



GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CALIFORNIA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Friday, February 16, 2018, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Hyatt Indianapolis, Regency C&D
1 South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis
Minutes

Opening Business: MW Brother John R. Heisner, immediate Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of California welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. MW Brother Warren Schoeben, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington, offered the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance led by MW Brother Heisner.

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

Member Jurisdictions

Attendees

Grand Lodge of Alaska	5
Grand Lodge of Arizona	1
Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon	1
Grand Lodge of California	11
Grand Lodge of Hawaii	4
Grand Lodge of Oregon	7
Grand Lodge of Washington	7
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California, Inc.	2

Visitors:

Grand Lodge of Baja California	2
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Total Attendees

40

After introductions, MW Brother Heisner opened the floor for a motion to adopt the conference agenda, which was previously distributed. After it was moved and seconded, the motion was adopted.

MW Brother Heisner asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2017 Conference. RW Brother Ronald Eggers, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, moved and MW Brother Edward Bousquet, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, seconded the motion to approve the 2017 minutes. The motion was adopted.

Jurisdiction presentations - In order of current rotation:

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| 2018 | 1. California: Do U Turn Left or Right, presented by R.W.B. John E. Trauner, Senior Grand Warden |
| 2019 | 2. Washington: Bringing Masonry Outside of the Lodge Building, presented by R.W.B. Chris Coffman, Junior Grand Warden |
| 2020 | 4. Arizona: The Saints John of Freemasonry, presented by R.W.B. Craig L. Gross, Deputy Grand Master |
| 2021 | 5. Hawaii: The Role of Ritual in the Society of Freemasons, presented by M.W.B. Andrew L. Geiser, Past Grand Master |

At approximately 11:50 a.m. the conference was recessed for lunch, convening again at 12: 55 p.m. when jurisdiction presentations continued.

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| 2022 | 6. British Columbia & Yukon, Quality Lodges for Quality Masons, presented by M.W.B. Ronald W. Yates, Grand Master |
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- 2023 7. Alaska, What Came You Here Seeking, presented by M.W.B. John K. Bishop, Grand Master & a video by R.W.B. John May, Deputy Grand Master
- 2024 8. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California, Prince Hall on the Level Then & Now, presented by R.W.B. David San Juan, Senior Grand Warden
- 2025 8. Oregon, Membership Preservation, presented by R.W.B. Michael J. McGuyer, Junior Grand Warden

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

Emergent Topics were then discussed:

MW Brother Heisner introduced a letter requesting admission to the Western Conference from the Grand Lodge of the State of Baja California and provided a brief history of the relationship between this grand lodge and the Grand Lodge of California. Noting that all of the requirements for admission had been met, MW Brother Heisner call for a vote. and the vote was unanimous to admit the Grand Lodge of Baja California as a member of the Western Conference of Grand Lodges. MW Brother Mario Enrique Perez de Alva y Blanco, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Baja California, then gave his remarks translated by W Brother Arturo Nikolai Sevilla Covarrubias, Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

After the open discussion, jurisdictions were asked to submit 2019 topics. Those collected include:

Hawaii – The Role of Freemasonry in International Relationships
British Columbia/Yukon – West Gate or Revolving Door
Alaska - Building the Craft
California Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Oregon – Pageantry of Freemasonry
California – Strong Lodges and Hall Associations

Current Western Conference rotation

2019-Washington
2020- Arizona
2021- Hawaii
2022- British Columbia/Yukon
2023-Alaska
2024-Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California
2025-Oregon
2026 Baja
2027 California

The Grand Lodge of Hawaii asked for input on transgender applicants.

Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon, M.W.B. Ronald W. Yates, Grand Master, shared sadness over current events in Parkland Florida at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School.

With business being completed, MW Brother John R. Heisner thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the conference.

Respectfully Submitted,



Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary