

Resolution 2007-17

(requires a 5/6 majority to adopt)

Synopsis: This proposal will create the Grand Stewards Lodge as a permanent entity, replacing the Grand Arrangements and Time & Place Committees, which are in existence for one year only and are reappointed by each Grand Master. A permanent committee will provide continuity, keeping the experience gained in one year available for succeeding years.

RESOLVED, that the Constitution be amended by adding new Sections 63.4, 63.5 and 63.6, as follows (new text in **bold type**):

Section 63.4 Seven or more Master Masons, members in good standing of any Arizona chartered Lodge or Lodges, may petition the Grand Master for, and he may in his discretion issue, without fees and without compliance, except as hereinafter set forth, with the usual requirements prescribed for the issuance of a Dispensation under the present requirements of Section 61, a Dispensation to such members to form the Grand Stewards Lodge; and a charter may be issued without fee to the Grand Stewards Lodge upon approval by the Grand Lodge at an Annual Communication; also, without compliance with the usual requirements prescribed for the issuance of a Charter.

The territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Stewards Lodge, when formed, shall be co-extensive with the territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. There shall be only one such Lodge.

The membership shall consist of the Charter Members thereof and those members in good standing of Arizona Chartered Lodges who are later admitted by affiliation, which affiliation may be had without a Demit from a Lodge or a certificate of payment of dues.

Section 63.5 The Grand Stewards Lodge shall have the right, power and authority only:

63.51 To schedule, plan, organize and direct arrangements for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, and other Grand Lodge events as assigned by the Grand Master;

63.52 To report at the Annual Communication a summary of its activities in support of that Communication and its plans for succeeding Grand Lodge events and Communications;

63.53 To collect and disburse registration and other fees associated with the Annual Communication and other Grand Lodge sponsored events;

63.54 To have such rights and authority as may be necessary to carry out its work.

63.55 For the purpose of carrying out such rights, powers, and authority it shall make by-laws providing for the election of its officers; for the establishment, control and limitations of its membership; for the time and place and nature of its meetings; and to effectuate the purposes of its organization. Such by-laws and any

amendments thereto shall not be deemed valid until approved by the Grand Lodge, although they may be acted under until the next Annual Communication if approved by the Grand Master.

Neither its designation as a Lodge, nor its organization as such, nor the issuance of a Dispensation or a Charter shall constitute, or be construed as giving to it, or any of its officers or members, any of the Masonic honors, rights, powers, privileges, or authority possessed by a Masonic Lodge, or by any of its officers or members, except such as are herein or later specifically granted by the Grand Lodge. Nor shall it or any of its members be subject to any additional duties or obligations of a Masonic Lodge or a member thereof, except under specific Regulations or Orders of the Grand Lodge, or its own by-laws passed within the scope of the rights, powers and authority granted to it by the Grand Lodge.

Section 63.6 No person shall continue to be an active member of the Grand Stewards Lodge unless he is a regular member in good standing in a Chartered Arizona Lodge of Masons; and the Grand Stewards Lodge shall at all times have at least seven active members in good standing in Arizona Lodges, or its Charter must be revoked by the Grand Master.

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