

The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio

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EDICT

Whereas at the 205th Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Ohio held October 17 & 18, 2014 in Sharonville, Ohio, delegates voted in support of proposed legislation 2014-2, and

Whereas this enacted legislation removes **Section 11.05** pertaining to *Gambling and Penalties* from The By-Laws of The Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, and

Whereas The Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio and its Symbolic Lodges are designated 501(c)10 organizations by the IRS and

Whereas the Ohio Revised Code has restrictions or limitations impacting 501(c) 10 IRS designated organizations, and there exists the possibility of local community restrictions impacting the legality of gambling, now

Therefore, I Steven E. Cokonougher, Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Ohio do hereby order that in order to ensure Ohio Lodges operate within the provisions of local and State statutes pertaining to gambling, all Lodges or individuals holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ohio proposing such an activity, prior to the activity will obtain a written legal opinion from an attorney relative to the documented proposed event or activity. I further order that said documented event description and opinion be made part of the meeting minutes at the Lodge's Stated Meeting held prior to the event or activity and the same sent to the Grand Lodge Office for retention.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of December, 2014.

Steven E. Cokonougher
Grand Master