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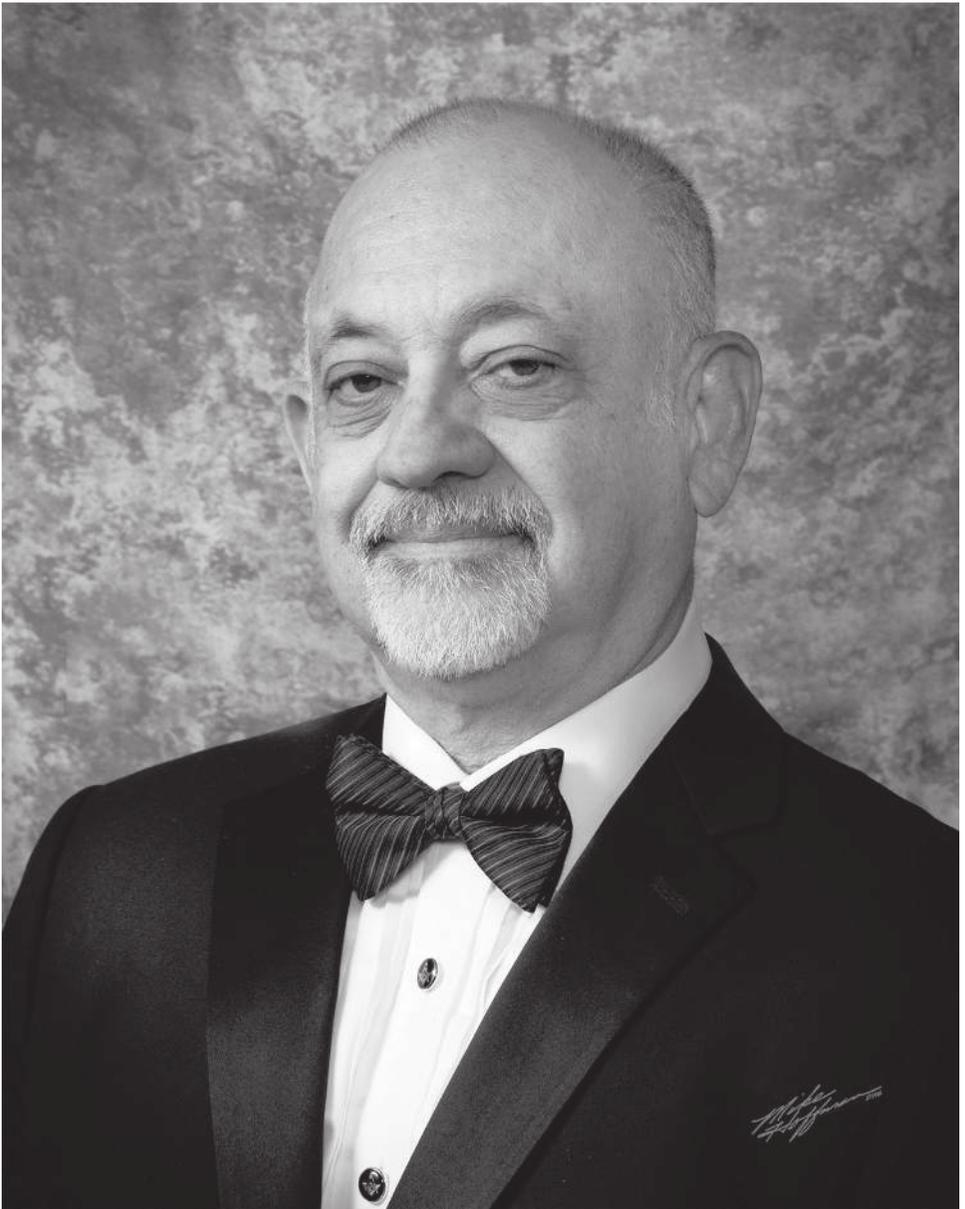
Annual Committee
Reports & Resolutions of the

**M.:W.: Grand Lodge,
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma**

together with the Reports of the Grand
Secretary & Grand Lecturer & the proposed
budget for 2018

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Guthrie, Oklahoma**



**M.:W.: Richard Larry Allison
Grand Master - 2017**

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Report of the Grand Secretary

To the most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and accepted Masons
Of the State of Oklahoma



M.:W.: Bobby L. Laws

Brethren:

As I write this, my third report to you as your Grand Secretary, I continue to be indebted to each of you for allowing me to serve you in this capacity. I know that we have made many changes in your reporting methods and procedures and I can only hope that those of you who have taken advantage of the Interface System have seen the benefit in time, paperwork and postage. This office continues to keep the best interest of YOU, the Craft of Oklahoma, as our prime objective.

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Richard L. "Rick" Allison has worked very closely with this office during his tenure, and the staff and I deeply appreciate the cooperation we have received from him as we have taken on steps to move the administrative functions of this office into the 21st century. Thank you Grand Master for all that you have done for us and for the CRAFT this year.

The Trustees continue to be a joy to work with. Each of them has displayed a true love and commitment to the CRAFT of Oklahoma in all that they do. They have taken on many tasks behind the scenes to continue to evaluate and plan for the future to insure that our Fraternity remains strong in our great state. With them it is "We" and never "I" in all that they do to support you.

To my "Special Friends" the Lodge Secretaries of all Oklahoma lodges I can only say thank you for a job well done. A large percentage of you have taken "the Bull by the Horns" to fully implement the Lodge Secretaries Interface Program in your lodge and from the reports you have given me you are very satisfied and

thankful that we have taken this giant step toward eliminating most of your paper reporting.

As of this writing 138 Lodge Secretaries are using this system and are saving themselves much time, paper, and postage for both their Lodge and Grand Lodge. To the other 82 lodges I urge you to try it you just might like it. Thank you my Brothers for trying it and reporting your satisfaction. Keep up the good work!

The Perpetual Path Program continues to pay huge dividends. As of this writing, since January 21, 2017 we have raised 108 Perpetual Master Masons who because of their vocations and traveling requirements would most likely never completed their degrees. We have, at this time, 5 additional degree dates scheduled by October 28, 2017. Our Traditional Path is working well also with 97 new Master Masons being raised since January 1, 2017. Please be reminded that every lodge have Entered Apprentices & Fellow Crafts that have not advanced, some in a number of years. We can provide you with a complete list for your lodge as far back as you desire. All you have to do is ask, or if you are using the Interface, you can print your own list.

While we are doing well in making new Masons, we must do better in keeping them. Our Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues really needs to be improved. I urge each lodge to stay in contact with your members and not wait until the last minute. Personal contact is the best tool that you have, please use it.

The Basic Blue Program has gotten off to a good start. As of this writing 41 Lodges have enrolled and many are completing the requirements of the ritual work in their lodges. It is "Back to Basics" that we all need to insure that we keep our Ritual Work at its highest level.

We continue to be very fortunate to have an outstanding staff working day in and day out to support your needs in the daily operation of your lodge. Yvette and Linda continue to go "Above and Beyond" to answer your questions and provide the very best support possible with the resources that we have available. Without them, the train would not stay on the track. Please thank them the next time you call.

To my adopted son Terry Story, MoH, I have previously used all the adjectives in my limited vocabulary to tell the Craft of Oklahoma how much you do to keep their beautiful Grand Lodge Building in perfect condition as well as the thousands of other task that you do each and every day no matter the weather or how you feel physically. God bless you my son.

To my "National Treasure" of Masonic knowledge, Most Worshipful Brother James T. Tresner, II Honorary Past Grand Master and MoH, thank you for being there at my every beck and call. No one, even the Trustees are aware of the many things you do for Oklahoma Masonry to make it better and stronger each and every day. Maybe one day may pass when you can relax and not be called on to develop some new script, make a DVD, design a new certificate or make a presentation of some sort.

To the Past Grand Masters, I thank those of you who have been at my beck and call when I needed your assistance and advice. Each of you have taken your obligation seriously to assist the constituent lodges whenever the need arises.

I want to personally thank my close friends Most Worshipful Robert T. Shipe and his lovely lady Betty for the wonderful "Cornerstones book" that they spent so many miles and years travelling this state taking photographs and researching histories to cover all the Cornerstones laid by this Grand lodge from 1875 thru 2015. Then to top that off they had the 660 page volume published and are donating all the proceeds from the sales to the Grand Lodge building fund. To date the deposited net proceeds from the book sales have amounted to slightly over \$7,000.00.

Normally I would not recognize a Brother for his personal resource donation to Grand lodge but I feel that I must tell you that Brother James Roderick who is the Senior Warden of Collinsville Lodge No. 165 caught me by complete surprise some time back when he called me and informed me that he would like to make a small contribution in the amount of \$20,000.00 to assist Grand Lodge where it was needed most. His contribution has been received and put to work in the areas that he designated. I also happen to know that he has been one of the driving forces in the almost complete remodeling of his Collinsville Lodge No. 165. Thank you Brother

James, you are a true MASONS MASON.

To the Tribal Members of our Beloved Order of the Sacred White Buffalo I say thank you for all the support, both monetary and attendance, you have given since we restarted it in 2010. Your contributions have resulted in increasing the endowed White Buffalo Grand Lodge building fund to \$107,405.00 as of June 30, 2017. I am proud to serve with you in this wonderful order.

Brethren you are continuing to make huge strides in turning our loss in membership around. I am seeing more and more young men entering our doors. It is up to us to put them to work and make good use of their many talents. Please give them a chance, you just might be surprised to see your lodge once again become the hub of your community activities. THE LODGE-DRIVEN PROGRAMS in effect now will remain as they are for the foreseeable future. This continues to be a promise from your Board of Trustees. The wheel is running smoothly and we do not need to change for the sake of change.

Thank each of you, my Brothers, for all that you do for MASONRY. WE CONTINUE TO BE OUR BROTHERS KEEPER and each of us plays a vital role in the greatest Fraternity in the world. Please remember these ten little words as you labor in the vineyards:

IT IS UP TO ME IF IT IS TO BE.

God bless each of you is my prayer.

Respectively Submitted
Bobby L. Laws, PGM Grand Secretary



Report of the Grand Treasurer



R.:W.: David G. David

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma

Looking back over the past four years as your Grand Treasurer, I want to thank M.:W.: Ronald J. Chambers for appointing me to this position and to you, my brethren, for electing me these past three years. It is an Honor to serve Masonry in the State of Oklahoma.

We are completing 2017 and looking forward 2018. I feel fortunate in having the opportunity to have a small part in building the financial structure of the Grand Lodge. At the same time I realize that much remains to be done to insure the financial security of our fraternity.

Part of the duties of the Grand Treasurer is to receive all securities and funds for investment belonging to the Grand Lodge, and make all investments of Grand Lodge with the approval of the Grand Lodge Trustees. These funds are:

- 1-General Funds
- 2-Perpetual Membership Fund
- 3-Pension Plan Trust Fund
- 4-Deferred Compensation Fund
- 5-Building Fund
- 6-Museum & Library Fund
- 7 -Chips Fund

The General funds are always a concern, faced with a declining membership and resultant loss in Per Capita revenue, the Trustees for years have stressed the importance of building up endowed funds to provide enough interest to support our financial needs.

The General Funds as of July 31, 2017

Stock/Equity investments \$385,107.96

Bond investment \$1,045,064.00

It is important to maintain this funds at the highest level possible to provide interest income to augment the declining Per Capita income. Over the past four years, the Grand Lodge expenses continue raising. Everything from repairs to paper, to utilities, to postage—you name it and the cost is going up.

For 2014, the approved budge was \$484,000.00

2015- the approved budge was \$437,400.00

2016- \$418,150.00

2017- \$409,300.00 a decline over these four years of \$74,700. As of this writing I do not have the proposed budget for 2018, however we the Craft, keep asking our Trustees to do the same if not more year after year with less! I would ask you the Craft of Oklahoma to consider the Resolution of Per Capita increase to keep our Grand Lodge viable.

In my travels throughout the year visiting with the Craft, there continue to be concerns about the Perpetual Endowed Membership Fund. The PEM funds financially, are in great condition. These funds are invested with NAPA Capitol Market in Government-backed Bonds. Many Lodges are experiencing limited cash flow from dues income. The purchases of PEM within your Lodges can reduce that dependency. The question comes up, is this still a good investment?

My answer is YES!

The Board of Trustees recommend that all Lodges throughout the State review their revenue stream from regular Lodge dues. *The income from regular dues should satisfy the operation of your Lodge.* The income from your Perpetual Endowed Membership funds could be utilized for repair, replacements, community activities as will as charity needs.

Through the first ten months of 2017, the management of your Grand Lodge—your Trustees—met monthly and have continued their fiscal responsibilities. The budgeted revenue and expenses are amortized over the twelve (12) months of operation and to date are well within the guideline of the approved budget.

If you have questions concerning any of the Budgeted Funds or PEM Funds you can contact me via email insdavid@aol.com

Finally, I thank you the Craft for your confidence in trusting the finances of your Grand Lodge to me!

THE PAST IS GLORIOUS, THE PRESENT IS POWERFUL,
THE FUTURE WILL BE WHAT WE CHOOSE TO MAKE IT

Fraternally Submitted,
David G. David, Grand Treasurer

Report of the Grand Lecturer

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma

Brethren:

In submitting to you this, my eighth report as our Grand Lecturer, I want to express my sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge Officers, the Deputy Grand Lecturers, the Deputy Grand Masters, the Certificate Lecturers, the Office Staff, and the Craft at large for your assistance and support this year.

The Deputy Grand Lecturers have done a great job at the District Schools this year. For the period beginning November 1, 2016 and ending October 31, 2017 they have held 29 District Schools for total of 38 days of instruction, with a total attendance of 374. Also, there were 2 Local Lodge Schools with a total attendance of 22. As of the time of this report, there are 5 Schools set before the 2017 Grand Lodge Session, and a few districts yet to hold a school.

The date of the White Buffalo has been changed to the third Saturday of August which will allow the Grand Lodge Officers to



R. W. Ronald E. Wray

attend the annual Tough School in Atoka at Oklahoma Lodge #4. We look forward to this school getting more participation.

The Grand Master has started a new program this year called Basic Blue; hopefully your lodge participated in this new program.

I want to thank Most Worshipful Rick Allison for an outstanding Board of Grand Lecturers. They have worked diligently to make our schools a great success. Thank you all for your support, and allowing me to serve you as your Grand Lecturer.

Respectfully submitted:

Ronald E. Wray Grand Lecturer

Report of the Grand Lecturer Pertaining to the Oklahoma Murrow Masonic Monitor

At the 2016 Grand lodge Session, Delegates authorized the first official changes in the Oklahoma *Murrow Masonic Monitor* since 1983. While changes to the Murrow Monitor occurred between 1983 and 2016, none were authorized by the Oklahoma Grand Lodge Delegates.

By vote of the 2016 Grand lodge Delegates, the following 1983 adopted ceremonies, as they appeared in that edition, were officially reinserted into the Oklahoma *Murrow Masonic Monitor*:

1. Burial Service
2. Burial Service (optional)
3. Consecrating New lodges
4. Constituting New lodges
5. Cornerstone laying
6. Dedicating Masonic Temples
7. Dedicating New lodges
8. Installation Grand lodge
9. Lodge of Sorrow

Also, at the 2016 Oklahoma Grand lodge Session, the following optional public ceremonies, developed since 1983, were placed in the *Murrow Masonic Monitor*:

1. Constituting, Consecrating, and Dedicating New lodges
2. Ceremony for a Cornerstone Grand lodge
A.F. & A.M. of Oklahoma
3. Opening a Cornerstone Deposit
4. Dedication of the Oklahoma Exhibit at the George
Washington Masonic National Memorial
5. Dedication of a Masonic Memorial or Monument
6. Ritual for the Burning of the Mortgage
7. Ceremony for the Rededication of a Cornerstone
8. Joint Freemason and Eastern Star Ceremonies
for Commemorative 100th Anniversary Stones,
Companion Stones and Corner Stones

A 2016 edition of the *Murrow Masonic Monitor* has not been printed. The Grand lodge Trustees felt some of the above optional public ceremonies were so rarely used, they should be maintained elsewhere, in order to save printing expenses. This was probably a wise decision.

While saving on printing expenses is important, maintaining the optional public ceremonies for future generations is also very important. In order to maintain these optional public ceremonies for future use, I believe they should be placed in the same secure location in the Office of the Grand Secretary where the printed version of Oklahoma's Esoteric Work is kept. In order that future generations will know of the existence and location of these optional public ceremonies, I recommend a page be inserted near the front of the Oklahoma *Murrow Masonic Monitor* as follows:

The following Optional Public Ceremonies adopted at the 2016 Session of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma

1. Constituting, Consecrating, and Dedicating New Lodges
2. Ceremony for a Cornerstone Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Oklahoma
3. Opening a Cornerstone Deposit
4. Dedication of the Oklahoma Exhibit at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial
5. Dedication of a Masonic Memorial or Monument
6. Ritual for the Burning of the Mortgage
7. Ceremony for the Rededication of a Cornerstone
8. Joint Freemason and Eastern Star Ceremonies for Commemorative 100th Anniversary Stones, Companion Stones and Corner Stones

are permanently on file in the Office of the Grand Secretary and kept with the Book of Esoteric Work.

I believe this solution will both save printing expense and insure the permanency of these officially adopted optional public ceremonies. The adoption of this Report will authorize and facilitate the next official version of the Oklahoma *Murrow Masonic Monitor*.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Wray, Grand Lecturer

Report of the Deputy Grand Lecturers

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma

Brethren:

For the period beginning November 9th, 2016 and ending October 31th, 2017 the Deputy Grand Lecturers have held 36 District Schools of Instruction for a total of 42 days of instruction with a total attendance of 386.

There were 2 local lodge schools.

We will be holding our last meeting of the Board of Grand Lecturers on the Tuesday before Grand School of Instruction in November.

We were asked by Grand Master Allison to help with the Basic Blue program in helping with the qualifications of this program for this year. We did not hold an exemplifications of the work this year, but have been told that next year we plan on having several.

We want to thank Most Worshipful Rick Allison for keeping the Assistants program going this year and look forward to its continuation in the future.

The Board of Grand Lecturers are here to help the craft in any way we can, so please call us at anytime. Perhaps you need help with a degree or just to ask a question whatever it may be we are here to help.

Respectfully submitted:

The Board of Grand Lecturers

R.:W.: Ronald E. Wray, GL Chairman

Bill Crisler, DGL

Ben Steddum, DGL

David Dill, DGL

M.:W.: Ronnie Coppedge, DGL

Edward Beccera, DGL

Donald Wray, DGL

M.:W.: Glenn Almy, DGL

Carl Shelton, DGL

Artie Staggs, DGL

Keith Madden, DGL

Steven Peters, DGL

Report of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma



The M.: W.: Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma is an Oklahoma not-for-profit corporation formed on July 9, 1930, to encourage charity, benevolence, education, and philanthropy. It was created so that the institutional giving of Oklahoma Freemasonry could be better focused and coordinated. The activities of the Foundation do not replace those of the individual Masons; they merely serve to supplement them.

Management

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of twenty-two members. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma elects fifteen of the Directors, three each year, for a five-year term. There are also three Directors representing the Scottish Rite, one from each Valley, three Directors representing the York Rite, one from each Grand Body, and one Director from the Order of the Eastern Star. Board members receive no monetary compensation of any kind. The Foundation has a full-time staff working in the Edmond office, under the direction of John L. Logan, Executive Director. The following officers were elected to serve for 2017:

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| President..... | Elwood M. Isaacs |
| 1 st VP..... | William J. Cloud |
| 2 nd VP..... | Neil A. Stitt |
| Treasurer..... | Gary A. Davis |
| Secretary..... | Robert G. Davis |
| Ass't Secretary..... | John L. Logan |

Financial

The Foundation 12/31/16 preliminary consolidated financial report reflects total assets of \$92,880,884. The 2017 consolidated budget projects expenditures of \$4,850,388.

Lodge Matching Funds

This program was established in 1983 and designed to encourage and support local Lodges in the area of charity by matching local Lodge monetary contributions in the areas of scholarships, local disasters, local charitable causes and local community services. In 2016, 215 Lodges used the program in the amount of \$1,688,098. Since the beginning of the Matching Funds program, the Foundation has contributed \$27,175,655 in support of local charitable or educational projects, and with the local lodges created a minimum of \$54,351,310 of support for local community needs.

Promises Matter

The Foundation stands ready to assist those Lodges and OES Chapters in caring for their needy members through matching funds or direct grants. Each Lodge or Chapter is in the best position to know which of its members need assistance. Lodges may use their entire \$12,500 allotment of matching funds for Promises Matter activities. In 2016, 15 different Lodges and 3 OES Chapters participated with grants totaling \$44,031.51. The average grant was \$2,202.

Public Partnerships

The Foundation works with other organizations to achieve worthwhile goals and make Masonic charity more visible across the State of Oklahoma.

Partners in Prevention is a partnership with Vizavance, formerly known as Prevent Blindness Oklahoma. Lodges statewide sponsor vision and glaucoma screenings, targeting the young and the elderly. The Foundation provided \$180,000 in 2016 and has budgeted \$180,000 for 2017 to support the ongoing costs of the program. **In February of this year, the 4-millionth child was screened through this partnership.** The Foundation has provided \$3,646,790 in support of this important work.

Oklahoma Educational Television Authority - Better known as OETA received in 2017 a combined total of \$42,595 from 143 lodges. Our contribution allows us to sponsor four of the most popular programs on public television: the OETA Movie Club, the World of National Geographic, This Old House, and Antiques Road Show. In October of 2016, the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma was recognized as OETA's first one million dollar donor.

Senior Essay Contest - The Senior Essay Contest was launched in 1966 in support of education. Writing has been found to teach critical thinking skills. The essay contest is open to all seniors in Oklahoma public schools. It is sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma as part of its continuing commitments to education and the young people of our state. Cash prizes in both the Men's and Women's division range from \$2,000 for 1st place to \$100 for 10th place. For the 2016 - 2017 contests, there were 1,452 seniors who entered the contest. A total of \$13,700 was awarded to the 20 statewide winners of the contest, and \$5,000.00 grants to the schools of each of the statewide first place winners. Also, a total of 470 certificates were presented to the local division winners of 109 high schools by 89 Lodges.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education - Our support for public education was demonstrated in five statewide programs.

The Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year program honors teachers who make outstanding contributions to the public education of our youth. The State Teacher of the Year is awarded a check for \$5,000, the State Teacher of the Year's school district receives \$5,000, each of the eleven finalists receives a check for \$1,000 and each of the Rising Star award recipients receives \$500. Each local Teacher of the Year receives a framed certificate of appreciation.

The Student of Today Award is a program that encourages outstanding performance in students of all grade levels by recognizing exemplary students. Each recipient receives a certificate, usually by a local Mason, at their school's awards assembly or some Lodges host banquets for the winners. In 2016, the Foundation prepared 2,843 certificates for presentation by 186 participating Lodges.

The Teacher of Today Award program is used by Freemasonry in Oklahoma to say "thanks" to those hundreds of teachers across our state that makes a daily difference in the lives of our children. Each teacher receives a certificate presented by the local Lodge. It is a small token to express our appreciation to these men and women who carry the burden of the future on their shoulders. In 2016, the Foundation prepared 931 certificates for presentation by 178 participating Lodges.

The State Superintendent's Awards for Arts Excellence honor the Fifty top high school seniors in the visual and performing arts in our state. Also, the top school administrators and school board members are honored during a prestigious formal reception at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple. The students are presented medals by the Grand Master and State Superintendent of Education.

Higher Education Endowments of \$50,000 at Connors State College and \$50,000 at Carl Albert State College were established in 2017.

The Payne Education Center is a non-profit organization established in 1984. Since 1996 the Foundation has supported the Payne Education Center's Reading Readiness program designed to train kindergarten and transitional 1st grade teachers by providing \$75 reading readiness kits. For 2017, the Foundation budgeted \$42,500 for this program.

Senior Assistance Program - Through an agreement with the Oklahoma Area Agencies on Aging, a division of the Department of Human Services, \$712,839 was given in December 2016 to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2017. Since the inception of this program in 2007, the Foundation has donated a total of \$7,887,377 in the name of the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma to enhance the lives of seniors in our communities. These eleven agencies can be accessed by calling 1-800-211-2116 or at www.okdhs.org.

Masonry in Action Award This program began in 2013 with the purpose of recognizing lodges which do an outstanding job in utilizing the Foundation programs. The Foundation allows each

winning lodge the opportunity to specify a worthy non-profit in their community to receive a \$5,000.00 grant. In 2017 Pilot 367 was the small lodge category winner and Owasso 545 won the large lodge class. Congratulations to both lodges!

Foundation Activities

A report of the Foundation activities including its audited financial statements is made annually to the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and is printed in its annual proceedings. Additional information can also be found at the Foundation's website www.mcfok.org. It has been a great honor to serve as the Foundation President, and I thank the members for the opportunity to serve in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,
Elwood M. Isaacs, (284)

Report of the Joint Masonic Fraternal Relations Commission



To the 2017 Officers and Members of the
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma

In 2004, our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Session and the 2005 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Session each adopted a written Compact, agreeing:

to establish and implement a simple form of Masonic recognition;

to provide for successful coexistence;

to ensure a continuing harmonious relationship;

to promote Masonry in general;

to have a mutual regard for the right of each Grand Lodge to retain its absolute and supreme sovereignty;

to memorialize the legitimate right of each to exist and operate within the geographic bounds of the State of Oklahoma;

and, to secure the blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Additionally, the above Compact established the Joint Masonic Fraternal Relations Commission (JMFRC), composed of three (3) members from each Grand Lodge who are knowledgeable of the history of the Compact. These members are to meet to consider and make recommendations concerning issues, conflicts, disputes or questions arising out of the Compact. As of this writing, the JMFRC has held twenty-four meetings since its creation. It is our pleasure to inform this Grand Lodge Session there have been absolutely no conflicts or disputes arising from this Compact between our two Grand Lodges.

In 2008 the Compact was amended by both Grand Lodges to permit tiled visitation among the constituent Lodges of both Grand Lodges.

Therefore, the relationship between our two Grand Lodges is as follows:

The two sovereign Grand Lodges have 100% recognition of each other, as described above.

There is 100% tiled visitation of members among the constituent Lodges chartered by the two Grand Lodges.

There is no plural membership of a member of one Grand Lodge with a Lodge of the other Grand Lodge.

With visitations now occurring between constituent lodges of both jurisdictions, it is especially important that all constituent lodges of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge observe the Protocol for Visitation, namely a) notification of visitation in advance, b) adhere to dress code of lodge being visited, c) be examined by the lodge you are visiting, and d) examine the brother's dues card. These elements of fraternal protocol will generate good relations between the lodges who are experiencing visitation.

Our Grand Master and other Grand Lodge leaders continue to be received at the annual Prince Hall Grand Lodge Session with a maximum of fraternal courtesy and respect. Our Grand Lodge appreciates these genuine displays of brotherly love and affection.

The JMFRC believes, that after Recognition and tiled Lodge Visitation, our next step in establishing good fraternal relations between Grand Lodges is sponsoring some joint non-tiled events. The Commission believes that when members from each Grand Lodge attend such an event, they will get to know each other and become friends. Those friendships will well serve both our Grand Lodges.

The first such non-tiled meeting, involving both our Grand Lodges, occurred under the leadership of our Prince Hall Grand Lodge. On September 25, 2016, the leaders of the major branches of our A.F. & A.M. Masonic family were invited to the Prince Hall Americanism Day at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Leaders were invited to wear the regalia of their office and bring their spouses. A delicious meal followed. It was a wonderful day of Masonic fellowship!

The success of establishing fraternal relations between our two Grand Lodges lies, to a large extent, with the vision, leadership and personality of PHA Grand Master Deary Vaughn. He is not only a respected leader in Oklahoma Prince Hall Masonry, but he is also a major force in Prince Hall Masonry throughout the Country. At the annual PHA Grand Lodge session in June, after over 25 years of service as Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Vaughn retired as Grand Master. He becomes the first Past Grand Master in the history of Oklahoma's Prince Hall Grand Lodge, all others having passed away in office. Our A.F. & A.M. Grand Lodge owes a major

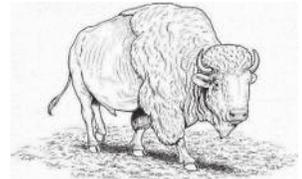
debt of gratitude to Most Worshipful Brother Vaughn and we wish him every happiness in his retirement.

On July 12, 2017, both Grand Lodges were shocked and saddened with the unexpected passing of Brother Alvin Bradley, Sr., the PHA Grand Secretary. Brother Bradley had served as Grand Secretary for 37 years. A 31 year member of the Fort Smith, Arkansas Police Department, Brother Bradley retired as a Major. His Masonic Memorial Service was conducted by members of both Grand Lodges, under the leadership of Most Worshipful Ronald J. Chambers. Our deepest sympathy is expressed to his wife, family and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald S. Coppedge, Chairman
Ronald J. Chambers
Joe R. Manning, Jr.

Report of the Order of The Sacred White Buffalo



The Order of the Sacred White Buffalo held its annual Pow Wow on Saturday 12 August 2017 in the Grand Lodge building at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Registration began at 10:30 A.M. We had a total of 93 members and candidates register for the annual gathering of the Tribe. At noon, as in the past, a delicious catered meal was enjoyed by all. 81 meals were served at a cost of \$1,177.20

At 1:00 P.M. all candidates and members gathered in the Master Mason Room for the Degree and Business meeting. Before the opening, our Shaman, Gloria Fortney presented our Scribe, Bobby Laws, with a beautiful personalized beaded cane. Brother Laws

was deeply moved by the gift. The Chief of the Tribe, R.:W.: Brother Mike Dixon welcomed all present and led the opening Flag Salute, the Tribe Shaman gave the prayer. M.:W.: Dr. James T. Tresner II, MOH and Past Chief gave a very interesting introduction about Masonry and the Native American tradition.

The World Renowned Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team entered in full regalia and took their positions. The team then did a very special song flag salute and an Indian opening prayer accompanied by the Tribal drum. The team then proceeded with the conferral of the degree. There were 13 candidates present for the degree which was presented in an outstanding manner.

At this point the annual business meeting was conducted under the direction of our Chief, Right Worshipful Mike Dixon. The minutes of the previous meeting (August 13, 2016) were summarized and approved. The Keeper of the Wampum reported the Endowed White Buffalo Fund to be \$107,405.00 as of 30 June, 2017.

R.:W.: Bob Peters made a motion that our annual meeting be changed from the second Saturday in August to the third Saturday. Reason was that the annual Tough school at Atoka has been held on the second Saturday for many years. Brother Laws seconded the motion and the motion prevailed.

The Chief then called for the election of officers for the ensuing year and asked for the report of the nomination committee composed of M.:W.: Brothers James T. Tresner II, MoH, R.:W.: C. W. "Corky" Grigsby", and M.:W.: Ron Chambers, MoH. Brother Chambers reporting for the committee announced the following nominations:

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| Chief of the Tribe----- | Dallas Fortney |
| Senior Warrior----- | Stanley Pospisil, MoH |
| Junior Warrior----- | Thomas Galbraith |
| Keeper of the Wampum----- | Yvette Story |
| Scribe----- | Bobby L. Laws, P.:G.:M.: |
| Shaman----- | Gloria Fortney |
| Keepers of the Talking Smoke----- | Guy & Toni Brigman |

Ron Chambers, P.:G.:M.:
MoH

Tribal Lookout -----Arthur J. "Jim" Scheffler, Jr.

Trustees:

John G. Hibbs, Sr. MoH, Past Chief - 1 Year

David Dill, Past Chief - 2 Years

R.:W.: Mike Dixon, Past Chief - 3 Years

There being no further nominations the above members were elected by acclamation. The Grand Master M.:W.: Richard L. "Rick" Allison, at the request of the Tribal Chief installed the officers. He then introduced his Grand Lodge Officers that were present including the 4 Medal of Honor Brothers that were in attendance. The Grand Master thanked all present for their attendance and making contributions to the Grand Lodge building fund through our White Buffalo endeavors.

The out-going Chief, Brother Mike Dixon, and the Grand Master with the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden then presented Member Certificates and pins to the 13 candidates, 4 of whom had purchased Family Perpetuals and individual Perpetuals.

The team then did a special tribute to all the United States Armed Forces Veterans present and a special dance with several of the ladies and veterans. W.: Brother Butch McIntosh did his very special Hoop Dance and an explanation of tribal dress which was enjoyed by all. Sister Gloria Fortney, member of the team and Perpetual Member of the Tribe, gave the Lord's Prayer in Indian Sign language accompanied by verbal music. The Tribal Chief then closed the gathering in due form with peace and harmony prevailing.

The degree team stayed in their regalia for a period of time for pictures to be made with the team for those that desired. Many members took advantage of this opportunity. One group picture of the team with all new members was made.

After the photo session a special auction of several special donations was conducted. Some of the donated items included:

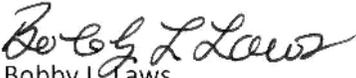
Special beaded cane by Gloria Fortney.

Two oil paintings by Marsha Miller Hill, daughter of deceased R.:W.: Wayne Miller, Deputy Grand Master in 1978.

White Buffalo framed puzzle by Bobby & Linda Laws.

Several special jewelry items donated by the Scheffler family.

Proceeds from the auction netted \$3,475.00



Bobby L. Laws

Scribe

Mike Dixon

Chief of the Tribe 2016-2017

Dallas Fortney

Chief of the Tribe 2017-2018

Reports of the Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma

Report of the Committee on Appeals & Grievances



To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances is pleased to report that as of the writing, no issues have been referred to us for our review.

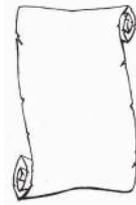
Should our services be needed after this report has been submitted, a supplemental report will be given at the next Grand Lodge session.

We thank the Grand Master for giving us the opportunity to be of service to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully Submitted:

Johnny D. Onkst, P.:G.:M.:, Chairman
Bradley S. Rickelman, P.:G.:M.:
Richard E. Massad, P.:G.:M.:

Report of the Committee on Charters & Dispensations



To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Of the State of Oklahoma

Most Worshipful Master and Brethren,

We, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, are honored to have been asked to serve the Fraternity in this capacity and thank you for the opportunity.

As of this report for 2017, there have not been any requests for Dispensations of new Lodges or any Charters arrested.

All other Dispensations were reviewed and approved at the quarterly Jurisprudence meetings.

We owe our thanks to the Grand Secretary who supplied the Charters and Dispensations Committee with copies and the records in accordance with Article VI, Section 601 C.

Respectively submitted,

B. Michael Wood, P.:G.:M.:, Chairman
William E. Owen, P.:G.:M.:
Gary A. Davis, P.:G.:M.:

Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Code



To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Of the State of Oklahoma

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren

The Constitution and Code Committee is pleased to report that fourteen (14) Resolutions were presented to the Grand Lodge Body for consideration. Of those, numbers 4, 5, 6A/6B, 9, 10B withdrawn, 11, 12, 13A/B, and 14A/B did not receive the required number of votes to become law. The following Resolutions were passed and have been properly entered in the Constitution and Code of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Change Record for 2016

| Page | Section | Para | Comment or Change effect | Change Source |
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| 14-15 | | | Housekeeping to correct typing errors | |
| 18-19 | | | Housekeeping to correct typing errors | |
| 32 | 301 | A | Change opening day of Grand Lodge Annual Communications to Saturday. | Resolution 7 |
| 58 | U206 | | Requires a valid dues card for the ensuing year to be installed in an elected or appointed office. | Resolution 10A |

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| 62 | U221 | | Allows the most recent immediate Past Worshipful Master available to preside. | Resolution 8C |
| 67 | U308 | | Allows the Worshipful Master to open Lodge and do business in any degree. | Resolution 3 |
| 75 | U415 | 2 | Change time an Application for Advancement must layover before a vote may be taken. | Resolution 1 |
| 76 | U418 | D | Allows a Brother to serve as Junior Warden or Senior Warden in more than one lodge at the same time. | Resolution 8A |
| 76 | U418 | E | A Brother may carry voting credentials only from the lodge he serves as a delegate. | Resolution 8B |
| 87 | U602 | | Change time an Application for Reinstatement must layover before a vote may be taken. | Resolution 2 |

Landmark Index Housekeeping to correct typing errors

NOTE: This Committee is pleased to report that both the 2016 Constitution and Code update pages and a current complete 2016 Constitution and Code are now posted on the Grand Lodge website for use by the craft.

We thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the opportunity to be of service to the craft. We wish to again offer a special thanks to Yvette Story for providing many hours of coordinating and typing the changes which were printed and mailed to the lodges prior to December 31, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randall L. Rogers, Chairman, PM (96)
Ronald J. Chambers, Member, PM (425)
Bobby L. Laws, Member, PM (62)
Joe R. Manning, Jr., Member, PM (111)

Report of the Committee on Finance & Appropriations

Report and Budget will be distributed at the Annual Communication.

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Relations

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Of
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Of the State of Oklahoma

Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Distinguished Grand East, and Brethren all:

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Relations strives to protect the integrity of the Grand Lodge recognition process dedicated to insuring recognition of only Grand Lodges that meet the standards for recognition; thus preventing our recognizing illegitimate Grand Lodges being formed around the world. This report is based on our review of: Foreign Correspondence received from Grand Lodges requesting recognition, reports of the Commission on Information for Recognition and related correspondence received.

Recommendation for Recognition

State Grande Orients in Brazil

During the February 2017 annual Grand Masters Conference of North America, four State Grand Orients in Brazil (*Grande Oriente do Mato Grosso*, *Grande Oriente do Parana*, *Grande Oriente do Santa Catarina*, and *Grande Oriente do Sul*) presented their documentation for recognition to the Commission on Information for Recognition. In their 2017 report the Commission on Information and Recognition report acknowledges them as meeting the standards for recognition.

On March 20, 2017 a petition requesting recognition from each of these four grand jurisdictions was received by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. The committee recommends that recognition be granted to these Brazilian Grande Orients (of *Mato Grosso*, of *Parana*, of *Santa Catarina*, and of *Sul*) and that the Grand Secretary advise them of their recognition by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, if favorably passed by this Grand Lodge.

Kazakhstan

On January 20, 2017 the Grand Lodge Committee on Recognition received a request from the Grand Lodge of Kazakhstan requesting recognition and held it in abeyance pending formal acceptance by the Conference of Grand Masters of North America's Commission on Information and Recognition. The 2017 report of that Commission states that the Grand Lodge of Kazakhstan meets the standards for recognition; therefore the committee recommends that recognition be approved by the craft and the Grand Secretary notify their Grand Master accordingly.

Bulgaria

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Relations received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Bulgaria.

The 2016 Commission on Information for Recognition Report for Bulgaria states:

After many years of negotiations, legislation by which the Grand Lodge AF AM of Bulgaria would become part of the

United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria (UGLB) was ratified on June 20, 2015. The UGLB suggests that the resulting grand lodge is composed of 4000 Masons with 119 lodges practicing regular Masonry. The Commission would like to congratulate the UGLB on this monumental accomplishment, 15 years in the making and extend its best wishes for a bright future for Masonry in Bulgaria.

Therefore, with the Grand Lodge AF &AM of Bulgaria (GLB) now in agreement to share jurisdiction with the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria (UGLB), the committee recommend their Request for Recognition be approved and the Grand Secretary so advise their Grand Lodge.

In addition, the committee recommends that we also restore recognition with the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria (UGLB), which we withdrew recognition from in 2011, because of the jurisdiction conflict issue in their country.

Mexico - Baja California

A Request for Recognition was received from Mexico's State Grand Lodge of Baja California.

The Commission on Information for Recognition acknowledges that the Grand Lodge in Baja California meets the Standards for Recognition. Therefore, the Committee recommends that recognition of *Muy Respectable Gran Logia De Estado "Baja California" de AA.: LL.: Y AA.: MM.:* be reinstated and the Grand Secretary notify their Grand Master accordingly.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, F.: & A.: M.: letter of solicitation dated October 4, 2016 was received with ample supporting statements requesting recognition from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Their request has been endorsed by the Oklahoma Joint Masonic Fraternal Relations Commission which validated their legitimacy i.e., they are included in the Prince Hall Affiliate Grand Masters Conference website and that no tangential issues exist with the Oklahoma P.: H.: A.: Grand Lodge. Therefore, the committee recommends that recognition be approved for the

Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodge of Missouri, F. & A. M. and that the Grand Secretary notify their Grand Lodge accordingly.

Request for Recognition Denied None

Recommendations for Withdrawal of Recognition None

2018 List of Lodges, Masonic Edition Statements

Contingent on this committee report being approved during the Grand Lodges annual communication the following statement will be submitted for inclusion in the 2017 List of Lodges - Masonic placed at the end of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge List of Lodges.

RECOGNITION INFORMATION, GRAND LODGE of the STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

In addition to the Grand Lodges listed in the Table of Contents of this book the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma recognizes the following: Albania, Andorra, Brazil: Grande Oriente do Sui; Burkina Faso, Guinea, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Latvia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Slovakia and Slovenia; and Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, Maryland, and Missouri.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma does not maintain sovereign relationship with the following Grand Lodges included in this publication: Azerbaijan, Grande Oriente Do Brasil, Brazil: Alagoas, Amapa; Columbia: Los Andes, Oriental Cucuta, Gabon, Haiti, Cote d'Ivoire, Mexico: California Sur, Campeche, Vaile; San Marino, Togolaise, Ukraine; and Prince Hall Grand Lodges in California, Delaware, Illinois, and New York.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert T. Shipe, PGM, Chairman
 Bobby L. Laws, PGM, Member
 Joe R. Manning, PGM, Member

Report of the Committee on Grave Marking

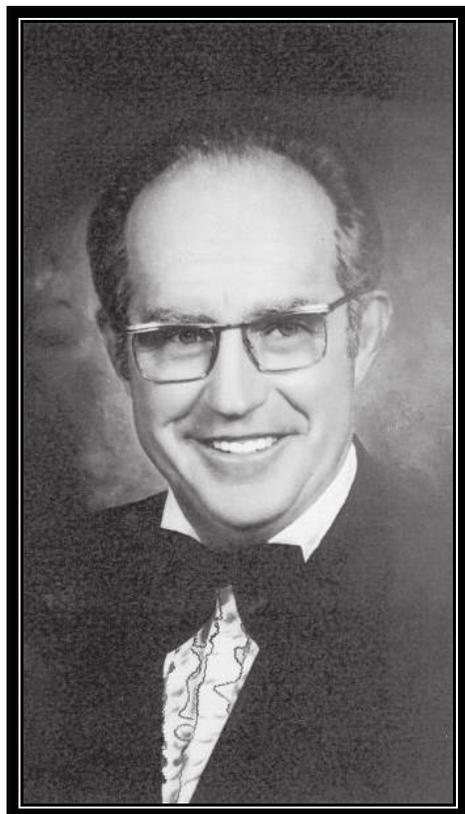
To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma



Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The task of the Grave Marking Committee is to identify the grave-sites of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Indian Territory, Oklahoma Territory, and the State of Oklahoma. Such graves have been identified and marked.

It is with sorrow that we note the passing of Most Worshipful George Harper Powers (1924 — 2017), Grand Master in 1979



His biography from the April, 1978 issue of *The Oklahoma Mason* reads:

GEORGE HARPER POWERS, the son of Oscar and Helen Powers, was born January 7, 1924 at Clinton, Oklahoma where he continues to reside. He attended the public schools in Clinton, graduating from the High School in 1942. He entered Southwestern State College at Weatherford, Oklahoma the next school year, but after one year there he went into military service, being with the Eighth Air Force in the European Theatre serving two and a half years, returning home in 1946.

Brother George then began serving an apprenticeship as a brick mason.

After completion of that training he began his career as a journeyman brick mason. He did not confine his activities to his trade, but became engaged in real estate and investments, however he continues to follow his trade.

Brother Powers received the degrees of Masonry in the year 1947, having been raised to the Sublime Degree on September 2, 1947. Recognizing his abilities he was appointed Junior Deacon of Clinton Lodge No. 339 just a short time afterward. He served in that capacity in the year 1948 and was advanced through the line in regular order, serving as Worshipful Master in 1952. He was elected to the Board of Trustees of Clinton Lodge in 1958 and has continued in that capacity to the present.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of McAlester, Oklahoma, and was honored by the Supreme Council of that Rite by being selected for the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, usually called the KCCH. He is a Past High Priest of Clinton Chapter No. 69 of the Royal Arch of Freemasonry; a charter member and Past Illustrious Master of Clinton Council No. 49, Royal and Select Masters; and a member of Elk City Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar.

He is a member of Queen Christina Court No. 11, Order of the Amaranth; a member of Clinton Chapter No. 207, Order of the Eastern Star; was honored by the Supreme Council of the Order of Rainbow with the Grand Cross of Color in recognition of his interest in behalf of that Order; was invested with the Honorary Legion of Honor by the Order of DeMolay for Boys. He is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in India Temple of Oklahoma City.

His community activities indicate that he has not been idle. He is a Past President of the 17th District Association; Past President of the Washita Scottish Rite Society; President of the Goodfellow Sunday School Class and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Clinton. Other interests include being a charter member of the Clinton Evening Lion's Club; a

member of the VFW Post No. 4465; and a Past Senior Counselor of Clinton Chapter No. 430, United Commercial Travelers.

Brother Powers has been active in Grand Lodge affairs since 1951 when he became a Certificate Lecturer. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Certificate Lecturers Association and served for a period of fifteen years. He was appointed Junior Grand Steward in 1961; served as Grand Pursuivant in 1962 and 1963; appointed Grand Tyler for the years 1964, 1965 and 1967; served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 17th District in 1972; was elected to and served two five-year terms as a Director of the Masonic Charity Foundation beginning in 1964.

Brother George was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1975; Senior Grand Warden in 1976; Deputy Grand Master in 1977; and Grand Master in 1978.

He set aside the working tools of this life on June 9, 2017 in Clinton, Oklahoma, and was buried in the Clinton Cemetery, with services under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

Rest in peace, Most Worshipful Brother.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren McConnell, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Masonic Education



To the M.:W.: Grand Master and
M.:W.: Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma

The primary activity of Masonic Education in 2017 was the creation of a DVD giving a brief introduction to the Bodies of the family of Freemasonry as a part of M.:W.: Richard Allison's program to encourage new Masons to complete their Degrees and find a place in the Fraternity. The DVD, entitled "Welcome to Your World" was in the form of a narrated text with 98 still images which changed every 3 to 15 seconds. The images consisted of text information when required, but primarily consisted of images which reenforced the emotional or informative material in the narration. The text is given below:

Welcome to your world, the world of Freemasonry. It is the oldest and largest fraternity in the world.

The Grand Lodge, the state governing body of the Fraternity, is providing this DVD to tell you a little more about Masonry, and some of the many groups or Bodies which are a part of the Masonic family. It is a great story! You are welcome to share this with your family and friends—it is yours to keep.



Freemasonry is one of the largest sources of charity in the world—in our state, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma provides millions of dollars in benefits to brethren and others in our state.

We are enclosing a brochure which tells you about some of their exciting programs. And encourage you to visit their website. It will make you proud!

Freemasonry provides education for its members and supports public education across America—

It runs the Masonic Service Association of North America, giving hundreds of thousands of hours of volunteer time each year to help America's veterans—

Masonry provides fellowship and brotherhood for millions of men; that is even more important as society becomes more complex— And, most of all, it is your own path of self-development, an opportunity to grow and become more—to realize more of your own potential.

It is a quest, your journey, the journey of self-discovery and self-development.

The Masonic body you are joining now is called the Symbolic Lodge. It is also called the Blue Lodge. No one knows where that name came from. The most common guess is that it is because the color blue is an ancient symbol of loyalty.

Once you finish all three Degrees and are a Master Mason, you may want to consider joining one or more of the other Masonic Bodies in Oklahoma. Different men enjoy different activities, and while we hope you will always be active in your Blue Lodge, we would like to tell you more about the larger Masonic Family in your world. Freemasonry is so large that almost anyone can find something they really find rewarding.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, usually just known as the Scottish Rite, is a system of 29 Degrees (4° through 32°). In Oklahoma, all the Degrees are received in a single weekend, at a meeting called a Reunion. All Degrees of the Scottish Rite are open to Master Masons of any religious faith, and religious toleration is one of the central teachings of the Rite.

The official Creed of the Scottish Rite says: "The cause of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, The Freedom of human conscience our mission, and the Guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere the end of our contention."

Since the Degrees of the Scottish Rite are fully staged and costumed plays, larger facilities are required, and thus the Rite is organized into geographic areas called Valleys, each of which is served by a Scottish Rite Temple.

In Oklahoma, Temples are located in Guthrie, McAlester and Tulsa. The primary charity of the Scottish Rite is the RiteCare Childhood Language Program for childhood learning and language development. The Rite has clinics in which children with learning or language differences are treated free of charge.

The clinics also do screening programs in schools to discover children with language problems, and the Rite, working with the state educational leaders, also provides training for teachers in a technique which has been proven more than 85% effective in teaching dyslexic children to read.

The Scottish Rite is sometimes called the University of Freemasonry. For anyone interested in what men have thought and how they have seen the world throughout the ages, or in their own continuing self-development, this is the place for you, and it is also a place of great fun and fellowship.

A petition for the Scottish Rite can be obtained from any Scottish Rite member. Or you can find a petition and more information on the web sites. Just "google" Guthrie Scottish Rite, McAlester Scottish Rite, or Tulsa Scottish Rite. Also, the Grand Lodge can provide contact information.

York Rite Freemasonry consists of three groups known as the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery. Its Degrees continue the legendary setting of the Master Mason Degree and then draw on the traditions of the Knights Templar, an order of fighting monks operating in the Holy Land in the Middle Ages.

Any Master Mason can petition to receive the Degrees of the Chapter and Council. The Commandery Degrees are restricted to Masons of the Christian faith.

York Rite groups are organized on a local level and generally meet in Masonic Lodge buildings. There are also state and national organizational levels. Initiations are conducted regionally and at larger, often state-wide events called "Festivals."

The York Rite Bodies have several charitable projects. For example, the Commandery's charities include the Eye Foundation which provides vision-saving eye surgery to those who cannot afford it, and the Pilgrimage program which pays the costs of ministers to visit the Holy Land for study and inspiration.

A petition for the York Rite can be obtained from any York Rite Member. Or you can find a petition and more information on the web site. Just google Oklahoma York Rite. Or the Grand Lodge can provide contact information.

Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is the official name, but most people know the members as "Shriners." Originally organized simply to have fun, the Shrine has become best known for their major philanthropies--the Shriners Children's Hospitals and the Shriners Burns Institutes. All treatment is completely free of charge, and the care and research in burns, orthopedic problems and spinal injuries are literally the best in the world.

Shriners in their toy cars and marching bands are a familiar sight. They raise money to support the hospitals or provide transportation to the hospitals for children and parents.

Membership in the Shrine requires membership in Blue Lodge. The Shrine is organized into Temples or Mosques, (now frequently called "centers") serving different parts of the state.

In Oklahoma Bedouin Temple is located in Muskogee, Akdar Temple is located in Tulsa, and India Temple is located in Oklahoma City. A petition for the Shrine can be obtained from any Shriner. Or google Akdar Shrine, Bedouin Shrine, or India Shrine. Also, the Grand Lodge can provide contact information.

National Sojourners is an organization for Master Masons who are or were members of the military. In addition to sharing in fellowship, they provide education in patriotism in schools and other venues, and frequently present the flag at Masonic functions. You can learn more from any member or find contact information at the Grand Lodge.

The most recent Masonic Organization in Oklahoma is the Widow's Sons. It is a fellowship of Masons who enjoy motorcycle riding. They go on rides together, and often go on rides for various charities. There are currently 5 chapters in Oklahoma and more are anticipated. In the letter requesting recognition, the state Chairman remarked:

“As motorcycle enthusiast[s] we will be out and around individuals who are well-suited for and have an interest in masonry, yet never knew who to contact.” Members must be Master Masons.

For more information, google Oklahoma Widow's Sons, or contact the Grand Lodge.

As you can see, your Masonic world has many opportunities for fun, fellowship, and self-development. But there is even more.

Androgynous Organizations are Masonic organizations for both men and women. All require some sort of Masonic Affiliation. While there are some minor differences between bodies, generally a man must be a Master Mason, while a woman must have a Masonic relative, either living or in good standing at the time of his death. While it is not necessary that the Mason join the Androgynous Body for his wife or other female relative to be a member, it provides a shared experience for those who do.

The Order of the Eastern Star is one of the oldest and largest of the Androgynous Bodies. Often known simply as The Star, it meets in groups called Chapters.

Usually, an Eastern Star Chapter meets in a Blue Lodge room, although some Chapters have their own buildings. The name of the organization is taken from the Biblical passage, “We have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him.”

The Star has many charitable programs, ranging over scholarships, leadership training for youth, and other areas. Members of the Eastern Star

will be happy to provide a petition. Or google Oklahoma Eastern Star. The Grand Lodge can also provide contact information.

The Order of the Amaranth arose originally in Sweden. Brought to America and adapted to American usage by James Taylor, the local organization is known as a Court and usually meets in a Masonic Temple. Organizations also exist on the state and national level.

The ritual remains essentially the one developed in Sweden and teaches many beautiful lessons in ethics and morality. One of its documents describes it as a "fraternal order, having, for its purpose, service to humanity set to the music of fraternal love."

A petition for the Order of the Amaranth can be obtained from any Amaranth member. You can google Oklahoma Order of Amaranth, or the Grand Lodge can provide contact information.

YOUTH ORDERS are designed to meet the needs of young men and women. While they are not "junior Masonic Orders," they are sponsored by Masonic Bodies.

The Order of DeMolay is the world's largest fraternity for young men 13 to 21 years of age. The name comes from the last Grand Master of the Knights of the Temple. Membership does not require relationship to a Mason.

Walt Disney was one of the most famous members of the Order of DeMolay, which he celebrated in this early cartoon. DeMolay helps its members develop civic awareness and responsibility. It provides young men with leadership and social skills. Local organizations are called Chapters.

The basic lessons taught by DeMolay include love of parents, respect for the religious beliefs of others, courtesy, friendship, faithfulness, cleanness, and patriotism. You can find more information, including the locations of DeMolay Chapters, by googling Oklahoma DeMolay.

Founded in McAlester, Oklahoma, in 1922, The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is open to young women between the ages of 11 and 21, without regard to Masonic relationship. The Rainbow program includes active competitions in ritual, choir, drill teams, scrapbooks, etc.

Local meetings of Rainbow groups are called Assemblies. A full social schedule and opportunities for young women to learn leadership skills are special benefits of the Order. In addition to support for charity, Rainbows are encouraged to give volunteer time, entertaining children in hospitals, playing bingo with the elderly in nursing homes, and candy-striping at the Masonic Homes. You can find more information by googling Oklahoma Rainbow. The site will also show you where Rainbow Assemblies are located.

Job's Daughters is an international organization for young women, ages 11 to 20 Masons. A local organization is known as a Bethel. The Order is based on the Biblical Book of Job. Leadership and self-reliance are especially stressed in the meetings. The principal officers wear Grecian robes, as a reminder of the ancient Athenian virtues of democracy and equality.

The young women of Job's Daughters are responsible for planning and carrying out various charitable projects during the year, not only as a matter of helping others but also as a way of learning organizational skills which will be helpful throughout life. More information is available if you google Oklahoma Job's Daughters, including the location of Bethels in the state.

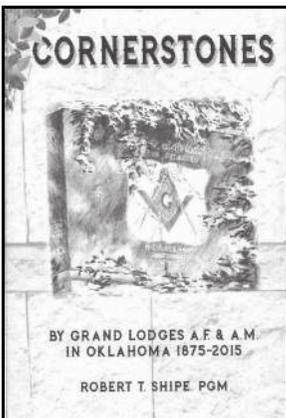
Well, that is about it for the moment. We've briefly surveyed some of the most active organizations for Masons and their families in our state. There are others devoted to special interests, like the Oklahoma Lodge of Research and the Certificate Lecturers Association.

Once you complete the 3 degrees of the blue Lodge, you can, IF you wish, experience more of the richness which Freemasonry can bring to your life and to your family. It is a world of personal growth and development, a world of brotherhood,

We're waiting to share that world with you.

The DVD with accompanying materials was and is being sent to all new Entered Apprentices. So far it has been well received.

In the near future, we hope to convert 3 video tapes made during the Hiram II Masonic Renewal Program in DVD format, so that they will again be available. They were designed as education materials on each of the 3 Degrees.



It is both a privilege and a pleasure to take note of a major milestone in Oklahoma Masonic education. M.:W.: Robert T. Shipe and his lovely lady Betty drove across the state many times taking the hundreds of photographs in this great book. Those photographs, added to M.:W.: Brother Shipe's clear writing style not only document the many

cornerstones laid by the Grand Lodge, they provide a history of Oklahoma, especially in the smaller communities. It is a book you can browse, and take pleasure in the reading. There are 660 pages, filled with photographs, most in color. P.:G.:M.: Shipe has donated the proceeds of the book to the Grand Lodge building fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Tresner, MoH, Hon. P.:G.:M.:

Report of the Committee on Publications

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma



Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Few things in Oklahoma Masonry have changed as much over the past few years as the publications of the Grand Lodge—due primarily to financial restraints and, to a lesser degree, to technology.

Until a few years ago, *The Oklahoma Mason* was printed monthly and mailed to each Oklahoma Mason. To save money, we went to printed copies six times a year. More recently, we have published the magazine electronically on the Grand

Lodge website www.gloklahoma.com, with a single mailed hard copy a year—the issue containing the biographical sketches of those running for Grand Lodge office, a summary of the resolutions to be voted upon at the Annual Communication, and other information about attending that Communication.

In 2017, for the first time, the List of Oklahoma Masonic Lodges or “The Blue Book” was posted on the website rather than being printed. We know that is much less convenient, but doing so saved more than \$5,000 in printing costs in addition to the postage saved. We all hope it may be possible to return to a printed format in the future.

Everything needed for the Lodge Leadership Workshop and the DDGM training is now printed “in-house” using the Konica-Minolta copier which is capable of punching or folding and stapling the paper.

The “Yellow Book,” the book of committee reports, budgets, and resolutions in which this report appears, is required by our law and is too large to be printed “in-house.”

It is likely that the majority of the copies of the Proceedings will be published as a CD rather than as bound copies. Many Grand Lodges have resorted to this practice because of the savings involved.

We realize, and regret, that this shift from paper to electronics works a hardship on some Brethren. Many are not comfortable with the use of a computer to read material and some do not have easy access to the equipment. But the financial realities leave us few alternatives. We can only hope that the ability to increase the size of type and other advantages if electronic publishing will offset some of the disadvantages.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Tresner, MoH, Hon. P.:G.:M.:

Reports of the Ad Hoc Committees of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma

Report of the Child Identification Program Committee – Ch.:I.:P.:



To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I want to take this opportunity to thank Most Worshipful Richard Larry Allison for appointing me as Chairman of the Ch.:I.:P.: Committee for the year 2017.

The Committee is year is Glynn L. McCoy, Jr., Broken Arrow Lodge #243, Co-Chairman; John L. Spurgeon, Vinita Lodge #5, Co-Chairman; and Robert Ellison, El Reno Lodge #50, Co-Chairman.

Lodges hosting a Ch.:I.:P.: event during the period 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017.

of
Children

| Lodge Name and Number | Event Date | Event | Processed |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Mount Scott #540 | 9/10/16 | Cops & Kids Day | 137 |
| Norman #38 | 9/24/16 | Touch a Truck Day | 54 |
| Wynoka #422 | 10/ 1/16 | At the Lodge | 14 |
| Broken Arrow #243 | 10/ 4/16 | Inola Elementary School | 23 |
| Cache Valley #530 | 10/10/16 | Walters School | 34 |
| Cache Valley #530 | 10/11/16 | Randlett School | 48 |
| Cache Valley #530 | 10/11/16 | Temple School | 26 |
| Cache Valley #530 | 10/12/16 | Geronimo School | 16 |
| Yukon #90 | 11/10/16 | Banner School | 11 |
| Broken Arrow #243 | 11/17 & 18/16 | Creekwood ECLC | 107 |
| Broken Arrow #243 | 12/1 & 2/16 | Aspen Creek ECLC | 67 |
| Broken Arrow #243 | 12/5 & 6/16 | Arrow Springs ECLC | 56 |
| Broken Arrow #243 | 1/31 & 2/1 | Park Lane ECLC | 82 |
| Myrtle #145 | 1/26/17 | SWOKC Library | 18 |
| Broken Arrow #243 | 3/28/17 | District 12 | 6 |
| Will Rogers #53 | 6/ 3/17 | Indian Hosp. Health | 38 |
| Mount Scott #540 | 7/20/17 | Crossroads Family Services | 9 |
| Broken Arrow #243 | 8/ 5/17 | Broken Arrow Bash | 83 |

| | 9/1/2014 8/31/2015 | 9/1/2015 8/31/2016 | 9/1/16 8/31/2017 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Participating Lodges | 9 | 12 | 8 |
| Total Events | 25 | 29 | 22 |
| Total # of children processed | 1653 | 1562 | 835 |

Total revenue invoiced to Lodges **\$8,265** **\$7,810** **\$4,175**

A big "Thank You" to John Spurgeon, Robert Ellison, Roger Sanford and their wives for all your extra help. My wife Lucile continued to help as much as possible this year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Glynn L. McCoy, Jr., Chairman

Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS; a resolution passed by the Oklahoma Craft in 2013, increased the per capita in the amount of \$2.00, all of which must be placed in the Grand Lodge Building Endowment Fund, and only 5% of the principal of this fund may be used for maintenance or capital improvement of the Grand Lodge facility; this \$2.00 is not paid by perpetual members before 2015, and,

WHEREAS; the last per capita increase to the General Fund was in 1998, (nineteen years ago, when our membership was approximately 38,000 members) and increased from \$6.00 to \$8.00, and,

WHEREAS; the Grand Master is limited to use only an average of 95% of the previous three years revenue in the Grand Lodge budget which continues to decrease each year, and,

WHEREAS; Federal Regulations prohibit the Masonic Charity Foundation from providing any financial assistance to the Grand Lodge General Fund, and,

WHEREAS; the Grand Lodge Trustees have done, and continue to do, everything in their power (including paying much of their own expenses) to provide the required services to the lodges, and, have in effect, had to resort to fund raisers to assist in the day-to-day operations, and,

WHEREAS; there are 21,984 Master Masons in Oklahoma, as of April 7, 2017, of which 9,951 are perpetual members whose

per capita is set and cannot be changed, leaving 12,033 dues paying members, and,

WHEREAS; to keep pace with today's economy and provide the lodges with the services they require, we much increase our per capita to keep from invading the principal of our General Fund investments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 502, Paragraph A. of the Constitution and Laws, which currently reads in part:

PER CAPITA for each Master Mason on the roll January 1..
\$10.00

Unless superseded by Section U 420 D.4. and D.5. of the Constitution and Code.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

PER CAPITA for each Master Mason on the roll January 1, 2019\$15.00

PER CAPITA for each Master Mason on the roll January 1, 2020\$20.00

PER CAPITA for each Master Mason on the roll January 1, 2021\$25.00

Unless superseded by Section U 420 D.4. and D.5. of the Constitution and Code.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby J. Peters, PM, Composite Lodge No. 107

C.W. "Corky" Grigsby, Jr., PM, Altus Lodge No. 62

Michael L. Dixon, PM, Edmond Lodge No. 37 & Adair Lodge No. 99

David G. David, PM, India Lodge No. 552 & Britton Lodge No. 434

Bobby L. Laws, PM, Altus Lodge No. 62

Ronald E. Wray, PM, Okeene Lodge No. 357

Resolution No.2

WHEREAS; reform has long been needed in the Grand Lodge budgeting process to insure anticipated expenses are in line with anticipated income, and,

WHEREAS; as a practical matter Grand Lodge income can fluctuate greatly, and,

WHEREAS; "anticipated" income from fund raisers should not be budgeted because such funds may never materialize.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 103B paragraph no. 3, which now reads as follows:

For the purpose of this section, anticipated income shall mean money which the Grand Lodge expects to receive from such sources as: per capita, dues, fees, assessments, dividends, interest and recovered expenses. It shall not include interest from the retirement or deferred income funds, charitable or educational funds. It shall not include devises or bequests. It shall not include money or assets which the Grand Lodge has accumulated at the end of a budget year, except for any portion of that money which was contributed for a specific purpose.

Be amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of this section, anticipated income shall mean money which the Grand Lodge expects to receive from such sources as: per capita, dues, fees, assessments, dividends, interest and recovered expenses. It shall not include interest from the retirement or deferred income funds, **anticipated fund raisers**, charitable or educational funds. It shall not include devises or bequests. It shall not include money or assets which the Grand Lodge has accumulated at the end of a budget year, except for any portion of that money which was contributed for a specific purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Allison, PM, Garfield Lodge No. 501

C.W. "Corky" Grigsby, Jr., PM, Altus Lodge No. 62

Michael L. Dixon, PM, Edmond Lodge No. 37 & Adair Lodge
No. 99

Bob Peters, PM, Composite Lodge No. 107

David G. David, PM, Britton Lodge No. 434 & India No. 551

Bobby L. Laws, PM, Altus Lodge No. 62

Ronald E. Wray, PM, Okeene Lodge No. 357

Resolution No.3

WHEREAS; reform has long been needed in the Grand Lodge budgeting process to insure anticipated expenses are in line with anticipated income, and,

WHEREAS; current Grand Lodge law limits budgeting to an average of 95% of the past three (3) years' income, and,

WHEREAS; as a practical matter Grand Lodge income can fluctuate greatly, and,

WHEREAS; a year with low Grand Lodge income can unrealistically affect Grand Lodge budgets for the following three (3) years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 212G paragraph no. 1 of which now reads as follows:

G. FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS: A committee of three (3) who shall serve for three (3) years, with one (1) to be appointed each year. The member serving his last year shall be chairman. This committee shall examine and report all matters touching the finances of the Grand Lodge. No appropriation shall be made without it being referred to this committee and a report made thereon. In constructing the Grand Lodge budget, the committee shall not recommend a budget with a total appropriation that exceeds ninety-five percent (95%) of the previous three (3) year's average of actual income as defined by Section 103 B.

Be amended to read as follows:

G. FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS: A committee of three (3) who shall serve for three (3) years, with one (1) to be appointed each year. The member serving his last year shall be the chairman, This committee shall examine and report all matters touching the finances of the Grand Lodge. No appropriation shall be made without it being referred to this committee and a report made thereon. In constructing the Grand Lodge budget, the committee shall not recommend a budget with a total appropriation that exceeds ninety-five percent (95%) of ~~the previous three (3) year's average of actual~~ **anticipated** income as defined by Section 103B.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Allison, PM, Garfield Lodge No. 501

C.W. "Corky" Grigsby, Jr., PM, Altus Lodge No. 62

Michael L. Dixon, PM, Edmond Lodge No. 37 & Adair Lodge No. 99

Bob Peters, PM, Composite Lodge No. 107

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Bobby L. Laws, PM, Altus Lodge No. 62

Ronald E. Wray, PM, Okeene Lodge No. 357

Resolution No.4

WHEREAS; Each Grand Lodge in the United States is sovereign and supreme unto itself, and,

WHEREAS; one Grand Lodge cannot tell another Grand Lodge what it can do and cannot do, and,

WHEREAS; despite this sovereignty, all Grand Lodges must seek to operate together within Masonic peace and harmony, and,

WHEREAS; it is possible for a Grand Lodge to take an action that is beyond all standards of fairness and reasonableness, and,

WHEREAS; the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma should have the right to consider whether or not to recognize the action of another Grand Lodge that is beyond all standards of fairness and reasonableness,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section U-606, which now reads as follows:

Any Master Mason who has been suspended or expelled in another Grand Jurisdiction must be reinstated under the law of such Grand Jurisdiction before he can petition for membership in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Be amended to read as follows:

Any Master Mason who has been **lawfully** suspended or expelled in another Grand Jurisdiction, **under the U.S. constitutional provisions of due process of law**, must be reinstated under the law of such Grand Jurisdiction before he can petition for membership in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Allison, PM, Garfield #501

Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS; many Lodges throughout the state are looking for new alternative solutions to make up for increasing costs of insurance, utility bills, rent, etc., and,

WHEREAS; lodges that own their buildings may want to rent out that space for special events such as weddings and other celebrations that would have alcohol at the event, which would bring in a substantial income revenue, and,

WHEREAS; members of a Lodge take pride in having a space where they can enjoy the company of their Brothers, and many would like to have more activities at the Lodge such as sporting event nights, movie nights, game nights, cookouts, etc. with beer or wine, and,

WHEREAS; Section VI subsection 2 of the Charges of a Free-Mason reads: "You may enjoy yourself with innocent birth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination ... ; for that would blast our harmony, and defeat our useful purpose" outlines our responsibilities to each other, and

WHEREAS; Section U 806 Prohibits 3.2 beer anywhere in the lodge building and prohibits 3.2 beer at a Masonic function or festivity; and

WHEREAS; Section U 805 prohibits hard liquor in the lodge room. There is no prohibition on hard liquor at a Masonic function or festivity; and

WHEREAS; our Uniform Code should be consistent; and

WHEREAS; a lodge may wish to allow beer or wine at a fundraiser or celebration in the lodge building or allow beer or wine at a Masonic function or festivity; and

WHEREAS; Section U 806 very specifically addresses the prohibition of 3.2 beer only, which cannot include beer of an alcoholic weight or volume of 3.3 or higher as sold in "Spirit, Wine and Beer" stores; and

WHEREAS; a Lodge cannot be held legally liable for the consumption of alcohol by individuals on their property if they do not purchase or supply alcohol to individuals, having a "bring your own" policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section U 806 of the Uniform Code which now reads as follows:

SECTION U 806. USE OF 3.2 BEER RESTRICTED: It shall be a Masonic offense to introduce 3.2 beer into any lodge room or other room connected therewith or at any Masonic function or festivity. No publication the subscription list of which is predicated upon Masonry or the name or the title of which includes a Masonic designation shall be permitted to carry advertisements concerning 3.2 beer.

It shall be the duty of the Master of the lodge in which such offense occurred to order charges preferred against the offender and a trial to proceed thereon as in other cases.

Be amended to read as follows:

SECTION U 806. USE OF 3.2 BEER RESTRICTED AND WINE: ~~It shall be a Masonic offense to introduce 3.2 beer into any lodge room or other room connected therewith or at any Masonic function or festivity.~~

Any individual or Lodge that violates the following rules will be committing a Masonic offense:

The introduction of beer or wine into a lodge building is limited to common areas only.

You may not introduce beer or wine into any lodge room.

You may not introduce beer or wine before a tiled lodge meeting or at any youth organization meeting or event.

You may not introduce beer or wine to individuals not of legal drinking age in the State of Oklahoma.

You may not allow excess or moderate to heavy intoxication from the consumption of beer or wine.

You may not store beer or wine overnight in the lodge building or in structures on lodge property.

You may not sell for purchase beer or wine in the lodge building or property.

The allowance of beer or wine will be strictly "bring your own".

The allowance of beer or wine lies with the discretion of the Master of the Lodge or by an amendment to the lodge bylaws.

If several Lodges reside in the same building, the Lodge that owns the building will decide the allowance of beer or wine within the facility. Their decision will apply to all Lodges who meet in the building.

A lodge may apply more restrictions or disallow beer or wine.

No publication the subscription list of which is predicated upon Masonry or the name or the title of which includes a Masonic designation shall be permitted to carry advertisements concerning 3-2 beer or **wine**.

It shall be the duty of the Master of the lodge in which such offense occurred to order charges preferred against the offender and a trial to proceed thereon as in other cases. **If any Master shall refuse to perform his duty under this section or if any lodge shall fail to do its duty upon proper charges preferred, the Grand Master shall suspend the Master or arrest the charter of the lodge (as**

his judgment may deem best) and report his action to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Logan Bryant, PM, Jenks Lodge No. 497

Joe R. Manning, Jr., PM, Cushing Lodge No. 111

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS; since the "Official Cipher Key Oklahoma Masonic Ritual" contains the esoteric work and is therefore only available to Master Masons; and

WHEREAS; the Cipher Key has allowed Master Masons to improve their proficiency while serving as officers in the lodge; and,

WHEREAS; the Cipher Key allows Master Masons the ability to study at home for the purpose of learning their categorical lectures; and,

WHEREAS; the falling number of members in our fraternity has created a shortage of members available and willing to teach categorical lectures; and,

WHEREAS; the number of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts that are losing interest and dropping from the lodge membership rolls are increasing; and,

WHEREAS; a copy of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Categorical Lectures in booklet form would assist them in learning their lectures; and,

WHEREAS; having a Cipher Key Booklet to study will shorten their time to be passed or raised to the next degree.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 401 of the Constitution and Laws which now reads as follows:

ARTICLE IV - WORK OF THE GRAND JURISDICTION

SECTION 401. ESOTERIC WORK: The esoteric work of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be that adopted by this Grand Lodge shall be used by all its lodges and their members in giving the work and lectures. It shall be in charge of the Board of the Grand Lecturers.

The Grand Lodge shall publish a two or three letter maximum cipher of all esoteric work of This Grand Jurisdiction.

Such cipher shall be used only for teaching. It shall not be consulted in any lodge while at Labor. Violation of this section shall be deemed a Masonic offense.

Ciphers shall be available to Master Masons through the office of the Grand Secretary.

Be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV - WORK OF THE GRAND JURISDICTION

SECTION 401. ESOTERIC WORK: The esoteric work of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be that adopted by this Grand Lodge and shall be used by all its lodges and their members in giving the work and lectures. It shall be in charge of the Board of the Grand Lecturers.

The Grand Lodge shall publish a two or three letter maximum Cipher Key of all esoteric work of this Grand

Jurisdiction. **The Grand Lodge shall print a Cipher Key Booklet for each of the following:**

1. Entered Apprentice Degree Categorical Lecture.

2. Fellow Craft Degree Categorical Lecture.

Such **Cipher Keys and Cipher Key Booklets** shall be used only for teaching. **They** shall not be consulted in any lodge while at labor. Violation of this section shall be deemed a Masonic offense.

Ciphers **Keys and Cipher Key Booklets** shall be available to Master Masons through the office of the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace K. Hubbard, WM, El Reno Lodge No. 50

Resolution No.7

WHEREAS; Grand Lodge delegates carefully consider, debate and vote on all resolutions to amend the Constitution and Laws, and,

WHEREAS; once the Grand Lodge delegates have made a decision, there should be the elapse of some period of time before the delegates have to again consider the same issue,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a new Section 903 be added to the Constitution and Laws as follows:

A resolution to amend or repeal any specific issue of this Constitution and Laws, that has been defeated at an annual communication of this Grand Lodge, shall not be considered again until two subsequent annual communications have passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Crisler, PM Yukon #90

Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS; Grand Lodge delegates carefully consider, debate and vote on all resolutions to amend the Uniform Code, and,

WHEREAS; once the Grand Lodge delegates have made a decision, there should be the elapse of some period of time before the delegates have to again consider the same issue,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a new Section U-903 be added to the Uniform Code as follows:

A resolution to amend or repeal any specific issue of this Uniform Code, that has been defeated at an annual communication of this Grand Lodge, shall not be considered again until two subsequent annual communications have passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Crisler, PM Yukon #90