

To: Dania 2022 Convention Representatives and Grand Lodge Members

Following the 2019 Convention, Grand President, Jana Heer, appointed a new Constitution Committee to continue moving forward with the efforts of the previous committees. This year's committee consisted of the following members:

- Bob Lamee (chair), Livermore
- Jana Heer, Salinas
- Stuart Mahler, Hayward
- Tim Heer, Salinas
- John Jensen, San Francisco
- Tracey Lamee, Livermore

This group was made up of seasoned veterans and relative newcomers of the Grand Lodge, providing a broad perspective. We had lively discussions, actively listened to each other's viewpoints, and developed what we believe are positive updates that represent the past, present and future of the organization. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and resulting cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 Conventions, the committee was unable to present the proposed updates. These updates are made available at this time for representatives and branch members to review and discuss, and a formal presentation will be made at the upcoming convention.

What you read in these documents will sound very familiar to what was presented in 2019.

Enclosed/attached are two (2) documents:

- Summary of Changes – General Topic Areas
- Constitution with proposed updates

The changes fall into the following areas:

- Grand Lodge Membership is clearly defined
- Grand Lodge general procedures are clarified
- Grand Lodge election of officers are modified
- Grand Lodge financial procedures are clarified to reflect current practices
- Local Branch procedures are updated to reflect present-day membership
- General housekeeping
- Ongoing Housekeeping

These changes are presented in accordance with the Constitution, Article XXVII, Section 3. While it was recommended at the 2019 Convention that future changes to the Constitution be presented on a form, the volume of changes made this prohibitive. Therefore, changes are presented as follows:

- Underlined text indicates an addition. (For example, underline)
- Strikethrough text indicates a deletion. (For example, ~~strikethrough~~)
- For those viewing these updates either on-screen or printed in color, these changes will also be visible in **color**.

Regards,

The 2019-2021 Constitution Committee