Theta Rho \$250.00

Gene Razor #2 made the following assignments:

Recommendation L,M,N,O,P were changed to U,V,W,X,Y and were assigned to Judiciary,

Recommendation Q,R,S were changed to Z,AA & AB were assigned to Membership,

Recommendation T was changed to AC and was assigned to Assignment,

Recommendation U was changed to AD and was assigned to Judiciary.

Grand Master requested Report #13.

Gene Razor #2 presented Report #13 is in print on page 168 of the Day #2 Proceedings and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a discussion was held about why there was not going to be summer camp this year, a standing vote was held, there were 71 votes for "Yes" and 59 votes for "No", motion carried.

Richard Gunnels #166 made a correction to attendance report, moved for the adoption of his original report, 2nd, motion carried.

Representatives,	185
Past Grand to Receive Degree	1
Past Grand Masters,	8
Third Degree members,	17
Out of Jurisdiction,	1
Total Attendance,	212
Eligible to Vote,	195

Richard Gunnels moved the adoption of this amended report, seconded, motion carried.

John Morgan #8 asked the Representatives present for direction of the Hemet Lodges "Bad Dept".

Chris Greenwood #386 moved to write off the debt of Hemet Lodge #190, 2nd, after discussion a motion to cut off debate, 2nd, motions carried and original motion was defeated.

Grand Master requested Report #38.

Robert Uribe #7 presented Report #38 pertaining to Resolution #3 found on page 31 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Awarding the Meritorious Service award for Brother Dave Rosenberg #169. Moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #39.

Gary Charpentier #35 presented Report #39 pertaining to Resolution #2 found page 31 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to: Submission of copy of Lodge's and Hall Associations' Deeds/Titles. 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #40.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #40 pertaining to Bills #8 and #10 found on page 13&14 of the Advanced Proceedings. These bills eliminate the possibility of the Grand Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge to also hold an elective position on the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, moved for the adoption of this report. 2nd, Bill #10 was previously withdrawn, after a lengthy discussion, Pete Pohlhammer #109 moved to adopt Bill #8 found on page 13, a standing vote was held, there were 92 votes for "Yes" and 47 votes for "No", there were 139 votes cast, motion defeated.

Dave Rosenberg #169 moved to reconsider the vote, 2nd, motion carried. Grand Master requested Grand Conductor to recount eligible voters, there are 143 eligible to vote, it takes 96 to pass. After a standing recount of Bill #8, there were 86 votes for "Yes" and 59 votes for "No", there were 145 votes cast, Bill #8 defeated. Bill #10 was withdrawn.

Grand Master requested Report #41.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #41 pertaining to Resolution #4 found on page 32 of the Advance Proceedings, moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master declared closed recess to allow Theta Rho President and her Officers to enter the Lodge Room.

Grand Master requested Courtesy Committee to escort Theta Rho Officers out of the Lodge Room.

Grand Master declared closed recess over and declared a recess until 10:45 AM.

Grand Master declared recess over at 10:45 AM. and requested Grand Guardian to secure the doors.

Grand Master reported the passing of Oren Earl Johnson Jr., June 3, 2012, and Danny See Chin Wong November 7, 2012, a moment of silence was held.

Grand Master requested Report #42.

Paul Pike #152 presented Report #42 pertaining to Resolution #5 found on page 32 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to: Translation of instructional and promotional materials to Spanish. Moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #43

Paul Pike #152 presented Report #43 pertaining to Resolution #6 found on page 33 of the Advanced Proceedings. Moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor to escort Dave Rosenberg Grand Warden Elect to the Warden's table and escort Tim Brown Deputy Grand Master Elect to the podium.

Grand Master requested Report #44.

Don Lang #70 presented Report #44 pertaining to Report #2, Recommendation #B found on page 56 of the Advance Proceedings. Moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, Pete Pohlhammer referred to Legislation Committee, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #45.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #45 pertaining to Report #3 Recommendation #H found on page 66 of the Advance Proceedings pertaining to Grand Warden Report on Trial Situations. Moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, Pete Pohlhammer referred to Legislation Committee, motion carried.

Grand Master turned the podium over to the Deputy Grand Master Rick Boyles #2, the Grand Master and his officers are retiring to the Rebekah Assembly.

Grand Master Elect Rick Boyles told about his programs for the upcoming year.

Motto: "OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND LODGES", "EMBRACE TODAY"

Slogan: "HAVE FUN AND GROW"

Emblem: "SHERLOCK HOLMES"

Watchwords: "CHARITY", "KINDNESS", "HERITAGE", "PROGRESS"

Colors: "LIGHT BLUE & BLACK"

Flowers: "JOSHUA TREE"

Songs: "THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE", "I'VE STILL NOT FOUND WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR"

Projects: ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS BENEFICIAL FUND

REBEKAH CHILDRENS SERVICES

THREE LINKS CAMP - GENERAL FUND

Grand Master Elect explained his plans for his upcoming year. He introduced his Appointive Officers for the upcoming year:

Grand Marshal, Dave Rosenberg #169

Grand Conductor, Al Raffo #123

Grand Chaplain, Jeff LeRoux #270

Grand Color Bearer, Nancy Johnson #114

Grand Guardian, Glenn Lindsay #300

Grand Herald, Daniel Roger Williams #346

Grand Instructor, Peter Sellars #15

The following Chair Persons were assigned:

Joint Planning Board: Rick Boyles #3  
Assignments: Gene Breeland #2  
Credentials: Richard Gunnels #186  
Examination of DDGM's: Allen Merriman #241  
Finance Committee: Rod Metoyer #152  
Judiciary: Dave Rosenberg #169  
Legislation: Anthony Pruitt #2  
Printing: Ray Link #1  
State of the Order: Randy Krassow #96  
Membership: Peter Sellars #15  
Grand Instructor: Al Raffo #123  
Youth Camp Festival: Gerald Poarch #29  
Odd Fellows All/Member's benefits Committee: Frank Goulart #129  
Dedicated Members for Change: Dave Rosenberg #169  
Grand Lodge Jurisdictional Committee: Jay Johnson #114  
Historical: Nancy Johnson #114  
By-Laws: Rick Boyles #3  
Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly Joint Jurisdictional: Frank Goulart #129  
Arthritis: Don Lang #70  
Joint Youth Committee: Paul Pike #96  
United Nations Pilgrimage & Youth Education: Rod Metoyer #152  
Convention Committee: Diana Carranza  
Adopt-A-Resident: Marty Havenga #152  
Grand Lodge Youth Committee: Paul Pike #96  
Cave Degree: Keith McNeil #19  
Grand Master's Advisory: Gene Breeland #2  
Roberts Code Revision: Dave Rosenberg #169  
Visual Research: Richard Brouse #19  
Disaster Committee, Gene Breeland #2  
Rebekah Legislation: Shay Harris #53

Grand Master Elect made corrections to his committee assignments, see list.

Gene Breeland #2 move to accept Grand Master Elect Committee Assignment, 2nd motion carried.

Richard Brouse #19 reported Cave Degree Chairman, Jack Dunkin #19 passed away about a month ago.

Deputy Grand Master declared recess over as Grand Master and Appointive Officers returned from their Fraternal Visit to Rebekah Assembly.

Grand Master requested sign of the Third Degree, return the sign.

Grand Master requested Report #46.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #46 pertaining to Recommendations #V-Z found on page 148 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to the Rose Parade Float recommendations and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, after a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to table this report. Roy King #35 moved to table this motion until resolved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #47.

Paul Pike #152 presented Report #47 pertaining to Bill #21, found on page 18 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Permanent committees as Standing committees and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, there were 54 votes for "Yes" and 65 votes for "No", motion defeated.

Grand Master requested Report #48.

Shay Harris #53 presented Report #48 pertaining to (RA Bills #1-4) Rebekah Legislation and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #49.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #49 pertaining to Bill #35 found on page 159 of the Day 1 Proceedings pertaining to At Large Representation and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, there were 47 votes for "Yes" and 70 votes for "No", motion defeated.

Grand Master declared recess to allow Rebekah Assembly to make Fraternal Visit.

Grand Master requested the Courtesy Committee to escort the I.A.R.A. President, Rebekah Assembly President and her Appointive Officers into the room.

Gene Breeland introduced the I.A.R.A. President, President, and Officers of Rebekah Assembly.

Grand Master requested they come to the platform.

I.A.R.A. President Laura Argue, (Saskatchewan, Canada) made a few welcoming comments.

Sharon Burgess, President Rebekah Assembly thanked Grand Master Rodney Metoyer for the work they accomplished this last year. She introduced all of the appointed officers and newly elected officers.

Grand Master requested Courtesy Committee to escort I.A.R.A. President, Rebekah Assembly President, and her Appointive Officers out of the room.

Grand Master declared a lunch recess until 2:00 PM. Grand Master declared recess over at 2:00 PM.

Gene Breeland #2 moved to stop any further business not completed by 4:00 PM will be held over to next year (2014), 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #50.

Don Lang #70 presented Report #50 pertaining to Bill #17 found on page 17 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Nepotism in the Grand Lodge Office and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion defeated.

Grand Master requested Report #51.

Paul Pike #152 presented Report #51 pertaining to Bill #11 found on page 14 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Correction of California Code of Odd Fellows Laws and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #52.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #52 pertaining to Bill #15 found on page 16 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to requiring the Grand Secretary to publish more informative minutes and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, there were 17 votes for "Yes" and 89 votes for "No", motion defeated.

Grand Master requested that last two votes would be approved as hand votes.

Grand Master requested Report #53.

Paul Pike #152 presented Report #53 pertaining to Bill #20 found on page 18 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Establishing a Grand Lodge Oversight Committee and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion defeated.

Grand Master requested Report #54.

Terry Olson #377 presented Report #54 pertaining to Bill #14 found on pages 15-16 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to the Grand Secretaries financial compensation and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, there was 1 vote for "Yes" and 110 votes for "No", motion defeated. Pete Pohlhammer #109 moved to stop the debate, 2nd motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #55.

Ron Mills #53 presented Report #55 pertaining to Bill #18 found on page 17 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to the financial compensation for employees of the Grand Lodge and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried, return to maker.

Grand Master requested Report #56.

Melvin Astrahan #385 presented Report #56 pertaining to Bill #25 found on page 26 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to the April 1st filing date deadline for offices. Moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #57.

John Hughes #8 presented Report #57 pertaining to Bill #25 found on page 27 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to the April 1st filing date deadline for offices. We recommend Bill #25 stand on its own merit, 2nd, this requires a 3/4 vote, a standing vote was held, there were 33 votes for "Yes" and 79 votes for "No", motion defeated.

Grand Master requested Report #58.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #58 pertaining to Bill #16 found on pages 16-17 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Limited use of Closed or Executive meetings of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #59

John Hughes #8 presented Report #59 pertaining to Bill #16 found on pages 16 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Limited use of Closed or Executive meetings of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. We the committees find this bill in proper form but cannot recommend its passage and recommend this bill stand on its own merit. Bill #16 was voted on a standing vote was held, there were 0 votes for "Yes" and unanimous votes for "No", motion defeated.

Brian Riehl #240 made a donation:

Three Links Camp \$1,000.00

Rebekah Children's Service \$1,000.00

Grand Master requested Report #60.

Paul Pike #152 presented Report #60 pertaining to Bill #12 found on page 14 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Clarify the authority of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, Amended, Moved to vote on the amendment, 2nd, a standing vote was held, there were 22 votes for "Yes" and 82 votes for "No", motion defeated. Gary Charpentier moved to remove part #2, 2nd. Dave Rosenberg moved to table motion indefinitely, 2nd, motion carried. A vote on Bill #12 was voted on, a standing vote was held, there were 0 votes for "Yes" and unanimous votes for "No", motion defeated.

Grand Master requested Report #61.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #61 pertaining to Report #4, Recommendations #D,#E,#F&#G which are found on pages 63 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to the Deputy Grand Master Recommendations and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried. Report #61 removed.

Grand Master requested Report #62.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #62 pertaining to Bill #27 found on page 27 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to conducting business while tellers count votes and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, there were 87 votes for "Yes" and 16 votes for "No", motion carried.

Grand Master moved to approve Bill #27 out of order, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #71.

Randy Krassow #96 presented Report #71, pertaining to Resolution #9 found on page 160 of the Day 1 Proceedings pertaining to a new 'Membership Grant program and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #63.

Gene Breeland #2 presented Report #63 pertaining to Bill #30 found on pages 30 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to placing a moratorium on any increases in Per-Capita of California for 5 years and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, 17 votes for "Yes" and 91 votes for "No", motion defeated.

Grand Master requested Report #64.

John Hughes #8 presented Report #64 pertaining to Bill #37 found on page 160 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Grand Secretary travel expenses and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #66.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #66 pertaining to Bill #7A, found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Duties of the Grand Treasurer and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #67.

Mel Astrahan #385 presented Report #67 pertaining to Bill 7B found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to duties of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Dave Reed #169 moved to vote on all three, 7A, 7B and Bill #37, 2nd, a standing vote was held, there were 102 votes for "Yes" and 6 votes for "No", motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #35-revised.

John Hughes presented Report #35-revised pertaining to Bill #5, found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Increasing the Surety Bond for Trustees/Directors and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, 100 votes for "Yes" and 0 votes for "No", Bill #5 passed by 2/3 margin, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #36-revised.

John Hughes #8 presented Bill #6 found on page 12 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to Increasing the Surety Bond for Trustees/Directors and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, 106 votes for "Yes" and 0 votes for "No", Bill #6 passed by 2/3 motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #65.

Gary Charpentier #35 presented Report #65 pertaining to Report #2 Recommendation #A found on page 56 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to re-writing the Roberts Code. Moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, motion carried.

Grand Master requested Report #68.

Anthony Pruitt #2 presented Report #68 pertaining to Bill #26, found on page 27 of the Advanced Proceedings pertaining to correcting error in 2010 Code reprint on the number of representatives and moved for the adoption of this report, 2nd, a standing vote was held, 107 votes for "Yes" and 0 votes for "No", motion carried.

Grand Master introduced Charles 'Chuck' Renninger, Sovereign Grand Master.

Sovereign Grand Master presented a Medallion to Grand Master Rodney Metoyer for his handling of sessions this year.

Charles Renninger, Sovereign Grand Master spoke on our sessions and how well we conducted our business.

Grand Master declared we were preparing to close the Lodge.

Grand Master requested the Grand Chaplain to give the final closing prayer.

Grand Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

***"Father, As our business concludes for this session of Grand Lodge, we pray that You guide our leaders to do Your will. We ask that You provide all of our members safe travel home. Bring us all health and prosperity through the coming year, Bless our Order and our families. Please give a very special blessing to all the people who are guarding us here at home and overseas. All of this, we ask in Your most Holy Name. Amen"***

Grand Master requested the Grand Color Bearer and Assistants to retire the flag of our country and others.

Grand Master thanked Bernard Mirante #15 for playing the piano today.

Grand Master also thanked the flag bearers for their service.

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Having nothing further to resolve, and all business complete, the Grand Master requested the Deputy Grand Master to close the 161st Grand Lodge in Sine Die.

Deputy Grand Master declared the 161st Grand Lodge closed in Sine Die.

Grand Master also declared the Grand Lodge closed in Sine Die.

**Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly  
Installation Ceremony**

**Convention Chairman:**                      **Diana Carranza**

Welcome

**Mistress of Ceremonies:**                      **Judette Rippetoe**

Good evening Brother's and Sister's

It is my pleasure to introduce the Master of Ceremonies:

Randy Krassow, Past Director Grand Lodge.

**Master of Ceremonies:**                      **Randy Krassow**

It is also my pleasure to introduce the Mistress of Ceremonies:

Judette Rippetoe, Past President IARA

2. Marshals, Please present the Representatives from the Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

**Mistress of Ceremonies:**                      **Judette Rippetoe**

It my pleasure to introduce, Laura Argue, President, International Association Rebekah Assemblies.

**Master of Ceremonies:**                      **Randy Krassow**

I have the honor of introducing the honorable Chuck Renninger, Sovereign Grand Master.

Marshals please seat our International Representatives on the platform.

**Master of Ceremonies:**                      **Randy Krassow**

Color Bearer and Escorts, Please present the Flag of our country and other flags.

The audience will please rise and join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of National Anthem and O'Canada

followed by the invocation by Emma Hannaford, Past President RA.

**Mistress of Ceremonies:**                      **Judette Rippetoe**

The audience may be seated.

**Installation of Officers**

**Mistress of Ceremonies:**                      **Judette Rippetoe**

Convention Chairman, Diana Carranza, Past President.

We are ready to proceed with the Ceremony of Installation.

**Convention Chairman:**                      **Diana Carranza**

Marshals, you will please present the Grand Master Rodney Metoyer and President Sharon Burgess. The audience will please rise.

**Grand Marshal:**                                      **John Morgan**

Convention Chairman, we have the honor to present to you Grand Master Rodney Metoyer of Boulder Creek and Assembly President Sharon Burgess of Ben Lomond who have presided during the past term over the destinies of a great Fraternity whose activities extend to all sections of the world, with the California as their particular sphere of supervision. Their beneficial influence has been recognized in all sections of this jurisdiction.

**Convention Chairman:**                      **Diana Carranza**

Marshals, Please seat the officers. The audience may be seated.

**Convention Chairman:**                      **Diana Carranza**

Grand Master and Assembly President; no words of mine can adequately express the satisfaction that comes to this jurisdiction, and to me personally for the successful consummation of your plans and activities during the past term. You will now direct the constituted authorities to proceed with the installation of your successors.

The audience will please rise.

**Grand Master: Rodney Metoyer**

It is our will and pleasure that the Ceremony of Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of California will now proceed. Though the ceremony of installation takes place at this time, under the provisions of our laws, the officers so installed do not assume their positions until after all regular business of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly has been finished, and just previous to the adjournment Sine Die of their respective bodies. The audience will be seated.

**Assembly President: Sharon Burgess**

Grand Marshals, you will present to this station Past Grand Master C. Eugene Breeland and Past Assembly President Joyce Link. (Gene and Joyce will rise and move to podium).

**Grand Marshal: Ruth Morgan**

Grand Master and Assembly President; in conformity with your request, we present to you Past Grand Master C. Eugene Breeland and Past Assembly President Joyce Link.

**Assembly President: Sharon Burgess**

Past Grand Master C. Eugene Breeland and Past Assembly President Joyce Link, in conformance with the laws of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of California, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, you will now proceed with the installation of officers.

**Installing Grand Master: C. Eugene Breeland**

It is with pleasure that we accept the honorable positions of Installing Officers. You will now surrender to us the regalia and jewels of your offices; and your gavels, which are symbols of authority.

**Installing Assembly President: Joyce Link**

By the act of surrendering your gavels, regalia, and jewels; you are automatically placed in the ranks of the Past Grand Masters and Past Assembly Presidents. You have served well and honorably and now lay down your task and pass your authority over to your successors. You are now in a position to enjoy the fruits of your labors. You may be called upon from time to time to lend assistance in the great work of Odd Fellowship, and we are confident that you will never shirk any task that may present itself. You may be seated in the special places reserved for you on the platform.

**Installing Grand Master: C. Eugene Breeland**

Grand Marshals, you will procure the names of the elective and appointive officers of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly and retire to the ante-room where these officers are in waiting. You will then present them to this station.

<b><u>OFFICE</u></b>	<b><u>OFFICER</u></b>	<b><u>INSTALLING MARSHALS</u></b>
Grand Master	Rick Boyles	Ruth Morgan and John Morgan
RA President	Paulette Lamphere	
Deputy Grand Master	Tim Brown	Jackie Brown and Carl Henning
RA Vice President	Debbie Shuler	
Grand Warden	Dave Rosenberg	Terri Lamphere and Ted Lamphere
RA Warden	Donna Morrison	
Grand Secretary	Ray Link	Mary Sellars and Mike Branson
RA Secretary	Margareut Oleson	
Grand Treasurer	Jay Johnson	Jackie Brown and Carl Henning
RA Treasurer	Mary Lou Lang	
Grand Marshal	Jerry Uribe	Terri Lamphere and Ted Lamphere
RA Marshal	Carmelle Soto	
Grand Conductor	Glenn Lindsay	Mary Sellars and Mike Branson
RA Conductor	Debbie Hite	
Grand Chaplain	Jeff Le Roux	Jackie Brown and Carl Henning
RA Chaplain	Juanita Rippetoe	

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Grand Color Bearer	Nancy Johnson	Terri Lamphere and Ted Lamphere
RA Color Bearer	Carole Crump	
Grand Guardian	Al Raffo	Mary Sellars and Mike Branson
RA Inside Guardian	Pat Jones	
Grand Herald	Daniel Williams	Jackie Brown and Carl Henning
RA Outside Guardian	Bonnie Sellars	
Grand Instructor	Peter Sellars	Terri Lamphere and Ted Lamphere

**Installing Assembly President: Joyce Link**

I assume you clearly understand the duties and responsibilities of the various offices for which you have been respectively chosen. Are you willing to accept these offices and enter into a solemn obligation with us to faithfully and earnestly perform the duties pertaining thereto?

**Officers:**

We are!

**Installing Assembly President: Joyce Link**

Brothers and Sisters are you satisfied with the choice of officer?

**Audience:**

We are!

**Installing Assembly President: Joyce Link**

The Bible Bearers will prepare for the obligation.

**Installing Assembly President: Joyce Link**

The audience will please rise and remain standing while the obligation is administered to these officers.

**Installing Grand Master: C. Eugene Breeland**

I, (state your name); in the presence of the members / of the Order here assembled / do solemnly promise / that I will perform the duties of the office / into which I am about to be installed / until the end of the term / for which I have been selected / or until the installation of my successor / and at the end of my term / either by expiration, resignation or otherwise, / I will surrender said office / together with all books, papers and property / belonging to it / to my successor / and will perform such duties / as pertain to my office / as my respective organization may require. / I will support and abide by / the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge / and the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of California; / to the faithful performance of all which I pledge my sacred honor.

**Installing Assembly President: Joyce Link**

The Bible Bearers will follow the Marshals back to their seats. The audience will be seated.

**Installing Assembly President: Joyce Link**

The Marshals assisted by the Escorts will invest the officers, with the exception of the Grand Master and Assembly President, with the Regalia of your respective office

**Grand Marshal: Ruth Morgan**

By order of the Installing Past Grand Master and Installing Past Assembly President, we herewith invest you with the Jewel and Regalia of your respective offices. Wear it proudly and with honor to yourself and the Order. You may now be seated.

**Installing Grand Master: C. Eugene Breeland**

Grand Master- elect Rick Boyles and Assembly President – elect Paulette Lamphere; it is with pleasure that we now invest you with your Jewel and Regalia. Always remember that it has been placed upon you by direction of your Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly. We have full confidence that you will wear it honorably and well.

**Installing Grand Master: C. Eugene Breeland**

We now present you with these gavels. Use them impartially and justly. They are the symbols of your authority as Grand Master and Assembly President of this Jurisdiction, May your administration be

pleasant and productive and your decisions be founded on the broad platform of Friendship, Love, and Truth, so that, through the inspiration of your leadership you may leave your successors, in the Jurisdiction, a Fraternity that is thriving, prosperous and progressive.

**Installing Assembly President: Joyce Link**

The audience please rise. Inasmuch as no important undertaking should be entered upon without the gracious approval of Him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift, the Chaplain will invoke the Divine Blessing.

**Installing Chaplain : Joan Pike**

Almighty God, our Creator and Preserver, we pray you to endow these officers with divine wisdom to govern fairly and justly. Give to them the understanding to so direct their efforts that our great Fraternity may be acclaimed throughout this Jurisdiction. Instill into their minds and hearts the noble teachings of our Rituals, so that the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man may become a living reality in the domain in which we are to serve. Having by these our prayers, placed our faith and our trust in Your hands, Heavenly Father, may we now receive thy blessing and thereby have the strength to carry on Odd Fellowship in this Jurisdiction. Amen

**Installing Assembly President: Joyce Link**

Grand Marshals, you will now proclaim the Officers of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly duly installed.

**Grand Marshal: John Morgan**

By direction of our Installing Officers, I proclaim the Officers of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of California, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, installed into their several offices in regular form.

**Installing Grand Master: C. Eugene Breeland**

The audience may be seated.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**LEADERS**

President, TRA  
President, DALAPM  
Department Commander, PM  
Grand Matriarch, GLEA  
Grand Patriarch, GE

**MARSHALS**

Installing Marshals  
1st Set of Marshals  
2nd Set of Marshals  
3rd Set of Marshals  
Honorary Marshals

**COLOR BEARERS**

American Flag  
Canadian Flag  
California Flag  
Saskatchewan Flag  
IOOF Banner  
Rebekah Banner  
Grand Junior Lodge Banner  
Theta Rho Banner

**by Judette Rippetoe**

Chelsey Vinsant  
Lady Ernestine Olson  
  
Laurie Prescott

**by Judette Rippetoe**

Ruth Morgan, PP, RA  
Jackie Brown, Director, RA  
Terri Lamphere, POG, RA  
Mary Sellars, PNG  
Judy Poarch, PP, RA

**by Judette Rippetoe**

Tony Pruitt, Director, COFF  
Sandra Bierer, Director, YC  
Carol Smith, PCB, RA  
Sue Michener, P Director, RA  
George Downey, PGG, GL  
Lola Hernandez, PNG

Chelsea Vinsant, PP, TRA

**by Randy Krassow**

Brigadier General Ken O'Connell

Jesse Dalton

**by Randy Krassow**

John Morgan, Director, GL  
Carl Henning, PGMA, GL  
Ted Lamphere, PGMA, GL  
Mike Branson, PGC, GL  
Gerald Poarch, PGM, GL

**by Randy Krassow**

Brent Hemphill, PGR, GJL

**PARTICIPANTS**

Installing Chaplain  
Invocation  
Benediction  
Musician  
Platform Hostesses  
  
Floor Hostesses

**by Judette Rippetoe**      **by Randy Krassow**  
Joan Pike, PP, RA  
Emma Hannaford, PP, RA  
  
Terry Olson, PGC, GL  
Bernard Mirante, PG  
  
Rose Saari, PCh, PA  
Ursula Finck, POC, RA  
Betty Stevens, P Con, RA  
Doris Anderson, PIG, RA  
Gail Warness, PDDP  
Gundy Feil, P Ch, RA  
Donna Olson, PCB, RA

**OBLIGATION – DIRECTORS**

**Mistress of Ceremonies:**

**Judette Rippetoe**

Marshals you will present the newly elected Trustees and Directors for Obligation. Don Lang, Past Grand Representative will confer the Obligation.

**Past Grand Representative:**

**Don Lang**

Brothers and Sisters, do you accept the positions to which you have been elected? (Answer) You will raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, state your name in full/ promise to support/ maintain and abide/ by the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge/ of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,/ the Constitution, Bylaws/ Rules and Regulations/ of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of California/ and the specific Bylaws/ Rules and Manuals and Civil Codes/ pertaining to my particular area of responsibility.

You may lower your hand.

By your solemn promise in the presence of these witness and by the authority of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of California, I declare you obligated to your respective positions.

Marshals, you will conduct the newly obligated Directors and Trustees to their seat.

**OBLIGATION – DDGM / DDP**

**Master of Ceremonies:**

**Randy Krassow**

I will now ask Paul Pike, Grand Representative to administer the obligation for the District Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Presidents. Installing Marshals, please present those Brother and Sisters who have been selected as District Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Presidents for Obligation.

**Grand Representative:**

**Paul Pike**

The audience will please rise.

Brother and Sisters, raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, pronounce your name in full / do solemnly promise that I will / to the best of my ability/ perform the duties of District Deputy for my appointed District. / I pledge myself to observe and abide/ by the laws, customs, and usages of the Order; / to respect the opinion and judgment / of my Brothers and Sisters / and be careful and considerate / when it becomes my official duty to render decisions./ I further promise / that I will give a strict account / of my official acts to the Grand Master and Assembly President.

You may lower you hand. The audience may be seated.

Brothers and Sisters the service you have rendered the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the past, your present standing among your brothers and sisters and the esteem of your neighbors and friends fully justify your appointment,

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The Grand Master and Assembly President are confident that you will walk worthily, act justly, decide impartially and that the high standards of the Order will never be lowered by your conduct.

You are the personal representative of the Grand Master and President in your District. It is important that you conduct, on all occasions, exemplifies the dignity and integrity of your office. It will be your privilege and duty to appoint District Deputy Officers to complete your installing staff for performing your duty of installing officers of each lodge in your District. You must know and understand your charges and require the same of your deputy officers. Your efficiency, dignity and deportment must be a correct example for the membership of the lodges in your District.

You must make at least one official visit to each lodge in your District during your term, keep the Grand Master and Assembly President fully and correctly informed of the actual conditions of the lodges and recommend those things which will be in the best interest of Odd Fellowship in your District. I have full confidence in your integrity and fidelity and am pleased to bestow the honors of this office upon you.

Brothers and Sisters please receive your commissions.

### **JEWEL PRESENTATION:**

#### **Mistress of Ceremonies:**

**Judette Rippetoe**

Past Assembly President Sharon Burgess will be presented her jewel by Joan Pike, PP, RA and Carol Smith PCB, RA.

#### **Master of Ceremonies:**

**Randy Krassow**

Past Grand Master Rodney Metoyer will be presented his jewel by Paul Pike, PGM and his wife Debbie Metoyer.

#### **Mistress of Ceremonies:**

**Judette Rippetoe**

Marshals you will present the 2012-2013 Appointive Officers and their jewel presenters to the center of the floor. Junior Past Grand Master Rodney Metoyer and Junior Past President Sharon Burgess presented their officers with their Past Officers jewels.

#### **Master of Ceremonies:**

**Randy Krassow**

We will now be entertained with music by our musician Bernard Mirante. This will be followed by a drill.

### **DRILL**

### **REMARKS**

#### **Mistress of Ceremonies:**

**Judette Rippetoe**

It is a pleasure that I present Sister Laura Argue, President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

**Laura:** Remarks

#### **Master of Ceremonies:**

**Randy Krassow**

It is an honor and a pleasure that I present the honorable Chuck Renninger, Sovereign Grand Master.

**Chuck:** Remarks

#### **Presentations:**

**Randy Krassow**

1. Family
2. Deputies
3. Elective Officers

#### **Mistress of Ceremonies:**

**Judette Rippetoe**

It is an honor to present our newly installed Assembly President Paulette Lamphere.

**Paulette:** Address

#### **Master of Ceremonies:**

**Randy Krassow**

It is a privilege that I introduce to you the newly installed Grand Master Rick Boyles.

**Rick:** Address

**Installation of Officers - 2013**

**Mistress of Ceremonies:                      **Judette Rippetoe****

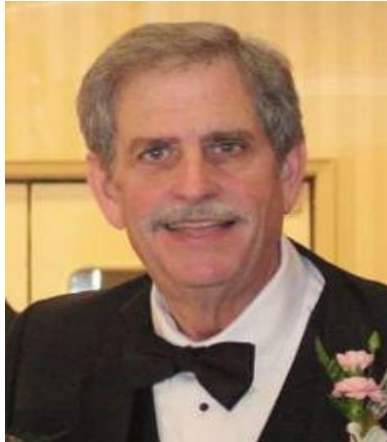
We wish to thank everyone for their attendance this evening and wish you a safe journey home.

**Master of Ceremonies:                      **Randy Krassow****

The audience will please rise for the Benediction by Terry Olson, Past Grand Chaplain and remain standing for retirement of the Flags. Following the retirement of the Colors, John Hughes, Director, COFF will present the order of March for "The GRAND MARCH"

**THE GRAND MARCH**

**GRAND LODGE (CURRENT) OFFICERS 2013-2014**



**RICK BOYLES**  
**161st Grand Master**  
**2013 – 2014**



**Tim Brown**  
**Deputy Grand Master**



**Dave Rosenberg**  
**Grand Warden**

**NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS 2013 – 2014**

- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Rick Boyles #3, 3448 Dutchcap Ln., Alameda, 94502 – 510.521.1683           | Grand Master                |
| Tim Brown #12, 614 Le Duc St., Grass Valley, CA. 95945 – 530.477.1643      | Deputy Grand Master         |
| Dave Rosenberg #169, 1112 Westfield Terr., Davis, CA. 95616 – 530.756.0697 | Grand Warden                |
| Ray Link #1, 682 Village Dr., Galt, 95632 – 916.712.9535                   | Grand Secretary (2014)      |
| Jay Johnson #114, 5759 Pardee Av., Fremont, 94538 – 510.794.0708           | Grand Treasurer (2016)      |
| Paul Pike #152, 329 Berkeley Wy., Santa Cruz, 95062 – 831.278.1272         | Grand Representative (2014) |
| Rod Metoyer #152, 345 Mesa Dr., Boulder Crk, CA. 95006–408.234.6762        | Grand Representative (2015) |

**NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICERS 2013 – 2014**

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|---|--------------------|
| Jerry Uribe #203, 100 Alta Vista Av., Roseville, CA. 95678 – 916.786.9134 | Grand Marshal      |
| Al Raffo #123, 400 Taylor Bl., Millbrae, CA. 94030 – 415.370.6507         | Grand Conductor    |
| Jeff LeRoux #270, 6010 Arlington Bl. Richmond, CA. 94805 – 510.367.8159   | Grand Chaplain     |
| Nancy Johnson #114, 4759 Pardee Av., Fremont, CA. 94538 – 510.673.3958    | Grand Color Bearer |
| Glenn Lindsay #300, 8980 Pueblo Av., Atascadero, CA. – 805.466.8946       | Grand Guardian     |
| Daniel Roger Williams #346, POB 390490, Anza, CA. 92539 – 760.685.6881    | Grand Herald       |
| Peter Sellars #15, 815 Georgia St., Vallejo, CA. 94590 – 415.608.8220     | Grand Instructor   |

Membership - 2013

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA**

The following shows the number of members in this Jurisdiction for the years shown with the gain or loss for each year. NOTE: \* shows a loss for the year.

YRS	MBR	NET	YRS	MBR	NET	YRS	MBR	NET	YRS	MBR	NET	
			1896	30273	*261	1941	26515	*959	1986	8532	*364	
			1897	30204	*69	1942	25567	*948	1987	8242	*287	
1853	985	780	1898	30373	169	1943	25837	270	1988	8041	*201	
1854	1765	780	1899	30772	399	1944	27370	1533	1989	7819	*222	
1855	2205	440	1900	31588	816	1945	28762	1392	1990	7617	*202	
1856	2936	731	1901	35521	933	1946	30239	1477	1991	7487	*130	
1857	3310	374	1902	34038	1517	1947	30739	500	1992	7444	*19	
1858	3832	522	1903	35483	1348	1948	30600	*139	1993	7373	*71	
1859	4603	771	1904	36561	1175	1949	29894	*709	1994	7174	*199	
1860	5370	757	1905	39218	1756	1950	29096	*798	1995	6915	*259	
1861	5626	256	1906	40974	1334	1951	28144	*952	1996	6821	*194	
1862	5788	162	1907	42308	1334	1952	27379	*765	1997	6484	*237	
1863	6505	717	1908	42851	543	1953	26794	*53	1998	6190	*294	
1864	6972	467	1909	43154	303	1954	26141	*653	1999	6074	*116	
1865	7258	286	1910	44239	1082	1955	25323	*818	2000	5846	*228	
1866	8312	1054	1911	44822	583	1956	24415	*906	2001	5778	*68	
1867	9265	953	1912	46022	1200	1957	23571	*734	2002	5812	34	
1868	10766	1501	1913	46099	77	1958	22713	*858	2003	5766	*46	
1869	12517	1751	1914	45925	*174	1959	22300	*413	2004	5736	*30	
1870	13706	1189	1915	44831	*1094	1960	21744	*556	2005	5680	*56	
1871	14748	1042	1916	44276	*555	1961	21084	*660	2006	5564	*199	
1872	16277	1529	1917	44593	317	1962	20247	*83	2007	5440	*124	
1873	17484	1207	1918	44371	*222	1963	19286	*196	2008	5303	*137	
1874	18013	529	1919	46292	1921	1964	18220	*1066	2009	5104	*198	
1875	19342	1329	1920	49572	3280	1965	17430	*817	2010	4994	*110	
1876	20201	589	1921	52553	2981	1966	16662	*741	2011	4783	*211	
1877	20727	528	1922	54484	1931	1967	15881	*781	2012	5812	34	
1878	21203	474	1923	55888	1404	1968	15200	*681	2013	5766	*46	
1879	21346	143	1924	57030	1142	1969	14561	*639		2004	5736	*30
1880	21468	122	1925	57560	530	1970	14027	*534		2005	5680	*56
1881	21858	390	1926	56995	*565	1971	13512	*514		2006	5564	*199
1882	22248	390	1927	58398	1403	1972	13029	*483		2007	5440	*124
1883	22754	506	1928	58820	422	1973	12585	*444		2008	5303	*137
1884	23447	693	1929	55089	*3731	1974	12111	*474		2009	5104	*198
1885	24078	630	1930	48945	*6144	1975	11800	*311		2010	4994	*110
1886	24375	297	1931	45680	*3265	1976	11292	*508		2011	4783	*211
1887	25223	848	1932	41926	*3744	1977	11045	*247		2012	4770	*13
1888	26457	1234	1933	38006	*3930	1978	10772	*273				
1889	27475	1018	1934	35138	*2868	1979	10503	*269				
1890	28307	832	1935	33186	*1952	1980	10151	*340				
1891	29393	1086	1936	31631	*1555	1981	9822	*329				
1892	30388	995	1937	30365	*1266	1982	9550	*272				
1893	30741	353	1938	29621	*744	1983	9322	*228				
1894	30687	*56	1939	28302	*1219	1984	9041	*281				
1895	30534	*151	1940	27474	*928	1985	8903	*138				

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California	1	POB 5566, S San Francisco 94083	San Francisco, 94103	1185 Vicente St	1-3 Tu	7:30 PM	329	341	
Sacramento	2	1831 Howe Av	Sacramento, 95825	Same	2-4 Th	7:30 PM	51	37	
Oakland-Encinal	3	POB 2183	Alameda, 95401	2329 Santa Clara Av	2-4 Tu	7:00 PM	25	28	
Gene J Bianchi	4	14414 Oak St #B	Saratoga, 95070	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	19	
Charity	6	5350 No. Harrison, Linden, 95236	Stockton, 95202	1200 No Center St	1 We	7:00 PM	30	27	
Auburn	7	POB 4	Auburn, 95604	1226 ½ Lincoln Wy	2-4 Th	7:30 PM	27	25	
El Dorado	8	1831 Howe Av	Sacramento, 95825	Same	1-3 Th	7:30 PM	45	47	
Diamond Springs	9	POB 162	Diamond Sprgs, 95619	3731 Odd Fellows Rd	3 Tu	7:30 PM	14	14	
Sonora	10	10 Dodge St	Sonora, 95370	Same	1-3 We	6:30 PM	21	29	
Stockton	11	1200 No Center	Stockton, 95202	Same	Fr	7:00 PM	28	17	
Grass Valley	12	113 So Church	Grass Valley, 95945	Same	1-3 Th	7:00 PM	22	23	
Yerba Buena	15	26 - 7th St	San Francisco, 94103	Same 6th Floor	2-4 Th	7:00 PM	221	247	
Oustomah	16	POB 428	Nevada City, 95959	212 Spring St	3 Tu	7:30 PM	27	25	
Napa	18	1800 Atrium Prkwy, Box 500	Napa, 94599	1800 Atrium Prkwy	1-3 Tu	7:30 PM	15	14	
Yreka	19	POB 445	Yreka, 96097	107 W Miner St	1-3 Th	7:00 PM	25	25	
Morning Star	20	POB 897	Placerville, 95667	462 Main St	1 Mo	7:00 PM	27	25	
Volcano	25	14414 Oak St #B	Saratoga, 95070	14500 Funitvale Av	1-3 Tu	7:00 PM	9	13	
Costa Mesa	29	2476 Newport Bl	Costa Mesa, 92627	Same	Mo	7:00 PM	13	14	
Petaluma	30	POB 2504	Petaluma, 94953	111 Petaluma Bl No.	2-4 Tu	7:00 PM	25	27	
Hope	33	POB 833	Angels Camp, 95222	1275 S. Main St	1-3 Tu	8:00 PM	17	16	
San Jose	34	122 Race St	San Jose, 95126	Same	2-4 Th	7:30 PM	7	9	
LA-Golden Rule	35	POB 26250	Los Angeles, 90026	3620 Whittier Bl	2-4 Sat	9:00 AM	23	26	
Jackson	36	10 Main St	Jackson, 95642	Same	2 Th/4 Fr	6:00 PM	6	7	
Memento	37	POB 116	Georgetown, 95634	6240 Main St	1-3 Th	7:00 PM	20	13	
Mariposa	39	POB 567	Mariposa, 95338	6th & SR 49	1-3 Mo	7:00 PM	44	47	
San Pablo	43	342 Georgia St	Vallejo, 94590	Same	Mo	7:00 PM	64	59	
Pine Tree	46	POB 997	Tuolumne, 95379	18382 Bay St	2 Mo	7:00 PM	9	10	
True Fellowship	52	POB 486	Santa Clara, 95052	1035 Emory St, San Jose	2-4 We	6:30/8:00	47	45	
Santa Rosa	53	545 Pacific Av	Santa Rosa, 95404	Same	We	7:30 PM	98	90	
Oroville	59	2262 Las Plumas Av	Oroville, 95966	1470 Oliver Av	2 We	7:00 PM	14	11	
Cosumnes	63	7672 So Shingle Rd	Latrobe, 95682	Same	1-3 Th	7:30 PM	39	32	
LaFayette Historical	65	POB 32	LaGrange, 95329	30018 Main / Hwy 132	2 Th	7:30 PM	20	20	
Campo Seco	66	11845 Main St	Valley Springs 95252	Same	1-3 We	8:00 PM	14	13	
Euclid	68	233 N 2nd Av	Upland, 91786	Same	2-4 Tu	7:30 PM	6	11	
Cupertino	70	POB 6	Cupertino, 95015	20589 Homestead Rd.	2-4 Mo	8:00 PM	40	33	
Bay City	71	26 - 7th St	San Francisco, 94103	1185 Vicente St	2-4 Tu	7:30 PM	88	82	
Covenant	73	POB 347	Foresthill, 95631	24611 Foresthill Rd	2-4 Mo	7:30 PM	13	11	
French Gulch	75	POB 55	French Gulch, 96033	14141 Main St	4 Tu	7:00 PM	36	36	
Red Bluff	76	POB 342	Red Bluff, 96080	342 Oak St	1-3 Tu	7:00 PM	11	11	
Suisun	78	805 Main St	Suisun City, 94585	Same	1-2-4 Mo	7:00 PM	36	36	
Olive	81	POB 111	Dutch Flat, 95714	32775 Main St	3 We	2:00 PM	13	14	
Mt Brow	82	POB 1047	Los Banos, 93635	938 - 6th St	Th	7:00 PM	89	88	
Vacaville	83	POB 5241	Vacaville, 95696	530 Main St	1-3 Tu	7:00 PM	90	104	
Oxnard	89	3201 Samuel Av #1	Oxnard, 93033	3201 Samuel Av	2-4 Th	7:00 PM	15	15	
Pajaro	90	POB 834	Watsonville, 95077	435 Main St	Th	8:00 PM	25	24	
Barstow	91	109 So Av F	Barstow, 92311	Same	2-4 Th	7:30 PM	10	10	
Four Creeks	94	POB 1228	Visalia, 93279	116 S Court St	2-4 Mo	8:00 PM	17	17	
Santa Cruz	96	1927 Ocean St Ext	Santa Cruz, 95060	40 Brookwood Dr	2-4 Tu	7:30 PM	37	32	
Yosemite	97	POB 333	Big Oak Flat, 95305	17430 Hiway 120	2-4 Th	7:30 PM	25	12	
Scio	102	POB 677	Linden, 95236	4971 No Mill St	1 Thrs	7:00 PM	31	32	
Coulterville	104	POB 156	Coulterville, 95311	520 Main St.	2 We	7:00 PM	18	22	
Bay View	109	POB 925	Redwood City, 94064	839 Main St	1-3 We	7:30 PM	40	32	
Woodland	111	POB 146	Woodland, 95695	1240 Commerce Av #D4	2-4 Tu	7:00 PM	10	10	

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Mission Peak	114	40955 Fremont Bl	Fremont, 94538	Same	1-3 Th	7:00 PM	20	17
Pacheco	117	Box 21278	Concord, 94521	4349 Cowell Rd.	2-4 Tu	3:00 PM	21	21
Apollo	123	26 - 7th St	San Francisco, 94103	Same	We	7:00 PM	287	296
Santa Rita	124	POB 253	Dos Palos, 93620	Golden Gate & Palo Alto	Mo	8:00 PM	10	10
Sycamote	129	POB 125	Hayward, 94543	950 - B St	2-4 Mo	7:30 PM	55	51
Progressive	134	POB 37	Lockeford, 95237	13366 E Hwy 88	1-3 We	7:00 PM	25	25
Millville	141	22551 Silverlode Rd, Palo Cedro	Millville, 96073	Same	1-3 Tu	7:00 PM	34	50
Oceanview	143	POB 712	Half Moon Bay, 94019	526 Main St	2-4 Th	8:00 PM	45	62
Boulder Creek	152	POB 204	Boulder Creek, 95006	152 Forest St	2-4 We	7:00 PM	15	17
Gilroy	154	POB 1162	Gilroy, 95021	7459 Egleberry 95020	2-4 Tu	7:30 PM	14	14
Evergreen	161	POB 127	Sebastopol, 95473	195 No. Main	1-3 Tu	7:00 PM	92	40
Donner	162	POB 1042	Truckee, 96160	10068 Donner Pass Rd	4 Mo	8:00 PM	17	16
Mound	166	POB 1224	Hollister, 95024	330 - 4th St #C	1-3 Th	7:00 PM	35	30
St. Helena	167	1352 Main St	Saint Helena, 94574	Same	2-4 Tu	7:30 PM	22	22
Chorro	168	520 Dana St	S Luis Obispo, 93401	Same	1-3 Mo	7:30 PM	67	67
Davis	169	415 - 2nd St	Davis, 95616	Same	4-We	7:30 PM	171	188
Stanislaus	170	POB 834	Knights Ferry, 95361	17615 Sonora Rd	1-3 Tu	7:30 PM	47	44
Montezuma	172	111 W 'A' St	Dixon, 95620	Same	2-4 Th	6:00 PM	52	76
Geyserville	176	POB 3	Geyserville, 95441	21027 Geyserville Av	1-3 Tu	7:00 PM	11	14
Hesperian	181	POB 42	Cambria, 93428	614 Main St	2-4 Tu	7:00 PM	37	29
Fresno	186	2823 Helm Av. Clovis	Clovis, 93612	Same	Mo	7:00 PM	20	18
Hemet	190	25452 Waldon Rd, Menifee, 92584	Hemet, 92343	136 So. Harvard St	1-3Mo	7:30 PM	13	12
Redondo	195	406 So Camino Real	Redondo Beach, 90277	Same	1-3 Mo	7:30 PM	22	25
Rodeo	196	POB 20815, Rodeo, 94820	Rodeo, 94572	5050 El Portal Dr., Richmond	1-3 Mo	7:30 PM	15	13
Anaheim	199	721 So Anaheim Bl	Anaheim, 92805	Same	Tu	7:30 PM	20	19
Marin	200	POB 150104	San Rafael, 94915	1525 Mission	1 Mo	8:00 PM	34	34
Ventura	201	516 E Main St	Ventura, 93001	Same	2-4 We	7:30 PM	68	65
Roseville	203	412 Washington Bl #B	Roseville, 95678	Same	2-4 Tu	7:00 PM	12	11
Franco American	207	26 - 7th St	San Francisco, 94103	Same	1-3 Th	7:30 PM	97	96
Windsor	215	POB 144	Windsor, 95492	337 Windsor River Rd	1-3 Th	4:00 PM	26	42
Stony Creek	218	POB 872	Orland, 95963	339 Colusa St	2-4 Tu	7:00 PM	34	31
Livermore	219	POB 988	Livermore, 94550	2160 - 1st St	1-3 Th	8:00 PM	23	22
Oakdale	228	POB 6	Oakdale, 95361	110 N Yosemite Av	1-3 Th	7:30 PM	21	19
San Leandro	231	1349 Hays St	San Leandro, 94577	Same	2-4 Tu	7:00 PM	34	23
Santa Barbara	232	15 1/2 E Anapamu St	Santa Barbara, 93101	Same	1-3 Tu	8:00 PM	20	20
Garcia	240	POB 538	Point Arena, 95468	185 Main St	3 We	7:00 PM	38	37
Upper Lake	241	POB 577	Upper Lake, 95485	9480 Main St	2-4 We	8:00 PM	24	41
Mountain View	244	823 Villa St	Mountain View, 94041	Same	1-3 Th	8:00 PM	17	18
Lompoc	248	POB 324	Lompoc, 93438	106 1/2 W Ocean Av	1-3 Th	7:00 PM	26	28
Morse	257	POB 2525, San Anselmo, 94979	San Francisco, 94103	2174 Market St	1 We	7:30 PM	61	60
Lodi	259	6 So Pleasant Av	Lodi, 95240	Same	1-3 Tu	7:00 PM	123	120
Berkeley	270	2288 Fulton St., Rm 200	Berkeley, 94704	2288 Fulton St	2-4 Th	7:30 PM	28	28
Redding	271	POB 990703	Redding, 96099	1445 Butte St	2-4 We	7:00 PM	66	57
Little Lake	277	POB 517	Willits, 95490	269 S Main St	Th	8:00 PM	14	14
Lemoore	280	POB 234	Lemoore, 93245	257 W. D St	3 Th	6:30 PM	24	24
Redwood	281	POB 284	Guerneville, 95446	16219 - 1st. St	2-4 Tu	7:00 PM	28	26
Grafton	293	POB 146	Zamora, 95698	1240 Commerce Av, #D4	1 Tu	7:00 PM	14	17
Farmington	296	POB 81	Farmington, 95230	25520 E Hwy 4	3 Tu	7:00 PM	16	17
Trinity	299	67400 SR 299, # 55, Lewiston	Lewiston, 96052	71 Turnpike Rd., Lewiston	1-3 Mo	7:00 PM	24	28
Bay Rock	300	710 Harbor St	Morro Bay, 93442	Same	1-3 We	7:00 PM	21	23
Santa Maria	302	POB 1702	Santa Maria, 93456	620 Sunrise Dr	2-4 Tu	8:00 PM	9	9
Santa Paula	314	POB 304	Santa Paula, 93060	868 E Main St	1-3 Th	7:00 PM	28	26
Spring Valley	316	POB 279	Arbuckle, 95912	601 5th St	2-4 We	7:00 PM	41	41
Forestville	320	POB 221	Forestville, 95436	6530 Covey Rd	2 Tu	7:30 PM	24	23

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Golden West	322	26 - 7th St	San Francisco, 94103	Same	Th	7:00 PM	161	164
Madera	327	POB 33	Madera, 93639	14680 Road 29 @ Av 15	1-3 We	7:30 PM	15	13
Sunset	328	7251 Blackton Dr., La Mesa, 91941	San Diego, 92115	6178 University Av.	1-3 Tu	7:30 PM	18	16
Ontario	345	112 ½ W 'B' Street	Ontario, 91762	Same	1-3 Th	7:30 PM	23	18
Oceanside	346	POB 450	Oceanside, 92049	503 Mission Av	2-4 Fr	7:30 PM	21	34
San Fernando	365	401 Hager St	San Fernando, 91340	Same	2-4 We	8:00 PM	11	15
Seaside	369	2708 - 2nd St.	Santa Monica, 90405	Same	Tu	7:30 PM	9	9
Gabilan	372	POB 192	Gonzales, 93926	City Hall - Gonzales	3 Th	7:30 PM	16	16
Circle	377	951 Cottonwood Ct	Corona, 92879	611 W - 6th St	1-2 Th	7:30 PM	13	11
America	385	POB 1063, Glendora, 91741	Pasadena, 91101	122 No. El Molino Av	1-3 We	8:00 PM	64	80
Odin	393	POB 902	Pacifica, 94044	2174 Market St	2 We	7:30 PM	20	19
Crown City	395	122 N El Molino Av	Pasadena, 91101	Same	Th	7:45 PM	12	12
Romero	413	POB 365	Gustine, 95322	471 - 4th Av	We	8:00 PM	13	13
Taft	426	POB 471	Taft, 93268	504 Center St	Mo	7:30 PM	18	17
Saratoga	428	POB 54	Saratoga, 95071	14414 Oak St #A	2-4 Tu	7:00 PM	34	45
Victor	429	POB 1004	Adelanto, 92301	15023 Genesee, Apple Vly	1-3 Tu	7:00 PM	6	5
Van Nuys	442	POB 34092, Granada Hills, 91394	San Fernando	401 No Hager St.	1-3 Th	2:00 PM	9	10
Hughson	461	POB 21	Hughson, 95326	6941 Hughson Av	2-4 Tu	7:30 PM	27	25
Bellflower	463	15720 Clark Av	Bellflower, 90706	Same	1/2/4/5 Tu	7:30 PM	14	15

**RESENTATIVES TO THE 2013 GRAND LODGE SESSIONS**

<b>CALIFORNIA #1</b>	<b>YERBA BUENA #15</b>	<b>TRUE FELLOWSHIP #52</b>	<b>MOUNTAIN BROW #82</b>
Ron Carrey	Doralise Dalton	Julian Carson	Bill Maxwell
John Fraher	Jesse Dalton	Robert Hastings	<b>BARSTOW #91</b>
Ralph Huerta	Lisa Dalton	Tom Kogal	Joseph Vail
Frank Lagomarsino	Chuck Doolittle	Randy Richmond	<b>SANTA CRUZ #96</b>
Ray Link	Jack Fullmer	Bennett Shuler	Larry Brenner
Tom Manini	Lola Gianelli	Debbie Shuler	Peter Dean
Anthony Vicino	Imogene Gray	Joseph Silveria	Thornton Kontz
<b>SACRAMENTO #2</b>	Hugh McGuire	<b>SANTA ROSA #53</b>	Randy Krassow
Neil Allen	Charles Jones	David Arnold	Doug Martine
Cecil Breeland	Richard Perri	Shey Harris	Leonard Robideaux
Allen Pratt	Tony Mirante	Ray Mills	Wayne Thornton
Anthony Pruitt	Bonnie Sellars	<b>OROVILLE #59</b>	<b>SCIO #102</b>
Leon Soto	Peter Sellars	Jack Breerton	Bob Allen
Michael Young	<b>YREKA #19</b>	Steve Dancamo	Ron Allison
<b>OAKLAND-ENCINAL #3</b>	Alfred Brandon	Jim Houston	Vince Belli
Rick Boyles	Richrad Brouse	Judi Miller	Dennis Cochran
George Downey	Keith McNeil	Robert Miller	Ronny Fisher
Robert Murphy	Frances Morton	Alan McGrew	Bill Potter
David Spinelli	<b>MORNING STAR #20</b>	Pat Olson	<b>BAY VIEW #109</b>
<b>CHARITY #6</b>	Brian DeBerry	Ronald Olson	Lois Mullen
Rich Gohlke	Ed Rickner	<b>COSUMNES #63</b>	Pete Pohlhammer
Ed Juarez	<b>VOLCANO #25</b>	G Arthur Cort	<b>MISSION PEAK #114</b>
Don Smith	Daniel Honniball	Emma Hannaford	David Hallmark
<b>AUBURN #7</b>	<b>COSTA MESA #29</b>	Barry Prock	Jay Johnson
Richard Alaskin	Samuel Arazza	Judson Reeves	Nancy Johnson
Augustus Alaskin	Bobby Keller	<b>EUCLID #68</b>	Pat McLean
Robert Uribe	Tim Krohnfeldt	Ed Jahsen	<b>APOLLO #123</b>
<b>EL DORADO #8</b>	Gerald Poarch	John Marcell	Albert Allahyari
Oscar Delferriell	Robert Vernice	<b>CUPERTINO #70</b>	Earl Cesena
Carl Henning	<b>HOPE #33</b>	Donald Lang	Dell Conlan
John Hughes	Glenn Powell	Michael Greenzieger	John Conlan
Ron Lamphere	<b>LA GOLDEN RULE #35</b>	<b>BAY CITY #71</b>	Carol Dion
John Morgan	Anthony Chong	Deane Gough	M Nasseem Kahn
Rory Peters	Cristina Chong	Rita Gough	German Lopez
Hugh Steinman	John Davila	Lulu Robertson	Albert Raffo
<b>GRASS VALLEY #12</b>	John King	Richard Robertson	Christpher Raffo
Timothy Brown	Roy E. King	<b>COVENANT #73</b>	Joan Raffo
Michael Volta	<b>MEMENTO #37</b>	W Atkinson	Patricia Servetti
<b>NAPA #18</b>	Terry Cree	Terry Baxter	Maria Tagaro
Michael Gerke		Steve Meriam	<b>SYCAMORE #129</b>
Ruthellen Gerke		Carol Tellez	Frank Goulart
Dorothy Handy		SUISUN #78	<b>PROGRESSIVE#134</b>
Richard Trujillo		Paul Wright	Marvin Aldrich
Gerald Worth		<b>SUISUN #78</b>	Phillip Seibel
		Paul Wright	

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<b>BOULDER CREEK #152</b>	<b>STONY CREEK #218</b>	<b>TRINITY #299</b>	<b>DAVIS #169</b>
Steve Briscoe	Clay Carpenter	Steve Greendale	Bob Bockwinkel
Bruce Compiano	Tony Flor	Joseph Lester	Kandice Fowler
Marty Havenga	Daniel Lyons	Patricia Lester	Dave Reed
Rodney Metoyer	Mary Lyons	Donna McKinney	Dave Rosenberg
Paul Pike	<b>LIVERMORE #219</b>	Jack McKinney	Andrew Skaggs
<b>HESPERIAN #181</b>	Marilyn Nichols	Randy Mordecai	<b>AMERICA #385</b>
John R Angel	Richard Perry	<b>BAY ROCK #300</b>	Mel Astrahan
<b>HEMET #190</b>	<b>SAN LEANDRO #231</b>	Vivian Bartello	John Bellitti
Matt McPhearson	Gino Antonucci	Glenn Lindsey	James Blakesley II
Robert McPhearson	<b>SANTA BARBARA #232</b>	<b>GOLDEN WEST #322</b>	Robert Forthun
<b>REDONDO #195</b>	Donald Brown	Joseph Micallef	Martha Galvin
Chet Craft	Daniel Lindsay	Tina Phanivong	Chris Greenwood
June Gennaria	Silas L. Stathis	Milo Wishart	Liz Greenwood
Les Gennaria	<b>UPPER LAKE #241</b>	Wayland Chin	Paul Jackson
O J Pandey	Verge Belander	ONTARIO #345	Richard Larson
John Prosk Jr	Jack Cain	Glenn Bailey	Fred Love
Josephine Toomata	Diana Carranza	Richard Galvez	Dean Marriott
<b>ANAHEIM #199</b>	Donna Edstrom	Jan Hall	Jason Parham
Ray Hartman	Allen Merriman	Russell Witmyer	Ted Parker
Walter Johnson	<b>MOUNTAIN VIEW #244</b>	Clarence Woodbey	Evelyn Reed
Judy Poarch	Ed Brown	<b>OCEANSIDE #346</b>	Peter Riskis III
Jack Whitney	Jacqueline Brown	Daniel Williams	<b>CROWN CITY #395</b>
Rowena Whitney	Mary Lou Lang	<b>SAN FERNANDO #365</b>	Danny Barsamian
<b>VENTURA #201</b>	John Meierdierks	Arthur Dunwoody	<b>TAFT #426</b>
Dale Bartle	<b>LOMPOC #248</b>	Steven Martinez	Herb Spencer
John Behne	Charmain Hadlock	James Miles	<b>SARATOGA #428</b>
William Coffman	Ruth Schuyler	<b>SEASIDE #369</b>	Marlene Bois
Redgie Fleeman	W. Howard Schuyler	John Prosk III	Mario Chisessi
David Fuentes	<b>MORSE #257</b>	John Prosk Jr	Armen Kippes
William Herbert	Tom Bernardo	Tom Weidlei	Mark Oliver
Doug Hughes	Charles Morse	<b>GABILAN #372</b>	Robin Oliver
Lon Kirkgaard	Brian Schlesinger	Robert A Saari	Joseph Robertson
Kenneth O'Connell	Joseph Stark	Rose Saari	Werner Springer
Fred Sanders	Alan Thomas	<b>CIRCLE #377</b>	Norman Tevis
Greg Shomaker	<b>BERKELEY #270</b>	Terry L Olson	<b>VICTOR #429</b>
Lauren Yamamoto	Jeff LeRoux	<b>GILROY #154</b>	Cathy Doub
<b>ROSEVILLE #203</b>	<b>REDDING #271</b>	Dan Pardue	Ed Doub
Mike Branson Jr	Daniel Lyons	<b>MOUND #166</b>	Don Hugh
<b>FRANCO AMERICAN #207</b>	Bob Mordecai	Roger Grimsley	<b>VAN NUYS #442</b>
Jean Pilcabalette	Pamela Mordecai	Richard Gunnels	Robert True
Louis Lang	David Spinelli	Mike Pulido	<b>HUGHSON #461</b>
Jean Etcheber	Robert Wilson	Jay Yarbough	Allen Oberst
Monique Haritchabalet			Clifford Parker
<b>WINDSOR #215</b>			<b>BELLFLOWER #463</b>
Denise Pedersen			Marti Neumann
Denny Pedersen			
Steve Pedersen			

**CODE CHANGES – GRAND LODGE – 2013**

**GRAND LODGE BILL #2**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors  
Adopted on Day 2

**TITLE:** Qualifications for Title (Officer, Director or Trustee) Emeritus.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** That Chapter III, Sec. 20. Miscellaneous Rules, Paragraph A. Generally, Sub-Section (9) Qualifications for Title Emeritus on Page III-44, be amended to read as follows:

**(9) Qualification for Title Emeritus.** Any Grand Lodge Officer, Director or Trustee who has been elected to the same position in this Grand Lodge for 12 or more years and ~~voluntarily~~ **honorably** leaves the office, may, by action of the Grand Lodge at regular session be granted the title of Emeritus, with voice and regalia, but no vote. Emeritus office holders will receive no compensation or expenses due to their office.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #3**

Submitted by: Anthony Pruitt #2, President  
Adopted on Day 2

**TITLE:** A Bill to amend Chapter XXIV, Sec B. (By-Laws of the California Odd Fellow Foundation) beginning on Page XXIV-35, be amended to replace Trustee(s) with Director(s) and insert an Article to be able to Remove a Director.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA:** to amend Chapter XXIV, Sec B. (By-Laws of the California Odd Fellow Foundation) to read as follows:

**B. By-Laws, California Odd Fellows Foundation**

**ARTICLE I – PREAMBLE**

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

(1) The specific and primary purpose of the California Odd Fellows Foundation Inc. (COFF) (hereafter referred as the corporation), is to develop, operate and manage housing and other related properties for the aged and handicapped as well as services.

(2) These facilities and services are to be developed, operated and managed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of California (hereafter referred as Grand Lodge, the applicable regulations of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereafter referred as HUD), and all other applicable State and Federal Laws.

(3) The general purposes and powers are to have and to exercise all rights and powers are to have and to exercise all rights and powers conferred on non-profit corporations under the laws of California, including the right to develop, contract, rent, buy or sell personal or real property, with permission of Grand Lodge, provide, however, that this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this Corporation.

(4) No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, unless the objective of such propaganda or legislation is to further the specific and primary purposes of the Corporation as herein described. The Corporation

shall not participate, in any way, on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation shall be at 14520 Fruitvale Avenue Saratoga, California, County of Santa Clara.

#### ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

The members of this Corporation are all of the members in good standing and officers of the Grand Loge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of California and Rebekah Assembly of California.

#### ARTICLE IV – GOVERNING BODY

(1) The governing body of this Corporation is a board of five (5) elected ~~trustees~~ **directors**, consisting as follows:

(a) Three (3) of the ~~trustees~~ **directors** shall be elected by the representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California during their annual sessions;

(b) Two (2) of the ~~trustees~~ **directors** shall be elected by the representatives of the Rebekah Assembly of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California during their annual sessions;

(2) The terms of office of the ~~trustees~~ **directors** are as follows:

(a) the term of office of the ~~trustee~~ **directors** elected by the Grand Lodge shall be three (3) years, and each year one (1) ~~trustee~~ **director** shall be elected for a term of three (3) years.

(b) the term of office of the ~~trustees~~ **director** elected by the Rebekah Assembly shall be two (2) years, and each year one (1) of the Rebekah ~~trustees~~ **directors** shall be elected for a term of two (2) years; and

(c) the terms of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer correspond with the term upon which they hold office in the Grand Lodge.

(3) Any vacancy on the Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors** shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in California, on advice of the Corporation's Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors** and the advice of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors. Should such vacancy occur with the Rebekah ~~Trustees~~ **Directors**, appointment will be made by the President of the Rebekah Assembly as prescribed in Chapter VI-B, Section 14-C and upon the advice of the Corporation's Board of ~~Trustees~~ **Directors** and Executive Committee of Rebekah Assembly. The appointee is to hold the office until the next session of the Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly. At the next session of the Grand Lodge or the Rebekah Assembly, a ~~trustee~~ **director** shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

(4) The corporation ~~trustees~~ **directors** shall not receive any compensation for their services as trustees, except that the ~~trustees~~ **directors** may be reimbursed for their necessary, actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the exercise of the duties of their offices.

(5) all ~~trustees~~ **directors** of the Corporation must be members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California or of the Rebekah Assembly of California.

#### ARTICLE V – REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

(1) The GRAND LODGE, shall have the authority to remove Odd Fellow Directors. The REBEKAH ASSEMBLY shall have the authority to remove Rebekah Directors.

(2) Any Director may be removed for cause by their elected body (GRAND LODGE or REBEKAH ASSEMBLY) or upon a recommendation of the BOARD. Upon passage of such, the Director will immediately be suspended from the BOARD pending a ruling of the elected body (GRAND LODGE or REBEKAH ASSEMBLY). The Director shall be notified by mail on his/her suspension pending a ruling by the elected body.

(3) The definition of cause shall include but is not to be limited to, the following:

(a) **Attendance.** A Director having unexcused absences of two or more consecutive regular BOARD meetings or any absences in excess of 25% of regular meetings in a calendar year may be grounds for removal.

- (b) **Ethical Conduct.** A director shall perform the duties of a Director as prescribed, in good faith, in the interest of the ORDER, and in compliance with all applicable laws. A Director must at all times maintain high ethical standards that are not adverse to the health, morals or welfare of the BOARD or the ORDER.
- (c) **Breach of Confidentiality:** A director may not disclose or cause to be disclosed any confidential or proprietary BOARD information to anyone outside of this BOARD who not authorized to receive same.

#### ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

(1) The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

(2) The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California, shall respectively be the Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation.

(3) Annually, at its first regular meeting following the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California and Rebekah Assembly annual session, the Corporation's trustees shall elect a President and a Vice President, to hold office for one (1) year or until the election and qualification of their successor.

#### ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

(1) The annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California shall constitute the annual meeting of the Corporation, and the business of the Corporation may be introduced, considered and acted upon at any time during said annual session.

(2) Any special session of the Grand Lodge shall also constitute a special meeting of the Corporation.

(3) At any annual or special meeting of the Corporation, as established in paragraph (A) and (B) herein, ten members shall constitute a quorum.

(4) No notice to the members is required of the Corporation's annual meeting. Notices of special meetings shall be given as required by the notice requirements for special sessions of the Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California.

(5) The Corporation's regular meeting shall be held at the Corporation's principal office, and at a time to be prescribed by the Board of *Trustees* **Directors**, on the SUNDAY following the FOURTH (4th) SATURDAY of any month, at least six times a year, or at such other day or place determined by the Board. Nothing in this section prevents the Corporation's Board of *Trustees* **Directors** from holding meetings in excess of the required six meetings as deemed necessary. Notice shall be given by the Corporation's secretary to the *trustees* **directors** in advance of the meetings, according to law. At any meeting of the Board of *Trustees* **Directors** four (4) members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

(6) At all meetings of the corporation's members and the Board of *Trustees* **Directors**, the members or the *trustees* **directors** must be present in order to vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed at any meetings.

#### ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, repealed, or otherwise modified only by vote of the Corporation's membership; provided, however, that in case of emergency these By-Laws may be amended, to the extent permitted by law, by vote of the Corporation's Board of *Trustees* **Directors**, ratified by The Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California, but any such amendment shall be submitted to the approval of the Corporation's membership at the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge following the Grand Lodge Board of Director's ratification.

#### ARTICLE IX – SEAL

The Corporation shall have an official Seal in the form of two concentric circles. Between the inner and outer circles shall appear the words, California Odd Fellows Foundation. In the center of the inner circle shall be the three links emblem of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Above the three links,

and within the inner circle, shall appear the word, Incorporated, and below the three links and within the inner circle, shall appear the date the Corporation was incorporated.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #4**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board

Adopted on Day 2

**TITLE:** A bill to include lodge trustees and directors to participate in the installation ceremony; to require such elected trustees and directors to recite obligation

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** That the following subsection (h) be added to Chapter V, ODD FELLOW LODGES, Section 1, L. Trustees, (2) on Page V-13 of Roberts Code of General Odd Fellow Laws.

(h) All trustees-elect and directors-elect shall be included and recite the Officers' Obligation in the installation ceremony of the Ritual.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #5**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board

Adopted on Day 3

**TITLE:** A bill to increase the surety bond amount for Trustees/Directors.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** to Repeal and Reenact Chapter V. Odd Fellow Lodges, Section 1., Paragraph L. Trustees, Sub-Paragraph (3) on Page V-13 of the 2012 Roberts Code of California.

**(3) Bonds of Trustees/Directors.** The Trustees/Directors of a Lodge, individually or as a group as provided in the By-Laws of the Lodge, shall give a surety bond, not to be less than \$2,000.00 each or \$10,000.00 per incident, guaranteed by a licensed, incorporated surety company, payable to the Noble Grand and Vice Grand, prior to assuming such duties.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #6**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors

Adopted on Day 3

**TITLE:** A Bill to increase the surety bond amount for Desk Officers.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** Amend Chapter V. Odd Fellow Lodges, Section 1, K. Officers. Paragraph (7) Bonds of Officers., found on Page V-13 of the 2012 Roberts Code of California.

**(7) Bonds of Officers.** The Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, prior to installation, shall individually or as a group, as provided by the by-laws of the lodge, give a surety bond payable to the lodge by a licensed, incorporated surety company, in such amounts as the lodge shall require by its By-Laws. Such amount shall be not less than:

- (a) **\$10,000.00** ~~\$1,000.00~~ each, for the Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary and,
- (b) **\$10,000.00** ~~\$2,000.00~~ for the Treasurer.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #7a**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors  
Adopted on Day 3

**TITLE:** A bill to clarify the Duties of the Grand Treasurer.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** Chapter III, Section 5., Duties of the Grand Treasurer, Sub-Sections (1-3) found on Page III-9 of the 2012 Roberts Code of General Odd Fellow Laws be amended to read as follows.

**Section 5. Duties of the Grand Treasurer.**

**A. Generally.**

(1) **Duties Generally.** The Grand Treasurer shall be the financial officer for the Grand Lodge, and shall perform the duties specified in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, this Code, and such additional duties as directed by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

(2) **Qualifications.** The Grand Treasurer shall have knowledge and experience in the area of accounting, management of securities for investment purposes, and management of trust fund assets. Each candidate for Grand Treasurer shall submit to the Grand Secretary, no later than April 1st, preceding the election, a Statement of Qualifications as specified in **Chapter III – 19, Section 12 (B), of this Code.**

(3) **Not Employee.** The Grand Treasurer ~~shall not~~ **may** be an employee of the Grand Lodge, however, ~~may~~ **and** be entitled to compensation and reimbursement for legitimate expenses incurred in the performance of duties. The compensation and reimbursement shall not exceed the amount designated, for such expense, in the current budget approved by the Grand Lodge at the most recent annual session.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #7b**

**Companion Bill to Bill #7a**

Submitted by: Grand Lodge Board of Directors  
Adopted on Day 3

**TITLE:** A bill to clarify the Duties of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE:** Page III – 11, Chapter III, Section 7 C. (1)., Not Employee, of the 2012 Roberts Code of General Odd Fellow Laws be amended to read as follows.

**Section 7. Duties of the Grand Lodge Board of Directors.**

**D. Organization.**

(2) **Not Employees.** Members of the Board of Directors, with exception of the Grand Secretary, a designated Assistant **and the Grand Treasurer** shall not be employees of the Grand Lodge. However, they may be entitled to reimbursement allowed shall not exceed the amount designated for such expense, in the current budget approved by the Grand Lodge at the most recent annual session.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #11**

Submitted by: State of the Order Committee  
Adopted on Day 3

**TITLE:** A bill to correct an error in the California Code of Odd Fellow Laws

**WHEREAS:** There is a conflict between the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge regarding the voting privilege of the Grand Representatives on the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, and

**WHEREAS:** The voting privilege was granted to the Grand Representatives by a change in the Bylaws in 2008,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE THAT:** Chapter II, Article IX Section 1, Be amended by deleting the words ‘~~voice, vote~~’ and replacing them with ‘**voice and vote**’. This legislation to be effective upon passage.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #29**

Submitted by: State of the Order Committee  
Adopted on Day 3

**TITLE:** To correct an error overlooked when reprinting the code to make the constitution of Odd Fellows Lodges match action taken at the 2010 sessions on the number of representatives elected by lodges.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** That Chapter IV Article VIII Sec. 3 of the Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows be repealed and replaced to read as follows: *(strikeout type deletes and boldface inserts)*

~~Sec. 3. This Lodge at the last regular meeting in February of each year shall elect four Representatives to the Grand Lodge from its members of thirty or under; also two Representatives for every fifteen members over and above said first number of thirty or fraction exceeding ten members in good standing to a maximum of ten Representatives, exclusive of the District Deputy Grand Master and recommended District Deputy Grand Master, who shall be an additional Representative, from his Lodge who made the recommendation, during the Grand lodge session of his appointment.~~

**Sec. 3. This Lodge at the last regular meeting in February of each year shall elect Representatives to the Grand Lodge in accordance with Chapter II Article IV Sec. 1.** This legislation to be effective upon passage.

**GRAND LODGE BILL #30**

Submitted by: State of the Order Committee  
Adopted on Day 3

**TITLE:** A bill to provide for additional transparency in the tellers report and clarify voting while they are out of the room counting ballots.

**Be It Enacted By The Grand Lodge Of California:** That Chapter III THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, Sec. 12 Elections, C Election Procedure, (7) Business May Continue, of the Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows Laws be repealed and replaced to read as follows: *(strikeout type deletes and boldface inserts)*

~~(7) **Business May Continue.** While the tellers are counting the ballots, the Grand Lodge may continue with its regular business, however, should any subject matter be apparently debatable, it is to lay on the table until after the tellers have given their report and the chair has declared the result. The report from the tellers shall take precedence over all other business.~~

(7) **Business May Continue.** While the tellers are counting the ballots, the Grand Lodge may continue with its regular business, and the chair shall count the tellers as voting, however, should any subject matter be apparently debatable, any vote where the teller's votes could change its outcome is debatable subject matter, it is to lay on the table until after the tellers have given their report and the chair has declared the result. The report from the tellers shall take precedence over all other business. The report of the tellers shall be in writing and shall be signed by each of the tellers indicating their concurrence with the report. Immediately after the chair declares the result the ballots shall be given to the chairman of the Judiciary Committee who will keep them under his control for 24 hours and return them to the chair and witness their destruction by the chair. Any member of the Grand Lodge may recount the ballots under the supervision of the chairman of the Judiciary Committee while they are under his control. If the chairman of the Judiciary Committee is absent, the vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee shall assume this duty.

This legislation to be effective upon passage.

## CODE CHANGES – REBEKAH ASSEMBLY – 2013

### 2013 RA BILL #1

**TITLE:** A bill to increase the number of Representatives that the lodges are allowed to send to Rebekah Assembly.

**REASON FOR THE BILL:** The number of Representatives to Rebekah Assembly are getting fewer and fewer each year, this would allow the lodges to send more Representatives to our session.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF CALIFORNIA:**

That Chapter VII, Article IV, Representatives, Sec. L be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Sec. 1.** Each Rebekah Lodge in good standing operating under a Charter granted under the authority of the Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly of California, shall be entitled to six Representatives for its members of thirty or under; also one representative for every additional five members up to a maximum of 15 representatives, exclusive of the District Deputy President during year of appointment.

### 2013 RA BILL #2

**TITLE:** A bill to conform to Robert's Rules of Order on Elections.

**REASON FOR THE BILL:** It has been the custom of the Rebekah Assembly elections to count any blank ballots in the total to set the majority. Robert's Rules of Order which is used for Parliamentary Procedure states that blank ballots are not counted and included to set the majority.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF CALIFORNIA:** That in Chapter VIII, Rebekah Assembly of California, Section 13 Elections, Section C, Election, Subsection (10) Majority Necessary. In recording the votes cast, the tellers ignore blank ballots and do not credit illegal votes to any candidate or choice. All blanks must be ignored as scrap paper, since members who do not wish to vote may adopt this method of concealing the fact. Any nominee receiving a majority of recorded votes cast for that office shall be declared elected.

### 2013 RA BILL #3

#### RCS BILL #1

**TITLE:** A Bill to change the title of Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer.

**EXPLANATION:** Rebekah Children's Services Board of Director's at their regular board meeting held on January 12, 2013 on motion, voted and approved a new organizational management structure which included elevating the Executive Director title to Chief Executive Officer. The bylaws have four places that require the title change.

**BE IT ENACTED,** that Chapter XXIV, Homes, Camps, Housing; Sec. 2 Odd Fellows Rebekah Children's Home of California Bylaws; Article VII. Employees Section 7.1 Executive Director and Section 7.2 Chief Financial Officer; and Article VIII, Miscellaneous, Section 8.4 Execution of Checks and Section 8.7 Reports to Directors, be amended to read as follows:

Article VII, Employees.

Sec. 7.1 Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

A Chief Executive Officer (CEO) as an employee shall be hired by the Board of Directors and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The Chief Executive Officer, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors shall have general powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and these By-Laws. The Chief Executive Officer is not part of the governing body and has voice but no vote.

Sec. 7.2 Chief Financial Officer.

The Chief Financial Officer as an employee shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the properties and business transaction of the corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, retained earnings. The books of account shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any Director.

The Chief Financial Officer shall deposit or cause to be deposited all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Chief Financial Officer shall disburse or cause to be disbursed the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors or Chief Executive Officer, whenever they request it, an account of all of his or her transactions as Chief Financial Officer and of the financial condition of the corporation, and shall have such powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer or by these bylaws. The Chief Financial Officer is not part of the governing body and has no voice or vote.

Article VIII, Miscellaneous.

Sec. 8.4 Execution of Checks.

From time to time, the Board of Directors shall determine by resolution that in addition to the Treasurer of Rebekah Assembly, the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly, the Chief Executive Officer Rebekah Children's Services, the Chief Financial Officer, Controller, or President of the Board of Directors may sign or endorse all checks, drafts, other orders for payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness that are issued in the name of or payable to the corporation and only the persons so authorized shall sign or endorse those instruments.

Sec. 8.7 Reports to Directors.

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer shall furnish a written report at the second regular meeting of the next fiscal year to all Directors of this corporation containing the following information for the preceding fiscal year:

(The rest of the text in the paragraph remains the same.)

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#	BILLS	PG	CMTE	RPT	PG	NOTES
1	ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH BENEFIT FUND BYLAWS	1				WITHDRAWN
2	QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMERITUS	9	L,S	31	178	ADOPTED
3	CALIFORNIA ODD FELLOW FOUNDATION BYLAWS	9	L,S	32	178	ADOPTED
4	LODGE TRUSTEES/DIRECTORS - OBLIGATION	12	L,S	33	178	ADOPTED
5	SURETY BOND LODGE TRUSTEES/DIRECTORS	12	L,F	35 Rev	195	ADOPTED
6	SURETY BOND LODGE DESK OFFICERS	12	L,F	36 Rev	196	ADOPTED
7A	CLARIFY DUTIES OF GRAND TREASURER	12	S,L,J	66	196	ADOPTED
7B	CLARIFY DUTIES OF GRAND TREASURER	13	S,J	67	196	ADOPTED
8	REMOVE DUPLICATE POSITIONS	13	S,J	40	190	DEFEATED
9	NON DENOMINATIONAL PLEDGE	13	S	WD		WITHDRAWN
10	REMOVE DUPLICATE POSITIONS	14	S,J	WD		WITHDRAWN
11	VOICE AND VOTE	14	L,J	51	193	ADOPTED
12	AUTHORITY OF GRAND LODGE BOARD	14	L,J	60	194	DEFEATED
13	MODIFY GRAND SECRETARY TRAVEL EXPENSE	15	L,F	37	179	DEFEATED
14	MODIFY GRAND SECRETARY COMPENSATION	15	L,F	54	193	DEFEATED
15	MORE INFORMATIVE GLBOD MINUTES	16	L,J	52	193	DEFEATED
16	LIMIT CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	16	L,J	58 & 59	194	DEFEATED
17	PROHIBIT NEPOTISM IN GRAND LODGE OFFICE	17	L,J	50	192	DEFEATED
18	CLARIFY COMPENSATION FOR GL EMPLOYEES	17	L,F	55	193	RETURNED
19	LIMIT AUTHORITY OF GRAND LODGE COUNSEL	17	L,J	WD		WITHDRAWN
20	ESTABLISH GL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	18	L,J	53	193	DEFEATED
21	CLARIFY PERMANENT CMTES = STANDING CMTS	18	L,J	47	192	ADOPTED
22	IMPORTANT MATTERS - DDGM REPORTS	18	L,PGM	WD		WITHDRAWN
23	CORPORATE BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO PGS	19	L,J			HOLDOVER
24	CODIFY GEN'L DUTIES OF OFFICERS & BOARDS	24	L,J			HOLDOVER
25	APRIL 1 DEADLINE FOR GS&GT - OPEN NOMIN	26	L,J	56 & 57	194	DEFEATED
26	CORRECT ERROR - LODGE REP ELECTIONS	26	L	68	196	ADOPTED
27	CLARIFY VOTING & TELLER REPORTS	27	L,J	62	195	ADOPTED
28	CONSTITUTION/AOI RE: GRAND SECRETARY	28	L,J	WD		WITHDRAWN
29	ASST GS NOT A MBR OF GLBOD W. VOICE & VOTE	29	L,J	WD		WITHDRAWN
30	MORATORIUM ON PER CAPITA	30	S,F	63	195	DEFEATED
31	ABOLISH CHAPTER II - CONSTITUTION	30	S,J	29	178	DEFEATED
32	ABOLISH CHAPTER III - CONSTITUTION	30	S,J	30	178	DEFEATED
33	RECOVERY OF LEGAL EXPENSES	31	N/A	WD		WITHDRAWN
34	SUPREME BEING	31	N/A	WD		WITHDRAWN
35	AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVES	155	S,L,J	49	192	DEFEATED
36	REVISED BYLAWS OF OF/R BENEFICIAL FUND	156	S,L,J	WD		WITHDRAWN
37	REVISE GL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION		S,L	64	195	ADOPTED
#	PETITIONS	PG	CMTE	RPT	PG	NOTES
	NONE					

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#	RESOLUTIONS	PG	CMTE	RPT	PG	NOTES
1	THREE LINK CAMP - QUALIFIED COUNSELORS	31	N/A	WD		WITHDRAWN
2	SUBMISSION OF LODGE DEEDS & TITLES	31	S	39	168	ADOPTED
3	MERITORIOUS SERVICE JEWEL - D ROSENBERG	31	S,F	38	168	ADOPTED
4	TRUSTEE & DIRECTORS TO BE OBLIGATED	32	J	41	169	ADOPTED
5	TRANSLATE INSTRUCTS & PROMO TO SPANISH	32	J	42	169	ADOPTED
6	CA RECC TO SGL TO TRANLATE INTO SPANISH	33	S	43	169	ADOPTED
7	OFHC DIRECTOR EMERITUS TO DON R SMITH	33	S	34	159	ADOPTED
8	REMOVE SGL & IOOF FROM SOS VILLE-CAMBODIA	unk	J,L	WD		WITHDRAWN
9	NEW GRANT PROGRAM	160	S,L,F	71	175	ADOPTED
#	RECOMENDATIONS	PG	CMTE	RPT	PG	NOTES
A	1) REWRITE ROBERTS CODE OF CALIF LAWS	56	S	65	174	ADOPTED
B	2) FORM A TRIAL COMMITTEE	56	S,J	44	164	REFERRED
C	3) GM & GLBOD HANDLE AFFAIRS OF THE ORDER	56		none		NO REPORT
D	4) REVISE HANDLING OF TRIALS AND OFFENSES	63	S	61	173	MOOT
E	5) ADAPT TO TODAYS WORLD	63	S,J	61	173	MOOT
F	6) ENSURE OPERATE WITHIN LEGAL GUIDELINES	63	S	61	173	MOOT
G	7) END DEVISIVE BEHAVIOR	63	J	61	173	MOOT
H	A) MEDIATION PANEL FOR TRIAL SITUATIONS	65	J	45	169	REFERRED
I	B) USE MODERN TECHNOLOGY	65	M			NO REPORT
J	C) RETAIN MEMBERS - WELCOME BACK OTHERS	65	M			NO REPORT
K	A. ENCOURAGE OF TO JOIN REBEKAHS	147	M			NO REPORT
L	B. BUDGET \$25,000 TO REBEKAH ASSEMBLY	147	M			NO REPORT
M	C. ADD RA VOTING MEMBERS TO THE GLBOD	147	M			NO REPORT
N	D. GLBOD DEVELOP REBEKAH MBRSHIP PROG	147	M			NO REPORT
O	E. STARDARDIZE DDGM REPORT	147	M,J			NO REPORT
P	F. DGM&GW TO SOLICIT MEMBERS TO BE DDGMS	147	M			NO REPORT
Q	G. DDGMS TO GRADUATE OFFICER TRAINING	147	SO			NO REPORT
R	H. DDGMS TO SEE DAVIS MBRS PRESENTATION	147	SO			NO REPORT
S	I. TRAIN DDGMS IN ANNUAL REPORTS	148	SO			NO REPORT
T	J. INVITE DDGMS TO ANNUAL LODGE AUDITS	148	SO			NO REPORT
U	K. MAKE CHALLENGE GRANT PROG PERMANENT	149	SO	46	170	TABLED
V	L. REINSTATE ROSE PARADE AS PROJECT	149	J	46	191	TABLED
W	M. SUBMIT LEGISLATION ON ROSE PARADE	149	J	46	191	TABLED
X	N. REQUIRE FLOAT TO SUBMIT DETAILED RPTS	149	J	46	191	TABLED
Y	O. FLOAT TO SUBMIT CONTRACT TO GL & SGL	149	J	46	191	TABLED
Z	P. VOLUNTEERS HANDOUT PROMO AT PARADE	150	M	46	191	TABLED
AA	Q. SUBMIT LEGIS TO SGL RE: BICENTENNIAL	150	J	72		NO ACTION
AB	R. URGE SGL PRODUCE MODERN PROMO AIDS	150	M			NO REPORT
AC	S. ADD PUBLIC RELATIONS TO OFFICER SEMINAR	150	J	73		NO ACTION
AD	T. ASSISNMENTS LISTED IN ADV PROCEEDINGS	154	A	69		NO ACTION
AE	U. COMMITTEES MET ON DAY OF DDGM TRAINING	154	J	70		NO ACTION

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS - 2013/2014  
AND THE YEAR OF THE GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS**

<b>GM VISITS</b>	<b>LODGE NAME</b>	<b>NBR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DEPUTY INFORMATION</b>
<b>DISTRICT #1</b>				
2013-2014	California	1	San Francisco	
2014-2015	Yerba Buena	15	San Francisco	
2015-2016	Bay City	71	San Francisco	
2013-2014	Apollo	123	San Francisco	
2015-2016	Franco-American	207	San Francisco	
2015-2016	Morse	257	San Francisco	
2014-2015	Golden West	322	San Francisco	
2014-2015	Odin	393	San Francisco	
<b>DISTRICT #3</b>				
2015-2016	Sacramento	2	Sacramento	Dave Reed
2013-2014	El Dorado	8	Sacramento	3026 Genaro Pl
2014-2015	Oriental	45	Yuba City	Davis, 95618
2015-2016	Woodland	111	Woodland	530.753.7523
2014-2015	Davis	169	Davis	
2013-2014	Grafton	293	Zamora	
2014-2015	Spring Valley	316	Arbuckle	
<b>DISTRICT #4</b>				
2013-2014	Auburn	7	Auburn	Carol Tellez
2014-2015	Grass Valley	12	Grass Valley	POB 491
2015-2016	Oustomah	16	Nevada City	Foresthill, 95631
2013-2014	Covenant	73	Foresthill	530.906.6071
2014-2015	Olive	81	Dutch Flat	
2012-2015	Donner	162	Truckee	
2015-2016	Roseville	203	Roseville	
<b>DISTRICT #7</b>				
2013-2014	Charity	6	Stockton	Marvin Aldrich
2014-2015	Stockton	11	Stockton	3788 E Barron Rd.
2015-2016	Scio	102	Linden	Acampo, 95220
2015-2016	Progressive	134	Lockeford	209.200.3756
2014-2015	Lodi	259	Lodi	
2013-2014	Farmington	296	Farmington	
<b>DISTRICT #8</b>				
2014-2015	Sonora	10	Sonora	John King
2013-2014	Hope	33	Angels Camp	POB 1358
2014-2015	Jackson	36	Jackson	Mi-Wuk Village, 95346
2015-2016	Pine Tree	46	Tuolumne	
2013-2014	Campo Seco	66	Jenny Lind	
2015-2016	Yosemite	97	Big Oak Flat	
2014-2015	Coulterville	104	Coulterville	

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS - 2013/2014  
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<b>GM VISITS</b>	<b>LODGE NAME</b>	<b>NBR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DEPUTY INFORMATION</b>
<b>DISTRICT #11</b>				
2015-2016	Petaluma	30	Petaluma	
2013-2014	Santa Rosa	53	Santa Rosa	
2014-2015	Evergreen	161	Sebastopol	
2015-2016	Geyserville	176	Geyserville	
2013-2014	Marin	200	San Rafael	
2015-2016	Osceola	215	Windsor	
2014-2015	Redwood	281	Guerneville	
2013-2014	Forestville	320	Forestville	
<b>DISTRICT #12</b>				
2013-2014	Diamond Springs	9	Diamond Springs	Barry Prock
2014-2015	Morning Star	20	Placerville	23616 Fortress Wy.
2015-2016	Memento	37	Georgetown	Pioneer, 95666
2014-2015	Cosumnes	63	Latrobe	209.295.3999
<b>DISTRICT #15</b>				
2014-2015	Napa	18	Napa	
2015-2016	San Pablo	43	Vallejo	
2013-2014	Suisun	78	Suisun	
2014-2015	Vacaville	83	Vacaville	
2015-2016	St. Helena	167	St. Helena	
2013-2014	Montezuma	172	Dixon	
<b>DISTRICT #16</b>				
2015-2016	Yreka	19	Yreka	Randy Mordecai
2013-2014	Oroville	59	Oroville	37400 SR299 W #56
2013-2014	French Gulch	75	French Gulch	Lewiston, 96052
2014-2015	Red Bluff	76	Red Bluff	530.778.0310
2014-2015	Millville	141	Palo Cedro	
2015-2016	Stony Creek	218	Orland	
2015-2016	Redding	271	Redding	
2013-2014	Trinity	299	Lewiston	
<b>DISTRICT #24</b>				
2013-2014	Mariposa	39	Mariposa	Allen Oberst
2014-2015	La Fayette	65	LaGrange	POB 21
2013-2014	Stanislaus	170	Knights Ferry	Hughson, 95326
2015-2016	Oakdale	228	Oakdale	209.556.7468
2014-2015	Hughson	461	Hughson	
<b>DISTRICT #29</b>				
2015-2016	Garcia	240	Point Arena	Allen Merriman
2014-2015	Upper Lake	241	Upper Lake	POB 577
2015-2016	Little Lake	277	Willits	Upper Lake, 95455 707.275.2070

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<b>GM VISITS</b>	<b>LODGE NAME</b>	<b>NBR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DEPUTY INFORMATION</b>
<b>DISTRICT #33</b>				
2013-2014	Pajaro	90	Watsonville	Rod Metoyer
2014-2015	Santa Cruz	96	Santa Cruz	345 Mesa Dr.
2014-2015	Ocean View	143	Half Moon Bay	Boulder Creek, 95006
2015-2016	Boulder Creek	152	Boulder Creek	408.234.6762
<b>DISTRICT #36</b>				
2013-2014	Oakland-Encinal	3	Alameda	Richard Perry
2015-2016	Mission Peak	114	Fremont	2100 Pl View Ln.
2014-2015	Pacheco	117	Concord	Livermore, 94550
2013-2014	Sycamore	129	Hayward	925.455.4580
2015-2016	Rodeo	196	Rodeo	
2015-2016	Livermore	219	Livermore	
2014-2015	San Leandro	231	San Leandro	
2014-2015	Berkeley	270	Berkeley	
<b>DISTRICT #45</b>				
2015-2016	Gilroy	154	Gilroy	Roger Grimsley
2015-2016	Mound	166	Hollister	431 Talbot Dr.
2013-2014	Gabilan	372	Gonzales	831.636.3195
<b>DISTRICT #46</b>				
2014-2015	Mountain Brow	82	Los Banos	Bill Maxwell
2014-2015	Santa Rita	124	Dos Palos	2682 Blossom
2015-2016	Romero	413	Gustine	Dos Palos, 93620 209.392.3721
<b>DISTRICT #47</b>				
2014-2015	Oxnard	89	Oxnard	Greg Schomaker
2014-2015	Ventura	201	Ventura	1878 Petrel Pl
2015-2016	Santa Barbara	232	Santa Barbara	Ventura, 93003
2013-2014	Santa Paula	314	Santa Paula	805.658.0432
<b>DISTRICT #48</b>				
2014-2015	Redondo	195	Redondo Beach	John R Prosk III
2015-2016	San Fernando	365	San Fernando	2122 Gates Av. #B
2015-2016	Seaside	369	Santa Monica	Redondo, 90278
2014-2015	Van Nuys	442	Van Nuys	310.214.9338
<b>DISTRICT #53</b>				
2014-2015	Sunset	328	San Diego	Daniel Williams
2015-2016	Oceanside	346	Oceanside	POB 390490 Anza, 92539
<b>DISTRICT #57</b>				
2013-2014	Chorro	168	San Luis Obispo	John Angel
2014-2015	Hesperian	181	Cambria	2484 Pierce Av.
2015-2016	Lompoc	248	Lompoc	Cambria, 93428
2015-2016	Bay Rock	300	Morro Bay	805.927.5817
2014-2015	Santa Maria	302	Santa Maria	

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<b>GM VISITS</b>	<b>LODGE NAME</b>	<b>NBR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DEPUTY INFORMATION</b>
<b>DISTRICT #62</b>				
2014-2015	Four Creeks	94	Visalia	Wayne Roberts
2013-2014	Fresno	186	Clovis	429 So. J St.
2015-2016	Lemoore	280	Lemoore	Madera, 93637
2013-2014	Madera	327	Madera	559.674.2789
2015-2016	Taft	426	Taft	
<b>DISTRICT #84</b>				
2013-2014	Barstow	91	Barstow	Joseph Vail
2014-2015	Hemet	190	Hemet	16993 Abbey Ln.
2015-2016	Victor	429	Victorville	Victorville, 92394 760.245.8078
<b>DISTRICT #91</b>				
2015-2016	Costa Mesa	29	Costa Mesa	Roy King
2015-2016	L.A. - Golden Rule	35	Los Angeles	3437 Twin Av.
2014-2015	Anaheim	199	Anaheim	Rosemead, 91770
2014-2015	America	385	El Monte	626.307.1908
2013-2014	Crown City	395	Pasadena	
2013-2014	Bellflower	463	Bellflower	
<b>DISTRICT #95</b>				
2013-2014	Euclid	68	Upland	John T Margell
2015-2016	Ontario	345	Ontario	8471 Lemon Grove Dr.
2014-2015	Circle	377	Norco/Corona	Rancho Cucamonga, 91730 951.315.7818
<b>DISTRICT #107</b>				
2013-2014	Volcano	25	Saratoga	Debbie Shuler
2014-2015	San Jose	34	San Jose	1411 Four Oaks Dr.
2013-2014	True Fellowship	52	Santa Clara	San Jose, 95131
2014-2015	Cupertino	70	Cupertino	408.316.5477
2013-2014	Bay View	109	Redwood City	
2015-2016	Mountain View	244	Mountain View	
2015-2016	Saratoga	428	Saratoga	

**Committee Assignments 2013-2014****Joint Planning Board**

GM – Rick Boyles #3	3448 Dutchcap Ln.	Alameda, 94502	510.435.4561
DGM – Tim Brown #12	614 LeDuc St.	Grass Valley, 95945	530.477.1643
GW – Dave Rosenberg	1112 Westfield Terr.	Davis, 95616	530.756.0697

**Sessional Committees****Assignments**

Gene Rasor #2	4041 – 71st St.	Sacramento, 95820	916.457.5618
Cecil Breeland #2	1901 Whispering Pines Dr.	Rancho Cordova, 95670	916.852.1722
Walter Johnson #199	5200 Irvine Bl. #116	Irvine, 92620	714.832.6495

**Credentials**

Richard Gunnels #186	POB 1370	Tres Pinos, 95075	831.628.3497
Glenn Powell #33	POB 133	River Pines, 95675	209.245.5422
Mike Pulido #166	1600 Spring Grove Rd.	Hollister, 95023	831.637.6670

**Examination of District Deputies**

Allen Merriman #241	9584 Rice St.	Upper Lake, 95485	707.275.2070
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**Finance**

Cecil Breeland #2	1901 Whispering Pines Dr.	Rancho Cordova, 95670	916.852.1722
Rick Boyles #3	3448 Dutchcap Ln.	Alameda, 94502	510.435.4561
Pete Pohlhammer #109	POB 3182	Saratoga, 95070	408.872.0703

**Judiciary**

Dave Rosenberg #169	1112 Westfield Terr.	Davis, 95616	530.756.0697
Dave Reed #169	3026 Genaro Pl.	Davis, 95618	530.753.7523
Randy Krassow #96	1927 Ocean St.	Santa Cruz, 95060	831.426.1601
Paul Pike #152	329 Berkeley Wy.	Santa Cruz, 95062	831.278.1272
Rod Metoyer #152	POB 1671	Boulder Creek, 95006	831.246.0938

**Legislation**

John Hughes #8	5227 Buena Vista Av.	Fair Oaks, 95628	916.961.5031
Anthony Pruitt #2	2555 Reiner Wy.	Sacramento, 95670	916.207.0068
Randy Krassow #96	1927 Ocean St.	Santa Cruz, 95060	831.426.1601
Ben Shuler #52	1411 Four Oaks Rd.	San Jose, 95131	408.251.0760
Will Swim			

**Printing**

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Nancy Johnson #114	4759 Pardee Av.	Fremont, 94538	510.673.4018
Paul Wright #78	405 Avalon Av.	Suisun City, 94585	707.425.2028
Marty Havenga #152	17250 Laurel Rd.	Los Gatos, 95033	408.857.6643

## Committees - 2013

### State of the Order

Randy Krassow #96	1927 Ocean St.	Santa Cruz, 95060	831.426.1601
Dave Rosenberg #169	1112 Westfield Terr.	Davis, 95616	530.756.0697
Jay Johnson #114	4759 Pardee Av.	Fremont, 94538	510.673.4018
Peter Sellars #15	1645 Folsom St. #5	San Francisco, 94103	415.861.1737
Richard Perri #15	26 – 7th St.	San Francisco, 94103	415.861.1689
John Morgan #8	8764 Blinman Wy.	Fair Oaks, 95628	916.961.1753
Don Smith #102	5350 Harrison St.	Linden, 95236	209.887.3829

### Membership

Peter Sellars #15	1645 Folsom St. #5	San Francisco, 94103	415.861.1737
Gerald Poarch #29	1207 Belfast Av.	Costa Mesa, 92626	714.850.0607
Frank Goulart #129	22224 Prospect St.	Hayward, 94541	510.581.9667
Richard Perri #15	26 – 7th St.	San Francisco, 94103	415.861.1689
Ronald Carrey #1	1964 Fountain View Cir.	Santa Rosa, 95403	707.526.4476
Dave Rosenberg #169	1112 Westfield Terr.	Davis, 95616	530.756.0697
John Fraher #1	1365 Desoto Dr.	Burlingame, 94010	650.342.7188
Brian Riehl #240	POB 528	Point Arena, 95468	707.882.4021
Don Lang #70	11220 Monterey Ct.	Cupertino, 95014	408.252.3954

### Grand Instructor's Assistants

Al Raffo	400 Taylor Bl.	Millbrae, 94030	415.370.6507
Cecil Breeland #2	1901 Whispering Pines Dr.	Rancho Cordova, 95670	916.852.1722

### Youth Camp Festival

Gerald Poarch #29	1207 Belfast Av.	Costa Mesa, 92626	714.850.0607
Allen Merriman #241	9584 Rice St.	Upper Lake, 95485	707.275.2070

### Dedicated Members for Change

Dave Rosenberg #169	1112 Westfield Terr.	Davis, 95616	530.756.0697
Don Smith #6	5350 Harrison St.	Linden, 95236	209.887.3829
Rick Boyles #3	3448 Dutchcap Ln.	Alameda, 94502	510.435.4561

### Jurisdictional Committees

#### Auditing

Jay Johnson #114	4759 Pardee Av.	Fremont, 94538	510.673.4018
Rick Boyles #3	3448 Dutchcap Ln.	Alameda, 94502	510.435.4561
Ray Link #1	14414 Oak St. #B	Saratoga, 95070	408.867.0231
Gerald Poarch #29	1207 Belfast Av.	Costa Mesa, 92626	714.850.0607
Cecil Breeland #2	1901 Whispering Pines Dr.	Rancho Cordova, 95670	916.852.1722

#### Historical

Nancy Johnson #114	4759 Pardee Av.	Fremont, 94538	510.673.4018
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Richard Perri #15	26 – 7th St.	San Francisco, 94103	415.861.1689
Tim Brown #12	614 LeDuc St.	Grass Valley, 95945	530.477.1643

**Committees - 2013**

**By-Laws**

Rick Boyles #3	3448 Dutchcap Ln.	Alameda, 94502	510.435.4561
Marty Havenga #152	17250 Laurel Rd.	Los Gatos, 95033	408.857.6643
Jay Johnson #114	4759 Pardee Av.	Fremont, 94538	510.673.4018
Don Lang #70	11220 Monterey Ct.	Cupertino, 95014	408.252.3954

**Grand Lodge/Rebekah Assembly Joint Committees**

**Good Fellowship**

Frank Goulart #129	22224 Prospect St.	Hayward, 94541	510.581.9667
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**Arthritis**

Don Lang #70	11220 Monterey Ct.	Cupertino, 95014	408.252.3954
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**Joint Youth Committee**

Paul Pike #152	329 Berkeley Wy.	Santa Cruz, 95062	831.278.1272
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**United Nations Pilgrimage & Youth Education**

Rod Metoyer #152	345 Mesa Dr.	Boulder Creek, 95006	831.246.0938
Don Lang #70	11220 Monterey Ct.	Cupertino, 95014	408.252.3954

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Rod Metoyer #152	345 Mesa Dr.	Boulder Creek, 95006	831.246.0938
Ray Link #1	14414 Oak St. #B	Saratoga, 95070	408.867.0231
Gene Rasor #2	4041 – 71st St.	Sacramento, 95820	916.457.5618

**Adopt-A-Resident**

Marty Havenga #152	17250 Laurel Rd.	Los Gatos, 95033	408.857.6643
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**Cave Degree**

Keith McNeil #19	701 Lake Shore Dr.	Selma, OR. 97538	
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**Grand Master's Advisory**

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Don Smith #6	5350 Harrison St.	Linden, 95236	209.887.3829

**Robert's Code Revision**

Dave Rosenberg #169	1112 Westfield Terr.	Davis, 95616	530.756.0697
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**CURRENT ADDRESSES OF THE LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS**

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Nathaniel Hoagland	3775 Budd St.	San Diego, CA. 92111	858.277.0211
Glenn Bailey	10262 Cotoneaster St.	Apple Valley, CA. 95204	760.247.8267
Barry Prock	23616 Fortress Wy.	Pioneer, CA. 95666	209.295.3999
Gene Breeland	190 Whispering Pine Dr.	Sacramento, CA. 95670	916.852.1722
Paul Pike	329 Berkeley Wy.	Santa Cruz, CA. 95062	831.278.1272
Rod Metoyer	345 Mesa Dr.	Boulder Creek, CA.95006	408.234.6762

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NONE			

**LIST OF THE GRAND MASTERS OF CALIFORNIA**

<b>NBR</b>	<b>GRAND MASTER/LODGE#</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>
1	Samuel H. Parker, #3 SF	1853-1854	Sacramento	3/14/1866
2	John F. Morse, #2	1854-1855	Stockton	12/30/1864
3	Edwin W. Colt, #6	1855-1856	Marysville	6/19/1869
4	Hamilton M. Hueston, #5	1856-1857	San Francisco	3/5/1909
5	William H. Watson, #4	1857-1858	Sacramento	9/28/1898
6	John L. Van Bokkelen, #17	1858-1859	San Francisco	6/29/1873
7	L. L. Alexander, #10	1859-1860	Sacramento	5/27/1904
8	William M. Allen, #57	1860-1861	San Francisco	10/8/1866
9	Thomas R. Kibbe, #24	1861-1862	Marysville	UNKNOWN
10	James A. J. Bohem, #15	1862-1863	San Francisco	5/25/1867
11	David Kendall, #2	1863-1864	Sacramento	10/25/1869
12	John A. McClelland, #3 SF	1864-1865	San Francisco	9/21/1884
13	Charles O. Burton, #6	1865-1866	San Francisco	5/25/1907
14	L. N. Randolph, #31	1866-1867	Stockton	3/25/1883
15	Charles N. Fox, #109	1867-1868	San Francisco	5/1/1904
16	Charles S. Haswell, #100	1868-1869	San Francisco	9/21/1893
17	#John B. Harmon, #123	1869-1870	San Francisco	2/7/1899
18	Charles W. Dannals, #67	1870-1871	Sacramento	9/31/1893
19	Rev. William H. Hill, #87	1871-1872	San Jose	10/27/1896
20	Abraham C. Bradford, #186	1872-1873	San Francisco	2/15/1890
21	William J. Gurnett, #118	1873-1874	Vallejo	3/26/1911
22	Jacob F. Miller, #17	1874-1875	San Francisco	6/5/1884
23	D. W. Welty, #2	1875-1876	San Francisco	3/23/1891
24	H. J. Tilden, #124	1876-1877	San Francisco	3/5/1916
25	Fredrick P. Dann, #15	1877-1878	San Francisco	9/27/1884
26	Charles H. Randall, #10	1878-1879	San Francisco	10/1/1891
27	George A. Case, #71	1879-1880	San Francisco	4/7/1889
28	Ezra Pearson, #87	1880-1881	San Francisco	9/6/1916
29	Davis Louderback, #15	1881-1882	San Francisco	9/17/1918
30	Leon D. Freer, #47	1882-1883	San Jose	9/19/1888
31	William W. Morrow, #123	1883-1884	San Francisco	7/24/1929
32	Edwin P. Smith, #253	1884-1885	San Francisco	9/8/1900
33	Nathaniel Cook, #52	1885-1886	San Francisco	12/3/1898
34	Colin T. McEachren, #167	1886-1887	San Francisco	3/30/1909
35	Elwood Bruner, #4	1887-1888	San Francisco	1/15/1915
36	Reuben H. Lloyd, #15	1888-1889	San Francisco	3/10/1909
37	C. N. Jenkins, #45	1889-1890	San Francisco	12/11/1915
38	John E. Glasson, #12	1890-1891	San Francisco	6/15/1925
39	J. N. E. Wilson, #200	1891-1892	San Francisco	5/30/1901
40	George W. Stockwell, #325	1892-1893	San Francisco	8/28/1940
41	James F. Thompson, #221	1893-1894	San Francisco	12/27/1905
42	J. H. Simpson, #3	1894-1895	San Francisco	UNKNOWN
43	Perley F. Gosbey, #142	1895-1896	San Francisco	1/31/1937
44	John W. Warboys, #53	1896-1897	San Francisco	2/16/1923
45	A. M. Drew, #186	1897-1898	San Francisco	1/10/1939

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<b>NBR</b>	<b>GRAND MASTER/LODGE#</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>
46	Karl C. Brueck, #11	1898-1899	San Francisco	10/10/1955
47	W. A. Bonyng, #323	1899-1900	San Francisco	4/2/1924
48	W. W. Watson, #222	1900-1901	San Francisco	4/24/1939
49	William Nicholls Jr., #81	1901-1902	San Francisco	12/9/1951
50	Milton G. Gill, #76	1902-1903	San Francisco	5/8/1930
51	Charles W. Baker, #2	1903-1904	San Francisco	3/24/1926
52	J. W. Linscott, #90	1904-1905	San Francisco	8/17/1931
53	W. W. Phelps, #282	1905-1906	S.F.& Santa Cruz	8/1/1925
54	Theo A. Bell, #18	1906-1907	Los Angeles	9/4/1922
55	Frank B. Ogden, #298	1907-1908	Sacramento	10/7/1918
56	John E. Raker, #278	1908-1909	San Francisco	1/22/1926
57	Grove L. Johnson, #87	1909-1910	Fresno	2/1/1926
58	Thomas W. Duckworth, #290	1910-1911	San Francisco	6/23/1947
59	George F. Hudson, #11	1911-1912	San Francisco	11/29/1933
60	Charles L. Snyder, #142	1912-1913	Los Angeles	1/15/1961
61	Thomas H. Selvage, #221	1913-1914	Santa Cruz	12/2/1932
62	A. P. Johnson, Jr., #328	1914-1915	San Francisco	3/11/1930
63	Frank D. Macbeth, #155	1915-1916	San Diego	3/17/1961
64	Wm. P. Schlosser, #160	1916-1917	Oakland	6/19/1958
65	Clifton H. Connick, #77	1917-1918	San Francisco	7/7/1927
66	Hugh W. Brunk, #270	1918-1919	San Francisco	11/3/1946
67	Lyman M. King, #341	1919-1920	San Francisco	7/3/1950
68	Kendal C. Keene, #78	1920-1921	Oakland	3/26/1946
69	Auguste D. Ketterlin, #53	1921-1922	Santa Cruz	8/6/1959
70	James Ryan, Jr., #208	1922-1923	San Francisco	1/19/1952
71	Edward R. Longley, #385	1923-1924	Pasadena	3/19/1950
72	Lloyd Cohn, #11	1924-1925	San Francisco	2/19/1931
73	Emmet C. Rittenhouse, #96	1925-1926	San Francisco	1/13/1948
74	Cyrus A. Palmer, #225	1926-1927	Sacramento	10/6/1944
75	C. H. S. Bidwell, #4	1927-1928	Santa Cruz	11/17/1941
76	Harold Louderback, #15	1928-1929	San Francisco	12/11/1941
77	Hjalmar Johnson, #395	1929-1930	Oakland	12/24/1963
78	Floyd E. Hushow, #186	1930-1931	San Francisco	2/21/1964
79	Charles Duck, #221	1931-1932	Riverside	12/17/1938
80	Herbert L. Partridge, #142	1932-1933	Stockton	2/7/1945
81	Fred Boeken, #205	1933-1934	Santa Cruz	1/28/1965
82	Wm. T. Blakeley, #385	1934-1935	San Francisco	3/18/1950
83	Chas R. Taylor, #90	1935-1936	San Diego	2/25/1962
84	William W. Martin, #432	1936-1937	Sacramento	6/18/1951
85	Harry R. Farr, #328	1937-1938	San Jose	2/20/1954
86	Louis J. Hardie, #272	1938-1939	Oakland	4/19/1962
87	Rev. Eldred Charles, #420	1939-1940	Fresno	9/21/1989
88	Earl D. Jacobsen, #155	1940-1941	Santa Cruz	11/29/1944
89	Jas. R. McCroy, #214	1941-1942	San Jose	12/28/1967
90	Wm. D. Taylor, #465	1942-1943	San Francisco	3/14/1983

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<b>NBR</b>	<b>GRAND MASTER/LODGE#</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>
91	Frank R. Biggs, #69	1943-1944	Sacramento	11/28/1974
92	Fred Boon, #308	1944-1945	San Francisco	5/6/1967
93	Lester J. Bertsch*, #155	1945-1946	Santa Cruz	11/7/1945
94	Harry B. Dahlem, #385	1945-1947	San Francisco	12/9/1969
95	Fred M. Ballew, Sr., #55	1947-1948	Long Beach	11/22/1982
96	Wiliam H. Jewett, #77	1948-1949	Santa Cruz	12/26/1966
97	Charles E. Hicks, #160	1949-1950	Long Beach	1/16/1961
98	Ross R. Rittenhouse*, #96	1950-1951	Santa Cruz	2/25/1951
99	Gene J. Bianchi, #228 PSGM	1951-1952	Long Beach	11/30/1992
100	C. Alvin Beach, #8	1952-1953	Fresno	4/6/1991
101	Edward A. Seeley, #420	1953-1954	Long Beach	2/6/1969
102	Chas H. Henderson, #128	1954-1955	San Jose	1/21/1976
103	Arthur C. Tibert, #388	1955-1956	Long Beach	8/25/1963
104	Earl R. Beecher, #265	1956-1957	Fresno	7/12/1974
105	Lou E. Billings, #385	1957-1958	Sacramento	11/8/1977
106	Donald R. Smith, #6 PSGM	1958-1959	Long Beach	Linden
107	Robert H. Tuttle, #174	1959-1960	San Jose	6/7/1986
108	Chas B. Mershon*, #369	1960-1961	Sacramento	10/23/1960
109	Allen F. English, #82	1960-1962	Long Beach	7/16/1979
110	Peter Rebensdorf, #186	1962-1963	San Jose	1/29/1998
111	George E. Hannaford, #63	1963-1964	Sacramento	11/12/2009
112	LeRoy Scolari, #248	1964-1965	Bakersfield	Lompoc
113	Elmer Garlick, #351	1965-1966	Bakersfield	6/8/1978
114	Thomas H. Renner, #236	Resign-1966	San Diego	Washington
115	Clarence M. Alvis, #463	1966-1968	Sacramento	12/16/2010
116	Gerald H. Clark, #409	1968-1969	Bakersfield	5/9/1998
117	Arthur S. Tomlinson, #461	1969-1970	San Jose	8/22/1996
118	Max M. Holloway, #170	1970-1971	Bakersfield	5/7/2012
119	Kermit Robinson, #121	1971-1972	Sacramento	2/3/1992
120	John L. Taylor, #236	1972-1973	San Diego	8/11/1993
121	Charles H. McGuire, #491	1973-1974	Bakersfield	7/15/1997
122	Marvin Gonder, #442	1974-1975	San Jose	3/31/2000
123	Mike Zilioli, #377	1975-1976	Sacramento	Unknown
124	Marshall Hansen, #489	1976-1977	Pasadena	4/9/2009
125	Clarence Parent, #85	1977-1978	Riverside	2/25/1989
126	Norman Christensen, #236	1978-1979	Stockton	12/20/1988
127	Lorin D. Swift, #8 PSGM	1979-1980	Bakersfield	1/1/2008
128	Marion Strand, #297	1980-1981	Redding	12/16/1985
129	Dick Miller, #52	1981-1982	Riverside	1/9/2002
130	Joe McCloskey, #215	1982-1983	Bakersfield	12/29/1983
131	Robert Irving, #8 PSGM	1983-1984	Redding	12/29/1999
132	James Sossaman, #265	1984-1985	Riverside	8/18/2010
133	Tracy Dimon, #345	1985-1986	Sacramento	2/10/2010
134	Hallet Meilicke, #281	1986-1987	Riverside	Santa Rosa
135	Doyle C. Childers, #153	1987-1988	Riverside	11/17/2012

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136	Keith Adamson, #70	1988-1989	Redding	12/1/2012
137	Thomas LaRose, #461	1989-1990	Fresno	1/7/2004
138	Kenneth M. Proctor, #200	1990-1991	Stockton	11/10/2010
139	Edward H. Reedy, #141	1991-1992	Redding	12/2/2001
140	Gerald A. Poarch, #29	1992-1993	Riverside	Costa Mesa
141	John Snyder, #377	1993-1994	Riverside	9/24/2012
142	Spencer T. Parker, #166	1994-1995	Redding	8/1/2009
143	Jack Whitt, #170	1995-1996	Fresno	8/16/2010
144	Gaford G. Medley*, #345	1996-1997	Modesto	4/4/1997
145	Charles J. Oleson, #20	1997-1998	Ontario	12/25/1998
146	Trois Hindman, #328	1998-1999	Redding	San Diego
147	Walter L. Johnson, #369	1999-2000	Modesto	Irvine
148	Eugene Rasor, #2	2000-2001	Ontario	Sacramento
149	Robert Hoenig, #385	2001-2002	Redding	10/19/2012
150	Donald J. Lang, #70	2002-2003	Modesto	Cupertino
151	Theodore G. Parker, #315	2003-2004	Modesto	Bull Head City, AZ
152	Nathaniel Hoagland, #153	2004-2005	Modesto	San Diego
153	Kenneth Kuklish, #365	2005-2006	Modesto	8/2/2012
154	Robert Bareilles, #11	2006-2007	Modesto	1/11/2011
155	Glenn Bailey, #345	2007-2008	Modesto	Apple Valley
156	Barry Prock, #63	2008-2009	Modesto	Pioneer
157	Paul Kramer #70	Resign-2009	Modesto	San Jose
158	C Eugene Breeland #2	2009-2011	Modesto	Sacramento
159	Paul Pike #96	2011-2012	Sacramento	Santa Cruz
160	Rod Metoyer #152	2012-2013	Sacramento	Boulder Creek
161	Rick Boyles	2013-2014	Modesto	Alameda

**LIST OF THE GRAND SECRETARYS OF CALIFORNIA**

<b>NBR</b>	<b>GRAND SECRETARY</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>
1	T. Rodgers Johnson	1853-1875	1/11/1875	
2	Walter B. Lyon	1875-1893	11/04/1893	
3	George T. Shaw	1893-1906	6/13/1906	
4	Harry Richardson	1906-1923	9/19/1923	
5	U.S. G. Clifford	1923-1926	12/30/1926	
6	Gorge F. Hudson	1927-1933	11/29/1933	
7	Frank D. Macbeth	1933-1957	3/17/1961	
8	Charles H. Henderson	1957-1973	1/21/1976	
9	Gerald H. Clark	1973-1982	5/9/1998	
10	Glenn Kirkpatrick	1982-1986	RESIGNED	
11	Max M. Holloway	1986-2002	5/7/2012	
12	Gerald A. Poarch	2002-2008	1207 Belfast, Costa Mesa, CA. 92626	
13	Ray Wm. Link	2008-	682 Village Dr., Galt, CA. 95632	

**LIST OF THE GRAND TREASURERS OF CALIFORNIA**

<b>NBR</b>	<b>GRAND TREASURER</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>
1	J. M. Coughlin	1853-1854	UNKNOWN	
2	Geo. I. N. Monell	1854-1855	UNKNOWN	
3	A. S. Iredale	1855-1856	UNKNOWN	
4	Geo. I. N. Monell	1856-1862	UNKNOWN	
5	Henry Kimball	1862-1866	UNKNOWN	
6	Martin Heller	1866-1868	UNKNOWN	
7	Henry B. Brooks	1868-1872	UNKNOWN	
8	David Meeker	1872-1876	UNKNOWN	
9	Henry B. Brooks	1876-1883	UNKNOWN	
10	John Hansen	1883-1885	UNKNOWN	
11	George W. Lemont	1885-1895	UNKNOWN	
12	Moses Greenbaum	1895-1898	UNKNOWN	
13	Jas. W. Harris	1898-1943	UNKNOWN	
14	Harry F. Borden	1943-1945	UNKNOWN	
15	Charles L. Dodge	1945-1957	3/20/1959	
16	Thomas Hitchcock	1957-1966	3/19/1976	
17	George E. Hannaford	1966-2009	11/12/2009	
18	Jay Johnson	2009-	4759 Pardee Av. Fremont, 94538	

PAST GRAND RULERS AND DATES OF SERVICE

NBR	NAME	YEARS	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP
1	Gerald Worth	1953-1954	1535 Estee	Napa, CA. 94558
2	Albert Toland	1954-1955	5431 Walnut Dr.	Eureka, CA. 95501
3	Pete Pohlhammer	1955-1956	POB 3182	Saratoga, CA. 95070
4	Leonard Hall	1956-1957		Unknown
5	Bob Taylor	1957-1958	23035 S Kinard St.	Wilmington, CA. 90744
6	John Ramsey	1958-1959	908 Governors Dr.	El Dorado Hills, 95630
7	Don Miller	1959-1960	3105 Miller Ln.	Arta, CA. 95521
8	Lester Halverson	1960-1961	4134 Conejo Dr.	San Bernardino, CA. 92404
9	Dale Thomas	1961-1962	343 Jacob Hale Wy.	Roseberg, OR. 97471
10	Gary DeMercurio	1962-1963	3904 Lighthouse Pl.	Bryon, CA. 94514
11	Allen Garcia	1963-1964	410 W Mendocino St.	Willits, CA. 95490
12	John Garlick	1964-1965	6481 No. Lead	Fresno, CA. 93711
13	C.A. Hampton	1965-1966	1645 Melia Dr	McKinleyville, CA. 95521
14	Paul Manning	1966-1967		Deceased 12/23/2003
15	Jerry Sturm	1967-1968	3399 Norton Wy. #4	Pleasanton, CA. 94566
16	Gerry Milbourn	1968-1969	612 Pacific Av.	Fullerton, CA. 92633
17	Wade Marshall	1969-1970	Rt 2 Box 826A,	Rainier, OR. 97048
18	Norn Albert	1970-1971	1100 Keith Av.	Berkeley, 94708
19	Gary Dimon	1971-1972	12802 Valley View #4	Garden Grove, 92845
20	Ken Nichols	1972-1973	1601 Oriole Av.	Sunnyvale, 94086
21	James Jepson	1973-1974	501 No. 4th Av.	Avenal, 93204
22	Larry Shapard	1974-1975	49 Nautius Pl.	Pittsburg, 94565
23	Frank Aanenson	1975-1976	67400 West Hill St.	Goldsboro, NC. 27634
24	Bill Brayton	1976-1977	14769 Nanry St.	Whittier, 90604
25	Bill Collins	1977-1978		Deceased 2005
26	Steve Bates	1978-1979	14711 Nanry St	Whittier, 90604
27	Jamie Michener	1979-1980	920 Civic	Rohnert Park, 94928
28	R Dean Marriott	1981-1981	2675 Foss Av	Ardia, 91006
29	Jerry Strickland	1981-1982	POB 812016	Bo Raton, FL. 33481
30	Mike Hoenig	1982-1983		Deceased 10/30/1997
31	Duard Fyffe	1983-1984	30903–19th Pl. SW	Federal Wy., WA. 98023
32	Ted Lamphere	1984-1985	4990 Oak Ln.	Garden Valley, 95633
33	Jack Vinsant	1985-1986	3300 Harmony Ln.	Sacramento, 95821
34	Tony Smith	1986-1987	12329 Simmerhorn Rd.	Galt, 95632
35	Gary Collins	1987-1988		Resigned
36	Cody Dean	1988-1990	3938 Oasis Rd.	Redding, 96003
37	Chris Shuler	1990-1991	1411 Four Oaks Rd.	San Jose, 95131
38	Eric Shuler	1991-1992	724 Natoma Dr.	San Jose, 95123
39	None	1992-1993		
40	Paul Aparicio (Capt)	1993-1994	PSC 37, Box 2318	APO AE 09459
41	Jeremy Satterfield	1994-1995		
42	Jason Satterfield	1995-1996		
43	Aaron Head	1996-1997	6198 Riverside Bl #C21	Sacramento, 95831
44	Cody Holiday	1997-1998	312 E. Arde St	Stockton, 95204
45	Paul A Manning	1998-1999	28378 Thackeray	Hayward, 94544
46	Chad Mullican	1999-2000	4540 Foothill Dr.	Shingle Springs, 95682

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<b>NBR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEARS</b>	<b>STREET ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>
47	John R Prosk III	2000-2001	2122 Gates Av. "B"	Redondo Beach, 90278
48	Joseph Lepe	2001-2002	1242 W Willow St	Stockton, 95203
49	Edward Herren	2002-2003	137 Spruce Av.	Galt, 95632
50	David Henderson Jr.	2003-2004	145 So. Thompson St.	Hemet, 92543
51	Justin Reed	2004-2005	1037 So. Airport Wy.	Stockton, 95240
52	Roby Hemphill	2005-2006	1827 Scarborough Dr.	Lodi, 95240
53	Kennith Adkins	2006-2007		Resigned
54	Jeff Williams	2006-2007		
55	Nick Fuentes	2007-2008		
56	Joseph Robertson	2008-2009	407 Summer St	Santa Cruz, 95062
57	Michael Bois	2009-2011	407 Summer St	Santa Cruz, 95062
58	Brent Hemphill	2011-2012		
59	Michael Bois	2012-	407 Summer St	Santa Cruz, 95062

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The 124th Annual Rebekah Assembly Session  
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**We hope to see everyone there – Safe travels.**