

Grand Lodge Semi Annual
153rd 11-19-2011

- A. 9:30 AM
1. Start
 2. G.M. Leary informed the Brothers M.W. C. Wayne Libby is resting at home after the doctors installed his pace maker.
 3. Next Friday G. M.'s wife (Maggie) will go in the hospital for surgery.
- B. 9:32 AM
1. Opened the Grand Lodge in Master Mason
- C. 9:53 AM
1. Rain Bow Girls precession and presentation.
 2. Read two stories from young ladies about their experiences with a parent deploying and returning from active duty. (Very interesting)
 3. We have approx. 1,580,255 serving military members.
 4. Pledge of allegiance.
- D. 10:10 AM
1. State Troopers Presentation
 2. Trooper Maureen Steer after 17 years with the D.A.R.E. program will pass the leadership roll, for medical reasons, to SGT. Kevin Oxford.
 3. Trooper Steer has led the D.A.R.E. program to a high level of achievement and success. She will be available as a mentor and advisor. We wish her all the best of health and happiness.
 4. SGT. Kevin Oxford is a 17 year Mason and has been active in the D.A.R.E. program for many years.
 5. Trooper Maureen Steer received a plaque from the Grand Lodge of N.H. for her effort and dedication to the youth of N.H. and the D.A.R.E. program.
- E. 10:15 AM
1. All new Master Masons were requested to rise. They were conducted to the East where they were greeted by G.M. Leary and received his two pins.
 2. He reminded them you get out of Masonry what you put in.
 3. Ten of the 15 new Master Masons were Lodge Reps.
 4. Keep our new Master Masons busy and let them know they are needed.
 5. M.W. Leary uses a IPAD for his notes and to run the meeting.

F. 10:26 AM

1. G.M. gave us general commits and rules of the meeting.
2. Omit reading of minutes and Lodge membership reports.

G. 10:28 AM

1. Report from the committee of unfinished business. We have no unfinished business.

H. 10:33 AM

1. Past G.M. introduction and roll call.

I. 10:40 AM

1. Bro. David J. Sullivan & R.W. Sheridan (Grand Senior Deacon) were called to the East.
2. Bro. Sullivan makes and updates the Grand Lodge web site. He received an award of thanks for his outstanding work.
3. R.W. Sheridan received the Jeremy Lade Cross award for years of meritorious service.

J. 10:45 AM

1. Expulsion of three Brothers.
2. One from Humane Lodge (Sexual Assault) Passed
3. One from Spicket Lodge (Dereliction of duty, elected to an office, paid, and never showed up.) Passed
4. One from Raising Sun Lodge (A Brother who stole from a Brother. Large sum of money. Business fraud.) Passed

K. 10:56 AM

1. Two Constitutional amendments changes.
2. Too allow the combination of districts for LOI meetings.
3. Too change the election of the G.M. and Grand Lodge officers from the Annual meeting to the preceding Semi Annual meeting. This will allow the incoming G.M. to set up schedules and assign people there duties without any fear of another being elected. The transition will be much smoother.

L. 11:02 AM

1. R.W. Smith Grand Lecturer received an order from G.M. Leary to prepare a copy of the Master Grand Ritual to be given to each Blue Lodge in the state. Each D.D.G.L. will sign for and receive the copies for their districts.

2. A Past Grand Master stood up and waited patiently until noticed and called on. He stated to having no prior notice of this activity and respectfully requested by what authority this action was to take place without a vote of the Brethren present.
3. G.M. Leary replied with respect. By my authority and the precedent set in 1977 by then G.M. Talbot when he, without a vote, assigned one copy of the Master Grand Ritual to be given to each D.D.G.L.
4. Before that time in 1977 there were three copies. One kept by the Grand Secretary locked in a safe. The second copy was kept by the Grand Lecturer. The third copy was kept by the Deputy Grand Lecturer.
5. The past G.M with respect reminded all the Brothers our Grand Lodge Officers only have the best intent and are honorable in the extreme however all Grand Lodge officers are to serve the Body not to rule.
6. This motion was made four or five years ago and defeated. A request was made at that time for a re-vote at a future time.
7. A motion was made in writing to vote on the issue of sending a copy of the Master Grand Ritual to the Blue Lodges. Seconded! The vote taken and passed.
8. The copies were given to the D.D.G.L's by the Grand Lecturer.
9. ONE COPY PER LODGE. NO DUPLICATION OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED. NO SCANNING OR RE-TYPING. THE COPY MUST REMAIN IN THE LODGE. NEVER TO BE REMOVED. THE PENILITY CAN BE DISMISSAL!
10. Every Lodge must sign for the copy.
11. G.M. Leary noted the past gallant attempts for the Grand Lodge Officers to correct mistakes in the cypher. Every attempt has come up with errors. His hope is the more eyes on the document the more accurate the next version will be.
12. G.M. Leary has become aware of a time constraint affecting many of our Blue Lodge Officers to attain the help and guidance of the D.D.G.L.'s. His hope is this will be of help and make it easier.

M. 11:27 AM

1. W.R. David R. Spiller received the Major General Sullivan Award in Silver for his many years for devoted service to Masonry.

N. 11:31 AM

1. General Court Lodge #1784 is a special Lodge and requested to have its Charter modified and reissued making them a permanent Lodge. The vote was taken and PASSED.

O. 11:36 AM

1. Grand Lodge Reps were conducted to the East.

2. They were issued their Grand Lodge Commissions and given their general instructions.
3. The Grand Lodge Reps without official sanction were conducted to the East, given their instructions and reminded that the locations they were assigned may never be activated by the location. This happens all the time. Not to worry.

P. 11:50 AM

1. Credential Committee.
2. We have at this time 66 Lodges.
3. 65 Lodges are represented.
4. Lodge 111 has no person present.

Q. 11:52 AM

1. DeMolay report.
2. Report has been submitted.
3. R.W. Stewart Aaronson was appointed the Director.

R. 12:02 PM

1. Grand Secretary.
2. Prince Hall Lodge of Alaska request to be recognized. (Passed)
3. Moldova, Brazil, Croatia and Cypress request to be recognized. (Passed)

S. 12:04 PM

1. Committee on new Lodges.
2. Gilkey Lodge 108 (Groveton) to merge with North Star Lodge 8 (Lancaster) (Passed) the Gilkey Lodge spun off from North Star 83 years ago.
3. Mt Prospect Lodge 69 to merge with Olive Branch Lodge 16 (Holderness). The Lodge wishes to change their name to Olive Branch Mount Prospect Lodge # 16 (Passed)

T. 12:08 PM

1. M.W. George Dixon Vandyke received a plaque of appreciation for 15 years' service to the Masonic Home. (Ever Green Place)

U. 12:11 PM

1. LUNCH

V. 1:19 PM

1. Called from refreshment to labor.

W. 1:21 PM

1. Talk from G.M.
2. Guidelines of Masonry. Landmarks and Tenants.
3. Love your Masonry. Use your talents.
4. You need to tell Grand Lodge what you want.

X. 1:26 PM

1. Treasury Report
2. Reviewing the accounting policy.
3. Creating a document for that purpose. More informational at the annual meeting.
4. Grand Lodge investments are down for the last six months, but have outperformed the DOW.

Y. 1:30 PM

1. Long term plan for the Grand Lodge.
2. Grand Historians are researching where we have been and where we are now.
3. Where we will be in the future.
4. All N.H. Masons will be asked where we want to go.
5. A report will be sent out in 12 months.

Z. 1:32 PM

1. Site review committee. Ritual review committee.
2. I could not hear R. W. Smith.

AA. 1:35 PM

1. Constitutional review committee.
2. Please remember we need to take job titles out of this document, and create a Manual document, at Grand Lodge and Blue Lodges, for ease of change of responsibility.
3. Grand Lodge is working on a 3 volume set.
4. The volumes are moving ahead.

BB. 1:38 PM

1. Open House Update.
2. 5 of 6 New England States had open houses on the same date.
3. 80% of the surveys were returned.
4. Open houses are needed and necessary.

CC. 1:41 PM

1. R.W. William Sawyer received the Jeremy Cross award.

DD.1:45 PM

1. Grand Secretary moved to dismiss the reading of the rest of the reports.
2. The vote passed.

EE. 1:49 PM

1. Masonic Home Review (Evergreen Place) (NH Masonic Care)
2. 40 people in Evergreen Place. More residents now than 1 year ago.
3. 6 more people in the cue to get access.
4. We have reduced our use of the endowment by 50% from 2 years ago.
5. The administrator is an RN.
6. Marketing Manager sells the homes services. What a big turnaround.
7. This year was the second open house. 25 to 30 visitors.
8. Activities at Evergreen Place happen twice each day. (Shopping, Restaurants, etc.)
9. The dining facility has been total updated.
10. One resident has been there 22 years.
11. Why did the name of the home change? Marketing, Acceptance and rebranding.
People thought you had to be one of those (Masons) people to gain access.
12. The home needs Masons to help.
13. The last State inspection the Home received a score of 98%. WE will never get a score of 100% due to the fact we use FRESH eggs not pasteurized.
14. If it's good for the residents and within the law we do it.
15. Endowment fund is at 6.3 Million dollars.
16. We accept 3 income parts. Medicaid, Social Security and Private Pay.
17. Any Mason can become a trustee. You need to speak to someone on the nominating committee. 16 Members serve a one year term. 3 Members can be non-Masons.

FF. 2:22PM

1. Two Evergreen awards were given out.

GG. 2:25PM

1. Masonic Home Lodge 1904 F&AM still have some charter memberships available.

HH.2:27 Started the FGC Degree.