Western Conference of Grandmasters of North America

February 14, 2020

Louisville Marriott Downtown

Louisville, Kentucky

Bluegrass Rooms 1 & 2

 **MEETING MINUTES**

**Opening Business:** M.W. Bro. Craig Gross, immediate Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arizona welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by RW Brother Boyd Robertson, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Each Grand Master from each member jurisdiction were asked to introduce their respective attendees as well as visitors from other jurisdictions. According to the onsite registration, the following were in attendance:

**Member Jurisdictions Attendees**

Grand Lodge of Alaska 3

Grand Lodge of Arizona 4

Grand Lodge of Baja California 3

**Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon 1**

Grand Lodge of California 7

Grand Lodge of Hawaii 3

Grand Lodge of Oregon 7

Grand Lodge of Washington 9

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California, Inc. 0

**Visitors**

Grand Lodge of Maryland 1

Grand Lodge of Connecticut 1

Grand Lodge of York Mexico 7

**Total Attendees 46**

After introductions, M.W. Bro. Gross 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.

M.W. Bro. Gross asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2019 Conference which was then moved and seconded. The motion was adopted.

**Jurisdiction Presentations –**

GL of Arizona – BROTHERS BEING BROTHERS

Presented by R.W. Boyd Robertson, Deputy Grand Master

GL of Alaska – AMITY: Our Past, Our Future ….Prince Hall

Presented by R.W. Joe C. Darnell, Deputy Grand Master

GL of Oregon – LODGE SECURITY

Presented by R.W. Mask Posler, Junior Grand Warden

GL of California – Our Impact on Society

Presented by R.W. Jeff Wilkins, Senior Grand Warden

GL of Washington – GUARDING THE WEST GATE

Presented by R.W. Edward C. Woods, Junior Grand Warden

**Other Emergent Topics**

Representative on Information for Recognition – M.W. Dave Worel, Past Grand Master of Alaska, was elected.

Executive Commissioner Nominee - M.W. Earl Washburn, Past Grand Master of Vermont.

A motion was made and seconded to drop Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California, Inc from membership in the Western Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Motion passed. They have missed two conferences in a row and this was a violation of the bylaws..

A request was made by the Grand Lodge of York, Mexico to be made a member of the Western Conference of Grand Masters of North America. The request was seconded and past. We welcomed the Grand Lodge of York Mexico to our group.

**Current Western Conference rotation**

2021 Hawaii

2022 British Columbia and Yukon

2023 Alaska

2024 Oregon

2025 Baja California

2026 California

2027 Washington

2028 York, Mexico

2029 Arizona

Benediction was given by R.W. Bro. Boyd Robertson, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arizona.

M.W. Bro. Brother Craig Gross thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the conference at 3:30 p.m. M.W.

Respectfully Submitted,

George S. Mather, Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Arizona F&AM