

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) – **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 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.