RESOLUTION NO. 1a

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS: Multiple Councils meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, which conflicts with holiday events, thus causing those Councils to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

WHEREAS: This change would make it much easier for our local Councils to schedule and hold their elections and to plan high-quality installation programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 9, Chartered Councils
Section 1. Elections, Council Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Council shall be the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder and Captain of the Guard who shall be elected at the first Stated Assembly in December of each year.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 10, Chartered Councils
Section 1. Elections, Council Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Council shall be the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, and Captain of the Guard, <u>who shall each year be elected at a designated Stated Assembly in November or December, which shall be provided for in the by-laws</u>.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Jon B. Greene [22]

RESOLUTION NO. 1b

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS: Multiple Councils meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, which conflicts with holiday events, thus causing those Councils to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

WHEREAS: This change would make it much easier for our local Councils to schedule and hold their elections and to plan high-quality installation programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 9, Chartered Councils
Section 16. Assemblies.

The stated Assembly of a Council shall be at the time and place specified in its by-laws. The Council shall be opened in due form (ritualistic form) for a minimum of four (4) stated Assemblies annually, including the one in December for the annual election, which shall be provided for in the by-laws.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 10, Chartered Councils
Section 16. Assemblies.

The stated Assembly of a Council shall be at the time and place specified in its by-laws. The Council shall be opened in due form (ritualistic form) for a minimum of four (4) stated Assemblies annually, <u>including the one during which the annual election is held, which shall be provided for in the by-laws</u>.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Jon B. Greene [22]

RESOLUTION NO. 2

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS: ARTICLE 5 Financial Revenues provides

Section 1. Financial Revenues

Each Council shall pay to the Grand Chapter fees and dues as follows:

a. Each chartered Council shall pay Ten Dollars ($10.00) to the Grand Council for each member in the database on the 30th day of December, plus any assessment now levied, or hereafter levied by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, for its use, except as hereinafter provided.
   1) There shall be an assessment in the amount of, One Dollar ($1.00) for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to April 25, 1990, as an annual contribution to the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation, Inc., which donation is tax deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of our philanthropy.
   2) There shall be an assessment in the amount of twenty-five cents ($0.25) per member, for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to April 9, 2005, as an annual contribution to the DeMolay, which donation is tax deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of the DeMolay

WHEREAS: I feel that raising the fee to $1.00 is a small charge that can make a big difference to the membership of DeMolay.

WHEREAS (2nd reason): In today's age, the cost for everything, including basic operations have steadily increased. The increase will help the chapters run strong, meaningful programs.

WHEREAS (3rd reason): I believe that DeMolay is the future of Freemasonry, and this increase will show our support for them more effectively and invest in the future of their organization, while keeping the costs affordable for each Council to absorb.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 5. Section 1.a. 2. Financial Reviews: be amended to reflect the following changes:

Section 1. Financial Revenues

2) There shall be an assessment in the amount of ~~twenty-five cents ($0.25)~~ **one Dollar ($1.00)** per member, for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to April 24, 2026, as an annual contribution to the DeMolay, which donation is tax-deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of the DeMolay

(This resolution strikes the amount of donation to Oklahoma DeMolay of $0.25 and inserts the increased sum of "one dollar ($1.00) and exempts perpetuals purchased before this resolution takes effect.)

Faithfully Submitted,
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [27]

RESOLUTION NO. 3

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS: ARTICLE 9 Chartered Councils provides

Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Councils.

When the charter of a Council shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Recorder without charge. A suspended member of such Council may, upon payment of Five Dollars ($5.00), be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Recorder.

WHEREAS: I feel that, with the decline in membership, we need a Holding Council to provide our members with a home when their Council is closed.

WHEREAS (2nd reason): With the possibility of Councils becoming regionalized due to a decline in membership, this Holding Council will give a member a home if the next nearest Council is not within a reasonable driving distance for them to be an active member within, and may help deter a member from demitting from the Council.

WHEREAS (3rd reason): The excess above per capita will go to the Grand Recorder to assist him with any extra financial expenses incurred with operating Holding Council 00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 9. Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Council: be amended to reflect the following changes:

Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Council

a. When the charter of a Council shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Recorder without charge. A suspended member of such Council may, upon payment of Five Dollars ($5.00), be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Recorder.
b. <u>A special Constituent Council to be known as Holding Council No. 00 shall be chartered. It shall serve as an at-large holding council for the Grand Council Jurisdiction of Oklahoma for those Companions whose original Constituent Council may have ceased to be active. The Grand Officers of the Grand Council shall be the ex officio officers of Holding Council No. 00, and the official office of Holding Council No. 00 shall be the same as that of the Grand Recorder. Holding Council No. 00 shall not be entitled to a vote at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, but Past Illustrious Masters assigned to it shall remain voting members of the Grand Council. The Grand Illustrious Master is empowered to transfer members of Inactive Constituent Councils to membership in Holding Council No. 00. The annual dues of Holding Council 00 shall be $40.00 plus the annual per capita charged by Oklahoma Grand Council. The excess after the Grand Council per capita is to be used by the Grand Recorder for administrative expenses.</u>

(This resolution creates subsection a. and then subsection b., the creation of a Holding Council to be numbered 00)

Faithfully Submitted,
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., [27]