

## **RESOLUTION 2007-08**

(To be referred to the Ritual Review Committee and acted upon in 2008 at the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication. Will require a 5/6 majority to adopt)

**Synopsis:** The purpose of this resolution is to return the ritual verses from the Bible used during the Second Degree circumambulation of the candidate to those previously used – I Corinthians 13:1-7,13, as taken from the Authorized or King James Version of the Bible. The current verses used are very short, so the candidate either is conducted very rapidly twice around the altar, or there is silence during a good portion of the circumambulation. Additionally, the proposed Bible verse more closely speaks to the heart of the tenets of Freemasonry – Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Proposed changes: 1. Replace the existing Amos 7:7-8 with the following.

Chap. or W.M. - **“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”**

**2. Open the VSL to I Corinthians 13:1-7,13 during the ceremonies of the Second Degree.** (Ritual Supplement, page S-3)

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