

Resolution 2006-01
Carry Over Legislation
(Requires a 2/3 majority for adoption)

Synopsis: The purpose of this resolution is to restore the requirement for a candidate to return to the lodge “the necessary proficiency and satisfactory examination in the lecture of each degree” before advancing to the next degree. The adoption of this resolution will return to Arizona masonry one of the most important and gratifying experiences of Freemasonry; that of the connection of the new mason to the experienced mason. It will establish an understanding and attachment to the craft that the current “minimum proficiency” does not do. It will result in a self-esteem and sense of accomplishment in the new mason that will lay the foundation for a more successful and enjoyable Masonic career, and it will establish a bond and dialogue between two men that will in all likelihood extend a lifetime. The “Candidate Education Program” will continue to be used.

This resolution will be effective for all Masons initiated after the date of its adoption.

Changes in bold, removed text italicized:

Section 82. A minimum proficiency consisting of the steps, the dueguards, the signs, the grips, the words, and the completion of the approved Candidate Education Program is acceptable as the minimum proficiency in Arizona.

The proficiency shall consist of the Candidate Responses to the Examination Questions at the end of each degree in the Arizona Ritual and the completion of the approved Candidate Education Program. The Questions and Responses shall be returned in open lodge or to a committee of three Master Masons appointed by the Worshipful Master.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
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