

RESOLUTION TO RESTORE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASONRY

WHEREAS, Brother Thomas K. Sturgeon is the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction there unto Belonging and

WHEREAS, the Right Worshipful Grand Master has implemented and published the “21st Century Masonic Renaissance” program and

WHEREAS, the implementation of that program allows members to directly solicit petitioners and

WHEREAS, the customs of Pennsylvania Freemasonry are based upon the tradition that a man must show initiative and seek in his heart to become a Mason by asking and

WHEREAS, the implementation of that program changes the ballot from one black ball to three and

WHEREAS, the customs of Pennsylvania Freemasonry are based upon the tradition that all Masons are equal and each is entrusted with the right to reject any petitioner so that Freemasons go hand in hand in unanimity and

WHEREAS, the implementation of that program includes a One Day Masonic Journey and

WHEREAS, Masons who have received their degrees through previous One Day programs in Pennsylvania and in other Masonic jurisdictions have communicated that such conferrals were a mistake and they regret having entered the fraternity in that manner and

WHEREAS, the implementation of that program allows District-wide degree conferrals and

WHEREAS, the creation of District Degree Teams and the holding of District Degree Rallies has been done in other jurisdictions and other fraternal organizations resulting in a decline in the ability of individual Lodges to perform their own degrees and

WHEREAS, the implementation of that program allows an unlimited number of Masons to be made in one day and

WHEREAS, the customs of Pennsylvania Freemasonry are based upon the tradition that no more than five Freemasons can be made in a single session of the Lodge nor on the same day without a special dispensation and

WHEREAS, the implementation of that program includes a written ritual and

WHEREAS, every Pennsylvania Freemason has taken an oath neither to record nor to allow another to record the ritual and

WHEREAS, other Masonic jurisdictions, appendant bodies of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and other fraternal organizations in Pennsylvania have published written rituals and that has actually resulted in an even lower level of proficiency in memorization and

WHEREAS, the implementation of that program allows Lodges to open without ancient and due form and

WHEREAS, the customs of Pennsylvania Freemasonry are based upon the tradition that our Masonic ritual is an integral part of the teachings of Freemasonry, including the opening and closing ritual and

WHEREAS, the implementation of that program reduces the code of Masonic dress and

WHEREAS, a casual mode of dress in the Masonic Lodge cultivates a lack of respect for the decorum of a Lodge and gives a poor impression to new Masons and

WHEREAS, the implementation of that program prohibits asking Brethren without the Word of the Chair or non-Masons to retire when the Worshipful Master is installed and

WHEREAS, the installation of the Worshipful Master is actually the conferral of the Past Master Degree and

WHEREAS, no Masonic degree should be conferred in the presence of people who have not received that degree and

WHEREAS, the professed benefits of the implementation of that program are contradicted by sound evidence from other Masonic jurisdictions, appendant bodies and other fraternal organizations that have already attempted such innovations and suffered detrimental effects

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of _____ Lodge

_____ meeting at _____, Pennsylvania do hereby beseech the Right Worshipful

Grand Master to repeal the above cited portions of his "21st Century Renaissance" Program.

Adopted on this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2010, A.L. 6010

_____, Secretary

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