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The Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma

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

My Brethren, a new year has dawned in Oklahoma Masonry as our Grand Lodge and the 219 Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction embark on a high speed electronic journey. Lodges in our state are quickly establishing Facebook pages for their Lodges. This has helped them to improve their interaction in the community and reach those men that they would have never known before. It just may be that "SPARK" of interest your Lodge needs to attract new Masons. Forms, documents, flyers, new downloads, and even the Grand Lodge Group Facebook page is up and running. Oklahoma Masonry is attempting to arise in the 21st Century, and that, My Brethren, is a good thing for us all.

Speaking to and of My Brethren brings me to the subject of an article for this copy of the Oklahoma Mason. "MY BROTHER" Next to the word Mother, no word in our language has more meaning and music in it than the word Brother. It is from above, and it reaches to the deep places of the heart. It is religion on the human side; and in it lies the hope of humanity. The highest dream of the prophets is of a time when men shall be Brothers.

When used Masonically, the word Brother does have a depth and tenderness all its own, very unique and is beautiful really beyond words. It tells us of a tie, mystical but mighty, which our Fraternity spins and weaves between man and man, which no one can really define and very few can resist. But in a time of sorrow it is a tether of sympathy and a link of loyalty, which binds us together. Now, of course, like all other words, it is common enough and may be glibly used without regard to its real meaning. Like the word of God, it may be a coin worn smooth or a flower faded. However, when it's meaning is actually and fully felt, no other word is needed among us, except on occasions of high Masonic Ceremony, when we add the word of Worshipful, or some other term of title or rank.

There is no other word that has a finer import or a more ample echo, expressive of the highest relationship in which dignity and devotion unite so many. Now if we are really Brothers, all the rest

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may go by the board, save for the sake of ceremony. And if we are not truly Brothers, all titles are empty and of no avail. So for that reason, to omit the word Brother when speaking Masonically is not only a lack of courtesy, but shows a want of fineness of feeling.

So, what does the word Brother mean to you, Masonically? To me, it means the adoption of a man into an inner circle of friendship, by a moral and spiritual tie as close and binding as the tie of common birth and blood between two brothers in a family. A very large family. Nothing else, nothing less, and this implies a different attitude the one to the other-related not distant, united not opposed, natural and unrestrained - wherein are revealed what some of the old writers used to call The Happy and Beneficial Effects of our Great, Ancient and Honorable Institution.

Since this is so, surely we ought to exercise as much caution and judgement in bringing a new member into our Lodges as we do in inviting an outsider into our family. Carelessness here is the cause of most of our Masonic ills, frictions, and griefs. Unless we are assured beyond all reasonable doubt that a man is a Brotherly man to whom Masonry will appeal, and to who will justify our choice, we ought not to propose his name to our fellowship. But still no man is perfect, and the Lodge is a moral workshop in which the rough Ashlar is to be polished for use and beauty. If the Lodge had been too exacting, probably some of us would not have gained admission. At best we must live together in our Lodges as elsewhere, by Faith, Hope, and Charity: else Masonry would be a failure. My Brethren, our Brotherly Life may be difficult, but it is none the less needful.

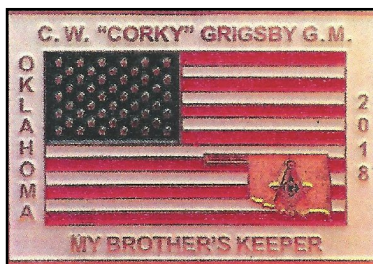
When you call a Brother Mason a Brother, do you truly live by your obligation? Will you extend your hand as a sign of a warm and respectful greeting? Will you sit in Lodge and listen to his objection to an issue that doesn't coincide with your thoughts and still respect him as a Brother, with different ideas? Are you truly working together for the betterment of your Lodge and the community in which you live? I pray so.

We are not even half way through the year and I have visited so many Lodges that practice our Cardinal rules and I am so proud of our Fraternity and so proud to call each and every one of you MY BROTHER.

May The Great Architect of the Universe Bless you, your families, your Lodges and all you do for our Great Fraternity. God's Speed My Brothers... Remember to be your Brother's Keeper.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

C. W. "Corky" Grigsby Jr.
Grand Master



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I recently read an article published in the Masonic Trowel, reprinted from the Southern California Research Lodge Papers, on a presentation by John R. Graham, 33°. Brother Graham is a consultant in public relations and fund raising to the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Although, the original paper was published a few years ago, much of what he had to say then is very pertinent today.

Brother Graham stated in his article that this is time for Freemasonry to face reality and to be honest about the state of our great Fraternity. The glory days of Freemasonry are behind us and it is not likely that even a miracle will return the Fraternity to the days of the 1950s and early 1960s.

Graham asked a couple of very relevant questions:

- **Why would a man want to become a Mason today?**

Well, 40 - 60 years ago, being a Mason conferred upon its members status, prestige and influence, it set you apart. Not so today. But, Masonry today does give a man a positive picture of what it means to be a man. The Masonic message is simple: "You're important." As Masons, we make one thing clear. "As a man, you have tremendous potential and we're going to show you how to become the best." Masonry never looks down on a man. Masonry sees the possibilities in a man and gives him a way to reach for the stars.

Masonry separates a man from the crowd. The most incredible fact about being a Mason is that you can never, never forget that you are one. You may forget birthdays, anniversaries, etc., but you can't ever forget that you are a Mason. Other than serving in the military, show me a group that can make such an indelible impact on a man's life?

As a Mason, you can never forget that you have a responsibility to live and conduct your business according to the tenets of Freemasonry. For a man to say, "I'm a Mason" sets him apart from other men.

- **What's the popular view of Masonry today?**

People think we're either dead or dying. Or, worse yet, irrelevant. There was a time when being a Mason put a man in touch with the right people. In many communities, the Masonic Lodge was the key to rubbing shoulders with the decision-makers, the movers and shakers-- the business and civic leaders. Everyone was a Mason. This is not the way it is today -- at least our sons and their friends are not impressed.

Despite the dramatic change in Masonry's status in American society, Masonry still fits the times -- not withstanding the fact that we have been horribly negligent in communicating the message. As much as in any other period, Freemasonry has a powerful role to play.

Masonry sets forth the values that make life worthwhile. Having "discarded" the importance of basic ethics, there appears to be a return to the bedrock beliefs that made this country great -- the family, loyalty, hard work, honor and integrity. The basic -- and essential -- virtues.

The problem may not be with Masonry itself, our beliefs or our ideals; but more with leadership or perhaps the lack of leadership.

In Masonry today we are good at many things, holding ceremonies, getting meeting notices out -- on time, in making reports, at meeting deadlines, at keeping accurate records. We take pride in all these things while disregarding the fact that no one comes to our meetings because they are so dull, and boring, that membership is disappearing and all we're left with is empty Lodges; which doesn't seem to disturb us because we just keep on doing the same old things in the same old ways - and all by ourselves.

With all this in mind, why doesn't Masonry get strong, creative leaders -- men who can take our Fraternity into the next century? The answer maybe that we don't want strong leaders! We don't want new ideas, interesting programs, excitement and mostly, we don't want the boat rocked.

Let's look at "Masonic leadership." The major qualification for being a leader in our Fraternity is time. If you can devote the time, you can get to the top. In the same way, leadership in Masonry is viewed as a "reward for good behavior." If you do what you're told, attend a thousand meetings, and stay in line (in

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

more than one way), you'll get a jewel hung around your neck. We even think that "going through the chairs" is "training." As a matter of fact, it is training of sorts. But what does a man learn? One thing that's important, he learns how to play the game so that by the time he gets to the top he has achieved total ineffectiveness.

Masonry suffers from what Graham called "The Mussolini Syndrome." Benito Mussolini's greatest achievement was making the trains run on time in Italy. The nation was in total chaos, but the trains left the station on time -- every time. This is the way we are as Masons.

As Masonic leaders, we tend to clone ourselves, we put in the time, we don't rock the boat, we do as we're told and keep our mouths shut. If we speak, we just echo what the "leader" has just said. We don't come up with new ideas, we tend to not question anything. And, if we are good fellows, we will get the Masonic goodies. In other words, we have exactly what we want and what we deserve - the same old Fraternity that's dying as we speak. To put the matter bluntly, we are experts in putting the emphasis in all the wrong places. In other words, we do it backwards. A competent man with real leadership potential may love Freemasonry, but he is not going to spend his valuable time "doing what he is told," knocking his head against a brick wall, or going through the motions just to get to the top.

If this is in fact the status of Masonic leadership, I would suggest that what needs to change to meet the challenge of the decade ahead - and beyond - is that we need leaders with very specific qualities. We need leaders who possess imagination. We need leadership standards. We need job descriptions for leadership positions. We need to get down on paper what we expect from those who guide us. What are their goals and objectives? What do they want to accomplish while in office? The membership has a right to know what our leaders are thinking. What are their ideas? Are they just carbon copies of those who have gone before them, or do they possess the abilities necessary to move our Fraternity forward? Our leaders must be able to bring a sense of excitement to the Fraternity.

Leadership means being able to move men's hearts, to make them proud of their Masonic membership. Leadership means being able to motivate men to action. It means getting Masons to come out of the closet and demonstrate their enthusiasm for the Fraternity. Masonic leadership means a willingness to take bold steps. Our leaders must possess a new vision for our Fraternity. Where do we want Freemasonry to be in the future? How are we going to get there? What must happen to get things moving? How are we going to mobilize the resources so that we make a difference?

Masonry can once again provide men with status, prestige and influence and this is possible because the times are right. But it will only happen if we have leaders with courage and conviction. We need men who are willing to be daring. Men who have good ideas and willing to go proceed with a plan for action.

A strategy such as this may be viewed as subversive by many, but saving our Fraternity makes it right for the times. In the same way, we must start ignoring the past and start adoring the future. We've looked in the 'rear-view' mirror long enough. We must also stop worrying about how important we once were and start thinking seriously about what it's going to take to save Freemasonry.

Mike Dixon

Deputy Grand Master



THE COFFIN

*From the Grand Secretary
M.:W.: Bobby L. Laws PGM*



A new Worshipful Master in a small town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first Lodge meeting. The following Thursday the Lodge was all but empty. Accordingly, the Worshipful Master placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the Lodge was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Masonic burial. The funeral would be held the following Monday afternoon, the notice said. Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral". In front of the Altar, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers.

After the Chaplain delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his Brethren to come forward and pay their respects to their dead Lodge. Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead Lodge", all the Brethren eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror.

Remember the obligation we all took.
Attend and support your Lodge.

Author Unknown

ARE YOU YOUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS?

The Brethren of Lawton Lodge No. 183 have gone about being just that as evidenced in this picture of the Officers with two of their members who are residents of the Veterans Home in Lawton, Oklahoma. Pictured in the wheel chairs left to right are W.: Brother Robert "Bob" King and Brother Don Ginter. My hat is off to you Brethren for going the extra mile.



Fraternally,

Bobby L. Laws, PGM
Grand Secretary

Where We Came From and Where We Are Going

When Freemasonry began in America in the 1700's, there were very few lodges and few members. The numbers grew as our nation grew. Men were looking for stability and purpose in their lives. They joined for various reasons, some as a result of family tradition, others joined upon the introduction of a friend or out of curiosity to know what it was all about. Some men were looking for business contacts, friendship, or bonding with those of like beliefs. Today's Mason is no different.

Our fraternity in Oklahoma began when a few lodges were started in Indian Territory prior to the Civil War. Most of those lodges were closed during the war, and started up again after the war. Other lodges started in Oklahoma Territory after the land runs. In 1909, when the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory and the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory were about to merge, each had a membership of around 9,100 members. The combining of those two bodies formed the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma which produced a total membership of around 19,000 members.

As Freemasonry continued to increase, more lodges were formed. Let's move forward to 1941. The fraternity had grown to over 48,000 members and by 1950 membership had increased to nearly 74,000 members. The year of our highest membership may have been 1957, when we reached 87,060 members. By 1974 our numbers had dropped to 72,458 and continued to decline. In 1978 membership was 65,387 and in 1979 it was 63,917. In 1998 membership numbers were at 37,414 and the per-capita received to operate the Grand Lodge was \$8.00 per member a year. As membership has declined, so has the operating income received to run the Oklahoma Masonic Organization.

Figures for the last five years:*

2013 per-capita: \$262,923.	Membership: 24,763
2014 per-capita: \$223,157.	Membership: 23,648
2015 per-capita: \$209,301.	Membership: 22,356
2016 per-capita: \$201,115.	Membership: 22,067
2017 per-capita: \$186,879	Membership: 21,405

* Per capita figures include the perpetual fund interest.

The perpetual fund amount fluctuates depending on how much is earned on the investments each year.

The total figures for 2018 are not available yet, but our membership as of May 21, is 21,240. As you look at these figures, keep in mind the trend our Grand Lodge is on right now. It has become imperative that we increase the per-capita, since we are still trying to fund the fraternity with the same per-capita amount that we had in 1998.

I'm not sure what happened after 1957 to cause the decline in membership. Did men find different activities to occupy their time? Did they become less interested in what masonry had to offer? We must find those answers, because if we do not work to increase our membership

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

and come up with ways to keep men interested in what the purpose of masonry is, our fraternity will go as so many other organizations have. Masonry will cease to exist in Oklahoma.

Here are some ideas that might help:

1. Make your lodge appealing to visitors. Give the old building a good cleaning, a little paint here and there, fix that ceiling tile where there was a water leak at one time that has since been repaired. Let the outside world know who we are.
2. Get involved in the community. If your lodge has a webpage, post your events for the public to see and keep it updated.
3. Host events like the Student of Today at your lodge. When the students, parents and faculty come to your lodge, it gives them the opportunity to see your facility. Be sure to have brochures and information about masonry available.
4. As a lodge, go to the local county fairs and festivals and set up an information booth. Get involved in community parades, ring the bell for The Salvation Army, and work with other groups in the community.

I know some of you are already doing some of these things. Never stop looking for new ideas to try. When your lodge gets a new member, educate him in masonry, and make him feel a part of the lodge by getting him involved in some way. Let each of us look at ourselves and decide what Freemasonry needs from us to survive in this fast paced world of instant gratification through the World Wide Web, 24 hour news, and social media; A world where, in less than a minute, we can see, hear and know everything. Even some of us older Masons need some education on how to adapt Freemasonry to the 21st century.

From Brother Will Rogers comes this quote:

“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”

Fraternally,

Bob Peters

Senior Grand Warden



The Trowel

...spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection; that cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers,...

Brethren, this past November you bestowed upon me the honor of serving as the Junior Grand Warden of one of the most revered Masonic Grand Lodges in America. I thank you from my heart for giving me the privilege to serve Oklahoma Masonry at a State level.

I have always felt that Grand Lodges exist to serve Lodges. This seems like such an obvious premise since only Lodges can create Grand Lodges; only Lodges can enact Masonic Laws, only Lodges can confer Degrees; and only Lodges can elect representatives to serve their own members in conducting the annual business of Grand Lodge. In a real sense, the sovereignty of Masonry rests with each individual Lodge.

Since this is true, those who are elected to represent you as Grand Lodge officers signify, at best, servant leaders in our fraternity. Our role is to advance the cause of Masonry in our State, to defend its integrity and legacy whenever this is necessary to preserve its good name, and to provide tools and resources that promote the best interests of Freemasonry in Oklahoma.

It is my sincere hope that we can provide many more materials to our constituent lodges that will help you with local public image building, attracting community partnerships, providing Masonic education to your members, teaching leadership skills to your officers, encouraging ritual proficiency in your ceremonies, and enhancing the deep fellow feeling that comes only from good fraternal association.

I sincerely believe the Grand Lodge can greatly add to the products, services, and digital tools every Lodge must have to be successful. It is the kind of service we can provide on behalf of all Lodges in our State. There are great economies to size in doing things that serve many Lodges, rather than only a single Lodge.

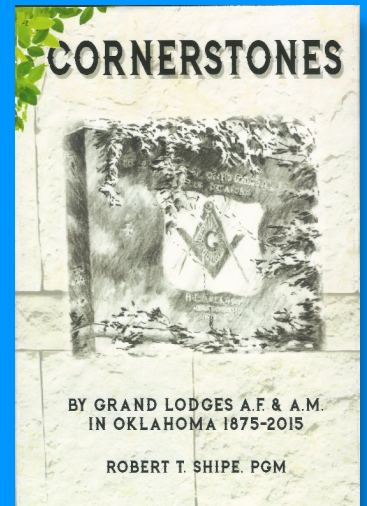
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Collector's Item

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

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

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



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

Bobby

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This is the kind of partnership that I think is important, and I hope we can continue to earn your trust and understanding in how the Grand Lodge can be a real asset to the work that you locally do in the name of Freemasonry.

The challenge we have as your State officers is that we cannot provide working tools for you, or create wonderful aids in membership development and retention, nor be of meaningful service to your Lodge, without adequate financial resources to make these things possible. For now, the most important matter at hand is your participation at our Grand Lodge Annual Communication this November. Please help us finally get over the hump in passing legislation to adequately fund your Grand Lodge’s operations. We really have only one source of income that keeps us going, and that is the percentage every Brother in Oklahoma sets aside each year as that part of his annual Lodge dues which is passed on to the Grand Lodge.

It really is necessary for us have more funds, not only to save our headquarters building in Guthrie, but also for us to serve our Lodges with the tools you need to grow Masonry locally, so that Masonry can start to grow again across our State.

If we are going to survive, we must start moving forward now, rather than only kicking the ball down the field. We need only to remind ourselves of the commitment we have each made to love Masonry, preserve her traditions, and advance her causes. In the big picture, Oklahoma needs our fraternity. It needs an organization that knows how to improve the lives of men.

Again, thank you again for permitting me to have the experience of being one of your servant leaders.

Robert Davis
Junior Grand Warden

2018 Candidates for Office

Grand Master
Mike Dixon (Unopposed)

Deputy Grand Master
Bob Peters (Unopposed)

Senior Grand Warden
Robert G. Davis (Unopposed)

Junior Grand Warden
R. “Scott” Vincent
Andrew Bridgewater

Grand Treasurer
David G. David (Unopposed)

Grand Secretary
Bobby Laws (Unopposed)

Grand Lecturer
Bill Crisler
Ronald E. Wray



Candidates for Charity Foundation

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

Matthew Cargill

Daniel Brown

B. F. Rowland, Jr.

Jack Painter

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Available for Election - Junior Grand Warden

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

R. "Scott" Vincent

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



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

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

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

Andrew T. Bridgewater

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



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

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

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

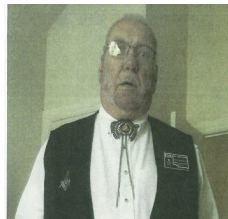


Available for Election - Grand Lecturer

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

Bill D. Crisler

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



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

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

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

Ronald E. Wray

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



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

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

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



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To All Oklahoma Lodges:

The 2018 Lodge Leadership Workshop will be held at Composite Lodge No. 107 (555 Kickapoo Spur) in Shawnee, July 28, 2018. There are several hotels in the immediate area to accommodate us. Some of them are listed in the enclosed information. You should call in advance for hotel reservations as we are not sure of any events that may be going on in the area.

We would like to invite all lodge Wardens, Deacons and their Ladies to attend our Annual leadership workshop. We also strongly recommend that any Brother in any position of leadership of each lodge attend, along with anyone interested in lodge operations or taking a leadership role in the future.

This year, the program emphasis will be on Lodge Leadership, Officers Duties, Lodge Calendars, Lodge Budgets, and the Constitution and Code along with several new topics this year, such as Leadership in a Volunteer Organization, Membership Retention and Recruiting and many additional new topics. It will be well worth attending for upcoming officers and other members who are thinking about getting in the Lodge Line in the future.

The lady's program will be presented by some of the Grand Lodge Ladies and will include topics on History of Freemasonry, Supporting Your Mason in His Masonic Leadership Role, Planning Masonic Events, such as Installation of Officers, etc., and many other topics of interest to Masonic Ladies.

Attending is a good investment for you and your lodge; the knowledge gained will help you improve the lodge experience for every member and you will get a clear idea of the actual operations.

Here are the details:

- The cost will be **\$135 for each Brother attending (there is no charge for his lady)**, which includes training materials, Saturday breakfast and lunch for each attendee and his lady. We will finish at 5 p.m. so there will be **NO** Saturday evening banquet.
- This year, each attendee will get digital copies of the current Constitution and Code along with copies of the presentation materials and Masonic Educational materials. You will not need to bring the Lodge's Constitution and Code, (it doesn't hurt to check if the lodge's printed

copy has been updated).

- Attendees are welcome to bring their laptop computers if they choose.

Please send in your reservation before July 15th, so we can arrange the meals.

Early registration will be open Friday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be on your own.

Saturday morning registration will open at 7:30 a.m. and a continental breakfast will be served at the Lodge until 8:30 a.m. We will begin the program at 8:00 a.m.; with introductions, an overview of the day and remarks by Grand Master Grigsby. The training session will start at 8:30 a.m. Our noon meal will be served by the Lodge for both you and your lady.

Please note on the registration form if your lady plans to attend. Dress is casual during the sessions.

If your lodge is paying the fee, your secretary can send the registration form and check directly to the Grand Secretary. Otherwise, complete the form enclosed and mail with a check for **\$135 for each attendee** to:

**Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Leadership Workshop
PO Box 1019
Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044**

If you want to fax in your form (GL fax: 405-282-3244), or scan and email (GL email: okmason@coxinet.net), be sure to mail or bring your registration fee to the event.

This will be a great weekend for all participants. This workshop will provide experience, skills and information to help you start your year with a plan. We look forward to your attendance. Please contact the Grand Lodge if you have any questions.

Fraternally and Respectively,

Michael S. Dixon
Mike Dixon
Deputy Grand Master

**2018 Lodge Leadership Workshop
Composite Lodge #107
555 Kickapoo Spur
Shawnee, OK**

**Saturday, July 28, 2018
Registration and Breakfast Served -
7:30 am
Workshop Begins - 8:00 am**

Casual Dress

**Cost: \$135 per Attendee (No Charge
for Ladies)
Breakfast & Lunch Included**

**Who Should Attend?
Wardens, Deacons, or any Brother in
Leadership, and their Ladies**

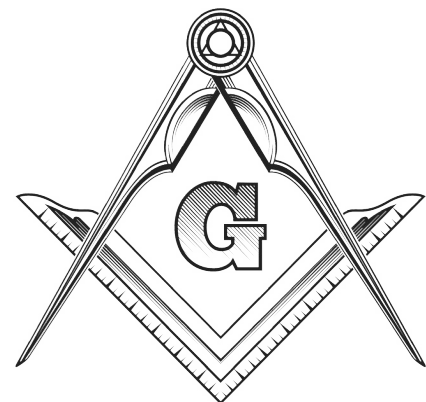
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Registration Due July 15

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Shawnee Hotel List Too



**Registration Form
2018 Leadership Workshop**

Please return by **July 15th**, with check for \$135/attendee to:

**Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Leadership Workshop
P.O. Box 1019
Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044
Fax: 405-282-3244
Email: okmason1@coxinet.net**

Name of Brother attending		
Current Lodge office, if any		
Lodge Name and Number		
Brother's Mailing Address City, State, Zip		
Brother's Email Address		
Brother's Cell phone or best contact phone		
Name of Brother's lady, if attending		
Will you and/or she attend the Saturday Breakfast & Noon Buffet (no additional cost)	YES	NO

Hotels near Shawnee

Hampton Inn
4857 N. Kickapoo Ave.
Shawnee, OK 74804
405-275-1540

Super 8 Motel
4900 N. Harrison St.
Shawnee, OK 74804
405-275-0089

LaQuinta Inn & Suites
5401 Enterprise Ct.
Shawnee, OK 74804
405-275-7930

American Inn
5501 N. Harrison St.
Shawnee, OK 74804
405-273-2000

Holiday Inn Express
4909 N. Union Ave.
Shawnee, OK 74804
405-275-8880

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Days Inn
5107 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK 74804
405-275-6720

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