

**Amendment to Article IV - DUES, Section 5 - Arrears of the
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(e) If the Member responds with a commitment to pay the outstanding arrears in full, the Master shall set the date to vote to unaffiliate for a stated communication in September of the same year.

(f) The Master shall advise the member in writing as to the date and conditions upon which the motion to unaffiliate shall be voted upon.

(g) The vote to unaffiliate shall require a simple majority of the members present and voting.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENT - This amendment shall be effective with respect to all bills for Lodge Dues issued after the date of enactment.

The Rite of Circumambulation as Practiced by Freemasons

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circumambulation has always been practised. As an instance, we may cite the ceremonies which are to be performed by a Brahmin upon first rising from bed in the morning, an accurate account of which has been given by Mr. Colebrooke in the "Asiatic Researches." The priest, having first adored the sun while directing his face to the east, then walks towards the west by the way of the south, saying, at the same time, "I follow the course of the sun," which he thus explains: "As the sun in his course moves round the world by the way of the south, so do I follow that luminary, to obtain the benefit arising from a journey round the earth by the way of the south."

Lastly, I may refer to the preservation of this rite among the Druids, whose

"mystical dance" around the cairn, or sacred stones, was nothing more nor less than the rite of circumambulation. On these occasions the priest always made three circuits, from east to west, by the right hand, around the altar or cairn, accompanied by all the worshippers. And so sacred was the rite once considered, that we learn from Toland that in the Scottish Isles, once a principal seat of the Druidical religion, the people "never come to the ancient sacrificing and fire-hallowing cairns, but they walk three times around them, from east to west, according to the course of the sun." This sanctified tour, or round by the south, he observes, is called Deiseal, as the contrary, or unhallowed one by the north, is called Tuapholl.

TRESTLEBOARD

**Awaiting a Report from
The Investigating Committee**

(none)

**Awaiting the Degree of
Entered Apprentice**

(none)

**Awaiting the Degree of
Fellowcraft**

Bro. Hubert D. Delany

Bro. James Short

**Awaiting the Degree of
Master Mason**

Bro. Richard S. Murphy



W.: Robert J. Mahony

orders you to reply to this Communication summoning you to attend the 968th Communication of Publicity Lodge M in the CORINTHIAN ROOM (not our Doric Room) on the 8th floor of Grand Lodge (71 W 23rd St.) on Monday, May 9th, 2016,

in time for opening Lodge at 6:09 PM in order to welcome new members of the Lodge in the traditional Walkabout ceremony before opening Lodge to elect officers for the ensuing year and act on items in the agenda herewith.

Attire for the evening will be dark business suit or black tie.

Lodge Brothers will subsequently host Brother Masons at an informal Table Lodge at approximately 8:30 PM in the Jacobean Room adjacent to the CORINTHIAN ROOM. Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons attending the Table Lodge must reply no later than noon, Saturday, May 7th, through our website – which will accept your \$25-per-person payment for refreshment as well as PAST DUE annual dues for 2015 (\$161) and PAST DUE annual dues for 2016 (\$163).

Credit-card payment options other than PayPal are available. If you prefer to pay by cash, you must order the meal in your reply to this Communication.

Attendees should respond at <http://www.publicity1000.org/shop> to purchase meals or pay annual dues. To assure your security, do not click on this or any link embedded in emails – even when the link appears to be in an email from your Lodge.

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AGENDA

- 6:09 Walkabout
6:45 Lodge Opening
7:05 Admitting the tardy
7:10 Welcome Guests
7:15 Sickness
7:20 Tidings
7:25 Petitions Read and Assigned
to Investigating Committee
7:30 Miscellaneous Reports
7:35 Discussion on Proposed
By Laws Amentment
7:45 Vote on Proposed By Laws
Amendment
7:50 Election of Officers for the
Ensuing Year
8:10 Master Lectures
8:12 Final Call for Informing the
Lodge Before Closing
8:15 Read and approve minutes
8:20 Lodge Closing
8:40 Final Gavel

MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

With guests from our district and from Prince Hall, Publicity Lodge conducted the Third Degree in all parts, which included a drama comprising all Craftsmen. The surprise that I promised in our last Notice to disclose after the April Third Degree in order to protect the surprise for candidates being brought to light is simply this: officers were robed in antique blue cassocks adorned with gold trim. These garments have been passed down to Publicity Lodge, and according to Brother Secretary Art Paolillo, R.W.: Brother Dennis Daugherty carefully transferred these garments from Liberty Lodge to our lockers on the 11th floor of Masonic Hall and then carefully preserved them for posterity. You can imagine the surprise of those being brought to light. Liberty Lodge was formed in 1986 by merging Harlem Lodge with Americus Lodge. I hope that we all will be able to view a bronze 1865 memorial in our Lodge Room from Harlem Lounge.

With nine newly-raised Brothers of Publicity Lodge now officially members of Publicity Lodge, we plan to welcome them on May 9th in our traditional Walkabout before opening Lodge. I urge each of us to attend to participate in our fraternal welcoming ceremony. Please be sure to arrive early as our agenda must include discussion and vote on the most recently proposed amendment to our By Laws, appearing in this Notice, as well as electing officers for the ensuing year.

May 9th will be my last tiled Lodge as a duly elected and installed Master of the Lodge. I will share with you in my last Message from the East all that I want to say to our Brothers who have worked diligently all year. I will be speaking at Refreshment to close my year after we elect officers for the new year. The officers have been meeting with me monthly to administer the Lodge, and we have followed what we outlined in our manual for the Lodge "Best Practices." We have managed the Lodge all year with the theme of succession: preparing each Brother Officer for advancing to the East. I assure you now that the Lodge will be in good hands for years to come. But please do not quote me.

We now have 111 members of Publicity Lodge, including 14 Life members. To date 45 Brothers have paid their 2016 dues and fulfilled their Masonic duty, which helps Publicity Lodge sustain what may be the oldest fraternity in the world. The remaining 66 Brothers are now four months in arrears, including 13 Brothers who are now 16 months in arrears. Knowing that the American economy has been challenging, we continue to reach out to Brothers in arrears to be sure that they are not in distress and requiring our relief. I have begun to organize the Lodge for a membership drive, which I hope will be sustained in the years ahead. I composed a questionnaire designed to be used and revised by approximately 35 Brothers to call two of the 66 and speak personally with each Brother in arrears in order to determine how best to work and best agree on the work of the Lodge going forward. When a Brother has the means to pay his dues but postpones payment, he overburdens Brother Secretary and, worse, impedes our efforts to relieve those who truly need our response.

If you can, please go to our website now. Click on the 2016 Dues button or 2015 Dues button or both. Or, send your personal check to Brother Secretary. Then join us in fraternity from afar or in Lodge on May 9th. If you cannot pay your dues, please reach out to a Brother, especially your sponsor, for guidance.

—W.: Robert J. Mahony ☒



The group pictured left assembled briefly following Dinner in the Jacobean Room on Monday, March 7, 2016. The Jacobean Room works particularly well as a venue for our Lodge Dinners. It is immediately adjacent to The Doric Room where our Meetings are held, resulting in a seamless flow from Meeting to Meal to Meeting; particularly convenient on Degree Nights.

How long has it been since you have attended Publicity Lodge?

Make plans now to be a part of this great Lodge as we continue to become even greater ~ at the May Election Meeting or the June Installation Meeting; or both Meetings.

The Rite of Circumambulation -- An Important Symbol by Movement that is Honored and Practiced by Freemasons Around the World

The rite of circumambulation will supply us with another ritualistic symbol, in which we may again trace the identity of the origin of Freemasonry with that of the religious and mystical ceremonies of the ancients.

“Circumambulation” is the name given by sacred archaeologists to that religious rite in the ancient initiations which consisted in a formal procession around the altar, or other holy and consecrated object.

The prevalence of this rite among the ancients appears to have been universal, and it originally (as I shall have occasion to show) alluded to the apparent course of the sun in the firmament, which is from east to west by the way of the south. In ancient Greece, when the priests were engaged in the rites of sacrifice, they and the people always walked three times around the altar while chanting a sacred hymn or ode. Sometimes, while the people stood around the altar, the rite of circumambulation was performed by the

priest alone, who, turning towards the right hand, went around it, and sprinkled it with meal and holy water. In making this circumambulation, it was considered absolutely necessary that the right side should always be next to the altar, and consequently, that the procession should move from the east to the south, then to the west, next to the north, and afterwards to the east again. It was in this way that the apparent revolution was represented.

This ceremony the Greeks called moving from the right to the right, which was the direction of the motion, and the Romans applied to it the term *dextroorsum*, or *dextrorsum*, which signifies the same thing. Thus Plautus makes Palinurus, a character in his comedy of “*Curculio*,” say, “If you would do reverence to the gods, you must turn to the right hand.” Gronovius, in commenting on this passage of Plautus, says, “In worshipping and praying to the gods they were accustomed to turn to the right

hand.”

A hymn of Callimachus has been preserved, which is said to have been chanted by the priests of Apollo at Delos, while performing this ceremony of circumambulation, the substance of which is, “We imitate the example of the sun, and follow his benevolent course.”

It will be observed that this circumambulation around the altar was accompanied by the singing or chanting of a sacred ode. Of the three parts of the ode, the strophe, the antistrophe, and the epode, each was to be sung at a particular part of the procession. The analogy between this chanting of an ode by the ancients and the recitation of a passage of Scripture in the masonic circumambulation, will be at once apparent.

Among the Romans, the ceremony of circumambulation was always used in the rites of sacrifice, of expiation or purification. Thus Virgil describes Corynasus as purifying his companions, at the funeral of Misenus, by passing three

times around them while aspersing them with the lustral waters; and to do so conveniently, it was necessary that he should have moved with his right hand towards them.

“*Idem ter socios pura circumtulit unda, Spargens rore levi et ramo felicis olivæ.*” *Æn.* vi. 229.

“Thrice with pure water compassed he the crew, Sprinkling, with olive branch, the gentle dew.”

In fact, so common was it to unite the ceremony of circumambulation with that of expiation or purification, or, in other words, to make a circuitous procession, in performing the latter rite, that the term *lustrare*, whose primitive meaning is “to purify,” came at last to be synonymous with *circuire*, to walk round anything; and hence a purification and a circumambulation were often expressed by the same word.

Among the Hindoos, the same rite of
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ORIGINAL TEXT OF BYLAWS

Section 5. Arrears

(a) A member in arrears for one year's dues after a period of twelve calendar months and after being duly summoned by the Secretary, may be unaffiliated by a majority of members present and voting.

(b) If in arrears for two years, a member must be summoned by the Secretary by certified mail, return receipt requested, postmarked no later than the 31st day of October, to show cause to the Master why he should not be unaffiliated. When a member is so summoned and fails to pay the dues, the Master shall constitute an Investigating Committee to investigate the reasons therefore and report the results to the Lodge at the Annual Communication following the date of such summons, for such action as a majority of the members present there decide.

(c) A member in arrears for an assessment after twelve calendar months following the levy thereof, after being duly summoned, may, in the discretion of the Master, be charged with failure to perform his Masonic duty in accordance with the Constitutions of Grand lodge and be disciplined pursuant thereto. [Amended. 920 April 2, 2012] [Deleted. 964 February 1, 2016]

VOID AMENDMENT

A Brother of the Lodge in arrears for one year's dues after a period of twelve calendar months ending on December 31st shall be notified by the Secretary by certified mail, return receipt requested, postmarked no later than then February 1st that following year that he is summoned before the Master to pay his outstanding indebtedness to the Lodge or set up some type of payment plan to ameliorate this outstanding past year debt and any current year's dues that are do January The Master's summons must be answered by the Brother no later than April's stated communication. If the Master's summons to pay the arrears of dues outstanding was not answered by the Brother by the April communication, the Master at his discretion (but no later than the December stated communication) may bring the Brother before the Lodge to be voted by majority of members present as an unaffiliated member of the Lodge for non payment of dues according to Section 691 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge of the State of New York. [Added. 964 February 1, 2016]
[Declared VOID. 695 March 7, 2016]

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XI. PARTICULAR LODGE AND ACQUIRING MEMBERSHIP [§§417-886]

PARTICULAR LODGE AND ACQUIRING MEMBERSHIP

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[§691] (hh) **Vote of Lodge Necessary to Unaffiliate.** Automatic unaffiliation is at variance with Masonic principles and practice⁹ and a vote of the Lodge is necessary for unaffiliation.¹⁰

[§692] (ii) **To Avoid Unaffiliation Must Tender Full Payment.** To avoid unaffiliation for non-payment of dues, the brother in arrears must tender the whole amount of his indebtedness.¹¹

10. Comm. Cond. M., 1859 p. 258, Comp. 60; Matter of Highland Lodge No. 835, 1941 p. 115, approved 1942 p. 116, 117, Comp. 1170.

11. Comm. on App., 1867 p. 71, Comp. 119; Comm. J. & Cond. M., 1868 p. 44, Comp. 121, 123; Thorne G. M., 1876 p. 29, Comp. 178 (iii). See also Matter of Mills, 1911 p. 351, Comp. 541, 542.

XIII. THE INDIVIDUAL MASON [§§1045-1104]

[§1088] (24) **Summons Before Unaffiliation.** The right of a brother to be duly summoned to pay arrears of dues before he can be un-affiliated for their non-payment is considered elsewhere.

PROPOSED REVISION OF VOIDED AMENDMENT

Section 5. Arrears

(a) After being sent an invoice for the current year's Lodge Dues a Member is deemed in Arrears if they have not paid those dues before the end of the 2nd calendar month or March 31 of that year, whichever shall occur last.

(b) If the Member is in Arrears, then one month after the Arrears date provided for in Paragraph (a), the Secretary shall send a Summons by certified first class mail to the member at his last known address stating that the member is in arrears.

(c) The Member shall be advised that they have 30 days from the date the notice is mailed to respond to the Summons.

(d) If the Member fails to respond within the time prescribed in paragraph (c), the Lodge may, at the next Stated Communication, vote to un-affiliate the Member.

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