

90TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GRAND MASTERS ADDRESS

Recommendation No. 1 - Chapter VI - Section 36 (f)

Which Now Reads:

However, any member reinstated past age sixty-five (65) years shall not be carried on the roll of the Grand Relief Fund and therefore shall be subject to no payment thereto; nor shall he receive any benefits therefrom.

Grand Master recommends this section be deleted. (This we approve) And further recommend that any section in conflict with this action be declared null and void.

Recommendation No. 2

Recommend to Read:

The office of R. W. Deputy Grand Master to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa F. & A. M. become an elected office. (This we approve) And recommend that Article No. V - "Vacancies and How Filled", Section No. 1 - be amended to read: The Grand Master, R. W. Deputy, Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer shall be elected at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, on the third (3) day thereof, at two (2) o'clock P.M. unless a different time shall be fixed by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Recommendation No. 3 - Article No. XVI
Of Vacancy in the Office of Grand Master
Which Now Reads:

In case of the death, inability to act, resignation of the Grand Master or removal from the jurisdiction, the duties of his office shall devolve successively upon the highest elected officer whose office is not vacant, and for that purpose the rank of such offices shall be in the following order: R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer.
(This we approve)

Recommendation No. 4 - Chapter II - Section 24 (A)
Contingent Funds of Grand Officers

After conferring with Grand Master, who requested his recommendation related to Chapter II - Section 24 (A), be amended to read:

The Grand Master shall be entitled to two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary fifty dollars (\$50.00), Grand Lecturer seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) and the Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondent fifty dollars (\$50.00) contingent fund, the expenditure of which is to be accounted for at each Annual Grand Communication. (This we approve)

CHAPTER XIX - Section 212

GRAND LODGE DUES

Recommendation that Chapter XIX - Section 212 be amended to read:

Each chartered Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall collect from its members annual dues and shall pay into the Grand

Lodge Treasury the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) for each person who is a member of the Lodge, December first (1) of each year, and three dollars (\$3.00) for each person who is a member on June first (1) of each year, except from members in the Armed Forces of the United States during a National emergency. (This we approve)

ARTICLE XIII - Section I C

REVENUE OF THE GRAND LODGE

Amended to Read:

Every Lodge shall pay into the General Fund of the Grand Lodge three dollars (\$3.00) for each and every member on its roll June 1st and December 1st of each year and to the Grand Relief Fund one dollar (\$1.00) for each and every member on its roll 1st day of July, October, January and April respectively, which quarterly payment shall be accompanied by a report made out upon blanks to be furnished by the Grand Secretary showing the names of the member for whom paid.

Any member three (3) quarters in arrears shall not be eligible for benefit from the Relief Fund and no money paid into the Grand Relief Fund shall be transferred or loaned to any department except as hereinafter provided for. (This we approve)

CHAPTER XIX - Section 214

GRAND DUES

Amended to read:

It shall be the duty of the Master of each subordinate lodge on or before June 25th, to collect from each member in good standing the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) together with all other monies due the Grand Lodge and forward to the Grand Secretary the amount - and a failure to do so shall be prima facie a neglect of duty and shall be attended with the same disqualification and consequences as provided in Section 211 of this Code - and said Lodge shall have no voice or vote in the Grand Lodge until said sum is paid. (This we approve)

Recommendation No. 5 - Chapter XIII - Section 133

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

The Grand Master has further requested his recommendation No. 5 pertaining to Chapter XIII - Section 133 be replaced by the following recommendation which will more adequately accomplish the intent of his original recommendation.

That authorization be granted to employ council to review and, if necessary, revise the Article of Incorporation to insure that the Grand Lodge cannot be held responsible for any indebtedness incurred by the Subordinate Lodges. (This we approve)

Recommendation No. 6 - Relative to the adoption of the guidelines as proposed by the National Conference of Grand Masters for dealing with affiliate and concordant orders; We approve and recommend that they be incorporated into Chapter II - Section 15 of the Constitution and Code - be identified by the letters "b" and "c" and read as follows:

The Grand Lodge may extend Fraternal Recognition to any concordant

(B) order or side order which predicates its membership upon it under the following provisions:

- a. That it be an organization presently associated by custom and usage with the Masonic Order.
- b. That its purposes and methods of operation as set forth in its constitution, laws and regulations are not repugnant to the ideals and dignity of the Masonic Institution.
- c. That its articles of incorporation, if incorporated, shall recite its connection with the Masonic Order and dependency upon Fraternal Recognition by its Grand Lodge.

(C) such Fraternal Recognition may be withdrawn at any time by action of the Grand Lodge, ad interim, Grand Master, when among other things the following may obtain:

- a. Interference with, or attempt to influence the work or activities of the Grand Lodge or its constituent lodges.
- b. Deviation from the intent and purposes upon which Fraternal Recognition was predicated.
- c. Use or methods or operation and conduct adjudged by any Grand Lodge, ad interim, Grand Master, to be a reflection upon the statue and dignity of Masonic Institutions, and/or, to be detrimental to the best interests of Masonry in any jurisdiction.

No Master Mason, a member of a constituent lodge of this Grand Lodge, shall hold or maintain membership in any concordant or side order predicated upon the Masonic Institution unless said organization be approved by and extended Fraternal Recognition by the Grand Lodge, and whenever such Fraternal Recognition be withdrawn, his membership in such organization shall be automatically terminated. (This we approve)

Recommendations to Amend Section 25 of Chapter III of the Constitution and code and bearing the sub-title Jurisdiction to read as follows:

A committee on Masonic Jurisdiction to be composed of five (5) Past Grand Masters present and two (2) non-Past Grand Masters to be appointed from the permanent membership by the Grand Master, to whom shall be referred all propositions to amend the written law of the Grand Lodge. All questions of legal import for the action of this committee must first be presented to the Grand Lodge and by it referred to this committee - provided further that it shall be the prerogative of the Grand Master to appoint the Chairman of this committee. (This we approve)