

June 5, 2017

To: Worshipful Masters and Officers of All Particular Lodges  
Grand Lodge Officers  
Past Grand Masters  
District Deputy Grand Masters

Re: Summary of Legislation  
188<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication

Dear Brethren:

In compliance with Regulation 13.04 of the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, listed below are the Resolutions enacted at the 188<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication held in Orlando, Florida, on May 29, , 30 and 31, 2017. This summary should be reviewed by the Elected Lodge Officers and reported to the Brethren in open Lodge at the next Stated Communication after its receipt.

At the 188<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida the following Grand Lodge Officers were Elected and Installed:

M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, Grand Master  
R.:W.: John E. Karroum, Deputy Grand Master  
R.:W.: John W. Westerman, III, Senior Grand Warden  
R.:W.: Thomas L. Turlington, Jr., Junior Grand Warden  
R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer  
M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

This report contains nine (9) Resolutions adopted which will amend various Constitutional Provisions and/or Regulations.

**Constitutional Provisions/Regulation Changes Adopted:**

1. ***Resolution as to Eligibility of Junior Warden of Particular Lodges.*** The adoption of this Resolution requires that every Brother who is in nomination and elected to the office of Junior Warden of any Particular Lodge shall have completed Master Mason Exams I, II, and III before he is installed to said office.
2. ***Resolution Regarding Committee on Work Members.*** The adoption of this Resolution allows the number of members of the Committee on Work not to exceed 18 members instead of 15 members in addition to the State Chairman and the Vice Chairman. ***Note: This Resolution passed by a simple majority vote; therefore, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1, of the Constitution it will not be effective until presented again at the next Grand Communication for final vote which must be passed by 2/3 written vote of the Craft.***
3. ***Resolution to Amend Chapter 48 Masonic Home Trustees of Masonic Home and Emergency Relief Admission of Non-Masons to the Masonic Home of Florida under the Private Pay Plan.*** The adoption of this Resolution allows non-Masons qualified as defined in Masonic Home Regulation 6.02 to be admitted to the Masonic Home under the Private Pay Plan.
4. ***Resolution to change the Election of Lodge Officers.*** The adoption of this Resolution changes the time line of requirements for nominations for Elected Lodge Officers.

5. ***Resolution on Dual Members Qualifying for a Lodge U.D.*** The adoption of this Resolution clarifies that Dual Members are eligible to sign a Petition for a Lodge U.D. inasmuch as dual members are afforded all the rights and privileges of regular members.
6. ***Resolution on Requirements of Amending Lodge By-Laws.*** The adoption of this Resolution changes the requirement of submitting 1 original and 3 copies of a proposed By-Law change to requiring only 1 original of a proposed By-Law change to be submitted to the Grand Secretary's Office.
7. ***Resolution on Emeritus Status of Masonic Home Residents.*** The adoption of this Resolution clarifies that only members admitted to the Masonic Home under the Life Care Plan are to be automatically placed on the Emeritus List of his Lodge.
8. ***Resolution on Dues Cards.*** The adoption of this Resolution allows for a printed signature of the Grand Secretary and a printed or graphic Seal in place of a written signature and raised Seal in order to comply with the issuance of new permanent plastic dues cards.
9. ***Resolution for Lodge Co-Ownership of Property.*** The adoption of this Resolution allows for a Particular Lodge to own property in such name as set out in its Masonic Charter or in the name of a Masonic Center Association with pre-approval by the Grand Master.

***This Summary has been reviewed by M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., Chairman, and R.:W.: Russell B. Glendinning, P.D.D.G.M., Vice Chairman of the Masonic Jurisprudence Committee.***