**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN GRAND LODGES**

**Minutes**

**February 15, 2014**

**Baltimore, Maryland**

**Location:** The meeting was held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland in the Laurel A & B conference rooms.

**Opening:** The Conference was opened by Most Worshipful William A. Garrard, Jr, Grand Master of Arizona at 9:00am. The immediate Past Grand Master Jeffery S. Carlton, who was scheduled to open the conference was snow bound somewhere between Kingman, Arizona and Baltimore, Maryland.

**Opening Prayer**: Most Worshipful David Worel, Grand Master of Alaska was called on for the opening Prayer.

The Pledge of allegiance was then given.

**Introductions:** MW William A. Garrard welcomed everyone to the conference and asked the Grand Masters of all of the jurisdictions at the conference to stand and introduce the members attending from their jurisdiction.

**Attendance:** The following were in attendance

 Alaska 5

 Arizona 4

 Baja California 3

 British Columbia & Yukon 2

 California 9

 Connecticut 1

 Hawaii 3

 New Mexico 1

 Oregon 3

 Saskatchewan 1

 Washington \_6

 Total 38

**Presentation:** Presentation were given by the following jurisdictions:

 Alaska – Masonic Awareness

 Arizona – Project Aztec, train, exchange, communicate

 California – Masonic Formation – The events and transformation of Freemasonry

 Hawaii – Inspiring others in today’s society

 Oregon – Craft and—Masonic everyday in Oregon

 Washington – Grand Lodge Library & Museum

 British Columbia & Yukon – Whats happening in British Columbia & Yukon

In the afternoon session, the following took place.

**Approval of Minutes:**  There was a motion and a second to approve minutes for the meeting held February 16, 2013 in Kansas City, Missouri. The motion passed.

**Bylaws:** There were no request for Bylaws changes.

**Presentations from other groups:** Representatives from several of the concordant groups visit the session and advised what was going on in their organizations.

**Next year presentations:** The following are topics that will be presented in Vancouver, British Columbia on February 14, 2015.

 Alaska – Youth Groups

 Arizona – Closing the back door

 California – ( The subject will be announced later)

 Hawaii – Raising a Mason, is that enough

 Oregon – Free Masonry in the modern era

 Washington – LRP processing

 British Columbia & Yukon – Forth coming

There being no further business to be brought before the conference, the conference was closed at 3:45pm.

Wilbur E. Robertson

Grand Secretary

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