

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) – **reinstitution**, initiation and installation on 4/17. (63 members)” and

Whereas, At page 64 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 H at 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.