

# ***The Yellow Book***



**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 Treasurer, & Grand Lecturer**

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**M.:W.: Bobby J. Peters 🏆  
Grand Master 2020**

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## ***Report of the Grand Lodge Trustees***

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests and Brethren All,

In accordance with Section 210 of the Constitution and Code, the Grand Lodge Trustees have met and held monthly meetings and respectfully submit the following report.

The Trustees were charged with the maintenance and repairs to the Grand Lodge Building and equipment. Continuing the efforts that were begun in 2019, the roof was replaced on both the Grand Lodge Building and the Hospitality house. This was completed with use of funds in the current Insurance policy. At this time, we would like to thank W.: Brother Cecil Walker for his assistance in monitoring the work on the roof replacement. His efforts to monitor the work ensured that it continued in a positive direction and that the interruptions due to COVID-19 and other issues were reported to the Trustees in a timely manner. Work that was begun in the previous year to replace the chiller unit was completed and deductible applied to complete the replacement. The Grand Lodge Trustees extend special thanks and gratitude to W.: Bro. Terry Story, M.O.H., for his continued efforts above and beyond the call to ensure the completion of these arduous tasks.

### Consolidations

Consolidation of Lexington-Baxter No. 72 and Hampton-Noble No. 291 was officially completed on January 14, 2020. Lodge will retain Hampton-Noble No. 291 for future identification.

### Requests to Change Districts

There were no lodges requesting to change Districts this Masonic year.

### Lodge Closings

There were no requests to close any Lodge during this Masonic year.

### Grand Masters Decisions

The Grand Master issued three (3) decisions. Details of the Grand Master's decisions will be in the Grand Master's Address.

### Edicts

As of this writing, the Grand Master enacted 8 Edicts. Details of all edicts will be in the Grand Master's address.

### Dispensations

Over the course of this Masonic year, the Grand Master issued eighteen (18) Dispensations, each were requested in writing and approved by the Grand Lodge Trustees and are detailed in the Grand Masters Address.

### By-Laws Change Requests

During this Masonic year, there were seventeen (17) Lodges that requested approval of changes to their By-Laws. All requests were submitted in writing and reviewed by the Grand Lodge Trustees. Those requests that required approval of the Board of Grand Lodge Trustees were unanimously approved.

### Major Areas of Discussion:

Kingston Lodge Building Inventory and Rental to OES

Museum and Library establishment and reorganization  
COVID-19 Effects and Edicts  
Oklahoma Masonic Fundraiser  
Grand Lodge Building repairs and Maintenance  
Grand Lodge Insurance Provider and Policy  
Annual Budgeting Processes  
Per Capita, recapitulation and Investment Policies  
Monthly Financial Reports were presented and reviewed (details are in the yellow book)  
Virtual Leadership Conference  
Virtual Statewide Forum  
Degree Team Certifications across the State  
Retirement Fund of the MW Grand Lodge AFAM  
Grand School  
Conducting of Grand Lodge Sessions for 2020

Brethren as you know these are only highlights of the actions taken by your Grand Lodge Trustees. Space would not allow for a complete summary of all actions taken by the Board of Trustees, but a complete record of all transactions by the Trustees is kept in the Grand Secretary's office.

All the decisions made by your Board of Grand Lodge Trustees have been made with the interest of the Craft at heart. We hope they have met with your approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby J. Peters, M.O.H., Grand Master  
Robert G. Davis, Deputy Grand Master  
R. Scott Vincent, Senior Grand Warden  
Glen A. Chaney, M.O.H., Junior Grand Warden  
David G. David, Grand Treasurer  
Bobby L. Laws, P.G.M, Grand Secretary  
Ronald E. Wray, Grand Lecturer



## ***Report of the Grand Secretary***

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



Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

It is with a heavy heart that I submit this my final report as Grand Secretary to the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Trustees, and the members of the Craft of Oklahoma.

The past six years during my tenure in this office have seen this Grand Jurisdiction move forward with great strides to make many changes which I hope will benefit Oklahoma Masonry for years to come. While I did not always agree with all the decisions made by the Trustees I can assure you that each one of them made those decisions with the best interest of Oklahoma Masonry foremost in their minds and hearts and I have done my best to support their decisions. Unless you have walked in their shoes you have no idea what those four (4) years of commitment entirely to Masonry entails. To each of them I say thank you for your tireless commitment to our Great Fraternity. I am proud to call each of you my Friend and Brother.

To each of my beloved Brother Lodge Secretaries I say thank you for a job well done. Some of you are new to the position but you have amazed me with the positive attitude you have taken the ball and ran with it. With the new Grand View Data System you have reduced the amount of paper you had to submit to Grand Lodge by at least 90%. By doing so you have also eliminated the paper accumulated in this office by the same amount.

On March 17, 2020 we were faced with and continue to be burdened with the terrible results of the COVID-19 virus pandemic with no foreseeable end to the hampering or halting of most of our Masonic activities. As of this writing we have only raised 76 Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason since January 1, 2020. On the flip side we have had 261 reported deaths and 105 Suspension for non-payment of dues.

Our Perpetual Path Program which has produced great results since 2016 has been halted due to the social distancing and other restrictions placed on all citizens by the State, Counties and CDC. Our Grand Master has been forced by these guidelines to issue seven (7) edicts in an attempt to protect our membership and families. Our membership is now at an average age of 65.16 years which places us in the most vulnerable age bracket for contacting the virus. We should be thanking the Grand Master for his concerns and stop complaining because his directions have taken into consideration all of our jurisdiction not just some lodges. Those who have not yet been impacted by the virus could be affected at any time as has been the case in several areas thus far.

The conversion from the GLMMS data management system to Grand View Data Software Systems has been a major undertaking for Grand Lodge and Lodge Secretaries. It has produced outstanding results in many areas. One of the major ones was the use of Electronic Voting which was utilized at the 2019 Grand Lodge session. We were able to see immediate results on all items that were voted on in real time. This system gives us so many different options that were not available before. Every member now has the capability of looking at his official record and can make changes to most of his personal information. The system also has a built-in accounting system that allows the Lodge Treasurer & Secretary to keep an

accurate record of all Lodge financial matters including tracking the lodge budget. We owe a great debt of gratitude to my friend and W.: Brother John Christopher for all his hard work and expertise in guiding the Grand Lodge Staff and Lodge Secretaries through the implementation and almost full use of all the options available with the Grand View System. We still have just a few lodges that have not registered on Grand View even though we have contacted all of them via emails and phone calls. I won't list you here, you know who you are. You are missing the boat to get your lodge up to speed as we move rapidly towards eliminating almost all hard mail correspondence.

I feel that I am leaving this office in good hands with Brother John as your Grand Secretary as he is the only one who has filed for the office. I will remain as close as my phone if I can be of any assistance to any of you in the future.

I cannot thank the folks that makeup the Grand Lodge Staff enough without telling you that they are my family in more ways than one. My wife, Linda, has worked tirelessly filling a void that was left five years ago with the retirement of a long-time employee. She volunteered to come on board as a part-time employee, but I can tell you that she does a full-time job in an outstanding manner. Many of you call her MOM out of respect and she will tell you that she now has many adopted sons in the fraternity. She will be leaving with me in November to return to our home in Altus. John, I hope you have good luck in filling her shoes. Yvette and Terry, MOH are like a daughter and son to us and not many of you know the extra efforts they go to in accomplishing the many duties that at one time was done by five (5) full time employees on the Grand Lodge staff. They are a godsend to Oklahoma Masonry and I hope and pray that they will be here to serve you for many years to come. Please thank them for all that they do for you every chance you have.

As I said in my report last year to my beloved friend and Brother, Worshipful John Carter, MOH, Grand Chaplain and Editor of the Oklahoma Mason I can only say that you are one in a million. He serves as the Editor of the Oklahoma Mason without accepting any compensation for his labor or materials using his own equipment and working from his home in Madill. The next issue of the Magazine is almost ready to post on the web site. Thank you my brother for all that you do for Oklahoma Masonry.

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bobby J. Peters. I have had the pleasure of working with you during your entire period of time on the board of Trustees. Thank you sir for all that you have done and will continue to do for Oklahoma Masonry. You have had some very hard decisions to make this year and in my opinion you made each one of them with the best interest of the craft totally in mind. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused as of us to make adjustments to our normal schedule and activities. We are all very hopeful that we will be able to have our Grand Lodge session in November even though it will most likely be a one day event and may require a venue change to allow for social distancing.

I again want to once again give my personal thanks to our Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: David G. David for the many hours he spends working with our investors to get your Grand lodge the best investments possible in today's economy. Please thank him whenever you see him for all that he does, mostly behind the scenes for the great work that he does.

To the other Trustees I thank each of you for your hard work and your commitment to the craft of Oklahoma. Each of you have taken it upon yourself of personally bearing almost all of the expense of doing your duty without receiving any reimbursement for your personal expenses. The Craft of Oklahoma is indebted to you for your service. I have no doubt that each of you will continue the things that are now

in place so that we do not have to change programs each and every year. I pledge my continued support in all that you do in the future.

To the Past Grand Masters, I thank each of you for your assistance and counsel whenever I called on you. Each of you continue to take your obligation seriously to assist the constituent lodges whenever the need arises.

Most of you are probably not aware of the many legal matters that come before your Grand Lodge each year that requires assistance from attorneys to ensure that all the correct actions are taken in each case. During the past six years we have been faced with numerous situations that we could not have brought to a satisfactory closure without legal assistance. We are blessed to have in our membership M.: W.: Joe R. Manning, Jr., Past Grand Master; W.: David A. Carpenter; W.: Charles K. Babb; Brother Chad W.P. Kelliher; Brother Mark "Beau" Cantrell. Each of these brothers are highly skilled in their particular legal field and have always been at my beckoned call whenever I needed their counsel or actual legal work on any matter. They have never asked for or received any compensation for their work and assistance even though some of the cases required long distance travel to reach a conclusion. To each of you my Brothers I say thank you for your labors of love for our Fraternity, but most of all for your friendship. God bless each of you is my prayer.

To the Tribal Members of our Beloved Order of the Sacred White Buffalo, I say thank you again for all the support, both monetary and attendance, you continue to give since we restarted it in 2010. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to cancel our 2020 Pow-Wow but I thank you for all your support. You have increased the Grand Lodge Endowed Building Fund in your name to \$170,359.00 as of July 22, 2020. I continue to be proud to serve with you in our Beloved Order.

To my beloved Brothers W.: Donald "Butch" McIntosh, Director and W.: David Dill, Secretary of "The Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team" I thank you and your entire team for your staunch support and conferral of the Order of the Sacred White Buffalo Degree since we restarted it in 2010. I also thank you for your worldwide travels representing Oklahoma Masonry. You are indeed our International Ambassadors. I am very proud to be an Honorary Member of your August Team.

As in the past, I 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.

God bless, each of you and yours is my prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby L. Laws, PGM Grand Secretary

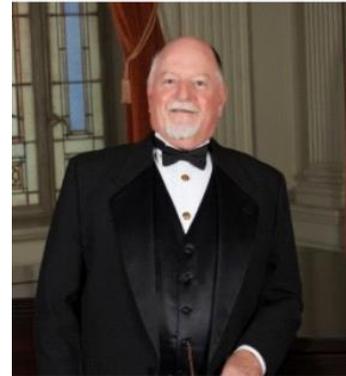


## ***Report of the Grand Treasurer***

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

Brethren:

As I submit my 7<sup>th</sup> report as your Grand Treasurer, I want to again thank you, my brethren, for your support. It is an Honor to serve Masonry in the State of Oklahoma as your Grand Treasurer. I am very proud of our leadership, and we are the envy of many Grand Jurisdictions throughout the Midwest. I am proud that you have allowed me to be a part of that group of outstanding Masons. I feel fortunate in having the opportunity to have a small part in building the financial structure of our Grand Lodge. At the same time, I realize that much remains to be done to ensure the financial security and future 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, make all investment of Grand Lodge with the approval of the Grand Lodge Trustees. The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Trustees have the fiduciary responsibility to oversee your invested capital. We have been blessed having two outstanding investment advisors and consultants, such as John Fryear (for many years) with Hilltop Securities and Thompson Phillips (for five years) with T.S. Phillips Investments, Inc. These funds are:

- 1- General Funds; 2- Perpetual Membership Fund; 3- Pension Plan Trust Fund;
- 4- Deferred Compensation Fund; 5- Building Fund; and 6- Chips Fund.

Looking back over previous reports you would have seen seven funds. The Museum & Library Fund has been removed from the oversight responsible of the Grand Lodge Trustees, as M&L is now a 501C-3, with its own board of Trustees.

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 important of building up endowed funds to provide enough interest to support the financial needs of your General Fund. As reported last year from our Committee on Finance and Appropriations, *"The continuing decline in revenue is not a situation we believe will end anytime soon. While the number of perpetual dues-paying Brothers has slowly crept up from 9,449 in 2015 to 9904 in 2018, the number of annual dues-paying Brothers has dropped nearly 16% or by 2,031 Brothers in those same three years. The per-capita increase approved in 2018, effective this year, (2020) will increase the dues income stream from here forward, but it is also dependent on the declining number of lodge members. Our investment portfolio balances have also declined since 2014 providing a lower interest and dividend income. It is clear that a long-term solution needs to be initiated at both the Grand Lodge and Blue Lodge levels to stabilize our finances and position Oklahoma Masonry for a solid future."* I wanted to include part of this committees' report from last year, to help us all to see how important MEMBERSHIP is to the financial security of Masonry in Oklahoma.

The approved General Fund approved budget for 2014, my first year as Grand Treasurer, was \$484,000.00. The approved budget for 2020 was \$403,449.50 a continued decline over these years of \$80,550.50. \$46,733.24 of the 2020 budget was raised by the Deputy Grand Master's fundraiser, not

per capita or investment income. Only 6% of our members participated in the fundraiser. We the Craft, keep asking our Trustees to do the same if not more year after year with less.

Through the first ten months of the management of your Grand Lodge, your Trustees met monthly and have continued their fiduciary responsibilities. The budgeted revenue and expense are amortized over the twelve months of operation, and to date, is well within the guideline of the approved Budget for 2020.

With the rewriting our "Investment Policy, Guidelines and Objectives" for the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and approved by a vote of the Trustees in 2018. The Trustees approved rebalancing our allocation of assets. The General Fund now stands as of August 31, 2020 at \$1,206,489.33. With present low interest rates in both the Bond and Equities markets, we have moved, and currently have, as of August 31, 2020, \$734,994.89 of those funds in equity stock investment with higher estimated dividends or annual income. Leaving \$489,780.91 in Government backed Ginnie Mae and Fannie Mae bonds. The balance is in checking and now accounts.

I am pleased to report that the Perpetual Endowed Membership Fund, as of August 31, 2020, stands at \$5,572,256.98. Again, with the low interest rate in the bond market, with the vote of Trustees, we have rebalanced funds. We have invested \$3,238,324.99 in equity stock investments. Leaving \$2,574,242.93 in Bond investments, with the balance in checking, now account, and brokerage cash funds.

We are not experiencing the high interest rate of years gone by, 8%, 10%, or 12%, in the Bonds market, however Perpetual Membership is still good for the member and his lodge. Some brethren are adding to their perpetual funds to increase their returns to their lodge. Some are paying their lodge the difference between their perpetual fund's earnings on their account and the Lodge dues. However, the bond interest rates continue to decline. As of this writing I do not have the percentage of return for our bonds for 2020. However, we all know the rates of return on bonds have not been increasing. This is why the Investment Policy Committee and your Trustees approved the rebalancing of our investments. We will continue looking to obtain the highest interest and dividends rates available on safe investments.

As of August 31, 2020, The Pension Trust has a market value of \$68,188.79. This year 2020, your trustees have frozen the Pension Plan, no new employees will be added to the plan in the future. The Building investment funds market value is \$207,596.12, as well as property and equipment. Two dollars of our current members' Per Capita dues is paid each year into our Building Endowment Fund to help keep our beautiful Grand Lodge building for future generations. This year your trustees were able to replace the air conditioning air chiller, complete roof replacement on both main building and hospitality house and looking at major repair on the heating boiler. Most were covered by insurance. Deferred Compensation checking account balance \$1,576.12. Chips' Fund checking account balance is \$19,024.93.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the excellent accounting service rendered to the Grand Lodge. The excellent work of our in-house staff and Grand Secretary. Their reports and help enable the Trustees to closely monitor the financial conditions of your Grand Lodge.

Respectfully and 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:

I'm submitting to you this, my 11th report as your Grand Lecturer, I want to express my sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge Officers, the Deputy Grand Lectures, the Deputy Grand Masters, the Certificate Lectures, the Office Staff, and the craft at large for your assistance and support this year.



The Deputy Grand Lectures have done an outstanding job at holding the few District Schools of Instructions we were allowed to have before the pandemic happened. For the period beginning September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2020 there was a total 14 District Schools for a total of 16 days of instruction, with a total attendance of 104.

During Grand School 2019, a total of 115 certificate lecturers signed in. Total attendance for the 3 days was 197. The Board of Grand Lectures have held 3 meetings at the time of this report with one more before Grand School. Two of these were zoom meetings.

I want to thank our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bobby J. Peters for a great Board of Grand Lectures and Assistants. They have worked to make our schools a great success.

I want to again say thank you to the craft for all the support you have given me over these last 11 years. It is my honor to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as your Grand Lecturer.

Respectfully submitted:

Ronald E. Wray Grand Lecturer

# **Report of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma**



To the M.:W.:Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. 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 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 2019:

President	William J. Cloud
1st VP	Neil A. Stitt
2nd VP	C. Kent Callahan
Treasurer	Elwood M. Isaacs
Secretary	Robert G. Davis
Assistant Sec.	John L. Logan

## **FINANCIAL**

The Foundation 12/31/19 preliminary consolidated financial report reflects total assets of \$104,610,319.65. The 2020 consolidated budget projects charitable giving of \$5,768,857.

## **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 2019, 203 Lodges used the program for \$1,679,933. Since the beginning of the Matching Funds Program, the Foundation has contributed \$32,132,949 in support of local charitable or educational projects, and with the local lodges participation, have created a minimum of \$64,265,898 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 2019, Promises Matter Matching Funds provided \$171,671 to assist female members of OES as well as Master Masons and their widows with immediate financial needs due to illness, injury, or other hardship. Also, thirty-six Promises Matter Grants and sixteen emergency grants were issued totaling \$108,003. The average grant amount distributed was \$3,000.

**Masonry in Action Award** program began in 2013 to recognize lodges that do an outstanding job in utilizing the Foundation programs. The Foundation allows each winning Lodge the opportunity to specify a worthy nonprofit in their community to receive a \$5,000.00 grant. In 2019 Washington 406 was the small lodge category winner, and Owasso 545 won the large lodge class. Washington 406 designated their prize funds to provide charitable grants of \$2,500 each to Delta Community Action and McClain County Operation Christmas. Owasso 545 awarded their \$5,000 community grant to an outdoor education program administered by the Owasso Fraternal Order of Police. Congratulations to both lodges!

If your Lodge would like to know more about the Foundation programs, please feel free to call or come by the Foundation office and discuss your needs.

#### 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 \$240,000 in 2019 and had budgeted \$250,000 for 2020 to support the ongoing costs of the program, including five (5) new SPOT cameras to aid in effectively screening children or adults who are nonverbal or unable to read a traditional eye chart. In October of 2019, the 5-millionth child was screened through this partnership. The Foundation has provided over \$4 million in support of this important work since the program's inception.

**Food Bank** support has been an annual program since 2011. In 2019 the Fight Childhood Hunger Campaign resulted in \$50,000.00 being donated to the Regional Food Bank and \$35,000.00 being given to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. The 2020 Masonic Match to Fight Childhood Hunger campaign will run from August 1 through September 30. This statewide effort is a combined effort of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma, and Griffin Communications (Channel 9 in OKC and Channel 6 in Tulsa). The Fight Childhood Hunger Campaign is a project with statewide visibility that attempts to enhance the image of the Fraternity while supporting a significant charitable purpose.

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

1. **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.
2. **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 2019, the Foundation prepared 2,451 certificates for presentation.
3. **The Teacher of Today Award** program is used by Freemasonry in Oklahoma to say "thanks" to those hundreds of teachers across our state that make 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 2019, the Foundation prepared 869 certificates for presentation.

4. **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. The 2020 event was scheduled to be held on April 23 at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple but was canceled due to the COVID-19 edicts.
5. **The Payne Education Center** is a nonprofit 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 scholarships for enhanced reading techniques. In 2019, \$55,000 in funding was provided for teacher scholarships. For 2020, \$55,000 was given for scholarships, plus an additional \$75,000 grant to support the digitization of training content for increased access to materials in rural areas.
6. **The Youth Scholarship Program** funding is through the Education Endowment. The scholarship program is open to members of the DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow. This year ninety scholarships of \$3,000.00 each were budgeted.
7. **High School Ethics Bowl** is a competitive program sponsored by the SEED Foundation through funding in large part from the Masonic Charity Foundation. The Oklahoma Region High School Ethics Bowl competition for the 2019-2020 school year occurred Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, in Oklahoma City. Even though this will be only the program's fourth year in operation, Oklahoma is currently the largest region in the nation. The winning team from the Oklahoma Region competition will be invited to compete at the national championship in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The SEED Foundation continues to express gratitude for the financial support of the Masonic Charity Foundation provides the High School Ethics Bowl program.
8. **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. The Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma sponsors it 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 \$200 for 10th place. Also, a \$5,000.00 grant will be made to each of the 1st place winners' high school. For the 2019 – 2020 contests, 925 seniors entered the contest. A total of \$13,700 was awarded to the 20 statewide winners of the competition, and \$5,000.00 grants to the schools of each of the statewide first place winners. Certificates for presentation to the local division winners of 94 high schools sponsored by 79 Lodges will be provided to the local Lodge.

**Senior Assistance Program**-Through an agreement with the Oklahoma Area Agencies on Aging, a division of the Department of Human Services, \$682,865 was given in December 2019 to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2020. Since the inception of this program in 2007, the Foundation has donated a total of \$10,114,141 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](http://www.okdhs.org).

## **SUPPORT OF MASONIC GROUPS**

- Masonic Charity supports Masonic youth orders! In addition to over \$94,302 in Matching Funds provided to local DeMolay, Rainbow, and Jobs Daughters chapters and bethels during 2019, the Foundation also provided over \$122,000 in scholarships to youth order members, as well as \$10,000 to each youth order's state-level trust to support ongoing programming and scholarships.
- The Guthrie Scottish Rite and McAlester Scottish Rite were awarded grants of \$200,000 each to provide necessary repairs and maintenance for historical site preservation. These non-endowed funds are intended to provide high-priority repair and restoration of these Oklahoma Masonic treasures.
- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation supports a charitable or educational cause or project of the Grand Master's choice. In 2019, a \$5,000 grant was provided to the Eastern Oklahoma VA Medical Facility to support enhancements of the common outdoor area enjoyed by the residents.
- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma contributes to the programming of several national Masonic organizations:
  - Gifts totaling \$1 per Oklahoma member are made by Masonic Charity Foundation every year to support the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.
  - An annual gift of \$1,500 is made to the Masonic Information Center, an organization operated under the Masonic Service Association of North America, which provides information on Freemason publicly and which responds to critics of Freemasonry.
  - The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma supports *every* plea from the Masonic Services Association of North America for disaster support with a \$1,000 donation. In 2019, gifts of \$1,000 each were granted to support disaster recovery efforts.
  - Oklahoma Masonic charity also provides annual contributions of \$4,000 to the Masonic Service Association of North America's Hospital Visitation Program, making Oklahoma's support of this program competitive on a national level.

### **Foundation Activities**

A report of the Foundation activities, including its audited financial statements, is made annually to the MW 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](http://www.mcfok.org). We also make an effort to share positive stories regarding Masonic activities on Facebook.

It has been a great honor to serve as the Foundation President, and I thank the members for the opportunity to serve in this vital work.

Respectfully submitted,  
William J. Cloud, President  
Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma

## ***Report of the Joint Masonic Fraternal Relations Commission***

To the 2020 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-nine 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:

1. The two sovereign Grand Lodges have 100% recognition of each other, as described above.
2. There is 100% tiled visitation of members among the constituent Lodges chartered by the two Grand Lodges.
3. 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.

Our Grand Lodge continues to be invited to the annual P.H.A. golf tournament and District 9 picnic held in September in Midwest City. Additionally, the leaders of the major branches of our A.F. & A.M. Masonic family are invited to the Prince Hall Americanism Day. Leaders are invited to wear the regalia of their office and bring their spouses. A delicious meal follows.

A very significant act of visitation and understanding occurs when the PHA Grand Historian is invited to Oklahoma A.F. & A.M. Lodges to explain the history of Prince Hall Masonry. Correct information and genuine friendships help cement fraternal relations between our two Most Worshipful Grand Lodges.

In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the semi-annual, May 22nd meeting of the Joint Masonic Fraternal Relation Commission, had to be cancelled. The strong fraternal relations between our two Grand Lodges will outlast the current pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## ***Report of the Order of the Sacred White Buffalo***

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic with the many imposed restrictions on group gatherings the Order of the Sacred White Buffalo did not hold its annual Pow-Wow scheduled for August 15, 2020. The decision to cancel was made in early August by the current Officers and Trustees of the Order. The decision was also made to keep the current officers in place until the 2021 Pow-Wow scheduled for the third Saturday on August 21, 2021. The Officers are:

Chief of the Tribe	Thomas Galbraith
Senior Warrior	A. J. "Jim" Scheffler, Jr.
Junior Warrior	Steve McMall
Keeper of the Wampum	Yvette Story
Scribe	Bobby L. Laws, PGM
Shaman	Gloria Fortney
Keepers of the Talking Smoke	Guy & Toni Brigman& Ron Chambers, MOH, PGM
Tribal Lookout	John Carter, MOH

Trustees:

M.:W.:	Mike Dixon, Past Chief	1 Year
W.:	Dallas Fortney, Past Chief	2 Years
W.:	Stanley Pospisil, MOH, Past Chief	3 Years

The records of the Keeper of the Wampum show that the Endowed White Buffalo Building Fund as of July 31, 2020 is \$170,359.00 this is an increase of \$29,490.00 from this same date in 2019.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Galbraith Chief 2020-2021  
Bobby L. Laws, PGM Scribe

## ***Report of the Grand Lodge Museum and Library***

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren All,

This has been an exciting year in the life of the M.W. Grand Lodge AF & AM of State of Oklahoma (Museum & Library), Inc., herein referred to as the Grand Lodge Museum & Library (GLML). The resurrection of the GLML was kick-started in 2019 under the leadership of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mike Dixon and Deputy Grand Master, Bobby J. Peters; a working committee, called the Museum & Library Revision Committee, was appointed to review and define the then current status of the GLML and to make recommendations regarding its future. The Committee was comprised of MW Lanny Sanders (Chair), W. Charles Babb (Vice Chair), RW Robert Davis (Member), W. Gene McKelvey (Member) and W. Jim Seeger (Secretary).

With the assistance of the Grand Secretary, and following a research of available records, on May 10, 2019, the Revision Committee convened with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary joining in the discussion; record research findings were reviewed and discussed. It is worthy to note that a consensus existed that the GLML Board of Trustees should be restructured to assure that the Craft has a say in the operation of the GLML, and that this 'new' Board should be appointed by the Grand Master. Following this meeting, the Revision Committee took these findings under consideration and subsequently called for a joint meeting between the Grand Lodge Trustees, the Museum & Library Trustees and the Revision Committee. This joint meeting was held on August 19, 2019, where the Revision Committee shared its record research findings. It was during this meeting that the Revision Committee determined that it should now prepare its recommendations. On September 9, 2019, the Revision Committee completed its work and set forth the following recommendations:

1. Secure the accounting services of a CPA to help determine a financial foundation from whence to begin setting the M&L on a proper financial and IRS compliant course; and
2. Secure the legal services of an attorney to help determine a legal foundation from whence to begin setting the M&L on a proper legally compliant course.

As the Grand Lodge leadership annually transitioned through its normal course, these recommendations were then acted upon under the leadership of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bobby J. Peters. Following a thorough review of the records, Grand Master Peters initiated the Revision Committee's recommendations, and he subsequently called a joint Zoom meeting between the Grand Lodge Trustees and the GLML Trustees (now referenced as 'Directors'. This meeting was held on April 7, 2020. It was during this meeting that the Grand Master set the stage for the GLML to be officially resurrected as a stand-a-lone organizational entity, separate from the Grand Lodge.

During the April 7, 2020 Joint Zoom Meeting, Grand Master Peters then outlined his initial expectations of the newly appointed GLML Board of Directors. These are summarized here:

- The GLML should schedule its next meeting date within the next 2-3 weeks;
- The GLML should approve and adopt its By-Laws;
- The GLML should elect its Officers;
- The GLML should take steps to cause the GLML fiduciary function to stand alone from that of the Grand Lodge;
- The GLML should develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that represents the relational interests and expectations between the GLML and the Grand Lodge. Elements of the MOU must include (but not be limited to):
  - a) Identify the purpose of the GLML;
  - b) Demonstrate how the GLML is to be accountable to the Craft;
  - c) Contain quarterly and annual reporting to the Craft;
  - d) Specify term lengths of GLML Board Members; and
  - e) Require the approval of both the GLML and Grand Lodge Boards

The Grand Master then appointed the following Master Masons to the GLML Board of Directors: W. Charles Babb, W. John Carter, RW Glen Chaney, W. Wade Massey, W. Jim Seeger, W. Kenneth Sivard, and RW Scott Vincent. The GLML Board of Directors held its first meeting on April 9, 2020. Additional GLML Board Meetings were held on June 12, 2020 and August 20, 2020, and at the time of this printing, another Board Meeting is to be scheduled in September, 2020. These GLML Board Meetings, all of

which have been held utilizing the Zoom video conferencing application as a meeting tool, have resulted in the following GLML actions and accomplishments:

- a) The GLML By-Laws have been developed and approved;
- b) The GLML Officers have been elected: W John Carter, President; W. Wade Massey, Vice President, W. Jim Seeger, Secretary-Treasurer
- c) The Memorandum of Understanding between the GLML and the Grand Lodge has been developed and is pending Grand Lodge approval.
- d) The GLML will be bonded;
- e) The GLML fiduciary function has been created through the creation of a bank account and the creation of two investment accounts;
- f) A GLML "Gift Agreement" form has been developed and adopted; policy for receipt of gifts is under development;
- g) The GLML is addressing the critical need of inventory-collection identification and management; working with the Oklahoma Historical Society's Research Division, the GLML is seeking a means to develop an Inventory plan of action;
- h) A GLML "Authorization-Request for Fund Withdrawal from the Museum & Library's Investment Account" form has been developed and adopted;
- i) GLML base administrative needs are being addressed through the acquisition of office supplies and a computer and related software; and
- j) The next GLML Board Meeting is being scheduled as this is going to print.

This report is the result of the work of many, many brethren, including the Grand Lodge Trustees as well as the Grand Lodge Museum & Library Board of Directors. The GLML wishes to express a special appreciation to Most Worshipful Bobby J. Peters for his direction and guidance.

This is an exciting time in the life of the GLML. *The Board of Directors encourages the Craft's involvement and participation.* Please consider serving on the GLML Board of Directors as openings or vacancies occur.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Carter, President	Charles Babb, Member
Wade Massey, Vice-President	Glen Chaney, Member
Jim Seeger, Secretary-Treasurer	Kenneth Sivard, Member
Scott Vincent, Member	

## ***Report of the Oklahoma Lodge of Research***

The Oklahoma Lodge of Research had one stated meeting on January 26, 2020 At Britton Lodge No. 434. The Grand Master M□ W□ Bobby J. Peters was in attendance. The Corona virus allowed no further meetings. At this writing the will be a stated meeting September 26, 2020 to elect and install officers. Due to the virus the book sales has been suspended until further notice.

John E. King  
Secretary, Oklahoma Lodge of Research

# ***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

Brethren,

As of July 6, 2020, the Appeals & Grievance Committee have not received a request for hearing or upcoming issues addressed to this Committee.

The Committee wishes to thank the Grand Master M.:W.: Bob Peters and the Craft for the opportunity you have given to be of service.

Fraternally,

Richard E. Massad PGM Chairman 36  
Gary Beisly PGM  
Brad Rickelman PGM

## ***Report of the Committee on Charters & Dispensations***

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

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

As of September 10, 2020, there have not been any requests for Dispensations of new Lodges.

As far as lodge consolidations:

Lexington-Baxter Lodge #72 consolidated with Hampton- Noble Lodge #291 on January 14, 2020, and Pryor Creek Lodge #100 consolidated with Adair Lodge #99 on September 8, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted

Ronald S. Coppedge, PGM Chairman  
William E. Owen PGM  
Gary A. Davis PGM

## ***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 two (2) Resolutions were presented to the Grand Lodge Body for consideration. Neither of these received the required number of votes to become law. The following change record for 2019 has been properly entered in the Constitution and Code of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

### **Change Record for 2019**

#### **NO CHANGES APPROVED BY GRAND LODGE FOR YEAR 2019**

Note 1. Changes for next year will be continued on this page to avoid lodges unknowingly missing a year.

Note 2. Should Grand Lodge approve no changes for a given year, the Change Page will be annotated with:

“NO CHANGES APPROVED BY GRAND LODGE FOR YEAR XXXX”

Will be recorded below the previous change year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L. Allison, Chairman PM (501)  
Bobby L. Laws, Member PM (62)  
Ronald J. Chambers, Member PM (425)  
Joe R. Manning, Jr. Member PM (111)

## ***Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Relations***

To 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:

The opportunity to serve our Grand Lodge is a distinct honor for which our Fraternal Correspondence and Relations committeemen are sincerely grateful M.: W.: Grand Master. The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Relations is charged to protect the integrity of the Grand Lodge recognition process which is dedicated to insuring recognition of only those Grand Lodges that meet the standards for regular recognition; thus preventing our recognizing illegitimate Grand Lodges being formed around the world.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma uses the Conference of Grand Masters of North America's **Commission on Information and Recognition** reports as the basis for our recommending recognition of new Grand Lodges seeking our recognition. The Standards being: 1) Legitimacy of Origin, 2) Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty; and 3) Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks of Belief in God, use The Volume of Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the Furniture of the Lodge, and the prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion.

This report contains our assessment of Foreign Correspondence received from Grand Lodges in Amity with our Grand Lodge announcing decisions we felt would be of interest to our craft, communications from new Grand Lodge(s) requesting our recognition, and reports of the Commission on Information for Recognition relevant to our jurisdiction.

**Recommendation for Recognition**  
GRAND ORIENT OF RIO DE JANEIRO

A request for recognition was received February 21, 2020, from the Grand Orient of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. According to the 2020 Commission on Information and Recognition Report their application was favorably received as a legitimate Grand Orient practicing regular masonry. The committee therefore recommends their recognition be granted by this Grand Lodge and that the Grand Secretary advise their Grand Master accordingly.

GRAND ORIENT OF BAHAI

A request for recognition was received March 22, 2020, from the Grand Orient of Bahia in Brazil. According to the 2020 Commission on Information and Recognition Report their application was favorably received as a legitimate Grand Orient practicing regular masonry. The committee therefore recommends that their recognition be granted by this Grand Lodge and that the Grand Secretary advise their Grand Master accordingly.

GRAND ORIENT OF PAULISTA

A request for recognition was received June 24, 2020, from the Grand Orient of Paulista in Brazil. According to the 2020 Commission on Information and Recognition Report their application was favorably received as a legitimate Grand Orient practicing regular masonry. The committee therefore recommends that their recognition be granted by this Grand Lodge and that the Grand Secretary advise their Grand Master accordingly.

**Request for Recognition Denied**

NONE

**Recommendations for Withdrawal of Recognition**

NONE

**2021 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 2021 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: Andorra, Guinea, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Slovakia and Slovenia; and Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska, Maryland and Oklahoma.

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 [Confederation of State Grand Lodges]: Alagoas and Amapa; Columbia: Los Andes; Gabon, Haiti, Cote d'Ivoire, San Marino, Ukraine; and Prince Hall Grand Lodges in California, Delaware, District of Columbia and Illinois.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma welcomes written requests for recognition by Grand Lodges that meet the standards for recognition as determined by the Commission on Information and Recognition of the Conference of the Grand Masters of Masons of North America, and whose system of justice insures the *due process of law* as a craftsman's basic right; consistent with, or comparable to, that guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

### ***Report of the Hospital Service Committee***

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren All:

On behalf of our hospitalized Brothers, Family and Friends, I would like to thank the Masons of Oklahoma for the time they have spent visiting our Brethren and Friends who were hospitalized or are in nursing facilities. It means a lot to these fine people.

If you live near to one of the seven Veteran Centers, please stop in and say "Hello" to an American Hero.

Also, if you are in the area of the Ft. Sill National Cemetery, please pay your respects to our fallen Heroes.

Respectfully Submitted,

T.G. (Tom) Bayless, Chairman

## ***Report of the Masonic Education Committee***

M.:W.: Grand Master and Brethren All,

It goes without saying that the pandemic has affected, and continues to affect, every Masonic function in Oklahoma and the Nation. One outcome of the pandemic is that it has contributed to a nation-wide increase in the number of web-based masonic education opportunities.

Under the leadership and direction of the Grand Master, Bobby J. Peters, the Committee was charged to determine how it can make these web-based masonic education opportunities widely available in Oklahoma, thus supporting state-wide masonic educational opportunities for the Craft. Utilizing the Zoom video conferencing application as a meeting tool, the Committee first identified a major recommendation for consideration by the Grand Master, and that was to Investigate the availability of potential mechanisms to identify/collect the web-based links and make them readily accessible to the Craft – this investigation was conducted by Committee Member, WB Jason Smith.

A second Zoom meeting was held for the purpose of receiving and discussing the Committee's investigative findings, conducted by Bro. Smith. Bro. Smith reported on two broad categories of web-based information that could be of value to Oklahoma Masons in the provision of on-going masonic education experiences. Based on this report, the Committee developed two recommendations for the Grand Master's consideration and approval:

1. ***Current/Real-Time Masonic Education Presentations.*** This information would be made available on a new **Grand Lodge Facebook Page** under the rubric of **Oklahoma Masonic Education**; this page would include upcoming presentations, podcasts and YouTube videos, Zoom discussions, etc., and it would be linked to the Grand Lodge website, and vice versa. The Committee recommended that this Facebook page be established and administered on an on-going basis, at no cost to the Grand Lodge or to the Craft, by the Grand Lodge Education Committee; and
2. ***Archived Masonic Education Presentations.*** This would be a Link on the Grand Lodge Website and consist of dozens, even hundreds of videos, audios, podcasts, even books and periodicals, that will be available as an archived masonic education resource to every Blue Lodge in the State – similar to the Oklahoma Masonic Speaker's Bureau. The Committee recommended that this Link be added to the Grand Lodge Website and be administered on an on-going basis, at no cost to the Grand Lodge or to the Craft, by the Grand Lodge Education Committee.

The Committee was in the belief that the implementation of these recommendations would be the major focus of the Committee this year. These recommendations were approved by the Grand Master. Two more Committee Zoom meetings were held to plan and implement the two recommendations.

The Committee is pleased to report that these two recommendations have been implemented and are currently available to every Oklahoma Mason and to every Oklahoma Blue Lodge. These implementations will endure in the years to come as both will continue to be monitored and administered by the Grand Lodge Education Committee.

The Committee expresses its deep appreciation for the leadership of Grand Master, Bobby J. Peters, in bringing these recommendations to fruition. Masonic Education is fast-experiencing a rebirth in Oklahoma Masonry -- the Grand Lodge Education Committee is honored to be a part of this renewal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim L. Seeger, Chairman  
Mike Christie, Member  
Robert G. Davis, Member  
Clyde Schoolfield, Member  
Jason Smith, Member

## ***Report of the Publications Committee***

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand East, and Brethren:

Members of the Publications Committee have been involved in the compiling, editing, and distribution of the following Grand Lodge publications:

2020 Blue Book  
***The Oklahoma Mason***  
2018 Grand Lodge Proceedings  
2019 Grand Lodge Proceedings  
2020 Yellow Book

Costs associated with hard copy publication of these materials continues to be a problem. Most of these publications were therefore made available online on the Grand Lodge website at [www.gloklahoma.com](http://www.gloklahoma.com). In addition, postage costs prohibit the mailing of ***The Oklahoma Mason***.

As in recent years, on demand printing services continue to be utilized to publish Grand Lodge Proceedings at a significant cost savings compared to traditional printing. 2018 Grand Lodge Proceedings, in both hard and soft cover, are ready for distribution. 2019 Proceedings are being compiled and will be ready for distribution in the near future.

The 2020 Yellow Book has been compiled and printed in house and published online.

Respectfully submitted,

John Carter Chairman  
Bobby Laws PGM  
Robert G. Davis  
John Christopher  
Clyde Schoolfield, Jr.  
Chris Mochon  
Kyle Smith

## ***Report of the Publicity and Public Relations Committee***

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

The Publicity and Public Relations of the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma was handled by Worshipful Brother John Logan of the Masonic Charity Foundation and the Grand Lodge Trustees.

Brother Logan, the Executive Director of the Masonic Charity Foundation, and his superior staff, have helped pave the way to educate the General Public about Freemasonry in the Great State of Oklahoma.

Key programs undertaken by the Foundation include:

- Partnering with local Food Banks to feed those faced with the challenge of not having enough to eat.
- Scholarships for Masonic Youth groups which assist Rainbow, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay to help defer college expenses.
- Senior Essay Contest which helps enlighten today's high school seniors by researching and writing about a timely topic of interest.
- Student and Teacher of Today Programs which enable Lodges to recognize outstanding local educators and students.
- Area Agency on Ageing which assists the elderly to defray unforeseen costs.

Community Matching Funds provided by the Masonic Charity Foundation have helped local Lodges address and support countless community charitable or educational projects and make a real difference in local communities.

The Promises Matter Program, through matching funds or by grants, is a tool that is available to local Lodges to assist our Masonic Brothers and Sisters who have had difficult and unforeseen situations arise.

The Grand Lodge Trustees have implemented the Grand View Data Base which has improved communication within the Fraternity. This Data Base will give each Lodge the opportunity to create a web site of their own. It appears that this data base will enable the Fraternity to be in a better position to proceed in the future.

Respectfully,

R.:W.: Scott Vincent, Chairman  
Matthew Cargill  
Daniel Hanttula  
Keith Madden  
Dudley Ridge Smith PGM

## ***Report of the Youth Activities Committee***

Brethren:

Our Masonic Youth Orders have each done their best to cope with strange conditions in 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus. We are blessed by the adult leadership provided by members from our Masonic Family. Below are reports offered by Jon Greene, Supreme Deputy in Oklahoma for Job's Daughters, Brother Brad Northcutt, Executive Officer of Oklahoma DeMolay, and Brother Brian Pierson, Supreme Inspector in Oklahoma for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. We wish to thank the Craft and its membership for the support of our lodges and brethren, and the financial support provided by the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma to further the college education of many of our members. Thank you, Grand Master for the opportunity to serve the Craft, and to serve with our Masonic Youth.

### **Job's Daughters - Jon Greene, Supreme Deputy**

Job's Daughters began the year, just like all the other Masonic bodies with ideas, plans, and dreams to have a successful year. Then COVID hit. Honestly, I was worried. The last thing we want in our Lodges, Bethels, Assemblies, and Chapters is for the bonds to be broken. Fortunately, the Job's Daughters International Board of Trustees suspended the Supreme Constitution and By-Laws. This allowed for us to have Virtual Bethel meetings and Installations. Our 100th Anniversary Supreme Session, that was planned to be held in Omaha Nebraska, was turned into the first-ever Virtual Supreme Session, which was well attended. Unfortunately, we were not able to have our statewide Rally in June. Our Honored Bethel officers will keep their places for another year. As of this writing, plans for the Miss Oklahoma Job's Daughter competition are still being discussed.

Do what you can to keep those bonds of friendship and Brotherly, or in our case Sisterly, love strong.

### **Oklahoma Rainbow Girls - Brian W. Pierson, Supreme Inspector**

The Rainbow calendar began in June 2019 following Grand Assembly with our usual summertime activities. Highlights included Assembly visits by newly installed Grand Worthy Advisor, Lindsey Ball, and travels to other jurisdictions for their Grand Assembly Sessions. Oklahoma Rainbow was privileged to work with The Children's Hospital at the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City to raise money in support of the 3 Golden Retrievers that compose the therapy dog program that visit and brighten the day for patients at the hospital. They also collected pencils, crayons, coloring books and games for the patients. For the next 6 months it was a typical year as Rainbow attended DeMolay Conclave and Jobs Daughters Grand Bethel in the summer, Grand Chapter for Eastern Star and Grand Lodge in the fall, and the annual Tri-Youth Masonic Christmas Dance at the Guthrie Scottish Rite in December. Sprinkled between these events were District weekends spread across the state as the Grand Officers initiated new sisters. January brought assembly installations, with a weekend leadership retreat for our adult advisors and board members in February, and for assembly line officers in March.

And then the wheels came off! COVID-19 arrived, and the world came to a halt. Rainbow got creative with their "virtual" meetings on Zoom conducting scavenger hunts, movie nights, and other events.

Oklahoma Rainbow's annual Grand Assembly Session in May was cancelled due to the virus. Thankfully, we were able to convene for a one-day Session in July at the India Shrine Temple. Special thanks to our

Grand Master for his counsel and approval of the security protocols that were implemented. Everyone attending was masked, temperatures were taken, and we were socially distant. We finished the day installing our 2020-21 Grand Worthy Advisor, Larashleigh Wallace, her Grand Officers and other Grand Appointments.

Rainbow's Supreme Assembly Session scheduled for Reno, NV was also a victim of the virus but a virtual session was held over 4 days the last week in July. We look forward to Supreme 2022 and celebrating the 100th Anniversary for Rainbow in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma Rainbow is planning special celebratory activities throughout the Centennial year.

Hopefully, Oklahoma Rainbow Girls will be able to engage in a "normal" calendar of activities for the rest of this year concluding with a Grand Assembly Session in Norman over Memorial Day weekend, May 31-June 2, 2021. We would be pleased to have our Grand Lodge Family join us, and registration will be available in the spring. A special thank you to Grand Master Peters for his support this year, and to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma for its continued support of our young ladies as they pursue their post-high school education.

Our prayer for the Masonic Family is that all will stay safe and be well. Godspeed.

#### **Oklahoma DeMolay - Brad Northcutt, Executive Officer**

Oklahoma DeMolay continues to lead the way among all jurisdictions here in the United States and around the world. Currently, we are the 4th largest jurisdiction in DeMolay International with only Missouri, Bolivia, and Paraguay coming in ahead of us. During 2019, we welcomed 157 new members into our great youth program allowing us to show more year over year growth than any other jurisdiction in DeMolay International. We were awarded DeMolay International's, "Champion in Membership" Shield. In January and February, we saw that membership continuing to surge to over 50 new members, on our way to one of the biggest years for new growth in 2020. Unfortunately, like everyone we were stopped in our tracks by Coronavirus and closed off all interactions amongst our members. Oklahoma DeMolay followed our Grand Master's leadership and direction since the pandemic began. We continue to lead the world in new members during this calendar year. We have now started meeting in-person at the local level and were able to hold a one-day annual Conclave in Midwest City, Oklahoma without incident. The Executive Officer has discontinued all large gatherings for the remainder of 2020. However, local chapters will continue to meet and follow all guidelines of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Membership growth will follow, as we continue back to our normal routines in our chapters.

Looking forward to 2021, we will hold our annual Winterfest in Tulsa, Oklahoma on the weekend of January 29th - 31st. We were unable to do a ritual contest a Conclave due to Social Distancing concerns and will hold the Oklahoma DeMolay Ritual Tournament at Winterfest. Winterfest is our year end celebration and kick off to 2021. Next July, Conclave will return to its normal weekend and four day event. We will be holding it at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Oklahoma on July 8th-12th 2021.

Oklahoma DeMolay wishes all our other Masonic family members a safe and healthy new year, and we will continue to represent our Oklahoma Masonic Family to the very best standard.

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

## ***Report of the Statewide Forum Committee***

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren all,

The Statewide Forum Committee was charged with the organization of several in-person forum style meetings across the State to provide the membership at large an opportunity to give input concerning issues they believe to be of concern to the Fraternity. However due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the limitations that were enacted by State and local Governments, the in-person format could not be facilitated.

The Committee met with the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the decision was made to convert the in-person format into a virtual format hosted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge on the “Zoom” electronic meeting platform. The date/time of the electronic meeting was set as August 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and was scheduled for 3 hours. Announcement was made prior to the meeting concerning registration and how to access the platform.

There were 100 members registered for this meeting at the time the meeting was called to order.

The following questions were disseminated to the membership in advance of the meeting in order to guide and facilitate the discussion:

- What are the most pressing issues concerning your Lodge?
- What are the most pressing issues regarding the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?
- What are the three most pressing issues regarding the Oklahoma Grand Lodge?
- What are your views regarding communication between Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges?
- What are your views regarding communication between Constituent Lodges and the Grand Lodge?
- What are your views regarding the relationship between Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges?
- What are your views regarding the relationship between Constituent Lodges and the Grand Lodge?
- What are your recommendations for addressing the decline in membership?

The electronic meeting commenced at 9:00 am. The major areas of discussion covered the listed questions and many aspects of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Many ideas and thoughts were shared. A detailed conversation concerning COVID19 the effects and edicts was also had. These forums prove to be a valuable event and well worth the time. Many were in agreement that they should continue to hold these Statewide Forums in the coming years. The committee wishes to express deep gratitude to our MW Grand Master for adapting this forum to the constraints of this highly unusual year and for the opportunity to serve our Grand Jurisdiction.

The primary discussion and information will be provided to the Long-Range Planning Committee for their use in preparing the long range calendar for Oklahoma Masonry and any further use they deem appropriate.

Submitted by:

R:W: Glen A. Chaney, M.O.H, JGW, Chairman

M:W: Richard L. Allison, PGM, Member

W: Larry Adair, Member

W: Charles K. Babb, Member

W: Artie R. Staggs, M.O.H., Member

W: Dennis Plunkett, Member

## ***Report of the Strategic Planning Committee***

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

In 2019, the Strategic Planning Committee joined with the Grand Lodge Education Committee and prepared a statistical report on the condition of Masonry in Oklahoma with the goal of developing a strategic plan for the revival of the fraternity. The Grand Master and Trustees agreed that such an effort is essential if the fraternity is to survive into the second half of this century. The statistical report revealed that Oklahoma Masonry will fall to less than 5,000 dues paying members by 2039.

The Strategic Planning Committee had hoped to begin a series of lodge meeting communications in 2020 to establish a formal partnership between the Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodges in moving forward with new initiatives aimed at reversing Oklahoma Masonry's long-term decline. Specifically, the proposals outlined in this report last year were to be implemented, at least in part, during this lodge year. It is essential these imperatives be in place in the next five years. For instance, one of these imperatives calls for a minimum raising of 873 Master Masons each year; which is 2.4 times the level of current productivity.

Regrettably, the Committee was unable to meet with lodges in 2020 due to the COVID19 virus. However, the work of planning has continued, and a number of strategic initiatives have been developed which can hopefully be brought to the attention of all lodges in 2021.

The Committee remains committed to developing ideas to improve the financial condition of lodges; create thoughtful strategies for lodge consolidations; improve the lodge experience to prepare for new

members and to better meet current member needs; training vision centered and goals-oriented lodge leaders; and creating new lodges in strategic locations across the State made up of younger men who have common interests and a desire to be engaged in Masonic leadership for the new generations of men entering the fraternity.

We remain grateful for the opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge in this important role.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert G. Davis, Chairman	Darrell Long
Rick Allison	Mike Maxey
Harrison Bartlett, II	Brad Rickelman
Mark Brown	Larry Roberts
Matt Cargill	Landy Sanders
Glen Chaney	James R. Taylor, Jr.
Daniel D. Hanttula	Robert D. Turner
Bobby Hutchens	Dace Tom
Timothy Israel	Scott Vincent
Bobby L. Laws	Brian Westmoreland
Bobby J. Peters	
Lanny R. Sander	
Robert D. Turner	

## ***Report of the Unity Committee***

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,

The Unity Committee is one of the Grand Lodge's Ad Hoc committees.

As the term of a new Grand Master approached, the Unity Committee asked that the organizations listed in the Grand Lodge blue book provide information regarding their significant events in the upcoming year. The Deputy Grand Master was offered the responses to assist him in his calendar planning.

Fraternally,

John L. Logan (553)	K. Ray Keesee (145)
John D. Allford (96)	Ralph E. Klumpp (555)
Dennis J. Brown (28)	Brad J. Northcutt (532)
Matthew T. Cargill (48)	Brian W. Pierson (162)
John D. Church (62)	W. Oren Truitt III (473)
Michael A. Ebert (109)	R. Scott Vincent (192)
Robert R. Jameson (367)	

## ***Report of the Vizavance Committee***

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren,

On behalf of all the children of Oklahoma we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many participating lodges and members who donated their time and effort to the Vizavance eye screenings.

During the 2019-2020 school year, we assisted in screening 249,397 elementary school students. We referred 31,345 of those students for further examination.

We had a total of 1,044 screening sessions with 739 brethren who volunteered their time to assist with these screening. This number reflects 152 Oklahoma Masonic Lodges having participated.

Once again, these are outstanding numbers. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Vizavance Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Salisbury, Chairman

# ***Resolutions To Be Considered During This Annual Communication***

## ***Resolution No. 1***

**WHEREAS:** from its founding in Indian Territory, our Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma has been composed of men only, and,

**WHEREAS:** recent medical and social innovations have introduced the process of allowing men to transition into women, and,

**WHEREAS:** it may transpire that an Oklahoma Mason may enter, or might have entered, into the process of becoming, or holding himself out, as a woman, and,

**WHEREAS:** such an event would be very disruptive to the peace and harmony of a Lodge.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** to add **Section U 813** to the Uniform code of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma,

**SECTION U 813. TRANSGENDER MASONS: No Mason shall undergo any action. process or procedure to change his sex to female, including one or more medical, psychological, or other treatments or procedures, including testing, surgery, or therapy, to reassign his sex to another gender: nor shall any Mason make any public pronouncement of self-identification as anything other than male.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby J Peters PM 107

Joe R. Manning, Jr. PM 111

David A. Carpenter PM 71, 553

## ***Resolution No. 2***

**WHEREAS:** from its founding in Indian Territory, our Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma has been composed of men only, and,

**WHEREAS:** recent medical and social steps have introduced the process of men changing into women, and,

**WHEREAS:** if one of our regularly initiated members enters into the process of becoming, or holding himself out, as a women, and,

**WHEREAS:** such an event would be very disruptive to a Lodge.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that SECTION U 402 WHICH NOW READS,**

**SECTION U 402. QUALIFICATION OF PETITIONER:** The qualifications of a petitioner for the mysteries of Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma are: He must not be an alien enemy of the United States. He must have an unfeigned belief in God, in the universal brotherhood of man, hope of immortality and have charity toward all mankind. He must have attained the full age of 18 (eighteen) years, be free born, be of good moral character and be capable of making all signs with natural or artificial limbs or to verbally describe the same, and to properly learn the art. He must have been a resident of the Grand Jurisdiction for a period of 30 (thirty) days preceding the filing of his petition in the lodge; provided, that members of the United States Armed Forces may petition with no waiting period.

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**SECTION U 402. QUALIFICATION OF PETITIONER:** The qualifications of a petitioner for the mysteries of Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma are: He must not be an alien enemy of the United States. He must have an unfeigned belief in God, in the universal brotherhood of man, hope of immortality and have charity toward all mankind. He must have attained the full age of 18 (eighteen) years, be free born, be of good moral character and be capable of making all signs with natural or artificial limbs or to verbally describe the same, and to properly learn the art. He must have been a resident of the Grand Jurisdiction for a period of 30 (thirty) days preceding the filing of his petition in the lodge; provided, that members of the United States Armed Forces may petition with no waiting period. **In addition he must have been born male he must have not undergone any sex or gender reassignment procedures, including one or more medical, psychological, or other treatments or procedures, including testing, surgery, or therapy. and must not presently self-identify as female, nor have done so in the past.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby J. Peters, P.M. 107  
Joe R. Manning, Jr. PM 111  
David A. Carpenter PM 71 ,553

***Resolution No. 3***

**WHEREAS:** Our fraternity does not have a policy to address the practice of Nepotism.

**WHEREAS:** This resolution is to provide for the eligibility criteria for full time, part time, or temporary employment within the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

**WHEREAS:** It has been a custom by other nonprofit organizations and corporations similar to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma to adopt nepotism rules for employment.

**WHEREAS:** The definition of Nepotism is: "The practice of those in power or influence of favoring relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs." Synonyms include favoritism, preferential treatment, the good old boy network, looking after one's own, bias, partiality"- Google Dictionary.

**WHEREAS:** In the best interests of the future of our fraternity, we are bound by duty to be good stewards of the present to ensure a successful future in masonry to pass on to our sons. Nepotism by its definition would endanger transparency and accountability in our fraternity.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** to add to the Constitution and Uniform Code of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Oklahoma the following.

**All employees of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Oklahoma, whether full time, part time or temporarily employed, shall not be related either by birth or marriage to any elected Grand Lodge Officer.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby J Peters P.M. 107

#### ***Resolution No. 4***

**WHEREAS:** It is every brother's purpose to the best for the fraternity, and

**WHEREAS:** It will help to distribute decisions made for the good of the fraternity to more of our qualified brothers, and

**WHEREAS:** this resolution will make it possible for our boards of trustees to be made up of different brothers and will eliminate any conflict of interest that might arise, and

**WHEREAS:** it will help each board members make decisions without having to be concerned about the other hat he may wear as a member of another board.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that section 105 which now reads:

**SECTION 105. ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTED OFFICE:** No member shall be eligible to an office in the Grand Lodge or on any of its committees or boards unless he is a present Master or a Past Master and a member of a constituent lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction. No member shall be eligible for the Office of Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge unless he shall have been previously elected and served as a Grand Warden of this Grand Jurisdiction.

It is understood and agreed that the portion of this section requiring a member to be a Master or a Past Master does not apply to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma or to any other corporate body or corporate board created by this Grand Lodge.

BE AMENDED TO READ: ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE: No member shall be eligible to an office in the Grand Lodge or on any of its committees or boards unless he is a present Master or a Past Master and a member of a constituent lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction. **"No member shall be eligible to be elected to serve on more than one Grand Lodge elected Board of Directors or Trustees at a time."** No member shall be eligible for the Office of Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge unless he shall have been previously elected and served as a Grand Warden of this Grand Jurisdiction.

It is understood and agreed that the portion of this section requiring a member to be a Master or a Past Master does not apply to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma or to any other corporate body or corporate board created by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Dixon P.M. 37  
Bobby J. Peters P.M. 107

***Resolution No. 5A***

**WHEREAS:** our M.:W.: Grand Lodge has many artifacts and printed material, and,

**WHEREAS:** it is felt the creation of a Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library will help preserve and maintain these items, and,

**WHEREAS:** such a Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library may be formed under Section 501-C-3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and,

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Lodge Trustees may transfer ownership of Oklahoma Masonic artifacts and printed material to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a new Section be created in the Constitution and Laws as follows:

**A Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library shall be created under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. It shall have a Board of Trustees consisting of six members.**

**The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library is to preserve and protect the Masonic historical memorabilia of the State of Oklahoma, and to preserve the literature of Masonic authors and all books pertinent to Masonry in Oklahoma and all foreign and domestic jurisdictions that have been or will be donated or procured.**

**The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library will be responsible to give quarterly reports to the Grand Lodge Trustees and the Jurisprudence Committee and to make an annual report to the Craft at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby J. Peters PM 107

**Resolution No. 5B**

**WHEREAS:** our M.:W.: Grand Lodge has many artifacts and printed material, and,

**WHEREAS:** it is felt the creation of a Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library will help preserve and maintain these items, and,

**WHEREAS:** such a Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library may be formed under Section 501-C-3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and,

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Lodge Trustees may transfer ownership of Oklahoma Masonic artifacts and printed material to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a new Section be created in the Constitution and Laws as follows:

**Six qualified Master Masons shall be elected to represent the Grand Lodge, two each for terms of one, two and three years, respectively, and at each succeeding Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, there shall be elected two members to govern said entity for terms of three years each.**

**Eligible members of the fraternity may indicate their availability for election to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library board of trustees, 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 fee shall be credited to the general fund of the Grand Lodge.**

**Only the eligible brethren who have complied with these provisions shall be considered during the election of the members to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Museum and Library board of trustees. Votes for any other brother shall be declared mutilated and will not be counted, except in the event that where less than two brothers have filed for office, or due to death, physical injury or ineligibility less than the required number remain on the ballot, then write-in ballots, by nomination from the floor, shall be accepted. If more than two (2) members are to be elected, due to any reason, the members receiving the greater number of votes will receive the longer terms of office.**

**The Grand Lodge Trustees will review each submission to insure that the information provided is appropriate and conforms to the Constitution and Laws. All submissions will include the brother's Masonic history with dates of suspension, reinstatements and or expulsion listed. If changes are necessary, they shall be returned to the brother filing the form for modifications or the changes may be made with the consent of the brother. The final modification must be returned to the Grand Secretary no later than the last day of March. The Grand Lodge shall publish and distribute the information on each such candidate.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby J. Peters PM 107

**Resolution No. 6**

**WHEREAS**, since the "Official Cipher Key Oklahoma Masonic Ritual" (a.k.a. "Red Book") contains the esoteric work and is therefore only available to Master Masons; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts do not have access to the categorical lectures cipher as printed in the Red Book, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Red Book has improved the proficiency of many members. A booklet of each categorical lecture would be another tool to help EAS and FCS improve their proficiency, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Fraternity to use all means available to advance members to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Section 401** , which currently reads:

**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 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:**

**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 Grand Lecturers.

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

**The Grand lodge shall also publish two separate cipher booklets, one containing the Categorical lecture for the Degree of Entered Apprentice and one containing the Categorical lecture for the Degree of Fellowcraft.**

Such cipher: 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 Books shall be available to Master Masons through the office of the Grand Secretary. **Cipher Booklets for the Entered Apprentice Categorical lecture and the Fellowcraft Categorical Lecture shall be available to each of the constituent lodges for sale at the cost of the price of printing plus Two Dollars (\$2.00) per booklet. The cost of printing shall be rounded to the next dollar. Said booklets may be provided to the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft members of the lodge at the individual lodge's discretion.**

Respectfully Submitted,

David Brooks, PM, Sayre Lodge No. 195