

At a Stated Communication of St. John's Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M. New Bern, North Carolina

HELD ON THE ABOVE DATE PRESENT:

W. Bro. Dominick P. Giorgianni
Bro W. Terry Tripp
Bro. Francis L. Anson
Bro. Kito B. Romans
W. Bro. Arthur B. Romans, PM
Bro. Aquiles P. Faustino

Master
S.W.
J.W.
Treas.
Sec'y.
Chaplain



Bro. Joseph S. Kawalski
Bro. Nicholas C. Coyle

Bro. C. Brian Fuller
Bro. Mark E. Bledsoe

S.D.
J.D.
Steward
Steward
Tyler

St. John's Lodge No. 3 was opened on the Third Degree of Masonry in Due Form at 7:30 p.m.

After the Flag Ceremony,

The Master recognized all Veterans, Past/Present First Responders, Past Masters, Certified Lectures, Coaches, Past/Present Grand Lodge and District Officers.

The Master thanked our Junior Steward, Brothers Brian Fuller for the delightful meal (Creamy Chicken with Rice and Salad)

The Senior Deacon Introduced our 4 Guests that were in attendance:

Bro. Zach Carpenter (JW) Doric Lodge No. 568
Bro. Chad Boghdan Doric Lodge No. 568
Bro. David Webb Doric Lodge No. 568
Bro. Boyd Randolph Jerusalem No. 98

Sick and Distressed Report:

Bro. Amos Mantiya diagnosed with ALS
Bro. Ron Packard or Berne Lodge No. 724
Death of Bro. Marshall Coleman "Sonny" Taylor died March 28th 2026.(See attached Obituary)

Prayer was given by Chaplain

Glad Tidings Report:

-Bro Francis Anson reported that he graduated Wilkerson College, his middle daughter got married and he graduated college with his bachelors degree
-Bro Joe Kawalski. reported that he also graduated from Wilkerson College and it was his daughter's 6th birthday.
-WBro Joe Fuller. reported his 2nd grandson graduated college as a Mechanical Engineer.
-Bro. Joe Ottell and his wife joined the Whitestone Board for dinner and was presented his 50-Year Certificate on 29 May 2026, by the Grand Master, thanks to WB David Sawyer for coordinating and delivering the certificate with the Grand Master's.
-Much thanks to Bro. William Hall for the article he wrote that was included in the most recent edition of the NC Mason about our installation.
-Thank you to all the brethren who participated in or attended the cornerstone dedication. We received a lot of great feedback about the event. The Master read comments from RW Phil Johnson email, MW Billy Dill, WB J. Surles comments. The Grand Master was very pleased with the outcome.
-Thanks to Bro. Rob Webster for redoing the Steward Staffs.

Masonic Minute Given by Master: "Masonry in Action: Healing Heroes of the Revolution

The Secretary read the minutes of the Stated Communication of April 22nd 2026.
Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge 25 April 2026.

The Treasurer made his report:

- Lodge Checking: \$26430.07
- Scholarship:\$7500 has been moved into LCA.
- Lodge Management: \$ 510.10

The Secretary Cleared His Desk –

- Petition for Kevin Croy read to the Lodge
- 12 Brothers Remaining that owe dues for 2026.
- The secretary informed the lodge he will be purchasing, Aprons / Ink / Apron Tubes and OSWs was budgeted in the yearly budget.
- Read Form 26 for Bro. Jim Thames, NPD'd in 1999

Collected: \$198 from Meal Basket

The following bills were presented

WB. Dominick G. - \$196.13 Cornerstone Rededication (Decor and Food) / Veterans Luncheon
Bro. Brian Fuller - \$81.83 Meal Reimbursement

A motion was made by Bro Nick Coyle., Seconded by Bro Mark Bledsoe to pay the bills.
Motion Carried.

Old Business:

-4th of July Float Update: We now have a truck/trailer and garage. We are needing brethren to assist with building walls and print banners. Move trailer in June over to Billy Zerby's garage.

New Business:

- Memorial Day Ceremony New Bern National Cemetery 25 May 2026 beginning at 11AM.
- The Master proposed coordinating and conducting a District Table Lodge hosted by St. John's No. 3. The lodge was supportive of this initiative.
- A delegation of brothers will be visiting Crown Point Lodge Visit (Greenville) Thursday 6:30 Meal / 7:30 Meeting. WB Alvin Billings is giving education.
- WB David Sawyer made a report on Whitestone with an update from their recent board meeting.
- WB David Sawyer made a Check Presentation of \$1000 to the Lodge for the Lowthorp Hall Restoration
- Bro Chris White made a presentation about helping assist at Riposo Home a Home for Hospice Care. (See Attached Flyer)
- WB. Dominick Giorgianni made a presentation to the lodge on our current dues structure and need for adjustment to ensure we are thinking about the future of our lodge. Much discussion was had on the topic. A motion was made by WB Joe Fuller and seconded by Bro. Brian Fuller to move forward with amending our Bylaws with a dues adjustment. (Motion Carried) The Master will appoint a committee to make a proposal for the bylaw change, to be presented at an upcoming stated communication.
- Bro. Francis Anson announced that we will be conferring a 1st Degree on June 3rd 2026 / Meal at 6:30PM, Degree at 7:30PM (2 Candidates)

Committee Reports:

- Coaching- James Laurine Coaching / Ed Brinson Coaching on 1st Degree.
- Building/ NBMTHPF Report given by WB. Arthur Romans reported that WB Craig Zimmerman has volunteered to be Treasurer of the Preservation Foundation.
- Fundraising- Idea for Fundraiser was presented to the lodge by Bro. Mark Bledsoe for a raffle of Grill/ Pellet Smoker & Blackstone. A motion was made by Bro Nick Coyle and seconded by Bro Chris White. To proceed with Bro. Mark Bledsoe submitted an application to the Special Activities Committee for approval.

Education: Due to time Amendments to the Code will be emailed to all members with the minutes.

Important Dates and Announcements:

- May 14th St. John's to Crown Point Lodge #708 in Greenville 6:30PM Meal / 7:30PM Lodge
- May 15th Scottish Rite Chicken BBQ Fundraiser / Tickets \$12 a piece.
- May 17th Abner Nash Grave Marking with SAR/DAR at Amelia Grove (Former Pembroke Plantation) @ 3PM
- May 20th Officer Practice / 1st Degree
- May 25th Memorial Day Service at New Bern National Cemetery
- May 27th Stated Communication
- June 3rd - 1st Degree at St. John's (2 Candidates)
- June 5th - Doric Lodge Blood Drive 12-5PM.

Good of Masonry:

The Master thanked the visiting brethren for attending our meeting and sitting through the large amount of business we had to cover.

The Lodge was closed in Due Form at 9:35PM

At the conclusion of the meeting the brethren departed and were invited to The Old Pinnix for Fellowship.



Arthur B. Romans, PM
Secretary

Attached:

Sign In Sheet 5/13

Obituary: "Marshall Coleman "Sonny" Taylor

Masonic Minute: "Masonry in Action: Healing Heroes of the Revolution"

"Volunteer with Riposo House in River Bend" Flyer

2026 BBQ Raffle Proposal

Proposed Amendments to the Code 2026



St. John's Lodge #3

Date 5-13-26

	Name	Lodge	No.	City/State
1	David Sawyer, PM	ST. John's	3	New Bern
2	Doug So Low, PM	St. John's	3	New Bern
3	Boyd Randolph	JERUSALEM	95	HOOKESTON
4	James Wiley PM	St John's	3	N. B
5	Bob Martelet	St John's	3	New Bern (V C
6	David Webb	Doric	568	NEW BERN
7	ZACH CARPENTER	DORIC	568	NEW BERN
8	Christopher White	St John	3	New Bern
9	Chad Bogdahn	Doric	568	New Bern
10	Bill Joiner PM	St Johns	3	New Bern
11	Ken Bate	" "	" "	" "
12	Joelmy	St John	3	New Bern
13	Mark Bredsoe	St John's	3	New Bern
14	Joe Fuller PM CL	St. John's	3	New BERN
15	CRAN ZIMMERMAN	St John	3	New Bern
16	Steven Langenscheidt	St. John's	3	New Bern
17	Trey Baysden	St. Johns	3	New Bern
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Marshall Coleman "Sonny" Taylor

Mar. 23, 1932 ~ Mar. 28, 2026

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Marshall Coleman "Sonny" Taylor, who left us peacefully on March 28, 2026, at the age of 94. Born on March 23, 1932, in New Bern, NC, Sonny was a beacon of generosity, reliability, and support to all who had the privilege of crossing his path.

Sonny spent his formative years honing his athletic prowess in baseball and football, graduating from New Bern High School. His love for sports later manifested in his passion for walking, a hobby he pursued with such dedication that it gained recognition in the local newspaper. Sonny walked over 24,000 miles, equivalent to circumnavigating the globe, a testament to his remarkable tenacity and zest for life. After serving with honor in the U.S. Navy, Sonny brought his diligence and resilience to the civil service at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. He dedicated 33 years to working in technical services before retiring in 1988.

Sonny was a proud member of the St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 3 A.F. & A.M., the Scottish Rite, and the Sudan Shrine, where he shared the camaraderie of his brethren and a dedication to serving his community. However, the heart of Sonny's life was his beloved wife, Jacqueline "Jackie" Taylor with whom he shared 59 years of marriage. His unwavering love for Jackie was a testament to his capacity for deep, enduring affection. Always ready to lend a hand, Sonny was there for those he loved, embodying the essence of love and support.

Sonny is survived by his beloved Jackie, as well as his sisters, Madie Taylor Moore and Dorothy Taylor Autry; several special nieces and nephews, Danny McCosley, Susan Leggett, Lexanne Huffman, Daniel Autry; and a special friend, Lisa Griffith. He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Kathleen Taylor; brother, Walter Allen Taylor; and sisters, Reva Taylor Vernelson, Shirley Taylor Pridgen, and Teresa Ann Taylor. Sonny's life was a testament to the power of love, service, and dedication, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

We invite you to share your favorite memories of Sonny and upload photos of him on his memorial page. Your stories and pictures will serve as a comforting reminder of the beautiful life Sonny led and the enduring legacy he leaves behind.

Bennett Funeral & Cremation Care is honored to serve the family and friends of Marshall Coleman "Sonny"

Masonry in Action: Healing Heroes of the Revolution

Masonic lodges played a significant role in caring for wounded soldiers returning from battle during the American Revolution through various initiatives and resources.

Lodges established care facilities. They organized or contributed to the establishment of makeshift hospitals or care facilities specifically for wounded soldiers. **St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1** in New York played a significant role in establishing a hospital to care for wounded soldiers. They organized medical staff and provided resources to ensure soldiers received proper treatment upon returning from battle. Many Masonic lodges collaborated with existing hospitals, providing financial support, supplies, and volunteers to enhance the care available to wounded soldiers.

To help increase the medical staff available, lodges often sent members who were physicians or had medical training. **Dr. William Smith of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania** volunteered his medical services to care for injured soldiers, demonstrating how Masons used their professional skills for the benefit of their brothers in arms.

Lodges also organized training sessions for other members interested in providing medical care, ensuring that there were enough hands to assist with the wounded.

To improve the supply situation, masonic lodges collected and donated medical supplies, such as bandages, medicines, and surgical instruments, to support the treatment of wounded soldiers. During the Siege of Boston, local lodges collected food, clothing, and medical supplies for soldiers and their families. They organized drives to gather these essentials, ensuring that those in need received adequate support.

In addition to medical supplies, lodges provided food & other necessities to care for soldiers recovering from injuries, ensuring they had proper nutrition during their recovery.

To provide financial assistance, many lodges created funds specifically aimed at assisting with the costs associated with the care of wounded soldiers. For example, the **Grand Lodge of Massachusetts** established a fund to provide financial aid to the families of members who were injured or killed in action. This financial support helped cover medical expenses and other essential needs.

These examples illustrate the many ways Masonic lodges cared for wounded soldiers and their families during the American Revolution. By establishing hospitals, providing financial and emotional support, and advocating for their needs, Masonic lodges demonstrated a strong commitment to the welfare of their members and the broader community.

VOLUNTEER WITH RIPOSO HOME

A home for hospice care

Riposo Home offers a peaceful, loving home for 2-3 guests at the end of life. Surrounded by gardens and supported with gentle, 24/7 compassionate care, guests are held with dignity, tenderness, and presence.

Volunteers are the heart of our home.

No medical experience is required—just kindness, compassion, and a willingness to serve.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Companionship & Family Support

- Personal & Direct Care
- Companion / Quiet Presence
- Legacy & Memory Projects
- Music, Art & Creative Offerings
- Pet Therapy (certified animals)
- Family Host & Respite Support

Home & Hospitality

- Meal Prep & Kitchen Help
- Housekeeping & Laundry
- Errands & Supplies
- Reception & Welcoming

Grounds & Maintenance

- Gardening & Outdoor Care
- Yard Work & Seasonal Help
- Light Repairs, Painting & Décor

Administration & Community

- Office & Clerical Support
- Fundraising & Events
- Community Outreach & Story Sharing

Spiritual & Reflective Care

- Meditation & Mindful Presence
- Rituals, Remembrance & Ceremonies

Whether you enjoy creating, organizing, gardening, or simply being present, there is a place for you here.

Volunteers help make Riposo Home a true place of rest and belonging.

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2026 St. John's No.3 BBQ Theme Raffle

Total cost of Prizes \$1546.64

Estimated Ticket Print Costs: (\$150 - 600) (\$175 - 800) (\$180 - 1000)

Price per Ticket: \$10 ea. 6 for \$50

Break even: 172 sold tickets

Time Period: June - November

Donation profit

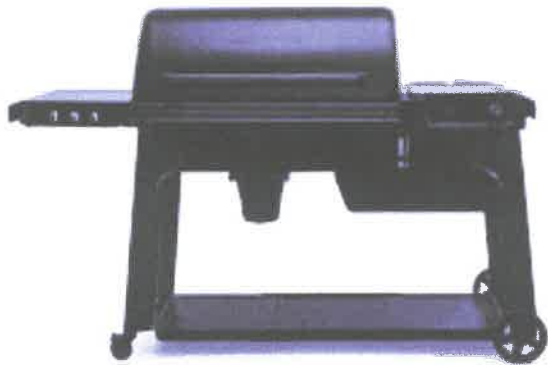
Per tickets sold:

600 = Aprox. \$4279

800 = Aprox. \$6279

1000 = Aprox. \$8279

1st Prize



Traeger

Woodridge Pro

Wood Pellet WiFi Grill

Retail: \$1150. (8110240)

2nd Prize



Blackstone

Iron Forged 2 Burner

LP Outdoor Griddle with Hood

Retail: \$349. (8093915)

3rd Prize



Weber

22 in. Original Kettle

Premium Charcoal Grill Black

Retail: \$229. (8406605)



4th Prize

\$100 Gift Card



5th Prize

\$50 Gift Card

**2026 Proposed Amendments to the Code of Constitutions
of the
Grand Lodge of North Carolina**

Amendment Group 1

This Amendment was proposed by Stanly Lodge 348 at Albemarle and would require the oldest lodge to take precedent in name and number when lodges consolidate.

REG. 48-3 CONSOLIDATED LODGE. The name and number of the consolidated lodge ~~should~~ shall be that of the oldest lodge consolidated considering the date of charter, and no new charter shall be necessary, nor shall it be necessary to constitute the lodge again.

REG 48-3.3 The bylaws of the consolidated lodge shall be ~~determined by resolution~~ (Form 16) those of the senior lodge which were in effect at the time of the consolidation, and the stated communication of the consolidated lodge, until properly changed, shall be at the time fixed in those by-laws.

Amendment Group 2

The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Master Kevan D. Frazier referred to Committee at the 2025 Annual Communication and brought forward by Grand Master Norris for 2026. This amendment would amend Regulation 34 to permanently create an Insurance Management Committee. It would also establish a new subsection in the Table of Contents of the Code for this Committee.

Chapter 34 – Grand Lodge Committees

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Chapter 34 – Grand Lodge Committees

Committee on Insurance

REG. 34-26 MEMBERS. The Committee on Insurance shall consist of five members, appointed by the Grand Master and confirmed by the Grand Lodge, each of whom shall be a member in good standing and well-informed in insurance best practices.

1. Members of this committee shall not bid, participate, or contract insurance services for the Grand Lodge, nor shall their associates, family members, or any other person whereby a conflict of interest may be of disservice to the fraternity.
2. The Grand Master shall name the chairman of the Committee on Insurance.
3. At each annual communication of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master shall appoint one member to serve for five years.
4. A vacancy in the Committee on Insurance occurring when the Grand Lodge is in recess shall be filled by the Grand Master until the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge when the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term on nomination of the Grand Master-elect and confirmation of the Grand Lodge.
5. A quorum of the Committee on Insurance shall consist of three or more members.

REG. 34-27 MATTERS REFERRED. Matters which shall be referred to the Committee on Insurance and its duties relative to these and other things are as follows.

1. To review all proposals to establish, amend, or cancel any guidelines or policies related to the Insurance Coverage applicable for all properties of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina or properties of subordinate lodges.
2. To review all questions touching upon insurance matters of the Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges.
3. Any other matters that may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

REG. 34-28 DUTIES AND POWERS. The duties and powers of the Committee on Insurance are as follows.

1. To annually review the list of current subordinate lodges to ensure each lodge has insurance coverage.
2. To ensure each subordinate lodge, not under the umbrella coverage of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, has adequate coverage for all requirements specified throughout the Code, including but not limited to coverage for fundraisers and required bonding levels for lodge treasurers and secretaries.
3. To recommend to the Board of General Purposes any additions, revisions, deletions, or amendments to the Grand Lodge Insurance Policy.

Amendment Group 3

The following amendment was proposed by the Lodge Service Commission. It is implied in the code that investments and revenue from sources other than dues may not be used to pay for the ongoing operational costs of a lodge or used in such a manner as to cause the dues to be artificially low.

REG. 77-1 MINIMUM DUES. Each lodge shall fix in its by-laws and shall collect such annual dues from its membership as may be necessary to enable it to maintain itself and discharge all of its duties and obligations. Income or revenue from sources other than dues shall not be used to pay for the ongoing operational costs of the lodge or used in such a manner as to cause the dues to be artificially low.

Amendment Group 4

This amendment was proposed by the Lodge Service Commission. We have existing Temple Corporations and will need to create more in the future as lodges share meeting spaces in lieu of consolidation. The following amendments are recommended to facilitate this need.

SEC. 9-2 UNIFORM BY-LAWS. The Grand Lodge, if it deems proper, may prescribe from time to time a uniform system or code of by-laws for its subordinate lodges, except as to the day, hour, and building or hall for their stated communications, and the maximum amount to be charged as fees for the degrees, for affiliation, and for annual dues, and may require all lodges to use the same and no other. (Chapter 44) It may, if it deems proper, prescribe from time to time a uniform system or code of by-laws for temple corporations of its subordinate lodges, and may require all such temple corporations to use the same and no other.

REG. 25-2 SUBORDINATE LODGES. The same policy is stated for its subordinate lodges, except as provided by law, or as may be authorized by the Lodge Service Commission or Grand Master from time to time. (43-2.13; 43-8; 60-7; 86-2.46).

REG. 43-2 POWERS AND DUTIES

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13. A lodge shall have and maintain complete control and authority over the use of its hall or meeting place by ownership or otherwise. Joint proprietorship with other societies or organizations is not favored by the Grand Lodge. Where other societies or organizations, other than another subordinate lodge of the Grand Lodge, occupy the same rooms with a subordinate lodge, all Masonic paraphernalia and property shall be removed immediately after the lodge is closed. (13-3.8.D; 25-2)

Amendment Group 5

*The following amendment has been submitted by Grand Master Steve M. Norris. This amendment would amend Chapter 11, Regulation 11-1.3 to add the offices of Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Standard Bearer as offices that may be installed at the discretion of the grand master elect. The positions of Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Pursuivant were positions appointed and installed as early as 1797 with duties defined in the Code from 1875 until 1930 when their duties were removed from the 1924 version of the Code. The position of Grand Standard Bearer was listed as an office to be installed but was rarely utilized by this grand jurisdiction but is utilized by other grand jurisdictions. Many other grand jurisdictions annually appoint and utilize these three **non-advancing** additional grand lodge officers. This amendment would also amend Chapter 17, and add Regulations 17-10, 17-11 and 17-12 to add the description of the duties of the offices of Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Standard Bearer.*

Chapter 11 Grand Officers' Rank, Designation, Title, Qualifications, Term, and Succession of Office

REG. 11-1 OFFICERS. The elective and appointive officers of the Grand Lodge, their ranks, designations, and titles shall be as follows:

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3. The appointive grand officers who ~~shall not~~ may be installed are as follows: (17-5; 17-6; 17-7; 17-8; 17-9.1).

1. Grand Chaplain	Worshipful
2. Grand Historian	Worshipful
3. Grand Lecturer	Worshipful
4. Grand Orator	Worshipful
5. Judge Advocate	Worshipful
<u>6. Grand Sword Bearer</u>	<u>Worshipful</u>
<u>7. Grand Pursuivant</u>	<u>Worshipful</u>
<u>8. Grand Standard Bearer</u>	<u>Worshipful</u>

CHAPTER 17 Duties of Appointed Grand Officers

Reg. 17-10 DUTIES OF THE GRAND SWORD BEARER. It shall be the duty of the Grand Sword Bearer to carry the sword in processions of the Grand Lodge, assist the Grand Tyler on the outside when needed, and see that none but such as are entitled to do so shall pass into the Grand Lodge. His place is on the floor of the Grand Lodge is to the left of the Grand Pursuivant.

Reg. 17-11 DUTIES OF THE GRAND PURSUIVANT. It shall be the duty of the Grand Pursuivant to guard the entrance to the Lodge on the inside, when required to do so, and communicate with the Grand Tyler, and when required to announce to the Senior Grand Warden applicants for admission, and to the Grand Lodge the entrance of distinguished visiting brethren. He shall assist in maintaining order about the door, prevent those not entitled so to do from entering the Grand Lodge or passing inside thereof, and see that the brethren are seated. His place is on the floor of the Grand Lodge in front and to the left of the Senior Grand Warden.

Reg. 17-12 DUTIES OF THE GRAND STANDARD BEARER. It shall be the duty of the Grand Standard Bearer is to carry and uphold the banner of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina on all occasions of ceremony and public procession. Your faithfulness of duty is essentially necessary at all communications. His place is on the floor of the Grand Lodge to the left of the Senior Grand Deacon.

Amendment Group 6

This amendment was proposed by the Finance Committee and restricts the power of the Grand Master as related to the annual budget adopted by the delegates of the Grand Lodge. It also amends the duties of the Grand Treasurer and expands the Powers and Authority of the Board of General Purposes and the Finance Committee.

Chapter 13-Powers, Duties and Expenses of the Grand Master

Reg. 13-4 Restrictions on Powers. The Grand Master has no authority to:

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14. Amend or modify the budget adopted by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication unless and until such budget amendment or modification has been considered by the Committee on Finance, a recommendation is made by the said Committee to amend or modify the budget and thereafter, the budget amendment or modification is adopted by not less than a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of General Purposes.

15. Spend, cause to be spent, authorize, direct, instruct, or order the Grand Treasurer or the Grand Secretary to disburse or expend funds of the Grand Lodge in an amount above any budgeted item adopted by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication unless and until such expenditure has been considered by the Committee on Finance, said Committee has, by simple majority vote, recommended such expenditure and thereafter, the expenditure is approved by not less than a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of General Purposes.

Chapter 15-Duties of the Grand Treasurer

Reg. 15-1 Duties of the Grand Treasurer. The duties of the Grand Treasurer are as follows:

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7. To pay warrants drawn on him authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, not inconsistent with Regulation 13-4.15, and executed by the Grand Secretary.

Chapter 28-Board of General Purposes

Reg. 28-3 Powers and Authority. The objects and purposes, powers and authority, and limitations of the Board of General Purposes shall be as follows:

5. To receive and consider all recommendations referred by the Committee Finance to expend funds above any amount set forth in the budget adopted by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication. Approval of any such expenditure shall require an affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 of the members of the Board of General Purposes.

Chapter 34-Grand Lodge Committees

Committee on Finance

Reg. 34-4 Matters Referred. Matters which shall be referred to the Committee on Finance and its duties relative to these and other things are as follows:

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4. Consider all requests by the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer or the Grand Secretary to expend funds of the Grand Lodge above any amount set forth in the budget adopted by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication.

Reg. 34-5 Duties and Powers

The duties and powers of the Committee on Finance are as follows:

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4. To address all requests by the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer or the Grand Secretary to expend funds in excess of any amount set forth in the budget adopted by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication and thereafter to make such recommendation to the Board of General Purposes, as may be appropriate, to approve or to refuse the expenditure of funds in excess of any amount set forth in the budget adopted by the Grand Lodge and its Annual Communication.

This amendment shall become effective upon adoption.