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GRAND LODGE EDITION



M.:W.: C. W. "CORKY" GRIGSBY, JR.
GRAND MASTER - 2018

THE OKLAHOMA MASON
110th Annual Communication
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**110th Annual Communication
M.:W.: Grand Lodge
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
of the State of Oklahoma
November 9 - 10, A.:D.: 2018 A.:L.: 6018
Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple
Guthrie, Oklahoma**

**Grand Lodge School of Instruction - Grand Lodge Building
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, November 7, 8, 9, 2018
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**Grand Lodge Annual Communication - Scottish Rite Temple
Friday, November 9, 2018**

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Registration, Atrium

3:30 p.m. - Open Meeting, Auditorium

Greetings, Vizavance, Teacher of the Year, Recognition of Medal of Honor Recipients,
Announcement of 2018 Medal of Honor Recipients, Presentation of Awards

6:30 p.m. - Grand Master's Banquet, Ballroom

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Saturday, November 10, 2018

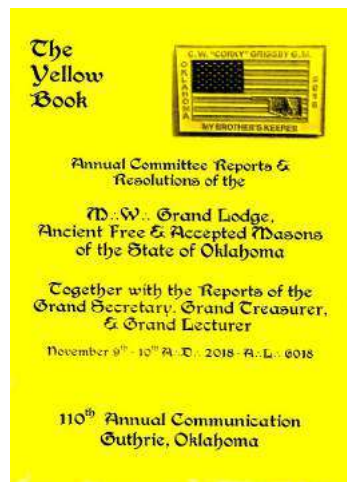
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Registration, Atrium

Voting for Grand Lodge Offices, Ballroom

8:30 a.m. - Opening of Grand Lodge, Auditorium

Aprons required. Paper aprons on sale in Atrium for \$1

6:30 p.m. - Installation of Grand Lodge Officers



**The Yellow Book is available online at
<http://www.gloklahoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018Yellow.pdf>**

**Annual Committee Reports
Grand Officer Reports
Resolutions to be considered at the
110th Annual Communication.**

Grand School of Instruction

November 7, 8, 9, 2018

Come and get checked out on your certificate and visit with old friends, step into one of the degree rooms and brush up on your floor work.

Also, don't forget you may spend the night at the Scottish Rite Inn. Brothers, please take advantage of this, we rent the inn for your use. Rooms cost \$10 per night.

You can reserve a room by sending an e-mail to the Innkeepers at innkeep@att.net or write to them at The Innkeepers, P.O. Box 534, Wheatland, OK 73097. The inn will be available on Wednesday night thru Friday. Grand School will start at 9:00 a.m. and run until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, and until noon on Friday.

The Certificate Lecturers' meeting and memorial will be Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Master's room.

Grand Master's Banquet

Honoring M.:W.: C. W. "Corky" Grigsby, Jr.

Benefiting The Grand Lodge Library & Museum

Friday, November 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple Ballroom

**Tickets are \$35 each if purchased before October 30
\$45 thereafter**

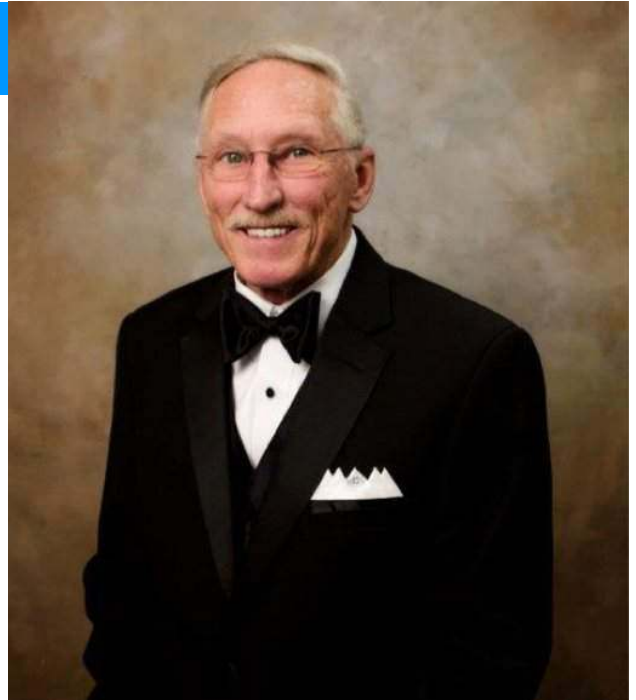


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**From the Grand Master
M.:W.: C. W. "Corky" Grigsby, Jr.**



Brethren:

This will be my Farewell article as it is the last one for me this year. I will say this: Masonry in Oklahoma, it just doesn't get any better than that! This year went by so fast, I think it was a blur in time and the Craft is not slowing down. You can see it in the OKMason and on Lodge web sites everywhere. Lodges are doing fund raisers, doing degrees, and something is going on in this state somewhere every day; my calendar showed it. I'm sorry I couldn't be everywhere you wanted us to be. I deeply regret not being able to attend some functions as being at another event across the state was required. That doesn't mean we didn't want to be there, just can't be in two places at once. Cloning was not an option....

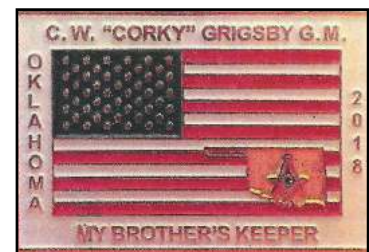
At the time this goes to print we are preparing for a SUPER Grand School and an AWESOME Grand Lodge Session. Those of you that missed the sessions last year should have already put it on your calendar for this year, you won't be sorry. This year hopefully we will see more Lodges represented than last time. It's time we take charge of our Grand Lodge. Brethren, remember it's your Grand Lodge. It belongs to each and every Mason in this Great State. You do make the difference in how we do business. I'd like to say thank you to the Grand Lodge staff for everything they have done from their office to make this a great year for Nickie and I, you have gone well above and beyond, jumping through hoops and spending endless hours preparing for Grand Lodge. You guys are the best!

I want to say **Thank You** to the Craft of this great State for all the fellowship, hospitality and friendship you have shown to Nickie and me as we travelled the state. I pray the Lord to Bless you, your families and your Lodges. You have truly made us feel welcome. I will miss the long hours on the road and the fellowship we shared. It has been such a sweet ride, but all good things must come to an end. I depart the office of Grand Master and start another journey in masonry, knowing that I leave the Grand Lodge in good hands with the officers that follow. They are a good set of dedicated men; you have chosen wisely and I wish them God-speed in their duties.

Now my Brethren, the Holiday time of year is upon us, we become busy getting items ready for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year. I would like to ask you and your Lodge to take time this Season to make time to visit a Brother who is unable to get out, who hasn't been to Lodge in a while, or who may be less fortunate than ourselves. Take the time to "Go upon the errand," re-establish those contacts you once had to further Friendship and Brotherly Love to those you haven't seen for a while. Take time this coming year to make an improvement in your Lodge, become an active member and enjoy all the Blessings the Grand Architect gives you and be sure to pass some along to others. Last, but not least, I ask each of you to "**Be Your Brother's Keeper.**" From the Grigsby family to your family, may you have a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Fraternally and Respectfully,

M.:W.: C. W. "Corky" Grigsby, Jr.
Grand Master 2018, Oklahoma A.:F.: & A.:M.:



**From the Deputy Grand Master
R.:W.: Mike Dixon**



Brethren:

It is that time of year again, Grand School and Grand Lodge are just a few days away. These are great opportunities to catch up with friends and brothers who you don't get to see throughout the year. Grand Lecturer R.:W.: Ron Wray and his Deputies are set to host another great event this year! So, brush up on your ritual and get checked out for an "A" or "C" card, work on a new part in one of the degrees or just come and watch! I promise that you will have a great time.

Over the course of this year, many of you have heard the Trustees talking about the low attendance at the Grand Lodge Annual Session. So, let's turn out and fill the house.

There are several important resolutions for you to consider this year. This is your opportunity as a voting delegate to participate in the operation and guidance of your Grand lodge in the future.

Don't forget that we have two individuals who have made themselves available for Junior Grand Warden; two individuals who have made themselves available for Grand Lecturer; and several who have made themselves available for the Board of the Oklahoma Masonic Charity Foundation. You, the Craft, get to choose the future leaders of our great fraternity, something not enjoyed in all Grand Jurisdictions.

It has been my pleasure to serve you this past year and I am looking forward to serving in the year to come.

Fraternally,

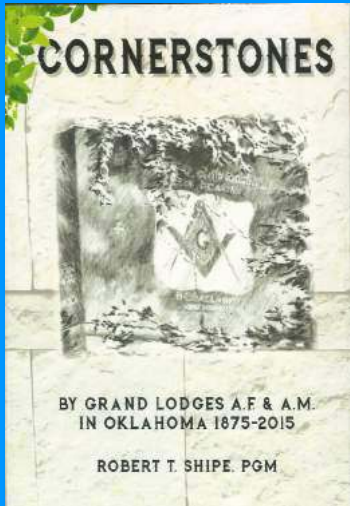
R.:W.: Mike Dixon
Deputy Grand Master

Collector's Item

A REMARKABLE book has been given to the Grand Lodge for the Building Fund by M.: W.: Robert Shipe.

It is the greatest thing since sliced bread and every Lodge needs one. Here's why:

1. The Cornerstones book is a collector's item as it contains all the cornerstones laid by the Grand Lodge from 1875 - 2015.
2. Its benefit to Masons and your Lodge is inestimable as it documents the image of the town Lodge and and fraternity in a highly favorable light.
3. This book will build the image of the fraternity immediately among the brethren (and the men in town you seek as members) of your Lodge.
4. Its benefit to the Lodge documents the history of its cornerstone laying role while promoting the image of the fraternity in a way that none other ever has.



All funds received go into the Grand Lodge Building Fund. As your Grand Secretary, I hope you will check it out, then promote its purchase throughout the District as a collector's item for the Lodges and brethren. A copy as a gift to your local town Library would certainly enhance its availability to the people.

M.:W.: Bobby Laws PGM

**From the Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bob Peters**

The Level



The level is an instrument made use of by the operative masons to make sure that their work would be level enough to survive the test of time; to make sure that their work remained true to its foundation as it rose to greater and greater heights. Webster's Dictionary defines the word level as "having no part higher than another, having a flat or even surface."

In Masonry, the level means that everyone should meet on the same level no matter what our status is in the world. It does not matter what we do for a living, who our relatives may be, or how much money we may have, in the lodge room we are all equal and should receive the same respect.

When I think of the level and how we are all equal in everything, I remember one of our Brothers in Shawnee. I will just refer to him as Brother Rex. He had many stories about World War II. He shared with me that he was one of the soldiers ready to invade Japan, but the military dropped the atomic bombs and the invasion was called off. He always said, "If it hadn't been for Harry Truman, I wouldn't be here today." One of his best stories was when he actually met President Truman in his home lodge. This would have been in the late 1940's, after the war was over. I don't remember what lodge Brother Rex was raised in, but he was raised a Master Mason in Missouri.

As I remember the story, the lodge had just opened, and there was an alarm. The Worshipful Master ordered the alarm attended, and when the Junior Deacon opened the door, there stood Harry Truman, President of the United States.

The Worshipful Master probably knew they were going to have a special visitor that night, but Brother Rex had no idea. He was in awe and didn't know what to do! He wondered if the lodge should stand up or just stay seated, as the President came in, went before the altar, and saluted the Worshipful Master. The Master welcomed him to the lodge and the President took a seat. Brother Rex stated that what surprised him the most was that he was by himself, although he learned later that his secret service agents were not Masons, so they remained outside the Tyler's door. It was a very interesting and delightful evening for Brother Rex.

One of the things that Brother Rex shared with me about that evening was the fact that even though Harry Truman was the President of the United States, he was Brother Truman when he came in the lodge room door. They didn't call him Mr. President; they called him Brother Truman, at his request. Brother Rex was able to tell Brother Truman thanks for doing what needed to be done, and that he knew Brother Truman had saved his life as well as the lives of so many others.

This story is a great example of the Level of Equality for Masons. My hope is that we will always meet on the level with all our Brethren and treat each other with the respect that good Masons should have for each other.

In closing I would like to remind you of these upcoming dates. I hope to see you there.

November 7, 8 and 9th - Grand School.

November 10th - Grand Lodge

May Peace and Harmony Prevail,

R.W. Bob Peters
Senior Grand Warden

**From the Junior Grand Warden
R.:W.: Robert G. Davis**



Brethren:

I started attending Grand Lodge in 1980. It was the first time I had received credentials to vote as a delegate of my lodge. An old mentor of mine informed me it was an obligation of my office as a Warden. That was enough for me. Obligations were important. I had heard a dozen years earlier that these special duties are what make a man a Mason. If I couldn't honor my own obligations to my lodge, how could I expect any other Brother to do the same? As they say, it was a no brainer. It is what leaders in any organization do.

But my mentor was also an A Certificate Lecturer. He had taught me all of my work while going through the chairs. His approach was reasonable and admirable. He taught that if every officer would only learn the language of his office each year (including the degree work), he would not only serve his lodge well but, when he got to the East, there would be little left to learn. He was right. I became an A Certificate Lecturer the year after I served as Master of the Lodge because of his sage advice.

I introduce my own story to you to suggest to all elected Wardens and Masters not to overlook your duty to attend Grand Lodge this year. After all, it is your obligation to your lodge. It is the foundational reason Grand Lodges exist. They are an assembly of lodges. They do not exist without a majority of lodges seeing to it that their delegates participate.

And, in far too many instances, lodges are represented only by their Past Masters. This occurs only because those who are Wardens and Masters are not paying attention to their duties. Of course, we are grateful to our Past Masters for attending and making the annual communication of Grand Lodge possible, but these men are no longer elected lodge leaders. They do not have the same obligations required of leadership as the elected men in their lodge.

The annual communication held by Grand Lodges was originally intended to be a communication between elected lodge officers and elected Grand Lodge officers. It was a peerage of leadership. It is this group of men who are supposed to be the most concerned about the problems and issues of the fraternity; and the most observant and dedicated in devising means to create a path of progress and growth for their lodge. What better reason is there for any elected officer to exist than to be an agent for the progress and sustainability of his lodge?

It may well be that only when elected lodge officers and Grand Lodge officers met together regularly that the fraternity was focused more on its future than its past. Perhaps it is time to recreate this model of communication in our own Grand Jurisdiction.

So, if you are an elected officer, I urge you to attend our upcoming Grand Lodge session. Participate in the discussions, enjoy the fraternalism, get acquainted with your peers, talk about what is working or not working in your lodge, excite us with your successes, and tell us of your dreams for your lodge and Oklahoma Masonry!

And while you are in Guthrie, give yourself a treat and drop by Grand School for a day and bone up on the language of your office. It is a gift that will always serve your lodge.

R.:W.: Robert Davis
Junior Grand Warden



Candidates for Office

Grand Master

Mike Dixon (Unopposed)

Deputy Grand Master

Bob Peters (Unopposed)

Senior Grand Warden

Robert G. Davis (Unopposed)

Junior Grand Warden

R. "Scott" Vincent
Andrew Bridgewater

Grand Treasurer

David G. David (Unopposed)

Grand Secretary

Bobby Laws (Unopposed)

Grand Lecturer

Bill Crisler
Ronald E. Wray



Candidates for Charity Foundation

Mark up to three (3) boxes. The Brethren receiving the most, second and third most votes will be elected to a full 5-year term.

Matthew Cargill
Daniel Brown
B. F. Rowland, Jr.
Jack Painter
Yates Canipe

Detailed biographical information on each candidate may be found in the *September 2018* issue of *The Oklahoma Mason*.

Available for Election - Junior Grand Warden

The information here is taken from the materials filed with the Grand Lodge.

R. "Scott" Vincent

R. "Scott" Vincent and his wife, Nancy, live in Arnett, Oklahoma. He is a retired business owner and operates a farm and ranch.



In answer to the question "Why do you seek this Office?" Brother Vincent wrote: *"As I have been observing our Fraternity over the past few years, I have noticed that Masonry is coming to a crossroad. With the knowledge I have gained by owning and operating my own Service Station and Convenience Store business for the past 38 years along with my farming and ranching practice which I am currently still operating, I feel that I am qualified to assist with the guidance and recommitment of our Fraternity by bringing it back to the way it was when my Father and Grandfather were Masons. With all of us working together to attain one goal, we will be able to ensure a strong and stable future for our children and grandchildren to come."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Vincent wrote: *"I would like to regain the commitment of the Grand Lodge to the Craft and in return the same commitment to the Craft to the Grand Lodge. I would also like to help make our Fraternity more efficient in membership, financial independence with transparency."*

Legislation passed on November 12, 2007, requires that the Brother disclose if he has ever been suspended or expelled from a Lodge or from Freemasonry. Brother Vincent has neither been suspended or expelled.

Andrew T. Bridgewater

Andrew T. Bridgewater and his wife, Elaine, live in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. He is employed by the City of Sallisaw as an Inmate Coordinator.



In answer to the question "Why do you seek this Office?" Brother Bridgewater wrote: *"For the Good of Masonry."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Bridgewater wrote: *"Help our Fraternity."*

Legislation passed on November 12, 2007, requires that the Brother disclose if he has ever been suspended or expelled from a Lodge or from Freemasonry. Brother Bridgewater has neither been suspended or expelled.



Available for Election - Grand Lecturer

The information here is taken from the materials filed with the Grand Lodge.

Bill D. Crisler

Bill D. Crisler lives in Piedmont, Oklahoma. He is retired from Bridgestone - Firestone, Inc. He has held an "A" Certificate for twenty-five plus years.



In answer to the question "Why do you seek this Office?" Brother Crisler wrote: *"I wish to improve the performance of the rituals in the State of Oklahoma."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Crisler wrote: *"My goals are to increase participation in schools. I also want to encourage C & A Certificates to improve the performance of the rituals."*

Legislation passed on November 12, 2007, requires that the Brother disclose if he has ever been suspended or expelled from a Lodge or from Freemasonry. Brother Crisler has neither been suspended or expelled.

Ronald E. Wray

Ronald E. Wray and his wife, Tammie, live in Hitchcock, Oklahoma. He is employed by Blaine County as a Heavy Equipment Operator.



In answer to the question "Why do you seek this Office?" Brother Wray wrote: *"I enjoy working with the craft in the ritual and seeing new men learn this work. I have held this office for nine years and have tried to live up to the standard of the great men who have held it before me. I still have more to offer."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Wray wrote: *"To get more A & C Lecturers. Add some new levels of lecturers. Put more emphasis on floor work. Hold more Lodge Schools."*

Legislation passed on November 12, 2007, requires that the Brother disclose if he has ever been suspended or expelled from a Lodge or from Freemasonry. Brother Wray has neither been suspended or expelled.

Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 1-A

WHEREAS: The Constitution and Laws requires a Tellers Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden to oversee the election and count ballots; and,

WHEREAS: A change to electronic voting in other jurisdictions has proven to be less time consuming and require fewer tellers; and,

WHEREAS: the results of the vote should be known in a matter of seconds; and,

WHEREAS: moving to electronic voting devices will permit delegate registration to stay open an additional one (1) hour, for the convenience of delegates traveling long distances; and,

WHEREAS: All voting, both for elected officers and resolutions, in the afternoon in the main auditorium.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Section 201 Grand Officers which now reads in part:

Section 201 Grand Officers: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer shall be elected by paper ballot, without nominations, at each annual communication. They shall be installed before its close and shall hold their offices one (1) year or until their successors are elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect the officers mentioned herein.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Section 201 Grand Officers: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer shall be elected by electronic voting device or paper ballot without nominations, at each annual communication. They shall be installed before its close and shall hold their offices one (1) year or until their successors are elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect the officers mentioned herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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P.M. Edmond Lodge No. 37

Bobby J. Peters,
P.M. Composite Lodge No. 107

Robert G. Davis,
P.M. Albert Pike Lodge No. 162

David G. David,
P.M. India Lodge No. 551 Britton Lodge No. 434

Bobby L. Laws,
P.M. Altus Lodge No. 62

Ronald E. Wray,
P.M. Okeene Lodge No. 357



Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 1-B

WHEREAS: The Constitution and Laws requires a Tellers Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden to oversee the election and count ballots; and,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: SECTION 302 REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES AND BALLOTS, which now reads:

SECTION 302. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES AND BALLOTS:

A delegate to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall register his credentials with the Credentials Committee, at which time he shall receive a badge which shall be so distinguished as to indicate the number of votes he is entitled to cast. The Credentials Committee shall carefully make a record of the number of votes registered. No member shall be entitled to vote until his name has been registered with the Credentials Committee.

When voting by ballot each lodge shall be entitled to three (3) votes through its representatives present in Grand Lodge. Other delegates to Grand Lodge present at the time of balloting are each entitled to one (1) vote. If a delegate, by reason of his past rank, is entitled to a vote and is also representing his lodge with proper credentials, he may vote in each capacity.

The election ballots issued at the annual communication shall be imprinted with the date of that communication and the names of the candidates for each office. All voted ballots shall be carefully preserved and placed in the vault in the Grand Secretary's office and be kept there for a period of one (1) year. The ballots may be reviewed by any member of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma when accompanied by an elected Grand Lodge Officer.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 302. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES AND BALLOTS:

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Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 1-B Continued

When voting by electronic device or paper ballot each lodge shall be entitled to three (3) votes through its representatives present in Grand Lodge. Other delegates to Grand Lodge present at the time of balloting are each entitled to one (1) vote. If a delegate, by reason of his past rank, is entitled to a vote and is also representing his lodge with proper credentials, he may vote in each capacity.

The election ballots issued at the annual communication shall be imprinted with the date of that communication and the names of the candidates for each office shall be projected on a display screen. All printed reports of the electronic voting results or voted paper ballots shall be carefully preserved and placed in the vault in the Grand Secretary's office and be kept there for a period of one (1) year. The printed reports of the electronic voting or paper ballots may be reviewed by any member of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma when accompanied by an elected Grand Lodge Officer.

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Resolutions

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Resolution No. 1-C

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WHEREAS: A change to electronic voting in other jurisdictions has proven to be less time consuming and require fewer tellers; and,

WHEREAS: the results of the vote should be known in a matter of seconds; and,

WHEREAS: moving to electronic voting devices will permit delegate registration to stay open an additional one (1) hour, for the convenience of delegates traveling long distances; and,

WHEREAS: All voting, both for elected officers and resolutions, in the afternoon in the main auditorium.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: SECTION 304, Balloting and Voting, A and B, which now reads:

SECTION 304. BALLOTING AND VOTING: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden shall appoint an equal number of tellers to manage the election and resolution balloting process. The Grand Master shall also appoint a chairman of the tellers. It shall be the duty of the tellers to ensure that no campaigning occurs within or in close proximity to the election balloting area; to receive, count, and report the results of all balloting; and to see that the provisions of this section are obeyed.

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: On Saturday of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, an area shall be designated for delegates to ballot on the candidates for elected offices. The balloting area shall be opened at such time to correspond with the registration of delegates and shall remain open until 10: 00 A.M., at which time balloting shall cease and the votes counted.

A delegate who has registered with the credentials committee may enter the balloting area. Each delegate must sign a register and indicate the number of votes he is casting. He will then receive a ballot which shall be so distinguished as to indicate the number of votes he is entitled to cast.

After marking the ballot and before leaving the balloting area, all delegates must deposit their ballots in a box which shall be constructed as to keep each ballot secret and so that one brother cannot observe how another voted.

In the event that any officer is not elected by a majority vote on a ballot, a subsequent ballot shall be taken in the same manner. All names for the unfilled office shall be dropped except the two (2) having the highest number of votes on the first ballot. All other names on the second and subsequent ballots shall be declared mutilated and shall not be counted.

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Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 1-C Continued

B. RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND: A delegate having entered the Grand Lodge at the time designated for balloting on the resolution changes shall be given a ballot on which he may vote either for or against each resolution presented. The ballot shall be so distinguished as to indicate the number of votes he is entitled to cast and his badge shall be punched.

Once a delegate has entered the Grand Lodge, he shall not be permitted to leave the room unless excused by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. Once excused, the delegate shall deposit his ballot in the ballot box at the Grand Tyler's station. All such ballots shall be delivered to the Chairman of the Tellers at the close of balloting to be counted.

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A delegate who has registered with the credentials committee may enter the balloting area. Each delegate must sign a register and indicate the number of votes he is casting. He will then receive an electronic voting device(s) or paper ballot which shall permit him to cast ~~be so distinguished as to indicate~~ the number of votes he is entitled to cast for elected officers and resolutions.

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Resolution No. 1-C Continued

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Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 2

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

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

WHEREAS; the Grand Lodge is limited to use only an average of 95% (ninety-five percent) of the total revenue in the Grand Lodge budget, which continues to decrease each year; and;

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

WHEREAS; there are 21,254 (twenty-one thousand two hundred fifty-four) Master Masons in Oklahoma, as of June 25, 2018; of which 9,789 (nine thousand seven hundred eighty-nine) are perpetual members whose per capita is set and cannot be changed, leaving 11,465 (eleven thousand four hundred sixty-five) dues-paying members; and;

WHEREAS; to keep pace with today's economy and provide the lodges with the services they require, we must increase our per capita.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 502 paragraph A of the Constitution and Laws, which currently reads:

A. Per Capita for each Master Mason on the roll January 1:
 1:.....\$10.
 Unless superseded by section U 420 D.4 and D.5.
 \$2.00 of the above figure shall be permanently endowed and placed in a Grand Lodge Office Facilities Endowment Fund. The total amount of income derived annually from said fund, not to exceed 5% of the corpus, shall be used for maintenance or capital improvements in an owned office building or lease payments in a leased office facility.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

A. Per Capita for each Master Mason on the roll January 1,
2020.....\$10. **\$15.00**
Per Capita for each Master Mason on the roll January 1,
2021..... **\$20.00**
Per Capita for each Master Mason on the roll January 1,
2022..... **\$25.00**

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Resolutions

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Resolution No. 2 Continued

Unless superseded by section U 420 D.4 and D.5.
\$2.00 of the above figure shall be permanently endowed and placed in a Grand Lodge Office Facilities Endowment Fund. The total amount of income derived annually from said fund, not to exceed 5% of the corpus, shall be used for maintenance or capital improvements in an owned office building or lease payments in a leased office facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Resolution #3

WHEREAS; the Grand Lodge finances are in need of more income, and,

WHEREAS; the per capita resolution did not pass at the 2017 Grand Lodge session, and,

WHEREAS; currently \$15 (fifteen dollars) of the fee a candidate pays for the Entered Apprentice Degree is paid, as a donation, to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma, and,

WHEREAS; the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma cannot give monies to the operating fund of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and,

WHEREAS; the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma receives charitable donations from other sources.

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Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 3 Continued

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 502 paragraph D of the Constitution and Laws, which currently reads:

D. Assessments: The following Assessments shall be charged against the Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction:

1. For each candidate initiated.....\$15.
2. Each EA Degree conferred.....\$2.

No fee or assessment shall be charged for affiliations.

The assessment provided for in 502 D.1 shall be a distinct contribution by the petitioner to Masonic Charity and shall be deposited in a separate account known as "The Entered Apprentice Fund." This assessment shall be in addition to the fee for the three (3) degrees.

The assessments provided for in Section 502 D.1 and 502 D.2 shall be remitted to the Grand Secretary with the first monthly report following initiation.

The per capita provided for in Section 502 A for the preceding year shall be due on the first day of April of every year or 45 (forty-five) days from the date of the mailing of the recapitulation form from the Grand Secretary's office which ever date is later in the amount specified on the Recapitulation form received from his office.

Each Lodge under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma failing to comply with this requirement shall be assessed a five (5) percent penalty of the gross amount and an additional five (5) percent each month thereafter on the unpaid balance until such sums are paid.

No per capita provided for in Section 502 A shall be charged against any lodge for a member whose dues have been remitted because of inability to pay.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

D. Assessments: The following Assessments shall be charged against the Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction:

1. For each candidate initiated.....~~\$15.~~ \$2.00
2. Each EA Degree conferred.....~~\$2.~~ \$15.00

No fee or assessment shall be charged for affiliations.

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Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 3 Continued

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Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 4

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; and,

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
P.M. Yukon Lodge No. 90

Resolution No. 5

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; and,

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 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
P.M. Yukon Lodge No. 90

Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS; eligible members of the Fraternity may indicate their availability for an elected office of this Grand Lodge by completing and filing a form provided by the Grand Lodge with the Grand Secretary; and;

WHEREAS; a filing fee of \$100 (one hundred dollars) must accompany the form before it can be accepted; and;

WHEREAS; the entire amount of which shall be refunded to the candidate if he receives at least 10% (ten percent) of the votes cast; and;

WHEREAS; this fee does not take into consideration the time involved with the Grand Lodge staff preparing, publishing, and distributing the information on each candidate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 201 paragraph no. 2 of the Constitution and Laws, which currently reads as follows:

Eligible members of the Fraternity may indicate their availability for an elected office of this Grand Lodge by completing and filing a form provided by the Grand Lodge with the Grand Secretary. The filing period shall commence after the closing of the Annual Communication and close on the last day of March preceding the opening day of the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. A filing fee of \$100 (one hundred dollars) must accompany the form before it can be accepted, the entire amount of which shall be refunded to the candidate if he receives at least 10% (ten percent) of the votes cast, otherwise the fee shall be credited to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Eligible members of the Fraternity may indicate their availability for an elected office of this Grand Lodge by completing and filing a form provided by the Grand Lodge with the Grand Secretary. The filing period shall commence after the closing of the Annual Communication and close on the last day of March preceding the opening day of the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. A non-refundable filing fee of \$100 (one hundred dollars) must accompany the form before it can be accepted, ~~the entire amount of which shall be refunded to the candidate if he receives at least 10% (ten percent) of the votes cast, otherwise~~ The fee shall be credited to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby L. Laws
P.M., Altus Lodge No. 62

Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS; eligible members of the Fraternity may indicate their availability for an elected office of this Grand Lodge by completing and filing a form provided by the Grand Lodge with the Grand Secretary; and;

WHEREAS; a filing fee of \$100 (one hundred dollars) must accompany the form before it can be accepted; and;

WHEREAS; the entire amount of which shall be refunded to the candidate if he receives at least 10% (ten percent) of the votes cast; and;

WHEREAS; this fee does not take into consideration the time involved with the Grand Lodge staff preparing, publishing, and distributing the information on each candidate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 706 paragraph no. 1 of the Constitution and Laws, which currently reads as follows:

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BE AMENDED TO READ:

Eligible members of the Fraternity may indicate their availability for an elected office of this Grand Lodge by completing and filing a form provided by the Grand Lodge with the Grand Secretary. The filing period shall commence after the closing of the Annual Communication and close on the last day of March preceding the opening day of the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. A non-refundable filing fee of \$100 (one hundred dollars) must accompany the form before it can be accepted, ~~the entire amount of which shall be refunded to the candidate if he receives at least 10% (ten percent) of the votes cast, otherwise~~ The fee shall be credited to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby L. Laws
P.M., Altus Lodge No. 62

Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS; the constituent lodges are required to follow the guidelines of the uniform code, and,

WHEREAS; the order of business is set for each lodge to follow, and,

WHEREAS; this change would make the order of business flow more efficiently through the meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section U 308. ORDER OF BUSINESS, which currently reads as follows:

The order of business at stated meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Reading of the minutes of the previous meetings and approving all unapproved minutes.
- B. Consideration of unfinished business.
- C. Receiving, reading, and referring petitions for degrees and applications for affiliations.
- D. Receiving and acting upon reports of committees.
- E. Reading of the Constitution and Laws, Uniform Code, and Trial Code.
- F. Balloting upon petitions for degrees and applications for affiliation.
- G. Considering miscellaneous business.
- H. Conferring degrees and giving lectures.

The lodge may be opened and business conducted in a lodge of Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, or Master Masons, at the discretion of the Worshipful Master. Except that the conferring of a degree, the examination of candidates, voting on their proficiency, and the trial of an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, or Master Mason shall be done in a lodge open on the appropriate degree. Only Master Masons may vote on matters coming before the lodge.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

The order of business at stated meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Reading of the minutes of the previous meetings and approving all unapproved minutes.
- B. Consideration of unfinished business.

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Resolutions

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Resolution No. 8 Continued

- C. Receiving, reading, and referring petitions for degrees and applications for affiliations.
- D. Receiving and acting upon reports of committees.
- ~~F.~~ E. Balloting upon petitions for degrees and applications for affiliation.
- ~~E.~~ F. Reading of the Constitution and Laws, Uniform Code, and Trial Code.
- G. Considering miscellaneous business.
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Respectfully submitted,

Bobby J. Peters
P.M., Composite Lodge No. 107

Resolution No.9

Whereas: Each constituent lodge is required to read the Constitution and Laws and Uniform Code in open lodge; and,

Whereas: Some lodges may have a different interpretation of the phrase frequently read the Constitution and Laws and Uniform Code; and,

Whereas: Each member should be knowledgeable of the content of the Constitution and Laws that govern our institution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that section U-310 which currently reads:

Each constituent lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be provided a copy of the Constitution and Laws and Uniform Code to be read frequently by its members.

The Master of each lodge shall cause said Constitution and Laws and Uniform Code to be frequently read in open and as much time devoted to its study as time will permit.

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Resolutions

To be Considered During the Annual Communication

Resolution No. 9 Continued

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Each constituent lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be provided a copy of the Constitution and Laws and Uniform Code to be read frequently by its members.

The Master of each lodge shall cause said Constitution and Laws and Uniform Code to be ~~frequently~~ read in open and as much time devoted to its study as time will permit.

Respectfully submitted,

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