

2016 WESTERN CONFERENCE OF MASONIC GRAND LODGES

MADISON CONCOURSE HOTEL

ROOM 629

MADISON, WISCONSIN

FEBRUARY 20, 2016

CONFERENCE HOST: GRAND LODGE OF ALASKA F&AM

Breakfast and social Time with conference members, ladies and guests began at 7:30 am.

After Breakfast Most Worshipful Douglas C. Teninty, conference chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed everyone.

The Grand Masters were then asked to introduce their jurisdiction's contingency as well as any visitors from other jurisdictions. According to the signup sheet sent around, the following were in attendance:

Member Jurisdictions

Grand Lodge of Alaska

Grand Lodge of Arizona

Grand Lodge of California

Grand Lodge of Hawaii

Grand Lodge of Oregon

Grand Lodge of Washington

Other Visitors Present:

Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon

After introductions, Most Worshipful Teninty opened the floor for a motion to accept the adoption of agenda for the conference which was previously distributed. After it was moved and seconded the motion passed.

Right Worshipful Jerry Wasson, conference secretary, read the minutes of the 2015 Conference. There was a motion and second to accept the minutes, motion passed.

Most Worshipful Teninty then asked if there were any requests for By-Law changes. The following change was presented and approved:

1. Change the Conference date to the Friday immediately preceding the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

Presentations then began as follows:

Alaska – Leadership
Oregon – Engaging the Craft
California – Rise and build new Masonic Lodges
Washington – Masonic Jurisprudence in the Morgan Era: The Trial Committee
Arizona – Before, During and After
Hawaii – Civility in a non-civil world

After presentations were completed, the floor was open for emergent topics.

1. Electronic Balloting
2. Concealed weapons policy

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia made a request to become a member of the Western Conference. This request was unanimously approved.

After the open discussion, conference members were asked for next year's topics which are as follows:

Arizona: Technology and Freemasonry: A Way Forward.
Alaska: Set the Example to Preserve the Inspiration.
California: Rewarding the membership experience.
Hawaii: Quality vs Quantity
Oregon: Marketing Ourselves to the Craft
Washington: How and Why to Re-Direct a Grand Lodge Committee.
British Columbia/Yukon: We are all in this together.

Most Worshipful Teninty announced that next year's conference will be as follows:

2017 Western Conference
Friday, February 17, 2017
Marriott La Vista Hotel/Conference Center
Omaha, Nebraska
Host Grand Lodge - Oregon

With business being completed, Most Worshipful Douglas Teninty thanked everyone for attending and then presented the Conference Gavel traveling gavel to be used by next year's Conference host, the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Wasson, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Alaska F&AM