

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. of IDAHO

142nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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LODGES ARE REMINDED

PLEASE REPORT ALL DEATHS OF MEMBERS TO OUR GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Please assign one of your dedicated members to see that the proper form (enclosed) is completed and mailed to your Grand Chaplain each time a member is lost by death in order for him to write a letter of condolence to the family.

While most Lodges have been very diligent in filing these reports of death, a few are either forgetful or negligent in taking care of this most important duty.

Enclosed with this Abstract is a supply of the proper forms on which to file the report. ***Please discard any obsolete forms you may have on hand and use these forms.*** When a death of a member occurs, complete a form and **MAIL IT TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN** at the following address:

James L. Curtis Jr.
W. Grand Chaplain
4170 N Shamrock Ave.
Boise, Idaho, 83713

PLEASE NOTE
*(The Grand Chaplain's address is also included on each form
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If additional forms are required, please copy the **enclosed** form!!

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*Office of the Grand Secretary
Boise, Idaho*

To: Grand Lodge Officers
District Deputy Grand Masters
Past Grand Masters
Constituent Lodges of Idaho
Grand Lodges in Fraternal Correspondence

The 142nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho was held at the Red Lion on the Falls, 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho on September 18, 19, 20, 2008; with:

18 Grand Lodge Officers,
5 Past Grand Masters,
8 District Deputy Grand Masters,
46 Chartered Lodges in attendance out of 55 Lodges,

the following were not represented:

Nez Perce #10
Coeur d'Alene #20
Shoshone #25
Unity #32
Butte Lodge No. 37 *
Meridian #47
Buhl Lodge No. 53 *
Kamiah #56
Prairie #62

(Lodges marked with an asterisk were also not in attendance the last two years while Lodges marked with two asterisks have not been in attendance for the last five years)

(Necessary to read only name and title of the following)

2009-2010 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS A.F.& A.M. OF IDAHO

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R.:W.:Senior Grand Warden	Jay A. Leonard (30-80) Jean 1315 Amber Dr	vark44@q.com Mountain Home, ID 83647	Phone: (208) 587-4356 Cell: (208) 590-0506
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R.:W.:Grand Treasurer	Stanley E. Barker (1) Lorene 2417 Elmcrest Lane	stanlorene@cablone.net Boise, ID 83705	Phone: (208) 344-4098
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W.:Junior Grand Steward	William K. Curtis, Jr. (1) Andrea 1179 N Purple Sage Way	billandi1@hotmail.com Eagle, ID 83616-5464	Phone: (208) 939-7446 Cell: (208) 844-9987
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W.:Grand Historian	Ronald M. Lowe (48-93) Lorna 512 S Hemingway Ave	rololo@cablone.net Boise, ID 83709-7752	Phone: (208) 393-1139 Cell: (208) 393-1139
W.:Grand Tyler	Sam Camporeal (93) Jane 2660 East Salisbury Court	scamporeal@aol.com Eagle, ID 83616	Phone: (208) 393-1139 Cell: (208) 393-1139

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
2009-2010 (*Announced at Grand Lodge 2009*)

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Joseph E. Alexander (19)	1 Year Term (2010)
Richard C. Broemeling (30, 80)	2 Year Term (2011)
Harry C. Black (13, 60)	3 Year Term (2012)
James C. Herndon (11, 33)	4 Year Term (2013)
Michael A. Sutton (18, 42)	5 Year Term (2014)
Graedeme Galbraith (19)	6 Year Term (2015)
Richard E. Kaiser (19, 33)	7 Year Term (2016)

STANDING COMMITTEES

(By-Laws, Part One, Article IV, Section 401)

JURISPRUDENCE

Robert B. Mohny (19),	Chairman
Michal A. Sutton (18, 42)	
Jeremy C. Vaughn (84, 45)	
G. Arthur Shoemaker (60)	Senor Grand Steward

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

Richard C. Broemeling (30-80), PGM,	Chairman
James C. Herndon (11, 33)	
William (Bill) K. Curtis(1)	Junior Grand Steward

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Keith C. Brooks (68),	Chairman
John J. Kumm(10)	

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Thomas W. Kerr (82),	Chairman
Daniel B. Heberling (62, 63)	Master Idaho Lodge of Research 1965
Ronald M. Lowe (48-93)	Grand Historian
John E. Warner (18)	Grand Marshal
Jon Rich (42-43)	Grand Sword Bearer
James A Hensley (45)	Grand Pursuivant

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

James A. Davidson (28), PGM,	Chairman
Donald G. Alexander (10) PM	
Jay A. Leonard (30, 80) SGW	
Lon Woodberry (24, 43)	
John J. Kumm (10)	Senior Grand Deacon

MASONIC TEMPLE PRESERVATION

Robert Troxel, PM, (13), Chairman

CONDITIONS AND RETURNS OF LODGES

G. Arthur Shoemaker, (60) PM, Chairman

SESSION COMMITTEES

(By-Laws, Part One, Article IV, Section 402)

CREDENTIALS

(To be appointed)

DISTRIBUTION

(To be appointed)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(To be appointed)

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION

(To be appointed)

NECROLOGY

James L. Curtis (93) GC, Chairman

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS

(To be appointed)

COURTESY

(To be appointed)

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Jesse Laduke (1), PM Chairman
Stanley E. Barker (1), Grand Treasurer

TIME AND PLACE

Robert B. Mohny (19), PM, Chairman 2009
Ronald Lowe (93), PM, David A. Smith (3, 60) PM 2010
Paul S. Ousley (42), PM Ron McCormick (42) PM2011

SPECIAL COMMITTEES
(By-Laws, Part One, Article IV, Section 403)

TRUSTEES OF GRAND LODGE RELIEF FUND

Clarence Jones (1)	1 Year Term
Keith C. Brooks (68)	2 Year Term
Dean Buffington (93)	3 Year Term
Jay A. Leonard (30, 80)	Sr. Grand Warden
Stanley E. Barker (1)	Ex-Officio, Grand Treasurer
Monte B. Bollar (60,13)	Ex-Officio, Grand Secretary
David E. Triplett (93)	Ex-Officio, Grand Master

BOARD OF RELIEF

Ronald Scott, PM (60) Chairman	1 Year Term
Ralph K. Nichol, PM (93)	2 Year Term
James L. Curtis, PM (93),	3 Year Term
David E. Triplett (93)	Ex-Officio, Grand Master
Stanley E. Barker (1)	Ex-Officio, Grand Treasurer
Monte B. Bollar (60, 13),	Ex-Officio, Grand Secretary

PREPAID LIFE

Stanley E. Barker, (1), Chairman
 Keith C. Brooks (68)
 James E. Lee (81)
 Monte B. Bollar (60, 13)

CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS, 2010

Ronald M. Lowe (48-93), Co-General Chairman
 David A. Smith (60, 3, 13) Co-General Chairman

IDAHO FREEMASON

Richard E. Kaiser (19-33), MWGM

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Ronald Poulin (60), Chairman
 David Nipper (19)
 Dan Siddall (93)
 Monte B. Bollar (60, 13) Ex-officio: Grand Secretary

MENTORING

Ronald L. Scott (60) PM, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP & MASONIC RENEWAL

Joseph E. Alexander (19), PGM, Chairman
Jay A. Leonard (30, 80), JGW
Thomas Melbourn (24)

MASONIC MODEL-STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Richard E. Kaiser (19-33) MWGM, Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS, INFORMATION & MASONIC PUBLICATIONS

James V. Voyles, PGM, Chairman
Michael A. Sutton, (18-42), PGM
Richard E. Kaiser (19, 33), PGM
Ronald G. Berto (60) PM
Lon Woodbury (43) PM
Barry Newell (60), Master of the Lodge of Research

UNITY FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

Steve Hall (30), Chairman
Wes Morris (30)
Jay A. Leonard (30, 80), Senior Grand Warden
Jesse Bollar (47)

YOUTH COMMITTEE

William (Bill) N. Watts (61), Chairman
Daniel B. Heberling (62-63) Jr. Grand Deacon

Special Committee – Idaho Masonic Chip

George Thomas (60), Chairman
Barry Newell (60)
Josh Perez (19)

Sesquicentennial History Committee

David A. Smith (60, 3, 13) Chairman
Ronald M. Lowe (48-93)

Charitable Trust Management Board

Trent T. Merial (28)	1 Year Term
Richard C. Broemeling (30 80) Chairman	2 Year Term
Calvin Barrett (93)	3 Year Term
David C. Triplett (93)	Ex-Officio Grand Master
Stanley E. Barker (1)	Ex-Officio Grand Treasure
Monte B. Bollar (60 13)	Ex-Officio Grand Secretary

ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS- SUMMARY

Resolution	Page	Topic	Pass	Fail
1	2	Article IX – Provisions Common to all Lodges. Section 915 - Sunday Labor <i>Delete entire Section 915</i>	Passed	
2	4	Regulation #61 Washington, George, National Masonic Memorial Assoc. <i>Collect \$5.00 for each First Degree – not the Third Degree</i>	Passed	
3	6	Article III – Powers and Duties of Grand Officers Section 301 - Grand Master <i>Add Judiciary function to the Grand Masters (Power and Authority)</i>	Withdrawn	
4	8	Article VIII – Work and Lectures Section 802 – Custodians <i>Adjust update of the Code & U Digest to address Electronic Age and respond in timely and like manner.</i>	Passed	
5	10	Article XI – Chartered Lodges Section 1105 – Historic Lodges, Par. M <u>Amended as Follows</u> M. In the case of the surrendering or revocation of the charter of an historic lodge, all property shall be handled as provided elsewhere in these By-Laws with all funds gained from any sale of that lodge’s property being placed in the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund. (Section 1105 added Sept. 2007) (Amended, Sept., 2009)	Passed as Amended	
6	12	Article – V Section 502, Article - VI Section 602 Idaho Masonic Charitable Trust <i>Change Grand Lodge Charitable Trust to Idaho Masonic Charitable Trust</i>	Withdrawn	
7	14	Article XVI - Officers, Elections, Installation Section 1603 - Eligibility of Officers. Par. 4, 5, <u>Amended as Follows</u> Paragraph 4: A Warden Certificate of Proficiency requires a Brother to demonstrate his proficiency in opening and closing Lodge in all three degrees and pass the designated examination on Masonic Law. To be eligible for election as Warden of a Lodge, a Brother must possess a Wardens Certificate of Proficiency; or a Worshipful Masters Certificate of Proficiency; or a Secondary Worshipful Masters Certificate of Proficiency; or be a Master or Past Master of a Constituent Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction. Individual who are already in possession of a Wardens Certificate prior to October 1, 2009 must pass the designated examination prior to being installed as Worshipful Master (Revised Sept. 2009) Paragraph 5: A full Worshipful Masters Certificate of Proficiency (known as a "Worshipful Masters Certificate of Proficiency") requires a Brother to proficiently open and close the Lodge in all three degrees, confer all three degrees, deliver the Masters Geometry Lecture in the	Passed as Amended	

		Second Degree, serve as Master in the Second Section of the Third Degree, conduct a Stated Communication, deliver the First Degree Lecture, The Senior Deacons Lecture in the Second Degree, the Third Degree Lecture in open Lodge or before the District Deputy Grand Master of his District and pass the designated examination on Masonic Law. After being installed and serving at least once as a Warden of a Chartered Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, or after receiving Dispensation in this Grand Jurisdiction, and after receiving this Certificate, such Brother is eligible for election as Worshipful Master. (Revised Sept. 2009)		
8	16	Regulation #26 District, Masonic, listing -- <u>Amended as follows</u> Seventh District: Idaho Lodge No. 1, Boise No. 2, Placer No. 3, Oriental No. 60, Ionic No. 82, Capital City No.93; Six Lodges 9 Revised (2009) (Lodge of Research is not a operating lodge so not assigned as a District Lodge) Eighth District: Silver City No.13, Ashlar No. 29, Mt. Moriah No. 39, Meridian No. 47: Four Lodges. (Revised 2009) Ninth District: Weiser No. 23, Washoe No. 28, Salubria No. 31, Butte No. 37; Four Lodges. (Revised 2009)	Passed as Amended	
9	18	Article VI - Finance and Review -- <u>Amended as follows</u> Section 604 – Audit and Financial Review . The funds, securities and all business transactions of the Grand Lodge shall have a financial review annually and an Audit, by a certified public accountant, every four (4) years or when a new Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer is elected to serve the Grand Lodge. This review or audit shall be under the direction of the Grand Master, and the report of said financial review or audit shall be laid before the Annual Communication.	Passed as Amended	
Late Resolutions				
L1	21	Regulation #69 Employee Retirement Delete Regulation #69 completely	Passed	
L2	23	Article XI – Chartered Lodges Section 1104 – Returns, Monthly and Annual Par. 2 Change Grand Lodge fiscal year to calendar year	Passed	
Late/Urgent				Rejected
Late/Urgent				Rejected

REPORT OF APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho

Subject: Trial of Un-Masonic conduct of Brother Paul Schoffstall

Brethren:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances received an appeal of conviction rendered by the Trial Commission set by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Kaiser. Your committee on Appeals and Grievances reviewed the appeal and after due consideration our findings are as follows:

Finding: Appeal was received in accordance with Section 3104 of the By-Laws Masonic Code and Digest of Idaho.

Finding: The Trial Commission adhered to all proper rules, procedures, and provisions of Part Three-Penal Code of the Masonic Code and Digest of Idaho.

Finding: No new evidence was presented within the appeal that would have required further consideration of the outcome of the Trial Commission by this committee to alter or change the verdict of expulsion that was rendered on June 27th AD 2009 in Boise Idaho.

Fraternally Submitted

Richard C. Broemeling, Chairman/s/

Arthur G. Shoemaker, Member /s/

Steven L. Hall .Member /s/

REPORT OF TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

Report of the Time and Place Committee

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF&AM of Idaho

Brethren:

In Accordance with Section 103 of the Masonic Code and Digest, we are required to select the site of the 145th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at this 142st Communication.

Section 103 requires that the 145th Annual Communication to be held within the confines of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Masonic Districts.

We have received an invitation from Twin Falls Lodge #45 and the 4th Masonic District to host the 2012 Grand Lodge in Twin Falls, Idaho.

We, your committee on the Time and Place, recommend that this invitation be accepted and the 145th Annual communication be held in the City of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Fraternally Submitted,

Robert Mohny PM (19) Chairman /s/

REPORT ON ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

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To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Idaho:

Brethren:

We approve the Report of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the Board of Relief along with the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Relief Fund. We also approve the Financial Review of the Grand Lodge of Idaho and the Prepaid Life Membership Fund from the Audit firm Of Tarter and Associates, Public Accountants.

In reviewing the Report of the Grand Master and in reference to his recommendations the committee on Accounts and Finance would like to make the following observations. While the suggested allocations listed in his report have followed the consistency of the last several years we have visited with the Grand Master about the financial viability of keeping each and every allocation in place during a time of reduced spending. The Grand Master has graciously directed the Accounts and Finance Committee to do what is in the best interest of the Grand Lodge and we have taken into account his recommendations.

We request that the Grand Secretary make three journal entries to modify his published budget for last year to include the following items:

\$10,000 as an Accounts Payable for repair to the Grand Lodge building which was approved and authorized by the Grand Master in this fiscal year.

\$9864 be included for money spent for last year's per diem. The income was recognized and we need to add the expense to the budget.

Up to \$2350 be paid from last year's budget for the expenses of our retiring Grand Master.

We recognize the Grand Secretary's recommended budget and have met with him to outline his priorities for the operation of our Grand Lodge.

The committee this year focused on budgeting, investment returns and their effect on the Grand Lodge Budget and education of the financial condition to the Elective and Appointive Grand Lodge Officers and those who have expressed interest. Much of our concentration involved the incoming elective officers of this Grand Lodge in order that they may have a clear understanding of the operation of the Grand Lodge and the effect of budgeting. In addition, at two of the Grand Lodge Planning Meetings this Committee presented detailed information on income and expenditures and pre planning on future budgets. This information has been important to pass on and in most instances has resulted in productive questions and answers which further allow the Grand Lodge to provide the membership with a reliable and effective budgeting procedure.

The Grand Secretary has completed the implementation of a budget into the Grand Lodge operation and includes a monthly report to the Grand Lodge officers which includes revenue, expense and its relationship to an approved budget and an investment report showing all accounts of the Grand Lodge and their current value. We commend the Grand Secretary for getting this work completed and distributing the information to our elected and appointed leaders. We believe it is now a requirement that on the 15th of each month the Grand Secretary provide to the elective and appointive officers of this Grand Lodge this information and expect from this time forward the reports will be forthcoming.

The challenge we face as a Grand Lodge is no different than virtually every organization in America. We have found our assets reduced, our expenses increased and are now required to make adjustments to ensure the future viability of our Grand Lodge. Last year at the Annual Communication the Accounts and Finance Committee recommended an increase in our staffing allotment for a one year period to allow the Grand Secretary to update the office and bring it in line with expected levels of performance. This required a \$20,000 increase in wages plus the applicable taxes which are included with increased staffing. While we think it would be great to have the additional help on a full time basis it is financially impossible to balance the budget and continue to keep payroll at such a high level. In addition, we have found a number of Grand Lodges with increased membership who operate with substantially less office and employee expenses.

We believe that if we operate using 5% of our investment return each year on a budget basis and include the revenue at a level of per capita tax in the \$35.00 range it will require a reduction in our budget of approximately \$65,000 to \$70,000 and our budget is reflective of that approach. If we increase per capita tax to \$50.00 per member we can maintain the budget we currently operate under. If we continue to spend down our assets in the manner which we have the Committee believes that our future Grand Masters as near as seven years down the line will not have money to operate this Grand Lodge unless substantial assets have been identified by a new source or per capita tax is dramatically increased. When our membership was high and our assets substantial these issues were not a concern for the Grand Lodge itself. They are at the

forefront of our issues now and ignoring this or putting it off will only create an inevitability that we will be forced to use the capital from our Prepaid Life funds or assets which are supposed to be untouchable.

Your Accounts and Finance Committee took these issues under advisement and came up with three options to determine our budget for this next year. The first scenario involves slightly reducing the budget over last year and leaving per capita tax the same. It would require taking \$57,000 additional money out of our investment pool in order to match our income from per capita tax and a 5% return on investments which would then balance the budget. The second option would be to slightly reduce the budget and raise the per capita tax to \$50.00 in order to raise the funds necessary to balance the budget. Finally, the last option is to reduce expenses and bring our revenue closer in line with our expenses without raising per capita tax. After months of discussion leading up to Grand Lodge and the input of our incoming elective officers we have implemented the third option.

The result of reducing our budget involves a number of budget items. They include:

Following the report adopted at this year's session and reduce the full time position in the Grand Lodge back to part time status effective immediately.

Reduce the expenses for our officers except the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.

Reduce our contributions to our Masonic Service Association line items and Youth Group Contributions.

Eliminate the Grand Lodge Essay Contest

Reduce our Past Grand Secretary Pension from \$23,200 to \$15,000 and advise those brethren receiving retirement funds that they can expect further reduction in the years ahead if our budget situation does not change.

Eliminate any future retirement for the Grand Secretary.

We have made other reduction in line items but they are minimal in relation to the above mentioned items.

We further advise that the Grand Lodge office should reduce his hours of operation from five days per week to four effective October 1st. The Grand Secretary will have one day to work in the office where he will not have to deal with a functioning office and phones and be allowed to concentrate on completing his work.

We have included two items in this year's budget to assist in the transition. First, the Grand Secretary has been allotted funding to purchase a computer program which will be implemented in the lodges. Secondly, with budget reductions comes the need to have flexibility in adjusting to situations which will come up during the year. We have a line item for \$10,270 in the budget which will allow our Grand Lodge officers a resource for funding should it become necessary.

Our recommended per capita tax is as follows:

Per Capita Tax Grand Lodge Operating Budget:	\$32.90
Relief Fund Contribution	\$.10
Representative Fund Contribution	\$ 2.00
Total Budget Per Capita Tax 2009/2010	\$35.00

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master we commend you for your efforts this year and directing us to take a good hard look at our finances and start planning for our future. We also commend him for allowing us to provide and educate the Grand Lodge Officers in a manner which we believe will assist them in their leadership roles. We hope our efforts have been positive.

We also commend the Grand Secretary who has worked with us to make us both more effective in providing our lodges with an operation that is attune to the needs of the lodges and operates within the financial capacity of our resources.

Any time you have to make budget cuts it causes a great deal of concern. We have worked very hard to take into account the best options possible for the Grand Lodge. We appreciate the opportunity to serve.

Fraternally Submitted:

Greg Kimberling (17) Chairman /s/

Greg Johnson, (17, 56), PGM

Phil Drew, (13, 29) PGM

James Herndon, (11, 33) PGM /s/

Jay Leonard, (30, 80) Junior Warden /s/

Stanley E Barker, Grand Treasurer (1)
Ex Officio

Budget worksheet turned in to the Grand Secretary after Accounts & Finance Report

Budget		*****	Aug – July 2010
Per Capita Tax		Aug – Dec 2009	Or Jan – Dec 2010
General Fund	\$86,993.12	\$108,750.00	\$100,370
Annual Per Capita Tax – Relief	\$342.80		\$300.00
Annual Per Capita Tax – Endowment	\$8,947.08		\$0.00
Annual Per Capita Tax – Representative	\$6,856.00		\$6,050.00
Donations/Contributions	\$400.00		
Budget Carryover from Previous Year	\$15,130.00		
Interest Relief Offset	\$102,023.00		\$65,883
Miscellaneous	\$3,219.00		
Misc Returns	(\$916.31)		
Total	223,004.89	\$108,750.00	172,603
	2009	2009 Aug-Dec	2010
Grand Master Expenses			
1650 Grand Master Expense	\$10,000	\$4000.00	\$10,000
1750 Grand Master's Conference Travel	1400	0	1400
1660 Grand Master Apron and Case	990	10	500
1990 Paid by Order of Grand Master	500	200	500

1670 Grand Masters Picture	450	150	100
1700 Grand Master Conference dues	250	0	250
1701 Grand Master Registration Fees	200	0	200
		\$4,360	\$12,950
Grand Secretary Expenses			
1550 Grand Secretary Salary	\$38,583	\$16,075	\$38,583
1760 Grand Secretary Conference Travel	1400	0	1400
1770 Grand Secretary Travel Expense	1250	\$400	750
1720 Grand Secretary Conference dues	100	0	100
1911 Medical Supplemental Ins. Offset	600	\$0	0
		\$16,475	\$41,103
GL Clerk and Payroll			
1590 Salary - Grand Lodge Clerk	\$26,000	\$12,875	\$10,000
3610 Retirement – Interest Relief	23200	9650	\$15,000
Future Retirement	5000	0	0
1600 Payroll tax expense	13700	4350	\$7,000
1630 Professional fees	6000	3000	5000
		\$29,875	\$37,000
Elected Grand Lodge Officers Expenses			
1651 Deputy Grand Master Expense	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,500
1751 Deputy Grand Master Conference Travel	1400	0	1400
1652 Senior Grand Warden Expense	1500	\$250	500
1653 Junior Grand Warden Expense	1500	250	500
1654 Senior Grand Deacon Expense	1500	\$250	500
3560 Grand Treasurer Expense - Interest Income	3000	0	2000
3561 Board of Relief, Secretary Expense - Interest Income	240	\$0	0
1740 Grand Lecture's Expenses	1500	0	1500
		\$1,750	\$7,900
Committee Expenses			
1940 I.T. Committee	\$750	\$200	\$100
1920 Public Relations	500	100	100
1790 District Deputy Grand Master Conference	2600	\$1,000	0
1922 Research and Education	500	100	100
1655 Fraternal Relations Chairman	300	\$100	100
1655 Chairman of Fraternal Relations	0	0	0
		\$1,500	\$400
MSA – Misc			
1731 Masonic Renewal	\$400	\$0	0
1860 M.S.A. Membership Dues	350	\$0	\$0
3220 M.S.A. Contributions – Interest Relief	1500	\$0	0
3240 Masonic Information Center – Interest Relief	1000	0	0
3580 MSA Disaster Fund – Interest Relief	2500	\$0	0
1730 Masonic Library Expense	200	0	0
1870 Masonic Relief Association Dues	80	\$0	80
		\$0	\$80
Conferences			
1780 Rocky Mountain Conference	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,500
1800 Host Lodge Entertainment Allowance	1500	\$1,500	1500
1811 Grand Lodge Visitor Entertainment	1500	\$1,500	1400
1790 District Deputy Grand Master Conference	700	\$500	350
Grand Lodge Per Diem			9000

Charitable Giving			
3500 DeMolay Leadership	\$5,500	\$2,500	\$3,000
3230 George Washington Masonic Memorial IR	1500	\$100	100
3525 Youth Scholarship (GL Essay)	1500	\$1,000	0
3520 Youth Committee – IR	2500	\$500	1000
3585 Relief Payments	0	\$0	0
		\$4,100	\$4,100
Grand Lodge Office Expenses			
1910 Insurance	\$10,500	\$8,500	\$7500
1980 Misc. Office Expenses	6400	\$2,000	4800
Directors and Officers Expense		\$1,000	1000
1192 Computer Software, Licenses, Maint, web fees	4000	\$1,750	10000
1951 Building Occupancy. Expense	6000	\$2,000	5000
1930 Postage	3000	\$1,000	3000
1952 Building Maintenance & Repairs	3000	\$1,200	3000
1950 Telephone	1900	\$750	1900
1190 Furniture & Fixture Expense	1000	\$250	1000
1191 Paraphernalia – Expense	500	\$150	250
1900 Funeral and Floral	150	\$0	0
1620 Sales Tax	115	\$0	0
		\$18,600	\$37,450
Printing Costs			
1541 Printing Monitors	\$6,897	\$0	0
1501 Printing Proceedings	3500	\$1,500	1500
1540 Printing Miscellaneous	3500	\$1,500	3500
1520 Printing Masonic Directory	1000	\$1,000	1000
1530 Pantograph List of Lodges	600	\$600	600
		\$4,600	\$6,600
Contingency	0	\$6,000	\$10,270
Emergency Reserve		\$17,990	\$0
Total	\$223,005	\$108,750	\$172,603
**** Aug – Dec 2009 Budget includes for use			
Only if Grand Lodge Adopts new budget year			

Supplement to the Grand Secretaries Report.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren all.

Yesterday we all heard the report of Accounts and Finances and after many comments of support and of how well the Grand Lodge Office has been doing in the past year I would like to make this public comment

First let me start by saying,

Recall when you were taking your entered apprentice degree you were told to knock three times on a close door, dressed in manner in which you were not accustomed, with a rope around your neck and blind folded, what a scary thing situation but the door was open unto you and you receive the light in which masons work. The first question asked of you was in whom do you put your trust. We must all have faith or we will live in fear the rest of our lives.

Now, when you knock at the Grand Lodge Office door it will be open unto you and prospective members (during business hrs) the phone will be answered and a response to your request will be granted (If within my power)

You have elected me as your Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge AF &AM of Idaho and in doing so are allowing me to manage the Grand Lodge Office in accordance within that budget guideline and pay on receipt all bills that fall within the guidelines of the budget and to observe the will and pleasure of the Most worshipful Grand Master. (Not necessarily in that order)

I pledge to do so.

Brethren, please allow the Grand Secretary to manage the Grand Lodge office in a businesslike manner. Under the guidance of the Code and Digest, my installation charge and to observe the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. I believe that is what you elected me to do and I have done this in the preceding year and will continue to do so.

This next year of change is going to be a challenging one for not only the Lodges but the Grand Lodge Office. With its cut backs, but we will survive and prosper the better for it.

The brethren approved in the Grand Secretaries report and Accounts & Financed budget. In it you approved the line item for the new ROLLS software. This is going to be a major project and will require a lot of time not only from the Grand Lodge Office but all the lodges in this Great Jurisdiction. Please bear with me in this challenge. It is going to take a little while to do the roll out plan, convert data and train the users in each and every lodge in the state.

The changing of the Grand Lodge yearend with the IRS

Printing and distribution of the Annual report due Jan. 15, 2010 – (with edict Feb. 15, 2010)

I plan to keep the communication going that has been started going to keep the brethren informed of the happenings, you must support me in sending me information to publish in the Grand Lodge Newsletter. This News Letter has been a request of DGM soon to be MWGM David Triplett.

As Grand Secretary am here to serve the brethren, not hide in the Grand Lodge office.

I ask for your approval by accepting this report.

Respectively, Monte B. Bollar Grand Secretary.

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE AF&AM OF IDAHO

Brethren:

In 2007 the then Education Program, "the Leadership Course" was replaced since interest and attendance waned with a Table Lodge and the choice of two: the age old Tyled Lodge or one with the Ladies. The one with the Ladies seems to be preferable.

At the outset we requested that Lodges having such an event keep us posted as to how successful their progress was. There were few! The program was continued with the thought that the Table Lodge had fallen by the wayside and needed to be rejuvenated.

Still there were few when the idea of this "age old activity" was presented. To the best of our knowledge there were four in the State. This Masonic year there were 13 out of a possible 57. Whereas this may not be cause for celebration it is a crumb of comfort.

They had a joint venture in District 3 and District 10. With the exception of four we were only privy to the fact that they had an event:

Portneuf #18	Kamiah #56
Eagle Rock #19	Oriental #60
Washoe #28	Hagerman #78
Ashlar #29	Kooskia #87
Grove City #33	Challis #92
Lakeside #42 (Tyled)	Mt. Kinport #96
Meridian #47	

Washoe #28 combined the Table Lodge with the Ladies with the recognition of the teachers and George Washington's Birthday. Of the Lodges participating one was Tyled.

By chance I had visited with a lady from Blackfoot who was as much interested with her experience at a Table Lodge as all the reports I've had!

We certainly recommend that this program be continued.

As I reviewed some of the proceedings of yesteryear I find that the Statement of Purpose of the Masonic Education and Research Committee is to review and update Masonic Manuals. Whereas the Code and Digest states that this committee is one of seven (7) Standing Committees it seems to be mute as to what it's purpose is.

Where the then Grand Master Olehy recommended that this committee CONTINUE to oversee the Idaho Leadership Class and to continue with the revision of pamphlets, etc., etc. there seems to be a common thread over the years about revision of pamphlets.

Be all that as it may this committee set aside any activity concerning the Leadership Course since the interest dwindled from an attendance of 50 odd to a discouraging 5!

In almost every class it was the faithful few, on rare occasion was there anyone present whom the course was intended to reach. Hence, the "Table Lodge", at one of these there were more people in attendance than the last 7 Leadership Classes!

After reviewing numerous proceedings there is yet another thread that Masonic Education is a "hard Sell"!

I now feel compelled to relate an experience. The Masons in Idaho had an interesting display in the Museum in Boise last year. On my first day as a docent I had a lengthy visit with a lady who referred to herself as the Chairperson of the "Friends of the Museum", she had traveled extensively and as always was glad to be home since we have all the comforts and privileges. There were places where the circumstances

were awful, some good, and some on a par with the U. S. At the end of our interesting conversation she said "One thing we desperately need is much better EDUCATION"!

It would seem that achieving a high standard would be in our best interest.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Davidson, PMWGM

Chairman Education and Research

James Voyles, PMWGM

Jay Leonard, JGW

Richard Kaiser, Most Worshipful Grand Master

Statistic of the Lodges from the Grand Secretaries Records.

Members as of 6/30/2008		4,520
Initiated	120	
Passed	84	
Raised	84	
Total # of Degree's	288	
New Master Masons	84	
Affiliated	8	
Plural	16	
Reinstated	16	
Total Gain	124	
Died	158	
Suspended, Expelled, Dropped NPD	93	
Withdrawn or Demitted	46	
Total Loss	297	
Errors or Omissions	-11	
Members on July 31, 2007		4,224
Living 50 year Members (Exempt)	973	
Dues Paying Members		3,251

Net Loss in Membership last Year, 2008	254
Net Loss in Membership this Year, 2009	297
Number of Degrees last Year, 2008	288
Number of Degrees this Year, 2009	288
Lodges conferring no degrees last year, 2008	15
Lodges conferring no degrees this year	11
Lodge conferring the most degrees	Boise #2
Lodge dropping most members to NPD	Boise #2

Due range	High	\$141.00
	Low	\$12.00
Avg. Dues for entire Jurisdiction		\$60.04
Avg. Increase over prior year		\$5.88
Degree Fee Range	High	\$250.00
	Low	\$50.00
Avg. Degree Fee for entire Jurisdiction		\$135.64
Avg. Increase over prior year		\$1.80

CONFORMITY WITH REGULATION NO. 53

When this Abstract is read in your Lodge, **PLEASE** report the reading date in the **COMPLIANCE SECTION** on your next Monthly Report.

Issued in compliance with Regulation No. 53 and by order of the M.: W.: Grand Master, David C. Triplett.

This 25th day of September, 2009

Sincerely and fraternally



Monte Bollar
Grand Secretary