

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS: The definition of membership in this Grand Lodge is understood as all Master Masons belonging to a Lodge in this jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS: Confusion can arise because of the wording of the Constitution and Code relating to membership as it applies to the composition of Grand Lodge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 1, SECTION 104.

COMPOSITION: which currently reads:

SECTION 104. COMPOSITION: This Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master; Deputy Grand Master; Senior Grand Warden; Junior Grand Warden; Grand Treasurer; Grand Secretary; Grand Lecturer; Senior Grand Deacon; Junior Grand Deacon; Senior Grand Steward; Junior Grand Steward; Grand Marshal; Grand Chaplain; Grand Bible Bearer; Grand Pursuivant; Grand Sword Bearer; Grand Flag Bearer; Grand Musician; Grand Tyler; all Past Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction; Masters and Wardens of its constituent lodges, so long as they remain members in good standing of one of its constituent lodges. With the cessation of such membership, his office and membership in this Grand Lodge shall cease. A change of membership from one lodge to another within this Grand Jurisdiction shall not constitute a cessation of membership within the meaning of this section.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 104. COMPOSITION: The membership of Grand Lodge shall consist of every Oklahoma Master Mason. The voting membership of Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master; Deputy Grand Master; Senior Grand Warden; Junior Grand Warden; Grand Treasurer; Grand Secretary; Grand Lecturer; Senior Grand Deacon; Junior Grand Deacon; Senior Grand Steward; Junior Grand Steward; Grand Marshal; Grand Chaplain; Grand Bible Bearer; Grand Pursuivant; Grand Sword Bearer; Grand Flag Bearer; Grand Musician; Grand Tyler; all Past Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction; Masters and Wardens of its constituent lodges, so long as they remain members in good standing of one of its constituent lodges. With the cessation of such membership, his office and membership in this Grand Lodge shall cease. A change of membership from one lodge to another within this Grand Jurisdiction shall not constitute a cessation of membership within the meaning of this section.

Respectfully submitted,

Lanny R. Sander, PM (#495)

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS: Many Lodges have only a few days each December to install officers because the first stated meeting can run as late as December 12-14 and all officers must be installed by Saint John the Evangelist observance, and,

WHEREAS: It can be difficult to coordinate a convenient installation date in December due to holiday preparations, trips and other end of year activities, and,

WHEREAS: Many Lodges have difficulty locating a brother to perform the installation because brothers who have this ceremony memorized are in great demand and are sometimes booked multiple times in a day for the few days installations are allowed in Oklahoma, and,

WHEREAS: It would be more convenient for everyone if more time were allowed for Lodges to hold their annual installation of officers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SECTION U206. WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

All officers shall be installed on or before St. John's Day, December 27th. Should the lodge fail to install its officers on or before that date, a special dispensation must be obtained from the Grand Master for such purpose. If the officers are elected and the Master has been installed by that date he may himself, or have some Past Master acting for him, afterwards install the other officers without such dispensation.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

All officers shall be installed on or before **JANUARY 31st**. Should the lodge fail to install its officers on or before that date, a special dispensation must be obtained from the Grand Master for such purpose. If the officers are elected and the Master has been installed by that date he may himself, or have some Past Master acting for him, afterwards install the other officers without such dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald S. Coppedge, PGM (#91)
Lanny R. Sander, PGM (#495)

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS: The cost of services available to the constituent Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction increase annually, and,

WHEREAS: This Grand Jurisdiction has failed to increase its per capita charges since 1997, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SECTION 502 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND CODE WHICH CURRENTLY READS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 502, Revenue of the Grand Lodge: The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be derived from annual dues, fees and assessments, as follows:

- A. Per Capita; For each Master Mason on the roll January 1;..... \$8.00

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 502. Revenue of the Grand Lodge: The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be derived from annual dues, fees and assessments, as follows;

- A. Per Capita for each Master Mason on the roll January 1;..... **\$11.00**

Respectfully submitted,

Karl J. Osborne, Sr. S.W.
Nicoma Park #541 (PM #546)

Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS: It is both difficult and expensive for many Lodges to meet in the summer months, and,

WHEREAS: Establishing a quorum can be difficult in the summer due to vacations plus parents and grand-parents attending their young family member's sporting events,

WHEREAS: Summer utility bills can be extreme due to air conditioning, which may even be for naught if a quorum is not established, and,

WHEREAS: Many farmers, especially in Western Oklahoma, must work days and evenings during summer harvest and then turning the ground around for the next crop, and,

WHEREAS: Lodges in many other Grand Jurisdictions go "dark" during the summer months,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SECTION U 302C. WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

Each Constituent lodge, whether under dispensation or charter, shall have at least one (1) and not more than two (2) stated meetings each month. It has the right to fix the time of holding such stated meetings.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Each Constituent Lodge, **not withstanding the Lodge By-laws**, whether under dispensation or charter, shall have at least one (1) and not more than two (2) stated meetings each month. **However, the Lodge may, at its own discretion, choose not to meet during June, July or August. The Grand Secretary must be notified when this option is utilized by the Lodge.** It has the right to fix the time of holding such stated meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald S. Coppedge, PGM (#91)
Lanny R. Sander, PGM (#495)

Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS: Individuals and Lodges being able to confer our esoteric work is vital to the continued existence of Oklahoma Masonry, and,

WHEREAS: Many Lodges have lost their ability to confer the three degrees, and,

WHEREAS: The number of Oklahoma certificate lecturers has decreased over 44% in the past 10 years, and,

WHEREAS: There is enormous work to be done to save our esoteric work in this Grand Jurisdiction, and,

WHEREAS: The esoteric work of our Grand Jurisdiction needs the full, undivided attention of our Grand Lecturer,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SECTION 210 WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 210. GRAND LODGE TRUSTEES: The Trustees of the Grand Lodge shall be the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 210. GRAND LODGE TRUSTEES: The Trustees of the Grand Lodge shall be the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer **and** Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. Davis, PM (#545)
Charles L. Stuckey, PM (#83)
Joe R. Manning, PM (#111)

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS: It is the goal of the Grand Lodge and the Certificate Lecturers Association to promote proficiency among members of the craft, and,

WHEREAS: Possessing a certificate promotes pride and honor, and,

WHEREAS: A certificate Lecturer who has held a valid Class "A" Certificate for a total of twenty five (25) continuous years shall be issued a lifetime certificate and be exempt from further examination, and,

WHEREAS: The consideration afforded Class "A" Certificate Lecturers should also be extended to the holders of Class "C" Certificates, and,

WHEREAS: Article IV, Section 405 is not specific in regard to whether this consideration should extend to both Class "A" and Class "C" lecturers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SECTION 405 WHICH NOW READS IN PART: A Certificate Lecturer who has held a valid certificate in the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma for twenty five (25) continuous years shall be issued a lifetime certificate and shall be exempt from further examination:

BE AMENDED TO READ:

A Class "A" or "C" Certificate Lecturer who has held a valid certificate in the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma for twenty five (25) continuous years shall be issued a lifetime certificate and shall be exempt from further examination.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Don Leatherwood, PM (#429)

Resolution No. 7A

WHEREAS: The Constitution and Code places responsibility for teaching the work on the Grand Lecturer who inherently feels a tremendous responsibility to the Craft who elected him into office, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Lecturer feels his allegiance to the Grand Master is subservient to his view on how the teaching of the work is to be performed; and

WHEREAS: Such a situation is never experienced from the ranks of the appointed Grand Lodge Officers; and

WHEREAS: The ability of the Lodges across the state to perform the degree work has declined over the decades to where most Lodges commonly seek support from other Lodges or have a degree team perform the work on their candidates:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SECTION 201 GRAND OFFICERS:
WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 201. GRAND OFFICERS: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer shall be elected by paper ballot without nominations, at each annual communication. They shall be installed before its close and shall hold their offices one (1) year or until their successors are elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect the officers mentioned herein.

Eligible members of the Fraternity may indicate their availability for an elected office of this Grand Lodge by completing and filing a form provided by the Grand Lodge with the Grand Secretary. The filing period shall commence after the closing of the annual communication and close on the last day of March preceding the opening day of the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. A filing fee of \$100 (one hundred dollars) must accompany the form before it can be accepted, the entire amount of which shall be refunded to the candidate if he receives at least 10% (ten percent) of the votes cast, otherwise the fee shall be credited to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

The Grand Lodge Trustees will review each submission to insure that the information provided is appropriate and conforms to the constitution and laws. All submissions will include the brother's Masonic history with dates of suspension, reinstatements and or expulsion listed. If changes are necessary, they shall be returned to the brother filing the form for modification or the changes may be made with the consent of the brother. The final modifications must be returned to the Grand Secretary no later than the last day of May. The Grand Lodge shall publish and distribute the information on each candidate as soon as possible after the May deadline.

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The incumbent elected Grand Lodge officers are exempt from filing for office. The names of the line officers (Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens) shall be placed on the ballot for the next progressive office. The names of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer shall be placed on the ballot for their respective offices at subsequent elections. Any officer may request that his name be removed from consideration.

Only incumbent officers, as mentioned in the previous paragraph, and the eligible brethren who have complied with the provisions of this section shall be considered during the election of officers. Votes for any other brother shall be declared mutilated and will not be counted, except in the event when more than one brother has filed for the same office and due to death, physical injury or ineligibility only one candidate remains on the ballot, then write-in ballots shall be accepted.

It shall be a Masonic offense for any brother to hand-out, post and/or distribute in any manner, any items or materials which would promote the election of any candidate for Grand Lodge office, provided that this shall not restrict the Grand Lodge Trustees from complying with the provisions of this section.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 201. GRAND OFFICERS: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary shall be elected by paper ballot without nominations, at each annual communication. They shall be installed before its close and shall hold their offices one (1) year or until their successors are elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect the officers mentioned herein.

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It shall be a Masonic offense for any brother to hand-out, post and/or distribute in any manner, any items or materials which would promote the election of any candidate for Grand Lodge office, provided that this shall not restrict the Grand Lodge Trustees from complying with the provisions of this section.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby L. Laws, PM (#62)
Robert T. Shipe, PM (#532)

Resolution No. 7B

WHEREAS: The Constitution and Code places responsibility for teaching the work on the Grand Lecturer who inherently feels a tremendous responsibility to the Craft who elected him into office, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Lecturer feels his allegiance to the Grand Master is subservient to his view on how the teaching of the work is to be performed; and

WHEREAS: Such a situation is never experienced from the ranks of the appointed Grand Lodge Officers; and

WHEREAS: The ability of the Lodges across the state to perform the degree work has declined over the decades to where most Lodges commonly seek support from other Lodges or have a degree team perform the work on their candidates:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SECTION 201 GRAND OFFICERS: which currently reads:

SECTION 204. APPOINTMENTS: The Grand Master, after his election and before he is installed, shall appoint a Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Senior Grand Steward, Junior Grand Steward, Grand Marshal, Grand Chaplain, Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Flag Bearer, Grand Musician, Grand Tyler and a District Deputy Grand Master from each Masonic District, who shall be installed with the other Grand Officers and shall serve one (1) year unless removed by the Grand Master. The Grand Master shall also appoint such committees necessary to properly conduct the business of the Grand Lodge who shall serve their respective terms as provided by law or authorized by the Grand Lodge.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 204. APPOINTMENTS: The Grand Master, after his election and before he is installed, shall appoint a Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Senior Grand Steward, Junior Grand Steward, Grand Marshall, Grand Chaplain, **Grand Lecturer**, Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Flag Bearer, Grand Musician, Grand Tyler and a District Deputy Grand Master from each Masonic District, who shall be installed with the other Grand Officers and shall serve one (1) year unless removed by the Grand Master. The Grand Master shall also appoint such committees necessary to properly conduct the business of the Grand Lodge who shall serve their respective terms as provided by law or authorized by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby L. Laws, PM (#62)
Robert T. Shipe, PM (#532)

Resolution No. 7C

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WHEREAS: The ability of the Lodges across the state to perform the degree work has declined over the decades to where most lodges commonly seek support from other Lodges or have a degree team perform the work on their candidates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SECTION 201. GRAND OFFICERS: which currently reads:

SECTION 211. APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS: The appointive Grand Officers shall perform the duties specified for their respective offices as follows:

Add new paragraph as follows:

M. GRAND LECURER: The Grand Lecturer shall teach the work as adopted in this jurisdiction, perform the duties of his office as prescribed herein and insure that the provisions of Article IV of the Constitution and Laws are carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby L. Laws, PM (#62)
Robert T. Shipe, PM (#532)

Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS: A quorum of seven (7) Master Masons is required at all stated and special meetings of Oklahoma Lodges, and,

WHEREAS: A special provision exists for Oklahoma Lodges to have a non-ritualistic, “business purposes only” meeting if seven (7) Master Masons are not present.

WHEREAS: These are lower quorum requirements for these non-ritualistic, “business purposes only” meetings,

WHEREAS: Sometimes there is confusion between the minimum quorum of seven (7) for stated and special meetings and the minimum quorum for non-ritualistic, “business purposes only: meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SECTION U306. WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS;

If less than seven (7) Master Masons are present, the Master shall declare the lodge opened and closed for business purposes only, (conferring degrees shall be excepted) without following the prescribed ritual. The Flag salute, opening and closing prayers must be given. The altar must be attended.

No meeting of a lodge can be held unless five (5) Master Masons are present, four (4) if the lodge membership is less than 50 (fifty), who are members of that lodge, one (1) of whom must be the Master or a Warden of that Lodge.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

If less than seven (7) Master Masons are present, the Master shall declare the lodge opened and closed for business purposes only, (conferring degrees shall be excepted) without following the prescribed ritual. The Flag salute, opening and closing prayers must be given. The altar must be attended.

No **“BUSINESS PURPOSES ONLY”** meeting of a lodge can be held unless five (5) Master Masons are present, four (4) if the lodge membership is less than 50 (fifty), who are members of that lodge, one (1) of whom must be the Master or a Warden of that Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe R. Manning, Jr., PM (#111)

Resolution No. 9

WHEREAS: The annual communication of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge was moved to the second Saturday of November, and,

WHEREAS: This causes a conflict with the scheduling of the annual Grand School of Instruction, and,

WHEREAS: The tradition of conducting the Annual Grand School at the same location as Grand Lodge allows for better scheduling and coordination as well as sleeping quarters at a reasonable rate for those in attendance results in more numbers at the school,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SECTION 402. WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Grand Lecturers shall hold a Grand School of instruction each year commencing at 9:00 A.M. on the Friday preceding the first day of the annual communication of this Grand Lodge and continuing for three (3) days, closing on Sunday. The school shall be held in the same city that hosts the Grand Lodge. The Board may call to its assistance a committee of nine (9) who are known by it to be competent to teach, to aid in holding such school, and may call a sufficient number of additional brethren where necessary, provided that not more than one (1) instructor or examiner shall be called for each 15 (fifteen) attendees at such Grand School. The members of the Board and their assistants shall receive such compensation for their services as the Grand Lodge may determine.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Grand Lecturers shall hold a Grand School of instruction each year commencing at 9:00 A.M. on the **Wednesday** preceding the first day of the annual communication of this Grand Lodge and continuing for three (3) days closing on **Friday**. The school shall be held in the same city that hosts the Grand Lodge. The Board may call to its assistance a committee of nine (9) who are known by it to be competent to teach, to aid in holding such school, and may call a sufficient number of additional brethren where necessary, provided that not more than one (1) instructor or examiner shall be called for each 15 (fifteen) attendees at such Grand School. The members of the Board and their assistants shall receive such compensation for their services as the Grand Lodge may determine.

Respectfully Submitted, Constitution and Code Committee

Bobby L. Laws, PM (#62) Chairman
Lanny R. Sander, PM (#495) Member

Ronald S. Coppedge, PM (#91) Member

Resolution No. 10

WHEREAS: A candidate for the degrees of Masonry becomes a Brother upon his taking of the obligation as an Entered Apprentice; and

WHEREAS: He is considered a Mason when he is an Entered Apprentice; and

WHEREAS: It takes seven (7) to open a lodge of Entered Apprentices, exposing more brethren to more ritual language, therefore perpetuating our ritual to a higher degree; and

WHEREAS: Our current system discourages Entered Apprentices from participating in lodge affairs and becoming productive masons; and

WHEREAS: Currently over 25% of the Grand Lodges in the United States permit their lodges to do business on any degree.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the last paragraph of Section U 308 of the Uniform Code which currently reads:

SECTION U 308. ORDER OF BUSINESS: All Business except the examination of candidates, voting on their proficiency, conferring degrees and the trail of Entered Apprentices or Follow Crafts shall be done in a lodge of Master Masons.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION U 308. ORDER OF BUSINESS: **The Lodge may be opened and business conducted in a lodge of Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts or Master Masons, at the discretion of the Worshipful Master, except that the conferring of a degree, the examination of candidates, voting on their proficiency, and the trail of an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason shall be done in a lodge open on the appropriate degree. Only Master Masons may vote on matters coming before the lodge.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paul T. Currell, PM (#182)

Resolution No. 11

WHEREAS: The rule of reason causes the typical Mason to think that electioneering is prohibited throughout this jurisdiction as the Law, which governs constituent lodges, state 'Electioneering for office in any constituent lodge is hereby declared to be unmasonic and is prohibited', and

WHEREAS: A double standard of electioneering exists within the Fraternity, it being permitted and practiced by some Grand Lodge officials to promote candidates for Grand Lodge office, yet declared 'unmasonic' at the constituent lodge, and

WHEREAS: indignation and ill will were expressed by some of the craft toward certain Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters for openly electioneering during recent Grand School and Grand Lodge sessions on the Consistory steps, in the atrium, snack bar and elsewhere, and

WHEREAS: Many Grand Lodge Trustees and some Past Grand Masers openly and aggressively campaign for the candidate of the elected Grand Line choice, and

WHEREAS: Campaigning has been observed and consisted of such things as:

- 1) Promoting and treating only the "chosen" candidate at officer receptions as if he was already elected;
- 2) Summoning appointed Grand Lodge officers and DDGMs to meetings prior to Grand Lodge to assign campaign tasks on the morning of the election;
- 3) Blanketing the front steps of the Temple with active campaigning to button hole voters before they even get into the building;
- 4) Pressuring people in line to register on how to vote;
- 5) Asking people who have cast their ballot how they voted; and

WHEREAS: Such campaigning as described above has been done to such a degree that a level field no longer exists for other Oklahoma Masons.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT PROHIBITION OF ELECTIONEERING AT THE LODGE LEVEL AS STATED IN THE UNIFORM CODE, SECTION U 205, BE EXTENDED TO THE GRAND LODGE IN ITS GOVERNING CONSTITUTION AND LAWS AS FOLLOWS:

Add new section:

SECTION 106. ELECTIONEERING FOR OFFICE: Electioneering for office of a candidate for any Grand Lodge Office, or by a Grand Lodge member on behalf of a candidate for any Grand Lodge office, on Masonic property or at a Masonic meeting, is hereby declared to be unmasonic and is prohibited. Any Grand Lodge member found guilty of promoting another delegate for office within a constituent

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lodge, during Grand School, or on the grounds of the Grand Lodge, where held, during its annual session shall be subject to Masonic charges.

To serve the Craft, the Grand Lodge will limit its activities to publishing the required information prescribed in Section 201 of this Constitution in the Oklahoma Mason and allow an 8x10 picture of each candidate running for office to be placed in the atrium of the location where Grand Lodge is held. Candidates may be available at this location to represent themselves and interface with the Craft.

Any passing out of brochures, leaflets, cards, trinkets, or other candidate promotion items will be in violation of electioneering and subject to being charged for un-masonic conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Shipe, PM (#532)
Bobby L. Laws, PM (#162)
Joe R. Manning, Jr., PM (#111)
Gary A. Davis, PM (#468)

Resolution No. 12

WHEREAS: Section U 812 allows the use of a Cipher Key for teaching, and

WHEREAS: Ciphers shall be available to Master Masons through the office of the Grand Secretary, and

WHEREAS: Although inferred, Section U 812 does restrict the use of a Cipher to a Master Mason;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section U 812 of the Uniform Code which currently reads:

The Grand Lodge shall publish a two or three letter maximum cipher of all esoteric work to this Grand Jurisdiction.

Such cipher shall be used only for teaching. It shall not be consulted in any lodge while at labor. Violation of this section shall be deemed a Masonic offense.

Ciphers shall be available to Master Masons through the office of the Grand Secretary.

Be amended to read:

The Grand Lodge shall publish a two or three letter maximum cipher of all esoteric work to this Grand Jurisdiction.

Such cipher shall be used only for teaching. It shall not be consulted in any lodge while at labor. Violation of this section shall be deemed a Masonic offense.

Ciphers shall be available to Master Masons through the office of the Grand Secretary.

Ciphers are for use by Master Masons only and not made available to an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft for their use in learning the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Galbraith, PM (#541)