

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION 2006-03
Carry Over Legislation
(Requires a 2/3 majority for adoption)

Synopsis: The purpose of this Recommendation is to eliminate two conflicts in the Arizona Masonic Code which will arise if Resolution 2006-1 is approved. That Resolution eliminates the existing "minimum proficiency" for candidates and defines an absolute proficiency requirement consisting of: (1) the Examination as printed in the Ritual for each degree and (2) the Candidate Education Program. The conflict arises because both Section 34.12.B of the Constitution (One Day Class requirements) and Approved Grand Masters Decision No. 72.5 use the term "minimum proficiency."

In order to resolve this conflict, and to make it clear that the current "minimum proficiency" will, in the future, apply only to the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees when those degrees are conferred in a One Day Class, I recommend the following change to Section 34.12.B of the Constitution and the abrogation of Approved Grand Masters Decision No. 72.5, as follows (added text in **bold type**, deleted text in ~~strike through~~):

Section 34.12.B **Before the conferral of the Master Mason degree**, all candidates must complete ~~the~~ **a minimum proficiency in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees consisting of the steps, the dueguards, the signs, the grips and the words. No further proficiency in the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft degrees shall be required by the Lodge. The Candidate Education Program and the proficiency examination in the Master Mason degree, as defined in Section 82, will be completed subsequent to the One Day Class at the Lodge by which the candidate was elected to receive the degrees and at the judgment of the Master of the Lodge.**

Decision No. 72.5 **Abrogated 2005** ~~Candidates advancing to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in a "One Day Class" have necessarily made the minimum proficiency in the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Degrees. The proficiency is made in the Master Mason Degree at the Lodge where the candidate was elected to receive the degrees and at the judgment of the Master of the Lodge.~~