



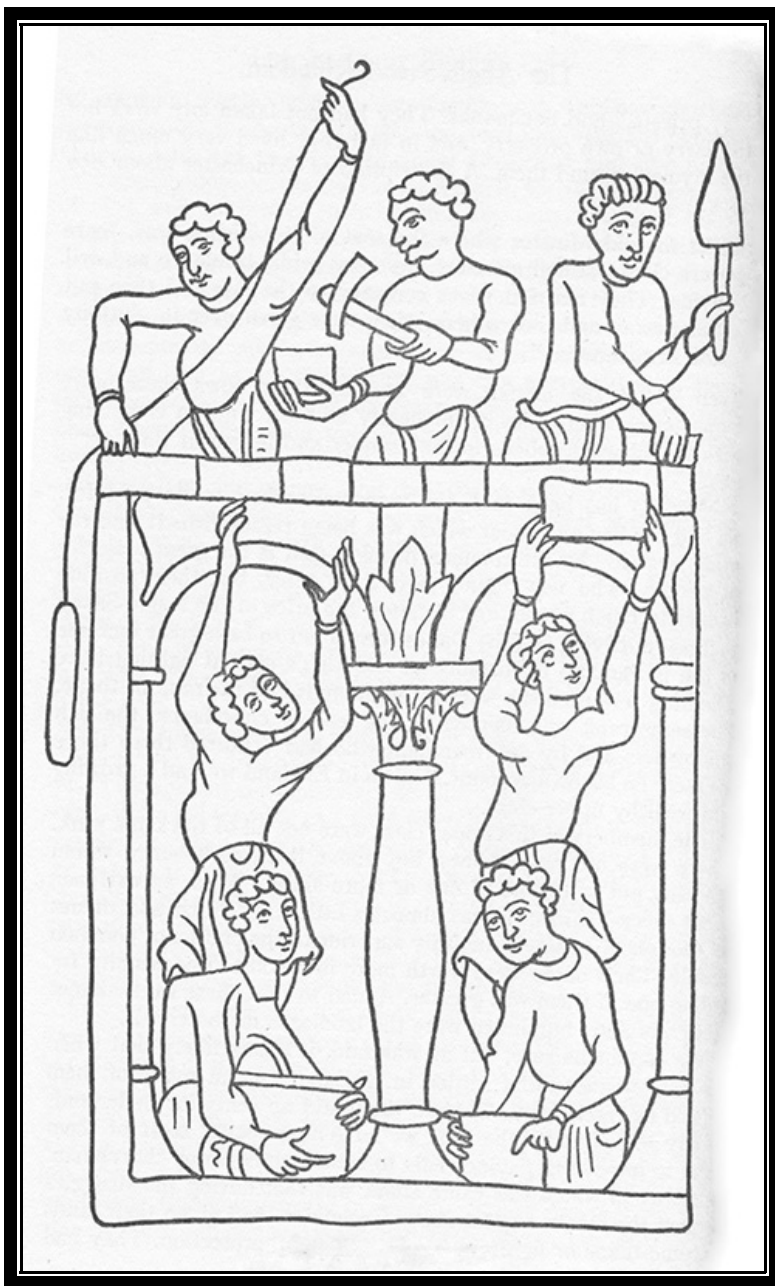
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From the Grand Master

Brethren,

Some things just don't seem true until you experience them yourself. Past Grand Masters have told me how the year just seems to evaporate—how suddenly you find that what seemed like a nearly endless time ahead has become only a few weeks. It is true. I am starting to write my Grand Masters Address to be printed and distributed at Grand Lodge, and it makes me realize again just how much I owe to you, and to the members of the Craft who have been especially helpful.

I will write about that in the Address, but for now, in addition to thanking you for giving me this remarkable opportunity, I want to write again about the idea I have presented before—perhaps the most important thing I can tell you—and it can be reduced to four words.

COME TO GRAND LODGE!

I overheard a couple of young Masons talking the other day. They did not know I was the Grand Master, and so they were speaking honestly (how I wish others would!). One said to the other, "I don't see any point in going to Grand Lodge, it's just a group of old guys griping and patting each other on the back."

You know what? HE MAY BE RIGHT! If the only Masons who come to Grand Lodge are those who have already achieved some success in Masonry, or those who don't like something and have an ax to grind, that's what happens. And then Grand Lodge just becomes something to be lived (or slept) through, with everyone saying "Thank heaven that's over for another year."

BUT, if the room is filled with Worshipful Masters and Wardens who have come to participate; if there is lively debate and an exchange of ideas; if men take ideas back to their Lodges they can use to make the coming years even better and more exciting, then Grand Lodge is a living, dynamic place, where much of value happens, you meet old friends and make new ones, and Freemasonry takes a deep and revitalizing breath to move forward.

It depends on you, and on whether you make the effort to come.

Think about what happens there. In the first place, you will elect the men who are going to lead your Fraternity in the future. You may not know it, but that doesn't happen in most states. Generally, the Grand Master appoints the man at the bottom of the line, and he simply moves up year after year until he is Grand Master, with no one ever electing him. Here you elect the Junior Grand Warden, and you elect the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. The biographies of the men who have filed for office follow this message.

In the second place, you elect the men who will serve on the Board of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma. In many ways, the Foundation is the public face of Masonry in our state. It makes a very big difference in the lives of Masons and their families, and in the lives of 1 in 3 Oklahomans—the number touched in some way by the Foundation each year.

In the third place, you adopt the committee reports and the budget. They will be sent to your Lodge when the Yellow Book is printed in a few days. And in the fourth place, you will debate and vote on the resolutions to change the Masonic law in Oklahoma. They are also in the Yellow Book and will be summarized later in this issue.

If you are a Worshipful Master or Warden, it is your duty to discuss the resolutions in Lodge, find the will of the Brethren, and vote that will, unless you hear some powerful argument in debate which leads you to think that the Lodge would have felt differently if they had that information. When you come, stay independent in your thinking; don't vote the way someone else tells you to, just because they tell you to. You represent the will of your Brethren. If you cannot come both Friday afternoon and Saturday, come Saturday when the vote and debate happens, and participate. If you possibly can come Friday afternoon as well, do so, and participate in the information and fellowship.

And even if you are a Master Mason who is not a Warden or Worshipful Master, come and observe. Unless you have a vote or a proxy you cannot participate in the debate, but you can listen, make friends, and expand your Masonic horizon. Believe me, it is worth it.

So that is my last written message to you in this magazine. Masonry is what you make it, and if you do not participate in the process, you make it less.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn E. Almy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Glenn E. Almy, Grand Master

Brethren Who Have Made Themselves Available for Grand Lodge Office

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Junior Grand Warden



Gary Lee Beisly lives with his wife, Carolyn, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He is the owner and Principal Engineer of GB Consultants in Broken Arrow. He noted: *"During my professional career I have worked on projects throughout the U.S. and several countries. I have been registered as a professional engineer in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and North Dakota. I have also held a Master/Journeyman electrician license in Oklahoma, Michigan, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Utah. I have held membership in the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers, the Tulsa Pipeliners Club, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and the Instrument Society of America."*

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Wichita State University, and serves as Deacon and member of the Stewardship/Financial Committee of the Fellowship Christian Church.

He served Redfork/Brookside Lodge #505 as Senior Deacon in 1986, Junior Warden in 1987, Worshipful Master in 1988, Secretary in 1989, Senior Steward in 1999, Chaplain in 2002, and Junior Deacon in 2006.

He served Broken Arrow Lodge #243 as Worshipful Master in 2003. In 2004 he served as Worshipful Master of Akdar Lodge (U.D. now 555), which Lodge he also served as Trustee in 2005/2006 and Secretary in 2007. He has served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master in 2009 and 2010, as well as on various Committees. An "A" Certificate Lecturer for more than 10 years, he has also served as President of the Certificate Lecturer's Association.

Worshipful Brother Beisly is a member of the Tulsa Scottish Rite Valley, where he holds the KCCH. He is past Director of the 13^o team, and Junior Deacon of the Tulsa Knights of St. Andrew. He is a member of the 7^o, 11^o, 13^o, and 26^o teams, and a cast member of the Feast of Remembrance and the Last Supper Tableau.

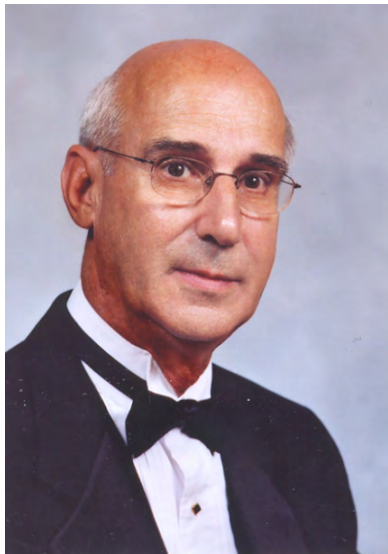
He is a member of the Tulsa York Rite Bodies and Akdar Shrine Temple, where he has served as Director General 3 times, is Past Director of the Kar Buffs Unit, and a member of the Oriental Band. He is also a member of the Oklahoma Lodge of Research. He has served as DeMolay Dad for Highland Park Chapter.

To the question "Why do you seek this office?" Worshipful Brother Beisly wrote: *"to help Oklahoma Masonry remain an active and important part of our personal, family, and community lives."*

To the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" he wrote: *"to work with Grand Lodge programs and Craft ideas that promote Masonry's social and ritualistic activities so Masonry continue to be an organization of which all men (young and old) and their families want to be a part."*

Pursuant to legislation passed in 2007, a candidate must reveal if he has ever been suspended or expelled from a Lodge or from Freemasonry. The answer is "no."

Grand Treasurer



M.:W.: Charles L. Stuckey served as Grand Master in 2002. He and his wife, Glenda, live in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Prior to his retirement, he headed the research for Conoco, where he not only worked as a research chemist but as a group manager with responsibilities for budget management. His writing has been published in several scientific journals.

He was raised in 1960 in Tuscan Lodge #193 (which later consolidated with Corinthian Lodge #307). In 1965, he affiliated with Ponca Lodge #83 in Ponca City. He served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1970, and has served as Secretary since 1977. He is also a member of Corinthian Lodge #307, Guildhall Lodge #553, and the Oklahoma Lodge of Research. In addition to serving as Grand Master, he has served and continues to serve on Grand Lodge Committees and commissions.

He is a member of the Guthrie Valley of the Scottish Rite, where he holds the 33^o. He is a member of the Advisory Conference, the Investment Committee, and Past President of the Charitable and Educational Foundation.

He is a member of Akdar Shrine Temple, and of Olivet Chapter #25, Bernard Council #42, and Ben Hur Commandery #14 of the York Rite. In that Rite he has served as Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, and Grand Commander.

M.:W.:Brother Stuckey is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine, the Knight Masons, Allied Masonic Degrees, Grand College of Rites, Knights York Cross of Honor, Holy Royal Arch Templar Priest, the Masonic Rosicrucians, the Royal Order of Scotland, National Sojourners, and Heroes of '76.

For 15 years he has served on the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Financial Committee of Manhattan Christian College. He has served in leadership positions in several professional organizations and is President of the Ponca City Junior Baseball Association. He holds the Honorary Legion of Honor from DeMolay and the Grand Cross of Color from Rainbow.

In answer to the question "Why do you seek this office?" he wrote: *"I would like to bring my investment experience to the office."*

In answer to the question *"What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?"* he wrote *"Increase the yield on investments, thus increasing income and provide guidance to our local Lodges to improve their financial position."*

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W.: John C. Alexander lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to his retirement he was the General Secretary of the Tulsa Scottish Rite Bodies. He has a Masters of Science Degree in Petroleum Geology, and was Senior Geologist with Champlin Petroleum from 1961 to 1966. In that year he became CEO of Enid Moving and Storage, expanding it into the largest moving and storage company in Oklahoma. In 1982 he became President and CEO of Tulsa Energy and Management. In 1990 he earned a Masters of Science Degree in Environmental Science from OSU and became a Doctoral Candidate in Environmental Science. He currently serves as a consultant on Environmental issues and is General Operational Partner of Alexander Brothers Investments.

He was raised in 1955 in Cosmos Lodge #278 in Kansas, and affiliated with Pilgrim-Rock Lodge in Tulsa in 1990. He served Pilgrim-Rock Lodge #522 as Worshipful Master in 1997, and has served as Treasurer since 1998.

In 1996 he was Co-Chairman for the Grand Masters Conference of North America meeting in Tulsa. In 1997 he served on the Grand Lodge Long Range Planning Committee and the Arrangements Committee; the Directional Planning Committee in 1998; and the Membership Development Committee in 1999. From 2001-2008 he was Chairman of the Fraternal Correspondence

Committee, the Grand Lodge Investment Advisory Committee in 2010 and 2011; and the Appeals and Grievance Committee in 2011.

In the Scottish Rite, he received the KCCH in 1979 and the 33^o in 1989. He was General Secretary of the Tulsa Temple from 1990 to 2001 and served as a Trustee of the Tulsa Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation 1990-2005.

He is a member of Akdar Shrine Temple and served as Potentate in 1980. In 1992 he served as General Convention Chairman of the Central States Shrine Association, and as Co-Chairman of the Association in 1999. He served on the Board of Governors of the St.Louis Shrine Hospital for Children from 1995 to 2003, when he was elected an Emeritus member of the Board.

W.: Brother Alexander holds the Legion of Honor in DeMolay and is the 2011 Sovereign of St. Luke Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is a member of National Sojourners and the Heroes of '76.

In answer to the question "Why do you seek this office?" he wrote: *"With my background in the ownership of commercial properties and investments in warehousing, I have a solid foundation in the complexity of fiscal management.*

In the past, as General Secretary of the Tulsa Scottish Rite, I provided daily overview of the sizable investments of the Tulsa Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation and made recommendations for maximizing interest income. I believe my experience can be beneficial to the guidance and direction of the Grand Lodge finances on behalf of the Masonic Membership in Oklahoma."

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" he wrote: *"The Grand Lodge Treasurer should have the responsibility and integrity to obtain the maximum interest available for the annual earning of our Perpetual Membership funds, preserving and safeguarding the monies that the Masonic Membership in Oklahoma has intrusted with the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Our Lodges throughout the State of Oklahoma depend on these funds for their general operating revenues of their Lodges."*

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Grand Secretary

R.:W.: Steve Singleton was appointed to the position of Grand Secretary by Grand Master Glenn Almy after the resignation of R.:W.: Brother David Allen. He was born and raised in South Carolina. He is a Senior DeMolay and a charter member of the chapter in his home of Florence, S.C. He attended The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina and was commissioned into the U.S. Navy upon graduation, serving for twenty-three years as a Surface Warfare Officer. His sea and shore tours included being stationed in Charleston, S.C., Norfolk, Va. and London, England. His London tour included serving as the Chief Maritime Logistics Officer for NATO Eastern Atlantic, where he taught at the Royal Navy Staff College and NATO Logistic School in Hamburg, Germany. In his last tour, he served as head of a Multinational cell of International Officers and head of the U.S. delegation to the NATO Maritime tactical working group.

He earned two Masters degrees while on active duty; a Master of Arts, Teaching from The Citadel and a Master of Science from East Carolina University.

Upon retiring from military service, R.:W.: Brother Singleton was an IT project coordinator for a year in Florida before moving to Stillwater. He worked at Oklahoma State University for ten years, starting at the Center for Local Government Technology (CLGT) and then becoming the start-up Manager for the OSU-Stillwater Community Transit System.

He was raised in Frontier Lodge #48 in 2002 and served as Worshipful Master in 2007. During that time, the Lodge won the MSANA Mark Twain Award thrice and was recognized for Ritual Excellence for being able to conduct the EA degree from all elected positions. He was President of the Stillwater Masonic Building Board from 2008-2009 and serves as lodge webmaster. Brother Singleton was DDGM for District 6 in 2010.

He also served as Stillwater DeMolay chapter Dad for five years, earning the DeMolay International Cross of Honor and the Council of Cryptic Masons Youth Leadership Medal. He was selected "State Dad" by the DeMolay boys in 2007.

Brother Singleton is a member of the Stillwater York Rite bodies (DDGM for Chapter and Council), National Sojourners and Heroes of '76, as well as national Philalathes Society. Steve has been a member of a number of Grand Lodge committees, including the Website and Tyler's Committees.

In answer to the question "Why do you seek this office?" he wrote: *"I was asked to serve in the office of Grand Secretary by Grand Master Almy when Brother Allen had to step down, and do so now with great pride and satisfaction in being able to answer the needs of lodges and brothers around the state."*

I now seek election to the office as a means of repaying the Craft for all they have done for me over the years. By my experiences as a DeMolay, I am indebted for the confidence I gained as a young man. By watching my father's lodge brothers be by his side during his terminal illness and then taking care of my mother for years afterward, I am indebted for learning the true meaning of brotherly love. By seeing my son grow through his involvement in DeMolay, I am indebted for all the fraternity has given to the youth of our orders. The best way I can think of to repay this indebtedness is to dedicate myself to the service of Oklahoma Freemasonry as Grand Secretary."

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" he wrote: *"As Grand Secretary, my primary goal is to improve and increase communication between the Grand Lodge officers, Grand Lodge staff and the lodges of Oklahoma. More can be done with open lines of communication than any other achievement I can imagine."*

I would also like to institutionalize Masonic education by increasing the number of resources available to the lodges. We must give brothers more, and better, reasons to come to lodge. Having an education piece as part of every meeting will go a long way in achieving this goal."

Last but not least, I would like each lodge to be more aware of what the Grand Lodge staff does on a daily basis. My goal will be to encourage every member of the craft to visit the Grand Lodge building at least once this coming year; to talk to the staff in person and to tour the building. It is easier to support a building and the people in it if you have first-hand knowledge of what they do."

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Grand Lecturer

R. W. Ronald Edgar Wray and his wife Tammie live in Hitchcock, Oklahoma. He is a heavy equipment operator for Blaine County. He served Okeene Lodge #357 as Worshipful Master in 1988 and currently serves as Secretary. He is a member of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple and is membership chairman for Blaine County. He has served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master in 1990, as Deputy Grand Lecturer Assistant in 2006 and 2007, and as Deputy Grand Lecturer in 2008 and 2009.

In 2009 he was elected to the Office of Grand Lecturer, in which he serves today.

In civic life, he has served as Boy Scout Leader, City Council Member, Mayor, Secretary of the Save our School Foundation. He is a retired firefighter and organist of his church. He is active in the Guthrie Scottish Rite and has received the KCCH.

In answer to the question "Why do you seek this office?" he wrote: *"Since earning my "A" Certificate in 1984, my dream was to become Grand Lecturer. Recently, I had been asked by several members of the Craft to seek this office. I am proud to follow the wonderful men who have held this position in the past."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Wray wrote: *"To preserve the ritual. To make Grand School accessible for all Masons, Certificate Lecturers and newly-raised Master Masons. To emphasize the beauty and solemnity of the work that sets our fraternity apart from all others. To pass on the kind of teaching shown me and help Masonry grow."*

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W.: Bill D. Crisler lives in Piedmont, Oklahoma. He is retired from Bridgestone/Firestone.

He was raised at Yukon Lodge #90 in 1981. He served as Worshipful Master in 1985 and in 2003. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, India Shrine Temple, and of Yukon Chapter #245, Order of the Eastern Star.

W.: Brother Crisler has held an "A" Certificate card for 24 years. He won the 1980 Ritual Competition in the role of Junior Deacon and the 1998 Competition in the role of the Third Ruffian.

He served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master in 1991 and 1992, and has served for 8 years as a Deputy Grand Lecturer. In 2009 he served on the Ritual Competition Committee.

In answer to the question "Why do you seek this Office?" he wrote: *"I have the desire, resources, and knowledge to preserve the integrity of the Masonic Fraternity and our rituals."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" he wrote: *"I would like to improve the communication within the Fraternity, preserve our rituals, and spark greater interest and excitement in learning. The rituals hold us together."*

Pursuant to legislation passed in 2007, a candidate must reveal if he has ever been suspended or expelled from a Lodge or from Freemasonry. The answer is "no."

Brethren Who Have Made Themselves Available for Election to the Board of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma

Note: The information below was taken from the forms filed by the Brethren with the Grand Lodge. If more than one Brother filed for a position, they are listed in the order in which their filings were received.

IMPORTANT: The Grand Master appointed W.: Robert M. "Bob" Davis to the Foundation earlier this year to fill the unexpired term of R.:W.: Robert Poole. That term would normally have expired in 2014. The rules of the Foundation specify that the appointment is good until the next session of Grand Lodge.

As a result, instead of the usual 3 positions to be elected, there will be four. The four Brethren receiving the most votes will become members of the Board. The three with the most number of votes will be elected for full terms. The Brother in fourth place will be elected to fill the term until 2014.

M.:W.: Charles Kent Callahan lives in Blanchard with his wife, Margaret. He works at the John M. Ireland Funeral Home, where he is Office Manager and Pre-Arrangement Counselor.

A member of Moore Lodge #539, he was Worshipful Master in 1980. He has served the Lodge as Secretary for 29 years.

He served as Grand Master in 2006, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Masonic Charity Foundation for 15 years.

In answer to the question "What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation?" he wrote: *"Previous experience dealing with multi-million dollar budgets with the Air Force and previous experience on the Board. Traveling over the state helping with Degree work and talking with our members to get input as to the ideas they have as to ways to serve our membership better."*

In answer to the question "How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?" he wrote: *"By continued support of our charitable and educational programs of the foundation in*

the local Lodges and Chapters, and development of new and innovative programs to provide assistance to our older membership. To work with the Board to find programs to get the Masonic Fraternity out in the public eye."

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W.: R. Keith Madden and his wife, Sue, live in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is General Secretary of the Tulsa Scottish Rite Bodies. He is a member of Pilgrim-Rock Lodge #522, Guildhall Lodge #553, and Tulsa Lodge #71.

He served Pilgrim-Rock Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2000 and served Guildhall as Master in 2008.

A current member of the Board, he serves on the Investment Committee and the Promises Matter Committee. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and also the Advisory Board of the Payne Education Center, a member of the Audit Committee --Domestic Violence Intervention Services, a volunteer with Junior Achievement, and a member of the Board of Boston

Avenue United Methodist Church in Tulsa.

In answer to the question "What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation?" he wrote: *"Service on the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Charity Foundation dealing with both the management of the business operations of the Foundation and administration of the charitable endeavors of the Foundation on behalf of the Oklahoma Masonic fraternity. A solid understanding of and experience in business management and a high level of personal integrity and ethics. Experience in sales, sales management, and business management has required me to be able to communicate effectively with people of different social stations, of different attitudes, opinions, and personalities, to motivate employees to perform to their fullest capacity, and to make the decisions necessary to the successful day-to-day operation of a business."*

In answer to the question "How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?" he wrote: *"As Entered Apprentices, we were taught that 'Charity is the chief of every social virtue and the distinguishing characteristic of Masons.' The Masonic Charity Foundation is charged with the responsibility of making this more than a platitude; it has a mission of administering the philanthropic endeavors of the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma. In this regard, the Board of Trustees should continually evaluate current programs to determine if the Foundation is fulfilling the Fraternity's charge, while at the same time, being receptive to new programs and endeavors that will help the Foundation be better in fulfilling that role."*

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W. : Robert M. "Bob" Davis and his wife, Virginia, live in Lawton, Oklahoma. He is retired from the US Civil Service, where he was a training instructor in the field artillery and missile school at Fort Sill. He holds the 50-Year Service Award and the Medal of Honor of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

He was raised in 1959 at Mount Scott Lodge #540, and is also a member of Apache Lodge #223 and Mountain View Lodge #168. He has served as Worshipful Master of both Mount Scott and Apache Lodges and is currently Secretary of Apache Lodge.

W. : Brother Davis was appointed to the Charity Foundation earlier this year to take the place of R. : W. : Robert Poole. He has previously worked with the civic club AMBUCS in Lawton, helping with their charitable activities.

In answer to the question "What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation?" he wrote: *"Since I was accepted into Masonry some 50+ years ago, I have always been aware*

of the importance of membership. New members are an important asset to any organization."

In answer to the question "How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?" he wrote: *"It is sometimes easy to forget the real need behind a request for charity. In my over 50 years of Masonry I have seen many cases come before our Lodge— some we helped, others we didn't. My experience as a Brother who has experienced need is what I will bring to the Board."*

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M. : W. : Gary A. Davis and his wife, Nellie, live in Drumright, Oklahoma. He is retired from the position of Chief of the Modifications Section of the Tulsa District of the Corps of Engineers.

He served Oklahoma Masonry as Grand Master in 1996.

M. : W. : Brother Davis was raised in 1977 at Millennium Lodge #543. He is a member of Millennium Lodge #543, Drumright Lodge #468, Owasso Lodge #545, Guildhall Lodge #553, and the Oklahoma Lodge of Research. He served Owasso Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1988.

He has served on the Board of the Charity Foundation for 15 years, and was Board President 2004 - 2006. He also serves as Chairman of the Drumright Housing Authority Board and Chairman of the Trustees of the United Methodist Church of Drumright.

In answer to the question "What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation?" he wrote: *"To maintain the integrity of the Masonic Charity Foundation. To continue to make sure our Grand Lodge is recognized through our charitable givings and to maintain separation of our Grand Lodge politics from affecting the operation of our Masonic Charity Foundation."*

In answer to the question "How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?" he wrote: *"By keeping the best interests of our members in mind. Continue to look for new ways to promote charitable activities throughout the State of Oklahoma."*

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M. : W. : Bobby Lee Laws lives in Altus, Oklahoma. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force where he was Chief Master Sergeant.

He served Oklahoma Masonry as Grand Master in 1990, and as Grand Secretary in 1992 and 1993.

He was raised in Union Lodge #28, in Georgia, in 1964, and is a member of Mangum Lodge #61, Altus Lodge #62, Yeldell Lodge #196, Hobart Lodge #198, Frederick Lodge #249, and the Oklahoma Lodge of Research.

He served as Worshipful Master of Altus Lodge in 1978 and 2003, and has served Altus Lodge and Frederick Lodge as either Secretary or Treasurer for almost every year since he was Grand Master. He has also served and continues to serve on many Grand Lodge Committees.

In response to a question about experience with charitable and/or non-profit organizations outside the Fraternity, M.:W.: Brother Laws observed that in his 27 years with the Air Force he had worked with many such organizations including the Red Cross and the Air Force Aid Society.

In answer to the question "What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation?" he wrote: *"My strengths are my experiences in dealing with all members of our Masonic family at all levels. My years of travelling the state and working wherever I can help in any way has allowed me to know that the Charity Foundation helps all people when there is a need."* In answer to the question "How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?" he wrote: *"The Foundation is going a great job. I would like to join them in better promoting all the things they have available down to the lowest level and as many Lodges (large and small) as I can."*

Pursuant to legislation passed in 2007, a candidate must reveal if he has ever been suspended or expelled from a Lodge or from Freemasonry. M.:W.: Brother Laws noted that in 1995 what should have been a withdrawal from Hollis Lodge #219 was sent in as a suspension rather than a withdrawal.

How to Attend Grand Lodge

When is Grand Lodge? Friday registration opens at 10:00 AM. Session begins on November 11, at 1:30 PM, in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie. The Banquet in Honor of M.:W.: Glenn E. Almy begins at 6:00 PM Friday evening in the Ballroom. Open meeting follows the banquet in the auditorium. Saturday session begins November 12 at 8:30 AM in the auditorium. Installation of Grand Lodge officers for 2012 will be at 6:00 PM Saturday evening, in the auditorium. A reception will follow in the Atrium.

Who can attend? Any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a constituent Lodge.

Who can vote and debate? Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and those carrying a proxy of a Worshipful Master or Warden, plus all Past Worshipful Masters.

Are the Open Meetings Friday open to ladies and non-Masonic friends? Yes.

When is the voting? Voting for Grand Lodge officers and Board members for the Masonic Charity Foundation starts at 7:00 AM Saturday morning and ends at 10:00 AM. Voting is in the Ballroom. Voting for resolutions takes place Saturday afternoon. Note that you must be registered in order to vote.

How do I attend the Banquet in honor of M.:W.: Glenn E. Almy? Tickets to the banquet are \$25 each. To reserve a place at the banquet, send \$25 per person to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 1019, Guthrie, OK 73044. Make check payable to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Please include your e-mail address if you wish an acknowledgment that your order has been received—you will not receive a physical ticket in the mail. The evening of the banquet, go to the table in the hall where the staff of the Grand Lodge will give you a slip showing the number of the table at which your seats are located. **Check-in and seating will begin at 5:15. The banquet will begin at 6:00.**

Do I need to wear an apron to the closed meeting on Saturday? Yes, you can either bring your own apron or purchase a paper apron in the Atrium.

If I want to reserve a bed in the Inn in the Scottish Rite Temple, how do I do so? To reserve a room, CONTACT THE INNKEEPERS. You can do that by e-mailing them at innkeep@att.net or writing to them at Innkeepers, P.O. Box 534, Wheatland, OK 73097.

See invitation to Apron Presentation on the back cover

Special Note from R.: W.: Ronald Wray, Grand Lecturer - We've made special arrangements for Brethren who have not yet checked out for their "A" or "C" cards in 2011. On Friday, November 11, before the Open meeting, we will be in the lower floor of the Grand Lodge building from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. You can check out then. Also, in October, we will be at all 3 Scottish Rite Reunions, and you can check out there between the same hours on Saturday of the Reunion.

Resolutions to be Voted Upon at Grand Lodge

NOTE: This is a "plain English" summary which is provided for your convenience. The actual text is printed in the Yellow Book, which is sent to each Lodge in Oklahoma. Nothing written here should be regarded as arguing in favor or in opposition of any resolution.

Resolution #1 - Specifies that a Grand Master cannot issue a dispensation for a Lodge to confer more than two Degrees on an individual in any one calendar day.

Resolution #2 - Specifies that a Brother whose application for affiliation with a Lodge has been rejected cannot re-apply to the same Lodge until at least a year has passed.

Resolution #3 - Changes the requirement that a Lodge submit a report each month to a requirement that reports be submitted in March, June, September, and December, plus any other month in which there is membership activity.

Resolution #4 - Provides that at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, matters of substance can only be voted upon during the Saturday session.

Resolution #5 - Provides for an alternative editing committee for the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge when needed.

Resolution #6 - Allows Lodges to do business in the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Degrees at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

Resolution #7 - Clarifies the term "business purposes only."

Resolution #8 - Clarifies and fixes an inadvertent conflict in the number of balls which must be in the receiving chamber of the ballot box after balloting.

Resolutions #9-A & 9-B - Changes the composition and election of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Resolution #10 - Increases the compensation of the Grand Secretary.

Resolution #11 - Changes the computation and distribution of interest earned on the endowed Perpetual Membership fund.

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION UPDATE

MATCHING FUNDS REPORT: From January 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011, 220 lodges have participated in the Matching Funds program compared to 218 lodges in 2010.

	2010	2011	% Change
Community Matching Funds (January 1 thru August 31)	\$902,285.36	\$945,477.27	+4.5%
Promises Matter Matching Funds (January 1 thru August 31)	\$ 74, 303.42	\$ 82,198.24	+9.6%
Total =	\$976,588.78	\$1,027.675.51	+4.9%

The following applications have been processed from 1/1/10 thru 8/31/10 & 1/1/11 thru 8/31/11:

	2010	2011	% Change
Community Matching Fund applications approved:	1,129	1,299	
Promises Matter Matching Fund applications approved:	106	85	
Applications denied:	15	14	
Total applications processed =	1,250	1,398	+10.5%

Matching Funds Deadline for 2011: In order to allow time for the Matching Funds Committee to ballot and checks to be issued prior to the close of 2011 business on December 30th, the 2011 deadline to receive all Matching Funds applications and information is **December 19, 2011**.

Ride Against Childhood Hunger: The Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma is teaming up with Channel 9 television as part of Oklahoma's Own Ride Against Childhood Hunger Program. As of September 8, 2011, 106 Lodges (47%) have donated a total of \$38,110 (lodge funds + Matching Funds) for this very worthy project. The funds will be divided between the Regional Food Bank of Western Oklahoma and the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, determined by the location of the giving Lodge.

District Meeting Programs are available for the asking. Please contact the Foundation office to schedule a program for your district.



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in Anticipation of his Election and Installation as

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Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
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sincerely and fraternally requests the Pleasure of Your Company
at the Apron Presentation for

Randall L. Rogers

November 13, A.:L.: 6011 - 1:00 P.M.

The McAllester Scottish Rite Temple Dining Room

Luncheon will be gratis,

but donations will be accepted for the Rainbow Assemblies serving the meal.

Presentations in the Auditorium will follow the luncheon.

Masons, their families, and the public are invited.

We hope you will join us for an afternoon of good food, fellowship, and good humor.