

Decision of the Judiciary Committee

Background

The Grand Master of California has asked the Judiciary Committee to review the Sycamore Lodge #129 appeal of a decision rendered by the Grand Master. The Judiciary Committee is charged with reviewing decisions of the Grand Master and with rendering Decisions on appeals. Roberts Code of California Odd Fellows Law 2016, Chapter III, Section 14, C (6). The history and chain of events is a bit convoluted, and requires a road map. There are actually two appeals involved.

Sycamore Lodge submitted Resolution #4 to the 2016 Grand Lodge, seeking to recover assets. On May 14, 2016, the members of Grand Lodge voted 91-54 in favor of the resolution. Subsequently, the Grand Treasurer, within his fiduciary responsibility, had concerns about the appropriateness of Sycamore Lodge's claim and the amount that Sycamore Lodge was seeking. There was an impasse. On June 4, 2016, representatives of Sycamore Lodge and representatives of the Grand Lodge Board of Director's Finance Committee met to see if the parties could reach a mutual agreement, or a compromise. That meeting did not achieve a resolution.

On August 1, 2016, Sycamore Lodge submitted an appeal (first appeal) to the Grand Master asking the Grand Master to determine if Resolution #4 was binding, and if so, what assets must be restored to Sycamore Lodge pursuant to Resolution #4.

On August 7, 2016, the Grand Master rendered his decision that Resolution #4 does not compel the Grand Lodge to return assets to Sycamore.

On August 10, 2016, Sycamore Lodge filed an appeal of the Grand Master's decision. The Judiciary Committee considers Sycamore Lodge's August 10, 2016 letter to be an appeal (second appeal) to the 2017 Grand Lodge of the Grand Master's decision. Sycamore Lodge has also recently submitted 9 separate resolutions to the 2017 Grand Lodge. The Judiciary Committee notes that the first resolution submitted (identified by Sycamore Lodge as Resolution #4A) seeks to overrule and vacate the Grand Master's decision. As such, it seeks to accomplish the same result as the August 10 appeal letter. Accordingly, the Judiciary Committee's Decision on the appeal herein necessarily is also a committee recommendation on Resolution #4A. The Judiciary Committee does not at this time render any recommendation on the remaining 8 resolutions submitted by Sycamore Lodge to the 2017 Grand Lodge.

Findings

"All decisions of the Grand Master . . . shall be subject to approval by the Grand Lodge at the next annual session. An appeal from a decision of the Grand Master . . . shall be presented to the Grand Lodge in the manner provided by law." Roberts Code of California Odd Fellow Laws 2016, Constitution of the Grand Lodge, Article VII, Section 5.

Sycamore Lodge originally presented its case to Grand Lodge in 2016 in the form of a resolution, not a bill. A "resolution" is defined in Odd Fellows law as "A procedure for presenting a matter to the body for consideration that, upon passage, will have force and effect until the earlier of the end of the term or until its purpose has been accomplished." SGL Code of General Laws, Chapter XXX. A "bill" is defined in Odd Fellows law as "A form or draft of a law presented to a body for action." SGL Code of General Law, Chapter XXX. A resolution has a limited time frame of applicability. A law is binding until repealed or replaced.

Sycamore Lodge has the right to submit resolutions to Grand Lodge. On appeal, the Grand Master has the right to render a decision. Sycamore Lodge has the right to challenge the decision of the Grand Master by submitting an appeal to Grand Lodge. The appeal by Sycamore Lodge herein is timely.

Sycamore Lodge was chartered in 1866, lost its charter in 2005-06, and was revived in 2010. Sycamore Lodge takes the position that it was simply reinstated in 2010, and funds received by Grand

Lodge from Sycamore Lodge prior to 2010 must be restored. The position of the Grand Master is that Sycamore Lodge was not reinstated in 2010, but rather is a new Lodge as of 2010, and that Sycamore Lodge misrepresented its status when it presented its Resolution #4 to the 2016 Grand Lodge. Whether the current Sycamore Lodge is a reinstated Lodge or a new Lodge is the key issue on this appeal.

Every Odd Fellows Lodge in this jurisdiction is a Unit that exists by virtue of the Charter granted to that Unit by the Grand Lodge of California. Roberts Code of California Odd Fellow Law 2016, Constitution of the Grand Lodge, Article II, Section 1. "In the event the Unit ceases to exist, all property shall revert to the Chartering Grand Body." SGL Code of General Laws, Chapter XXXVII, Section 6, C. The operative words are "ceases to exist". Sycamore Lodge ceased to exist during the time period 2005-2006. It is not controlling whether this cessation occurred because the Lodge was abandoned, or the charter was surrendered, or the charter was arrested, suspended, or revoked. The fact of the matter is that Sycamore Lodge, as it existed in 1866, ceased to exist in 2005-2006. At that point all property of the Lodge reverted to the Chartering Grand Body, the Grand Lodge of California.

In 2010, a new Lodge (given the same name and same number as Sycamore Lodge #129, at the request of the new Lodge) was instituted at the same building as the old Lodge. The fact that this is a new Lodge, and Sycamore clearly understood that this was a new Lodge, is indicated by the fact that a Lease Agreement was signed by and between the Grand Lodge and Sycamore Lodge on June 30, 2010. In that Lease Agreement, Paragraph E, the parties agreed that Grand Lodge granted a charter "to a new lodge in Hayward, California, while at the same time allowing it to carry on its business under the name of Sycamore Lodge No. 129, which had been the traditional name of the lodge located in Hayward, California." Further, clear evidence that the current Sycamore Lodge is a new Lodge, and that the members were well aware of this status, is the fact that Grand Lodge gave Sycamore Lodge a check, dated August 9, 2010, in the amount of \$2,500 for start-up assistance. The check, in the memo section, specifically states: "\$2,500.00 New Lodge Start-Up Assistance." The check was cashed by the new Sycamore Lodge. The sum of \$2,500 (the maximum allowed under the Code) is provided by Grand Lodge as a start-up assistance fund for Lodges that are instituted or reinstated in this jurisdiction. Roberts Code of Odd Fellow Law, Constitution of Odd Fellow Lodges, Article XI, Section 4. Having signed the Lease Agreement with Grand Lodge and having accepted and cashed the check in 2010 as "New Lodge Start-Up Assistance", and utilized those funds, Sycamore Lodge is deemed to have been well aware of its status as a new Lodge, and not a reinstated Lodge, and is estopped from denying that it is a new Lodge.

Decision

The appeal of Sycamore Lodge is denied. The Grand Master's decision is upheld.

This Decision of the Judiciary Committee is limited to the appeal. The Judiciary Committee renders no decision or recommendation at this time regarding 2017 resolutions submitted by Sycamore Lodge to forgive loans made to Sycamore Lodge by Grand Lodge, or to return monies or property. Such matters may properly be presented to the 2017 Grand Lodge in session, for consideration.

April 1.

Dave Rosenberg, PGM,
Chair, Judiciary Committee

Concurring:

Rick Boyles, PGM
Larry Brenner, Grand Lodge Attorney

Dissenting:

Rod Metoyer, PGM
Paul Pike, PGM

Sycamore #129 Resolution #4A

Submitted by Sycamore #129

TITLE: The Grand Lodge of California now enacts this legislation in which it over-rules and vacates the decision of the Grand Master dated August 7, 2016 because SGL CGL Chapter XXXVII, Section 6, Paragraph C. is irrelevant as to Sycamore Lodge #129.

Whereas, Resolution #4 was approved 91-54 by the Membership May 14, 2016, ordering that all assets taken from Sycamore Lodge #129 be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129; to this date no assets of Sycamore Lodge #129 have been restored, and

Whereas, On August 1, 2016 Sycamore Lodge #129 appealed to the Grand Master to determine if Resolution #4 was binding, and, if so, what assets must be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 under Resolution #4, and

Whereas, On August 7, 2016 the Grand Master rendered a decision in which he declared that Sycamore Lodge #129 was not entitled to the relief requested because Code Chapter XXXVII, Section 6, Paragraph C prevented restoration of assets after 3 years from the date of the arrest of the Charter, and

Whereas, Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws Chapter XXXVII, Section 6, Paragraph c (2) (b) at page XXXVII-3 reads: "(2) Upon the surrender of the charter the funds may be disbursed: (a) The initial investment shall pass to the Grand Body for holding of three (3) years in case of reinstatement of the Charter/Warrant. (b) After the three (3) year holding: the funds shall revert wholly to the Grand Body, ten (10%) percent of the funds may be disbursed to the charities in the community of the closed unit."

Whereas, SGL Code of General Laws defines "Surrender a Charter" at page at page XXX-13 as follows: "To voluntarily yield or render up a Charter to The Sovereign Grand Lodge or the Grand Body," and

Whereas, By the words of the letter to Sycamore Lodge #129, the Grand Master "arrested" the Charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 in Hayward November 13, 2006

Whereas, The SGL Code of General Laws, Words and Phrases in Chapter XXX defines "Revoke for Cause" at page XXX-12 as follows: "The act of The Sovereign Grand Lodge or a Grand Body withdrawing the name, rights, liberties and powers granted to a Grand Body or component unit upon a Tribunal's finding of failure or refusal to operate under its Charter or Warrant empowering it to exist, Rituals or unwritten work or to conform to the Constitution and Code of General Laws, Decisions or Orders of the body that issued its Charter, the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Body that issued the Charter under which a local unit is empowered to act or the By-laws of the component unit, or a criminal violation of federal, state, provincial or local laws, ordinances or regulations. Sometimes erroneously referred to as: 'lift', 'take', 'pull', 'seize', 'arrest', etc.11

Whereas, The SGL Code of General Laws, Chapter N Grand Lodge Policy, Section 5 Authority Over Lodges, Paragraph F at page N-2-POLICY: "The charter of a lodge may be arrested, suspended, or revoked by The Grand Lodge after notice and hearing", and

Whereas, It is clear in his letter to Sycamore Lodge #129 that Grand Master Robert Bareilles "Revoked for Cause" in the arrest of the Charter of Sycamore Lodge #129, and that Sycamore Lodge #129 did not "Surrender a Charter", and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 filed a timely appeal to Grand Lodge by letter dated August 10, 2016, and

Whereas, The Grand Master decision of August 7, 2016 relied on a Code section which did not apply to Sycamore Lodge #129 and is irrelevant,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: The decision of the Grand Master dated August 7, 2016 is over-ruled and vacated.

Sycamore Resolution #4A

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Whereas, The SGL Code of General Laws, Chapter IV Grand Lodge Policy, Section 5 Authority Over Lodges, Paragraph F at page IV-2-POLICY: 'The charter of a lodge may be arrested, suspended, or revoked by The Grand Lodge after notice and hearing", and

Whereas, It is clear in his letter to Sycamore Lodge #129 that Grand Master Robert Bareilles "Revoked for Cause" in the arrest of the Charter of Sycamore Lodge #129, and that Sycamore Lodge #129 did not "Surrender a Charter", and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 filed a timely appeal to Grand Lodge by letter dated August 10, 2016, and

Whereas, The Grand Master decision of August 7, 2016 relied on a Code section which did not apply to Sycamore

Lodge #129 and is irrelevant,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: The decision of the Grand Master dated August 7, 2016 is over-ruled and vacated.

Sycamore Resolution #4B

Submitted by Sycamore #129

TITLE: The Grand Lodge of California now enacts this legislation in which it is established that Grand Lodge took \$275,063.43 from Sycamore Lodge #129 after the Grand Master arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 on November 13, 2006.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge took \$275,063.43 in funds from Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The 2007 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge reports that the "Surrendered Funds" [sic]

of Lodge #B amounted to a total of \$275,063.43 (page 41), and
Whereas, A comparison of the 2008 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge on pages 30-31 show the same investments listed for Sycamore #129 as those listed for Lodge #B in 2007, showing that Lodge #B is Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the First of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: That the amount of funds taken by Grand Lodge from Sycamore Lodge #129 is \$275,063.43.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4B

TITLE: The Grand Lodge of California now enacts this legislation in which it is established that Grand Lodge took \$275,063.43 from Sycamore Lodge #129 after the Grand Master arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 on November 13, 2006.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

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Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the First of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: That the amount of funds taken by Grand Lodge from Sycamore Lodge #129 is \$275,063.43.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4C

TITLE: The Grand Lodge of California now enacts this legislation in which sufficient assets of Sycamore Lodge No 129 are restored to have the note retired, resulting in no further payment on the note by Sycamore Lodge #129, effective immediately.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge# 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, Among other items, the Grand Lodge took \$275,063.43 in funds, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breeland to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 - PASSED. There is a group of 25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and

Whereas, At page 63 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that "Sycamore #129 (Hayward)- reinstatement, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

Whereas, At page 156 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that, "Hayward Lodge Hall: Cancelled listing. Sycamore #129 to be reinstated and will be using the Hall," and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstated, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter IV (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph Hat page IV-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At the 2016 Session, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, Upon re-institution in 2010, we needed two new heaters, roof repairs, hazardous waste removal and painting the front of the building (cited by the City of Hayward); the Grand Treasurer offered a credit line at 5.75% interest to pay for the repairs, and

Whereas, Understanding the need for accessibility and other upgrades to the building, and having been turned down by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors for a grant to make the upgrades, we agreed to fund the building improvements by raising the interest to 6% and extending the credit line up to \$250,000.00, and

Whereas, In 2015 we approved and signed a note for \$239,363.72, referred to as "the note" in these Nine Resolutions, and

Whereas, Per the note signed in 2015, the fully amortized monthly payments commencing February 1, 2017 of \$1,435.11, which payments have been paid by Sycamore Lodge #129 to the detriment of the existence of our Lodge, the payment made 2/1/2017 will pay down the principal by \$238.29, the payment made 3/1/2017 will pay down the principal by \$239.48, the payment made 4/1/2017 will pay down the principal by \$240.68, the payment made 5/1/2017 will pay down the principal by \$241.88, so that the balance of the principal at the time of the 2017

Sessions in Visalia will be reduced by \$960.33 to \$238,403.39, and

Whereas, At the time of the 2017 Sessions, the current balance of the note principal is \$238,403.39, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Second of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California immediately forgives all debt currently owed to the Grand Lodge by Sycamore Lodge #129.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4C

TITLE: The Grand Lodge of California now enacts this legislation in which sufficient assets of Sycamore Lodge No 129 are restored to have the note retired, resulting in no further payment on the note by Sycamore Lodge #129, effective immediately.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge # 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, Among other items, the Grand Lodge took \$275,063.43 in funds, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breelaod to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 - PASSED. There is a group of 25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for

certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and

Whereas, At page 63 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that "Sycamore #129 (Hayward)- reinstatement, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

Whereas, At page 156 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that, "Hayward Lodge Hall: Cancelled listing. Sycamore #129 to be reinstated and will be using the Hall," and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstated, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter IV (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph Hat page IV-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At the 2016 Session, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, Upon re-institution in 2010, we needed two new heaters, roof repairs, hazardous waste removal and painting the front of the building (cited by the City of Hayward); the Grand Treasurer offered a credit line at 5.75% interest to pay for the repairs, and

Whereas, Understanding the need for accessibility and other upgrades to the building, and having been turned down by the Grand Lodge Board of Directors for a grant to make the upgrades, we agreed to fund the building improvements by raising the interest to 6% and extending the credit line up to \$250,000.00, and

Whereas, In 2015 we approved and signed a note for \$239,363.72, referred to as "the note" in these Nine Resolutions, and

Whereas, Per the note signed in 2015, the fully amortized monthly payments commencing February 1, 2017 of \$1,435.11, which payments have been paid by Sycamore Lodge #129 to the detriment of the existence of our Lodge, the payment made 2/1/2017 will pay down the principal by \$238.29, the payment made 3/1/2017 will pay down the principal by \$239.48, the payment made 4/1/2017 will pay down the principal by \$240.68, the payment made 5/1/2017 will pay down the principal by \$241.88, so that the balance of the principal at the time of the 2017

Sessions in Visalia will be reduced by \$960.33 to \$238,403.39, and

Whereas, At the time of the 2017 Sessions, the current balance of the note principal is \$238,403.39, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Second of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California immediately forgives all debt currently owed to the Grand Lodge by Sycamore Lodge #129.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4D

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which the balance of the taken liquid assets of Sycamore

Lodge No 129 are appropriated and ordered restored.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge # 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, Among other items, the Grand Lodge took \$275,063.43 in funds from Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breeland to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 - PASSED. There is a group of 25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and

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Directors meeting that "Sycamore #129 (Hayward)- reinstatement, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

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Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstated, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore

Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter IV (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph Hat page IV-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At the 2016 Sessions, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Membership in the Second of Eight Resolutions determined that the amount of the funds taken from

Sycamore Lodge #129 to be restored is \$275,063.43 and in the Third of Eight Resolutions determined that the first \$238,403.39 would be devoted to paying off the note, so that the balance of the taken funds to be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 is \$36,660.04, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Third of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California appropriates \$36,660.04 from the General Fund and orders and directs the Grand Treasurer, before the end of this day's session, to pay Sycamore Lodge #129 a total of \$36,660.04 out of the General Funds, or other fund as might be appropriate.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4D

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which the balance of the taken liquid assets of Sycamore Lodge No 129 are appropriated and ordered restored.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

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Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Third of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California appropriates \$36,660.04 from the General Fund and orders and directs the Grand Treasurer, before the end of this day's session, to pay Sycamore Lodge #129 a total of \$36,660.04 out of the General Funds, or other fund as might be appropriate.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4E

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which the interest payments made by Sycamore Lodge No 129 since the 2016 Sessions are appropriated and ordered restored.

Whereas, At the 2016 Sessions, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, Had the assets been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, Sycamore Lodge #129 would have used the first of the assets to retire the Note, so that no more payments would come due, and

Whereas, Since the 2016 Sessions Sycamore Lodge #129 has continued making the monthly interest payments through January 1, 2017 for a total of \$4,000.00, and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 paid Grand Lodge February 1, 2017 an interest payment of \$1,196.82, and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 paid Grand Lodge March 1, 2017 an interest payment of \$1,195.63, and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 will have paid Grand Lodge April 1, 2017 an interest payment of \$1,194.43, and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 will have paid Grand Lodge May 1, 2017 an interest payment of \$1,193.23, and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 has paid Grand Lodge a total of \$8,780.11 in interest payments since the 2016 Session, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Fourth of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California appropriates \$8,780.11 from the General Fund and Grand Lodge of California orders and directs the Grand Treasurer, before the end of this day's Session, to pay Sycamore Lodge #129 the sum of \$8,780.11 out of the General Funds, or other fund as might be appropriate.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4E

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which the interest payments made by Sycamore Lodge No 129 since the 2016 Sessions are appropriated and ordered restored.

Whereas, At the 2016 Sessions, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, Had the assets been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, Sycamore Lodge #129 would have used the first of the assets to retire the Note, so that no more payments would come due, and

Whereas, Since the 2016 Sessions Sycamore Lodge #129 has continued making the monthly interest payments through January 1, 2017 for a total of \$4,000.00, and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 paid Grand Lodge February 1, 2017 an interest payment of \$1,196.82, and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 paid Grand Lodge March 1, 2017 an interest payment of \$1,195.63, and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 will have paid Grand Lodge April 1, 2017 an interest payment of \$1,194.43, and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 will have paid Grand Lodge May 1, 2017 an interest payment of \$1,193.23, and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 has paid Grand Lodge a total of \$8,780.11 in interest payments since

the 2016 Session, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Fourth of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California appropriates \$8,780.11 from the General Fund and Grand Lodge of California orders and directs the Grand Treasurer, before the end of this day's Session, to pay Sycamore Lodge #129 the sum of \$8,780.11 out of the General Funds, or other fund as might be appropriate.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4F

TITLE: Grand Lodge of California directs the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to deliver the approved check(s) to Sycamore Lodge #129.

Whereas, The Grand Lodge Board of Directors, the Investment Committee of the Board of Directors and the Grand Lodge Officers have no authority to modify the vote of the Membership, and

Whereas, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition) at p. 483, 11. 6-9 states "In any event, no action of the board can alter or conflict with any decision made by the assembly of the society, and any such action of the board is null and void" and

'Whereas, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition) at p 577, 11.23-28 states "A board may never alter a decision of the society's assembly (and an executive committee may never alter a decision of either the assembly or the board), even by a motion to Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted or by adoption of a proposal which has been rejected, unless expressly authorized by the superior body or by the bylaws," and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Fifth of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are directed to deliver the approved check(s) to Sycamore Lodge #129 forthwith and before the end of this day's Session.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4F

TITLE: Grand Lodge of California directs the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to deliver the approved check(s) to Sycamore Lodge #129.

Whereas, The Grand Lodge Board of Directors, the Investment Committee of the Board of Directors and the Grand Lodge Officers have no authority to modify the vote of the Membership, and

Whereas, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition) at p. 483, 11. 6-9 states "In any event, no action of the board can alter or conflict with any decision made by the assembly of the society, and any such action of the board is null and void," and

Whereas, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition) at p 577, 11.23-28 states "A board may never alter a decision of the society's assembly (and an executive committee may never alter a decision of either the assembly or the board), even by a motion to Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted or by adoption of a proposal which has been rejected, unless expressly authorized by the superior body or by the bylaws," and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Fifth of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are directed to deliver the approved check(s) to Sycamore Lodge #129 forthwith and before the end of this day's Session.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4G

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which the Lodge Building and real property of Sycamore Lodge No 129 are ordered restored by the Officers of Grand Lodge. Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge# 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge took the lodge building and real property at 950 B Street, Hayward, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breeland to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 - PASSED. There is a group of 25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and

Whereas, At page 63 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that "Sycamore #129 (Hayward)- reinstatement, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

Whereas, At page 156 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that, "Hayward Lodge Hall: Cancelled listing. Sycamore #129 to be reinstated and will be using the Hall," and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstated, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter IV (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph Hat page IV-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At last year's 2016 Session, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Sixth of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California orders within 30 days after the passage of this Resolution, the attorneys for the lodge prepare, and the proper officers of the Grand Lodge execute and record, a deed reconveying the title to the Sycamore Hall back to Sycamore #129.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4G

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which the Lodge Building and real property of Sycamore Lodge No 129 are ordered restored by the Officers of Grand Lodge. Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge# 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge took the lodge building and real property at 950 B Street, Hayward, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breeland to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 - PASSED. There is a group of 25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and

Whereas, At page 63 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that "Sycamore #129 (Hayward)- reinstatement, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

Whereas, At page 156 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that, "Hayward Lodge Hall: Cancelled listing. Sycamore #129 to be reinstated and will be using the Hall," and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstated, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter N (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph Hat page N-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At last year's 2016 Session, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Sixth of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California orders within 30 days after the passage of this Resolution, the attorneys for the lodge prepare, and the proper officers of the Grand Lodge execute and record, a deed reconveying the title to the Sycamore Hall back to Sycamore #129.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4H

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which the Lodge Building and real property of Sycamore Lodge No 129 are ordered restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 in a deed executed by Ricky James Bragge under this Power of Attorney as Attorney in Fact for The Grand Lodge of California should the Officers of this Grand Lodge not record a deed reconveying the title back to Sycamore Lodge #129 within 30 days after the passage of Fourth of Eight Resolutions.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge # 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge took the lodge building and real property at 950 B Street, Hayward, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breeland to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 - PASSED. There is a group of 25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and

Whereas, At page 63 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of

Directors meeting that "Sycamore #129 (Hayward)- reinstatement, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

Whereas, At page 156 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that, "Hayward Lodge Hall: Cancelled listing. Sycamore #129 to be reinstated and will be using the Hall," and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstated, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter IV (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph Hat page IV-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At last year's 2016 Session, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Seventh of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Should the deed ordered recorded in the Sixth of Nine Resolutions not be recorded within 30 days of the passage of the Sixth of Nine Resolutions, Grand Lodge of California appoints Ricky James Bragge, Noble Grand of Sycamore Lodge #129, Attorney in Fact for The Grand Lodge of California for the exclusive purpose of executing a deed reconveying the title of the Sycamore Lodge property back to Sycamore Lodge #129.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4H

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which the Lodge Building and real property of Sycamore Lodge No 129 are ordered restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 in a deed executed by Ricky James Bragge under this Power of Attorney as Attorney in Fact for The Grand Lodge of California

should the Officers of this Grand Lodge not record a deed reconveying the title back to Sycamore Lodge #129 within 30 days after the passage of Fourth of Eight Resolutions.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles anested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge# 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006,and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge took the lodge building and real property at 950 B Street, Hayward, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breeland to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 - PASSED. There is a group of25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and

Whereas, At page 63 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that "Sycamore #129 (Hayward)- reinstition, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

Whereas, At page 156 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that, "Hayward Lodge Hall: Cancelled listing. Sycamore#129 to be reinstited and will be using the Hall," and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstited, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter IV (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph Hat page IV-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At last year's 2016 Session, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Seventh ofNine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSIDP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Should the deed ordered recorded in the Sixth of Nine Resolutions not be recorded within 30 days of the passage of the Sixth of Nine Resolutions, Grand Lodge of California appoints Ricky James Bragge, Noble Grand of Sycamore Lodge #129, Attorney in Fact for The Grand Lodge of California for the exclusive purpose of executing a deed reconveying the title of the Sycamore Lodge property back to Sycamore Lodge #129.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #41

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which certain of the assets of Sycamore Lodge No 129 are restored and The Flag and The Uniform are loaned to Grand Lodge for display in the new museum at the new Grand Lodge office.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge# 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, Among other items, the Grand Lodge took other property, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breeland to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 - PASSED. There is a group of 25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and

Whereas, At page 63 ofthe 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that "Sycamore #129 (Hayward)- reinstition, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

Whereas, At page 156 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April10,

2010 Board of Directors meeting that, "Hayward Lodge Hall: Cancelled listing. Sycamore #129 to be reinstated and will be using the Hall," and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstated, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter IV (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph Hat page IV-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At last year's 2016 Session, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Eighth of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California orders that Mission Peak #114 shall return to Sycamore Lodge #129 all assets taken from Sycamore Lodge #129, including, but not limited to, that certain 31 star American Flag and the uniform of Captain Eigenbrodt forthwith by delivering the flag and the uniform to the Museum at the new Grand Lodge office as a loan from Sycamore Lodge #129, and delivering any and all other assets to the Noble Grand of Sycamore Lodge #129.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #41

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which certain of the assets of Sycamore Lodge No 129 are restored and The Flag and The Uniform are loaned to Grand Lodge for display in the new museum at the new Grand Lodge office.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge# 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, Among other items, the Grand Lodge took other property, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breeland to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 - PASSED. There is a group of 25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and

Whereas, At page 63 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that "Sycamore #129 (Hayward)- reinstatement, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

Whereas, At page 156 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that, "Hayward Lodge Hall: Cancelled listing. Sycamore #129 to be reinstated and will be using the Hall," and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstated, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter IV (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph Hat page N-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At last year's 2016 Session, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Eighth of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California orders that Mission Peak #114 shall return to

Sycamore Lodge #129 all assets taken from Sycamore Lodge #129, including, but not limited to, that certain 31 star American Flag and the uniform of Captain Eigenbrodt forthwith by delivering the flag and the uniform to the Museum at the new Grand Lodge office as a loan from Sycamore Lodge #129, and delivering any and all other assets to the Noble Grand of Sycamore Lodge #129.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4J

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which all of the assets of Sycamore Lodge No 129 held by Grand Lodge of California officers or held in the new Grand Lodge office are ordered restored.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge# 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge took the lodge building, other property and \$275,063.43 in funds, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breeland to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 - PASSED. There is a group of 25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and

Whereas, At page 63 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010

Board of Directors meeting that "Sycamore#129 (Hayward)- reinstatement, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

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Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstated, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter IV (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph IV-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At last year's 2016 Session, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Ninth of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California orders that the Officers of this Grand Lodge return to Sycamore 129 all of the assets taken from Sycamore Lodge #129 which are now in the possession of the Officers of this Grand Lodge or which now is housed at the Grand Lodge office, including, but not limited to, Chapel of the Chimes cemetery records for the Sycamore Lodge #129 cemetery plots.

2017 Grand Lodge Resolution #4J

TITLE: The Grand Lodge now enacts this legislation in which all of the assets of Sycamore Lodge No 129 held by Grand Lodge of California officers or held in the new Grand Lodge office are ordered restored.

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was initially chartered October 30, 1866, and

Whereas, Grand Master Robert Bareilles arrested the Charter of Sycamore Lodge# 129 in Hayward November 13, 2006, and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge took the lodge building, other property and \$275,063.43 in funds, and

Whereas, At page 155 of the 2010 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the March 6, 2010 the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge approved, "Hayward Lodge: Moved by Pike, seconded by Breeland to withdraw Hall from being "for sale" and working on Reinstating Sycamore Lodge #129 -

PASSED. There is a group of 25 persons who have shown an interest in restarting the Lodge. This program will be evaluated in five years for certain concessions relative to their status and the Lodge Hall," and Whereas, At page 63 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that "Sycamore #129 (Hayward)- reinstatement, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)" and

Whereas, At page 156 of the 2011 Proceedings of Grand Lodge reports from the minutes of the April 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting that, "Hayward Lodge Hall: Cancelled listing. Sycamore #129 to be reinstated and will be using the Hall," and

Whereas, Sycamore Lodge #129 was reinstated, and the original charter of Sycamore Lodge #129 was restored April 17, 2010 to a group of 40 new-to-the-order members and four former members of Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, The Code of General Laws in Chapter IV (Grand Lodge Policy) at Section 5 (Authority Over Lodges) Paragraph Hat page IV-2-POLICY provides, "The Grand Lodge may restore the charter and enact legislation in which all or only a portion of its assets shall be restored," and

Whereas, At last year's 2016 Session, the membership approved Resolution #4 which ordered that all assets be restored to Sycamore Lodge #129 by a vote of 91-54, and

Whereas, To date, no assets have been restored to Sycamore Lodge #129, and

Whereas, To make it clear and without confusion, this is the Ninth of Nine Resolutions to define the assets to be restored and the manner in which the assets are to be restored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA THAT: Grand Lodge of California orders that the Officers of this Grand Lodge return to Sycamore 129 all of the assets taken from Sycamore Lodge #129 which are now in the possession of the Officers of this Grand Lodge or which now is housed at the Grand Lodge office, including, but not limited to, Chapel of the Chimes cemetery records for the Sycamore Lodge #129 cemetery plots.