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Our Fraternity's Teachings on Prejudice

The news stories of the last few weeks have drawn attention to racial prejudices that apparently existed within an Oklahoma college fraternity. As members of the oldest and noblest fraternity, these events afford us an opportunity to revisit and be mindful of our fraternity's teachings on this subject.

First, let's look at the profane definition of prejudice. The dictionary defines prejudice as: "... an unfair feeling of dislike for a person or group because of race, religion, etc... especially when it is not reasonable or logical." The thesaurus sums prejudice up in one word: "pre-judgment" - basically, judging someone before getting to know them.

Our Landmarks and Constitution & Code are available for the profane world to see. Nowhere in them will you find anything to support the use of prejudice to exclude a man from our fraternity because of the color of his skin or his religious beliefs. Our Constitution & Code only supports excluding from our fraternity any man who: does not believe in God; does not support the moral instructions of Masonry; acts in an unlawful, unethical or immoral manner, or; disrupts the peace and harmony of the lodge.

In the Entered Apprentice degree we received a Charge: *not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to just and legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which you live.* Brothers, the government of the country in which we live has laws against prejudice. In addition to obeying the law, as Masons we are taught to be good, moral and ethical men. The bottom rung of any ladder that leads to such good, moral and ethical conduct is simply to obey the law.

As an Entered Apprentice we receive a lecture in the Second Section: *Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors...it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that should recommend him to be made a Mason.* This goes hand in hand with the Charge that we receive in the Fellowcraft: *The internal, and not the external qualifications of a man, are what Masonry regards.*

The word prejudice is specifically used four times during our degrees. Many of us have memorized and used this word in our degrees but may never



have stopped to take the time to analyze the meaning of what we said. It is important that our actions as Masons reflect our teachings as Masons. To borrow a few clichés "actions speak louder than words" and if we "talk the talk but don't walk the walk", if we do not "practice what we preach" we are just setting ourselves up as hypocrites, to do more harm to our fraternity than good. Masonry becomes what our Charge at Opening calls a *useless parade*.

As stated above, the word prejudice is specifically used four times during our degrees. The first time is when we receive the Entered Apprentice Third Section Explanatory Lecture. In explaining that lodges of present day are dedicated to Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, and how: *...there is represented in every regular and well governed lodge, a certain Point within a Circle; the Point representing an individual brother, the Circle representing the boundary line of his duty to God and man beyond which he is never to suffer his passions, prejudices, or interest to betray him on any occasion.* Also during this lecture we are taught: *to regard the whole human species as one family; the high and low, the rich and poor, who as created by one Almighty parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid and support and*

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Grand Lodge Will Meet Virtually

Saturday
Nov. 14

- **Must Be Registered With Grandview Database**
- **When Grand Lodge Registration Opens, Register Voting Credentials**
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The Grand Lodge of OKLAHOMA

**Grand Lodge Session will be
virtual this year
via Grandview Zoom Webinar.
Saturday, November 14.**

To Attend Grand Lodge:

Step 1 — Must be registered with Grandview; if already on Grandview, skip this step.


To register with Grandview go to the following website:

https://ok.grandview.systems/membership_registration


To register, input your Lodge number, member ID number (from dues card), and last name; and then select an email and a password to access the Grandview system.

Step 2 — When Grand Lodge registration opens, you will need to logon to Grandview and register for the Grand Lodge webinar session.

To participate in the Grand Lodge session webinar, you will need the Zoom app on your computer or tablet, with internet connection, or smart phone. Watch for future announcements on the Grand Lodge website: www.gloklahoma.com.



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September 18, 2020

Dear Oklahoma Mason:

I'm writing to let you know that after compiling the survey information and receiving input from several other sources, I have decided that for the well-being and safety of all the craft of Oklahoma, we will hold a virtual Grand Lodge Communication (Zoom Webinar). There will be no Grand Lodge Communication "in house." **THIS WILL REQUIRE SOME PREPARATION ON YOUR PART.**

The first thing you will need to do, if you have not already done so, is to set up your member registration on Grand View. You will need access to the internet to perform the following necessary steps.

STEP ONE: SET UP YOUR MEMBER REGISTRATION:
Log on to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma website (gloklahoma.com), then select **MEMBER PORTAL**, click on **Registration**, then follow the instructions on the short video.

After you have completed the registration, please verify that all your personal information is correct (e-mail, mailing address, phone, etc.). Please update any information that is not correct, especially your e-mail address. If you need assistance, please call John Christopher, our Tech Advisor for Grand View, at (cell) 405-706-2796 (office) 405-282-3212 or. **DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF STEP ONE IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.**

NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT SET UP YOUR REGISTRATION ON THE WEB-SITE TO LOG IN TO GRAND VIEW (STEP ONE), YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE INFORMATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE DURING THE 2020 VIRTUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION. (STEP TWO)

STEP TWO: In a few weeks, (if you are registered on Grand View), you will receive information by e-mail about the 2020 Virtual Grand Lodge Communication registration.

At that time you will need to register your voting credentials as a sitting officer and/or a regular voting Past Master. We will open registration approximately 3 weeks before the 2020 Virtual Grand Communication and it will remain open until 11:00 a.m., November 14th, so that everyone has a chance to register and any issues can be worked out. It will be helpful if you will complete the 2020 Virtual Grand Communication registration (STEP TWO) as soon as it becomes available.

Non-voting members may register to attend the 2020 Virtual Grand Lodge Communication by completing STEP ONE and STEP TWO also.

The Grand Lecturer and I have decided that there will be no Grand School this year and that all current "A" and "C" Certificate cardholders will be grandfathered in for the year 2021. Certificate cardholders will receive their cards by mail. The Brothers who have completed the Grand Master's Esoteric Award will be recognized at the 2020 Grand Lodge Virtual Communication and their certificates and pins will be mailed to them.

May Peace and Harmony Prevail.

Bobby J. Peters
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Grand Master

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From The Deputy Grand Master

One of the wonderful things about living in Oklahoma is that we have four distinct seasons. We may fuss about the occasional ice storm in the Winter, the few days of 100+ degrees in the Summer, the gusty winds in the Spring, and the early chills of Autumn. But compared to most other places in the country, our summers are warm and not too humid; winters last only a couple of months; our Springs (when we can dodge the tornadoes) are delightful--and, well, our Falls are always like a gift from heaven.

I'm writing this just after we have celebrated the Autumn Equinox, which arrived in our neck of the woods at 10:31 am on September 21; marking the beginning of Fall. It is an important symbol in Freemasonry. It is one of only two days of the year at which the sun crosses the celestial equator; when day and night are of equal length. It is one of each year's four focal points, repeating itself on the same day year after year, representing not only an annual earth cycle, but a spiritual cycle that also repeats itself in each individual unto eternity. Our lives indeed go through cycles of growth, harvest, death, and rebirth. We are initiated time and again by the perspective of our own experience and the presence of our mindfulness.

The Fall Equinox is a time of harvest, but also of planting seeds—a time to reflect on our efforts and intentions of our life path. On this day, time is spent in almost all esoteric traditions in contemplation around the moment of equal light and equal dark; reflecting on the harmony and balance that we all seek as brothers of the mystic tie.

We are to honor all that we have in our life, and are supposed to shift our consciousness to one of gratitude in some way. We are to give thanks and speak our gratitude for all that we are and all that we have.



R.:W.: Robert G. Davis
Deputy Grand Master

This is the time of year that we set up our internal space and make room for what's to come in the next year. We create room for our greater visions to grow, we go within and empty our space of those old ideas that have not worked so well. And we use our energy to make new soil for new creativity and a more mature state of mind. It is a time of awakening consciousness in every man.

Just as the days once again get shorter and the nights grow longer, we once again begin our annual descent into the darkness of the night and face whatever that may bring. But as Masons engaged together in the great cycle of life, we also prepare for the birth of the new Light, celebrated at the Winter Solstice, and exemplified by the installation of our new Lodge officers for the ensuing year.

May the next year find us together once again, breathing in the harmony of fraternity, and basking in the warmth of brotherhood!

Robert Davis, DGM

The Yellow Book



Annual Committee Reports & Resolutions
of the
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Together with the Reports of the
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November 14th A.:D.: 2020 - A.: L.: 6020
112th Annual Communication

The 2020 Yellow Book

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Annual Committee Reports

Grand Officer Reports

**Resolutions to be considered at the
112th Annual Communications**

From The Senior Grand Warden

Brethren, this has been a trying year for Masonry with Covid-19 being the main challenge for us as Masons. It has changed the attitudes of the craft throughout the State. We have gone from the main focus of brotherly love to the division of the brothers who wear masks and the ones that don't.

I write this article not to say that one is right or wrong, but to provoke maybe some thought of what one can focus on. These times have brought about some different ways of thinking, not just with the question of mask wearing: do I go to lodge or stay home; if we don't eat before lodge, I won't go; or yes, the Grand Lodge has handled this right or wrong. These are just a few of the trains of thought that I have heard. I believe that a lot of the responses are more emotionally provoked than masonic thought provoked.



R.:W.: Scott Vincent
Senior Grand Warden

along with brotherly love and affection, that cement which binds us into one sacred band of brothers, should be what we are all striving for.

I, for one, will be the first to admit that I have, and will continue to stick my foot in my mouth on occasion. I would like to think that I am Man or Mason enough to admit when I am wrong and act accordingly. This is the direction that we as Masons need to be going. Whether I agree with you or not, I still need to keep an open mind and respect and try to understand your views and work toward the common goal of promoting Masonry in this Great State.

TOGETHER WE GROW, UNITED WE STAND,

R.:W.: Scott Vincent SGW
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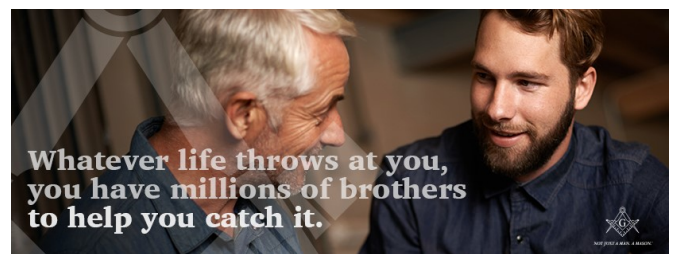
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Having said this, I believe that all of them have some merit and deserve some consideration.

While I sit here and try to think of a response to each one of them, I have one thought that comes to mind. The only person I have control over is ME. So here are some questions to consider. Do I agree with everything that the Grand Master says and does? No, I am an individual with my own thoughts of how to handle a situation. Does that make my idea or solution the right one or wrong one? Does that make your idea or solution the right one or wrong one because it does not agree with mine? I believe that the only right answer to these questions is we all have the right to disagree with one another, however, we should not let that affect our relationship as Masons. Toleration,



From The Junior Grand Warden

From the Grand South

Getting back to Lodge....

I think we are coming to a time when many of our Lodges are becoming very familiar with our several requirements to hold meetings and degrees. The other day I heard a Brother who was reciting his first lecture say, "....represented by three burning tapers and a bottle of hand-sanitizer." Like society, our Fraternity has shown that it is not necessarily the upper echelons of organizations that make the day to day connection between our Masonic intentions and actions, but it is our constituent Lodges and individual Brothers who make Masonry in Oklahoma happen. As we cautiously start to emerge from this unprecedented time in our history and our Fraternity, we must make every effort to safely get back to what we know. Making Good Men Better! Hold firm to our principles and look for those opportunities to rejoin with our Brothers and Sisters in Fraternal growth as well as personal growth.

We have done what was asked of us. We have done the 'social distancing' and the stay at home suggestions and orders. We adhered to all the directives from local and state officials and we now desire to return to our lives, to our Brothers, to our lodges and to our fellowship. Our Fraternity is the grand harbor to our many "ships." Our friendships, our fellowships, our relationships, and moreover *our Family-ships*. When we enter this fraternity we become that extended family. We make a pledge and a promise to love one another. We look for the opportunities of fulfilling those principle duties of reciprocal love and friendship. Of our own free will and accord, we enter into the relationship with our Brothers which fills our hearts and our lives with joy and



R.W. Glen Chaney
Junior Grand Warden

happiness, fellowship and experience. Be true to that my Brethren.

As we come back to Lodge and attempt to find what we may call our "new normal," we have the same indispensable virtues that we entered this time with. Hope, Faith and Charity have never left our sights nor our hearts. Exercise them in your daily life and toward all Mankind in each of your thoughts, words and actions. Practice those truly Masonic virtues of Silence and Circumspection on our social media platforms as well as in person. Continue to care for your Brothers, their wives, widows and orphans as we have been instructed in so many of our Masonic lectures. In other words, *Be* a Freemason!

Let us heal this period away with thoughtful and deliberate time together.

Glen A. Chaney, M.O.H
Junior Grand Warden



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LODGE PARTICIPATION INCENTIVES
 Lodges will receive \$5 for
 each ticket the Lodge sells

Lodges will be divided into three divisions:

Division 1 - 50 and less Members

Division 2 - 51 -100 Members

Division 3 - More than 100 Members

**IN EACH DIVISION:
 TOP SELLING LODGE**

\$5000

2ND TOP SELLING LODGE

\$2500

3RD TOP SELLING LODGE

\$1000

**WORSHIPFUL MASTER, SENIOR WARDEN, OR JUNIOR WARDEN MUST BE
 PRESENT AT THE NOVEMBER 14, 2020, GRAND LODGE SESSION TO
 RECEIVE INCENTIVES.**

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Available For Election**Grand Secretary****John R. Christopher**

John Christopher lives with his wife, Pat, in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He is retired from the United States Air Force and from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education as Assistant Director, Support, Training, and Maintenance. Brother Christopher is a member of Guthrie #35, Edmond #37, Albert Pike #162, and the Oklahoma Lodge of Research.



In answer to the question "Why did you seek this office?" Brother Christopher wrote: *"I have extensive experience as leader and manager; first in the US Air Force/Air National Guard where I supervised over 30 personnel specialists; then as an Engineer and Manager in several different roles including process improvement after leaving the military. I believe I can now put those skills to work to benefit the craft in the demanding position of Grand Secretary."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Christopher wrote: *I would conduct a complete review of the Grand Lodge Office technology and functions with the intent of increasing efficiency and reducing costs. Conduct a review of Office Job descriptions with the intent to improve office management. Improve and encourage utilization of the membership database by all lodge secretaries."*

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 Christopher has neither been suspended or expelled.

Information below taken from filing documents and listed in order of filing.

**Junior Grand Warden****John F. Carter**

John Carter lives with his wife, Pam, in Madill, Oklahoma. He is a retired public school teacher and administrator. Brother Carter is a member of Creekmore #74, Tishomingo #91, Grand Lodge Special #1998, and the Oklahoma Lodge of Research.



In answer to the question "Why did you seek this office?" Brother Carter wrote: *"I earnestly desire the opportunity to serve the craft in providing leadership to meet the challenges confronting our fraternity: financial stability, membership decline, and the involvement of the craft in the strategic planning and implementation of necessary initiatives to meet those challenges."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Carter wrote: *"I would continue to expand the Grand Lodge initiatives in Masonic education, both in ritual proficiency, and in understanding and applying the great moral truths contained in the symbolism of our ritual."*

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 Carter has neither been suspended or expelled.

Thomas Bridgewater

Thomas Bridgewater lives with his wife, Elaine, in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. He is employed by the City of Sallisaw. Brother Bridgewater is a member of Sallisaw #120.



In answer to the question "Why did 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 Lodge."*

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



Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma

Information below taken from filing documents and listed in order of filing.

William J. "Jim" Cloud, lives in Blanchard, Oklahoma and is retired from Oklahoma Air National Guard and S&K Global Solutions. Brother Cloud is a member of Blanchard #395, Guildhall #553, and the Oklahoma Lodge of Research.

In answer to the question "What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation?" Brother Cloud wrote: *"Actively working in Masonry for 38 years, I bring working experience and knowledge that comes from the small community and small Masonic Lodge. I'm very proud of my lodge. Blanchard Lodge #395 is a very active and strong small lodge that has taken advantage and been successful in most of the MCFO and Grand Lodge programs. Being a member of this board is more than just attending a few meetings every year. Board members should be out visiting other lodges and promoting MCFO programs. They should be available to help lodges be successful in their participation. I have been very fortunate to be able to travel the Masonic Road and challenge many lodges to participate in these programs. I love what I do and hope to continue in these efforts."*

In answer to the question "How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?" Brother Cloud wrote: *"The MCFO should continue to increase the funds corpus of the foundation so the efforts can be increased by funding new programs and expanding current programs when possible. Also, the MCFO should continue to work at raising the visibility of the Fraternity. Efforts such as the \$1 million grant to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation for Alzheimer's research and the partnership with the Association of Area Agencies on Aging (O4A) are excellent ways to keep the Masonic Fraternity in the public eye. Another program that has been developed in the last few years is the Regional Alzheimer's Centers that have been opened thanks to the MCFO support. Also the Foundation provided a \$1 million donation to the Oklahoma State FFA Endowment Fund for scholarships. We have also been active in supporting various Veterans programs over Oklahoma."*

"The Masonry in Action award given to 2 lodges each year was created to promote local lodge activity by way of Charity Foundation programs. I am one of the co-founders of that program."

"But most of all, we should live our Masonic Obligation and remember our 'Masonic Family'. We have a responsibility to continue to look after and support these folks. Programs such as Promises Matter Grants and Matching Funds should be increased in usage. The only way that can happen is to promote... promote... and promote."

Gene McKelvey, lives with his wife, Bonnie, in Warr Acres, Oklahoma, and is employed by India Shriners. Brother McKelvey is a member of Amity #453, India #551, Siloam #276, and the Oklahoma Lodge of Research.

In answer to the question "What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation?" Brother McKelvey wrote: *"Having an understanding of 501 C (3) Charitable Organizations and the Rules that apply to them."*

In answer to the question "How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?" Brother McKelvey wrote: *"Relieving the distressed among our members. Coming to the aid and assistance of those brethren, their wives, widows and orphans like we said we would. Also through Public Awareness of who we are and what we do."*

L. Clay Stuart, lives with his wife, Danna, in Shattuck, Oklahoma, where he is President and CEO of SNB Bank, NA. Brother Stuart is a member of Joppa #262, St. Alban #192, and Woodward #189.

In answer to the question "What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation?" Brother Stuart wrote: *"In addition to my experience as CEO of SNB Bank, my previous business experience is a strength. Prior to SNB, I was a Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley. At the point I exited, we had grown assets under management to over \$200MM. I bring an experienced, disciplined, strategic approach to investments and asset allocation."*

In answer to the question "How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?" Brother Stuart wrote: *"By continuing to support individual Masons and their communities through the local lodges. Also, other philanthropic activities the MCF takes on outside of the local lodges helps keep Masonry in the public eye and promotes the causes of Masonry. The endowment with the FFA was a good idea. There may be other high profile worthy causes with which to partner."*

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Words From The Craft W.: Steve Peters, Senior Grand Deacon

First let me start by saying this has been a very difficult and trying year for everyone. The pandemic we have had to deal with has made each of us have to do many things different in our daily lives. The simple things like going to lodge, doing degrees and such, have had a different look to them. I started in masonry nearly 25 years ago and like most of us I have never regretted that decision to be involved in this great fraternity. Some of us have the great pleasure of being masons with members of our family. Few have had the distinct honor of being the son of a Grand Master. For this whole year, I have had the pleasure of referring to my Dad as Grand Master. I like to joke how odd it feels to refer to your father as Grand Master. However that being said, I'm not sure how many of you know what a great feeling it is to be able to say both Dad and Grand Master. This year has been, to say the least, NO FUN for all masons, with the cancelation of meetings, schools, district meetings, etc. Our Grand Master has done the absolute best job possible

through this whole ordeal. Being the son of the Grand Master, I have seen and heard the disappointment from the Grand Master about how this year turned out, probably more than anyone.

I just want to say thank you, Dad, for your leadership during this most trying year. The leadership he has shown this year, I have seen my whole life and I hope that all masons have seen the same through all of this.

It is my hope that all masons will let him know how much we have appreciated all the hard work and dedication he has given to this great fraternity. Many decisions had to be made but I can assure all of you they were given great thought with all of our best interest in mind.

Thank You, Dad, for being the man and the leader you are. It's made me who I am today.

Steve Peters
Senior Grand Deacon

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protect each other. On this principle, Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

The second time the word prejudice is used in our degrees is when we receive the Entered Apprentice Charge: *Let not interest, favor or prejudice bias your integrity or influence you to be guilty of a dishonorable action.*

The third time the word prejudice is used in our degrees is during the Symbolism of the Master Mason Degree when we are taught that Masonry: *...enables you to free your mind from the dominion of pride and prejudice; to look beyond the narrow limits of human institutions and to view in every son of Adam a brother of the dust.*

The fourth time the word prejudice is used in our degrees is in that portion of the Master Mason Charge which is not monitorial where it is made clear that as Master Masons we are to have mastery over our passions and prejudices at all times.

Brothers listening to learning, teaching, practicing and more especially living Masonry's beautiful principles on this subject are what distinguish us from the rest on the community. Remember that the Compasses teach us to circumscribe and keep our passions within due bounds with all mankind. All mankind Brothers - All Mankind.

I want to thank **W.: Mike D. Dill** for letting me share this article with you. He wrote this some time ago and I thought it was very relevant today.

The Grand Lodge Board of Trustees fully supports the principles presented in this article.

May Peace and Harmony Prevail.

Bobby J. Peters ♂
Grand Master



Available For Election

Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma

[Continued from Page 8](#)**Three positions on the Foundation Board will be elected.**

Don H. Stanton, lives with his wife, Penny, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He is employed with Tulco Oils, Inc. Brother Stanton is a member of Broken Arrow #243 and Vitruvian #557.

In answer to the question "What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation?" Brother Stanton wrote: *"Strong leadership, financial acumen, charity, common sense."*

In answer to the question "How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?" Brother Stanton wrote: *"The Foundation embodies the primary key to the Masonic Institution: Charity. Extending charity or love is an action. It requires us to assist another person with something they need. The Foundation is in the best position to offer assistance when a brother or sister is in true need. This is love in action."*

Preston L. Doerflinger, lives Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is employed with PLD Management, Inc. Brother Doerflinger is a member of Will Rogers #53, Oolagah #343, Owasso #545, Guildhall #553, and Vitruvian #557.

In answer to the question "What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation?" Brother Doerflinger wrote: *"Strong background in finance and investment strategies. Very familiar with how a Board does and should function having sat on 19 boards & commissions."*

In answer to the question "How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma?" Brother Doerflinger wrote: *"By making strong investments in order to have necessary resources to support the lodges and ultimately the members. By being strategic about outside investments (donations) in order to cause the community at large to have a favorable opinion of the Fraternity."*

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