

## RESOLUTION 2007-09

(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 standardize the way the Deacons collectively are directly addressed in the ritual. It was first proposed at the 124<sup>th</sup> Communication, but did not include occasionally used situations, only regularly used situations.

In instances where the Bible is to be opened or closed, the Deacons are collectively addressed as *Brother* Deacons. In all other collective instances of addressing the Deacons, the fraternal word *Brother* is omitted.

Proposed changes in **bold type**:

At the opening of Lodge, in all three degrees, when the S.W. is NOT satisfied that all present are EA/FC/MM, the wording on pages 4, 53 and 99 will change to "...**Brother** Deacons, attend."

In the FC degree, when the S.W. directs the Deacons to collect the Pass, the wording on page 56 will change to "...**Brother** Deacons, attend."

In the MM degree, when the substitute is to be sent up to the East through the Deacons, the wording on page 103 will change to "...**Brother** Deacons, attend the West."

In the MM degree, when the substitute is to be sent down to the West through the Deacons, the wording on page 154 will change to "...**Brother** Deacons, attend the East."

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