



**GRAND LODGE**  
**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS**  
**OF CALIFORNIA**  
 CALIFORNIA MASONIC MEMORIAL TEMPLE  
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October 27, 2024

To: All Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Lodge Officers, Inspectors, Committeemen, and Lodges

Brethren:

Herewith for your information are the results in summary form of the actions taken at the 175th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of California:

**GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>Grand Master Metroka's Recommendation No. 1:</b> Simplifies and modernizes service and notice requirements under Part 14 of the California Masonic Code.	YES	882	90.74%	<b>PASSED</b>
	NO	90	9.26%	
<b>Grand Master Metroka's Recommendation No. 2:</b> Eliminates the certification requirements for certain documents under Part 14 of the California Masonic Code.	YES	928	91.97%	<b>PASSED</b>
	NO	81	8.03%	
<b>Grand Master Metroka's Recommendation No. 3:</b> Suspensions of members who fail to plead to charges of unmasonic conduct.	YES	936	92.49%	<b>PASSED</b>
	NO	76	7.51%	
<b>Grand Master Metroka's Recommendation No. 4:</b> Updates required applicant contributions and contribution amounts.	YES	752	74.53%	<b>CARRY-OVER</b>
	NO	257	25.47%	
<b>Grand Master Metroka's Recommendation No. 5:</b> Lengthens restoration repayment period provided to Masons suspended for non-payment of dues and dues grace period for members on active military combat duty.	YES	856	84.50%	<b>PASS</b>
	NO	157	15.50%	
<b>Grand Master Metroka's Recommendation No. 6:</b> Modifies lodge vote required to restore a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues.	YES	844	83.15%	<b>CARRY-OVER</b>
	NO	171	16.85%	
<b>Grand Master Metroka's Recommendation No. 7:</b> Allows for a plain language text ritual that does not include the secrets of Freemasonry.	YES	446	44.03%	<b>FAIL</b>
	NO	567	55.97%	
<b>Grand Master Metroka's Recommendation No. 8:</b> Clarifies procedures to approve alternate rituals.	YES	787	77.84%	<b>CARRY-OVER</b>
	NO	224	22.16%	
<b>Grand Master Metroka's Recommendation No. 9:</b> Requires submission of Grand Lodge officer	YES	493	48.96%	<b>FAIL</b>
	NO	514	51.04%	

nominations and biographical sketches at least sixty days prior to Annual Communication.

<b>Grand Master Metroka’s Recommendation No. 10:</b>	YES	895	88.70%	<b>PASS</b>
Permits the grand master to appoint an assistant grand lecturer who is a past master of any constituent lodge.	NO	114	11.30%	
<b>Grand Master Metroka’s Recommendation No. 11:</b>	YES	751	74.14%	<b>CARRY-OVER</b>
Permits a secretary to serve as master, warden, or secretary of another lodge.	NO	262	25.86%	
<b>Grand Master Metroka’s Recommendation No. 12:</b>	YES	898	88.91%	<b>PASS</b>
Shortens the process required by the California Masonic Code for lodge consolidations.	NO	112	11.09%	

**2023 CARRY-OVER LEGISLATION**

<b>Resolution No. 23-01:</b> Permits lodges to email meeting minutes to members.	YES	715	71.64%	<b>PASS</b>
	NO	283	28.36%	
<b>Resolution No. 23-03:</b> Allows special meetings to be held on the same day as a stated meeting.	YES	832	83.62%	<b>PASS</b>
	NO	163	16.38%	
<b>Resolution No. 23-05:</b> Permits a lodge to designate the voting past master at Annual Communication.	YES	610	62.12%	<b>FAIL</b>
	NO	372	37.88%	

**RESOLUTIONS FOR 2024**

<b>Resolution No. 24-01:</b> Makes third degree proficiency a prerequisite for nomination to the office of master, senior warden, or junior warden.	YES	766	78.73%	<b>CARRY-OVER</b>
	NO	207	21.27%	

In addition to the above, the following actions were also taken:

In accordance with California Masonic Code §801.065, the Grand Lodge granted charters to the following lodges under dispensation and entered them into the registry of this Grand Lodge as: Sonora No. 887 in Sonora, Kapayapaan at Pagkakaisa No, 888 in San Diego, Wayfarers No. 889 in Newport Beach, Royal Street Lodge No. 890 in Anaheim, Hermes No. 891 in Long Beach and California Hispanic and Latin America Research in Long Beach.

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution to enter into mutual recognition with the following grand lodges: the Grand Orient of Rio Grande Norte, Brazil; the Grand Orient of the State of Mato Grosso, Brazil, and the Grand Orient of Paraiba, Brazil.

In accordance with California Masonic Code §407.050, the Grand Lodge adopted the budget for 2024-2025 as proposed by the Deputy Grand Master. The background check fee was set at \$40.00.

The per capita assessment for the fiscal year November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, as proposed by the Senior Grand Warden, was adopted and fixed at \$68.50.

Total registration for the 175th Annual Communication was 1,290 with 283 of 328 chartered lodges represented. (The number of chartered lodges includes two lodges under dispensation, two historic lodges, six research lodges, and the Grand Master’s Lodge.)

The elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge duly installed for the Grand Lodge year commencing on October 27, 2024 are:

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

Arthur L. Salazar Jr. .... Grand Master  
Garrett S. Chan ..... Deputy Grand Master  
Ara Maloyan ..... Senior Grand Warden  
Christopher D. Smith ..... Junior Grand Warden  
Charles P. Cross ..... Grand Treasurer  
Allan L. Casalou ..... Grand Secretary  
Matthew S. Vander Horck ..... Grand Lecturer

**APPOINTED OFFICERS**

David M. Ferreria ..... Grand Chaplain  
Gary D. Sparks ..... Assistant Grand Lecturer Division I  
Corey P. Leighty ..... Assistant Grand Lecturer Division II  
Antonio G. Cimarra Jr. .... Assistant Grand Lecturer Division III  
Jairo J. Gomez Jr. .... Assistant Grand Lecturer Division IV  
Christian G. Marano ..... Assistant Grand Lecturer Division V  
Rio L. Santonil ..... Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VI  
Narbeh Bagdasarian ..... Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VII  
Victor M. Ropac Jr. .... Assistant Grand Lecturer Division VIII  
Russell E. Hennings ..... Assistant Grand Lecturer Division IX  
Charles D. Dimaano ..... Assistant Grand Lecturer Division X  
Carlos M. Diez Jr. .... Grand Orator  
Jordan T. Yelinek ..... Assistant Grand Secretary  
Sean M. Mantucca ..... Grand Marshal  
Cameron S. Ellis ..... Grand Standard Bearer  
Jhairo Echevarria ..... Grand Sword Bearer  
Jarrod D. Washington ..... Grand Bible Bearer  
Luis F. Carrion ..... Senior Grand Deacon  
Albert S. Cua ..... Junior Grand Deacon  
Arman A. Ordian ..... Senior Grand Steward  
Michael D. Tagulao ..... Junior Grand Steward  
Scott A. Morrison Jr. .... Grand Pursuivant  
Stephen R. Miller ..... Grand Organist  
Scotty J. Christian ..... Grand Tiler  
David A. Olmedo ..... Assistant Grand Tiler

The 176<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication will commence at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2025, in the City and County of San Francisco.

Sincerely and fraternally,



ALLAN L. CASALOU  
Grand Secretary